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Coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 14, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place the second Monday of each month. Residents who have any comments or concerns can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours Monday, May 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will host a Spring Plant Exchange from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, south of Marquette.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the exchange.

For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Janet at (734) 728-4008.

Firefighters help backers of library tax request

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A committee formed to promote a one-mill property tax increase for Westland's William P. Faust Public Library is getting a hand from Westland firefighters.

From 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, members of the Westland Fire

Fighters Public Awareness Committee will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Save Our Westland Library Committee. The cost for dinner at the Bailey Recreation Center is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger.

"We'll be making spaghetti and we'll be making money to help out the

library," said Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams. "The Fire Department is definitely 100 percent behind the library."

More than 22 people turned up for a recent meeting of the Save Our Westland Library Committee, a ballot question committee.

"We had library board members, a lot of library

staff, Friends of the Library and citizens," said Library Board Vice Chair Antoinette Martin.

The committee is raising funds to help underwrite literature and mailings aimed at raising public awareness about funding issues facing the library, said Martin.

"We hoping to raise awareness so people will

get out and vote on Aug. 7," she said.

On the primary ballot, voters are being asked to approve .99-mill of additional operating funds. A owner of a home worth \$50,000 would pay an additional \$24.75 on their winter tax bill. If the house is worth \$100,000,

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Hugs, kisses and good food



Eli Parm likes the fact that even though he plays T-ball and "it's not really a game," his mom is there to cheer for him.

Kids rate their moms as the very best

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Ask a child about their mother, and they'll tell you many things: the food she makes them, the hugs and kisses she gives them and the rewards they receive for being good.

Today is Mother's Day and for the mothers of youngsters in Anne McK-



Birthday girl Madeline Barnard says her mother "is beautiful because she has beautiful clothes and beautiful hair."

colay's kindergarten class at Schweitzer Elementary School, the reward will be a work of art. McKolay's students are presenting their mothers with a laminated, hand-colored Van Gogh-esque floral art-

work. The artwork comes with a simple message of love from the youngsters, who say their moms are the best cooks and give out plenty of hugs and kisses.

"I don't know what color

her eyes are, but my mom is beautiful because she has beautiful clothes and beautiful hair," 6-year-old Madeline Barnard said. "We're twins, oh, yes we are. We like the same color, sometimes wear the

same clothes and have the same smile."

Alexis Kennedy likes that her mother makes her favorite food — macaroni and cheese and cup-

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Police warn parents about stranger danger

Westland parents are being warned about a man who at least twice approached young girls walking home from school.

The incidents occurred Tuesday and Wednesday in an area between Palmer and Warren Road and Wayne Road and Venoy.

In one incident, the victim was a 15-year-old Westland John Glenn High School student. The other incident involved 10-year-old and 6-year-old girls walking home from Edison Elementary School.

The youngsters told police that a white male was stopped in a red SUV and spoke to them as they walked by.

"He tried to get their attention and start a conversation. He was stopped and tried to get them to come over to the vehicle," said Westland Police Lt. Michael Harhold. "They did the right thing and went in a different direction."

The suspect was described as a white male with brown and gray hair. Further descriptions of

the suspect varied. The red SUV was described as having chrome trim and chrome door handles.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools sent out a stranger danger alert to parents. Due to that and media coverage, police have been receiving additional reports and tips that may be related.

Anyone with information about the incidents should call (734) 722-9600. The 9-1-1 emergency line should be used, if an incident is in progress.

By LeAnne Rogers

Voting precincts move with Bailey closing

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland voters from four precincts will be casting their ballots at Edison Elementary School beginning with the Aug. 7 primary election.

The City Council recently approved a request from City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof to relocate precincts 4 and 8 to the school from the Bailey Recreation Center, which is proposed to close June 30.

Precincts 4 and 8 had

moved to the Bailey Center two years ago after Patchin Elementary School was closed.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is allowing the city to use the gymnasium and two additional rooms to house precincts 5 and 29, along with the addition of precincts 4 and 8.

Council members also approved a \$10,500 budget amendment for the Clerk's Office to fund mandatory new voter

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cakes. Ditto for Emma Booth, whose mother gives her her favorite food — oranges — a couple of days a week.

"I like them because they're juicy," she said, adding that she has another favorite thing her mother does for her. "She gives me hugs and kisses when I go to bed."

Christopher Wilson said his mom is usually showered with flowers for Mother's Day. She's very nice and he plans on letting her know that by making her a card. The message had yet to be determined Thursday.

"I don't know what I'll write in it. My teacher hasn't told me yet," he said.

"My mom is so special, I give her presents and lots of hugs and kisses," Corey Philson said. "I'm going to tell her I love her so much."

At age 6, Vincent Toarmina knows his numbers, especially when it comes to his parents. While it's not the kind of



For Gauge Manderson, his mom gives him "good food" and lots of hugs and kisses.

information that a woman readily shares with strangers, Vincent is quick to volunteer his mother's age.

"My mom's 43 and my dad is 46, and I love her 100 percent," he said.

He's also knows what a woman wants. The plan for Mother's Day is to get his mom "lots and lots of jewelry."

"You know she makes me my favorite food — macaroni and cheese. Her favorite food is peas," he added.

Five-year-old Jared Cox also knows a few things about his mom. She likes the color purple.

"I know because my



Corey Philson plans on telling his mom, "I love you so much" for Mother's Day.

grandma told us and she likes it, too," he said. "She likes to wear blue and purple."

And Gauge Manderson proves that the adage about food is the way to a man's heart is no matter what the age. His mom, he said, makes him good food for dinner.

"She makes good chicken, the kind you put stuff on," he said. "She always gives me hugs and kisses, and she gives me good food."

Eli Parm described his mother as "nice." He plays T-ball, "but it's not really a game," and she's there cheering for him. Same is true of Javonté Cruz who, in spite of the crowd, can hear his mom

cheering at his basketball and baseball games.

Aubrianna Boulet said her mom makes the best peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Sometimes she cuts the crust off and other times they're cut in triangles.

"Her sandwiches are the best in the world," she said.

The other best things she does is push her on the swings and do the "spider" with her. As far as she's concerned, she's a keeper.

"No, I wouldn't trade her because I love my mom, she gives me lots of hugs and kisses," she said.

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Three police officers receive promotions

Three veteran Westland police officers have been promoted.

Michael Matich has been promoted from lieutenant to deputy police chief. An officer with the Westland Police Department for more than 20 years, Matich spent five years in the U.S. Navy as a weapons technician and attended the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Matich has served the department in many capacities, including patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, worked three years in the Special Investigations Unit and most recently worked in the Detective Bureau.

Matich was named Officer of the Year in 1996. He will be tasked with overseeing the Road Patrol Division.

Thaddeus Nelson has been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant. In more than 20 years with

the department, Nelson has worked as a patrol officer, sergeant and worked in the Detective Bureau, serving as the firearms instructor and evidence technician.

In 1997, Nelson was chosen as one of the first canine officers with police dog Taz. Nelson will be in charge of a patrol shift.

Officer Mark Mills has been promoted to sergeant. Prior to joining the Westland Police Department 14 years ago, Mills attended Eastern Michigan University where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting.

In 1995 Mills attended the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and later worked for the Detroit Police Department and Melvindale Police Department before coming to Westland.

Mills has served as an officer in the Patrol Division and as an evidence technician.

"I would like to congratulate these gentlemen on their promotions, they are well deserved," said Mayor William Wild.

"I know they will bring the dedication and professionalism they have demonstrated throughout their careers to their new positions of leadership in the Westland Police Department."



Nelson



Mills



Matich

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the amount would be \$49.50. Currently, the average house or condominium in Westland is valued at \$58,600 which would mean a \$29 annual tax increase.

The library committee, joined by the Friends of the Westland Library, has already sent a letter to Westland businesses seeking donations to support efforts to get the one-mill

proposal adopted.

Included with the letter is a pamphlet entitled "Your Library Budget Questions Answered." The pamphlet outlines the impact of budget cuts at the library with the start of the fiscal year July 1.

Due to the decline in property tax values, the library has seen an \$814,468 reduction in revenue or 38 percent less funding.

Under the budget already approved by the Library Board and submitted for council approval,

10 library employees would be laid off July 1 — nearly 10 percent of the staff.

Due to the staffing reduction, there will be a reduction in the hours the library is open from about 69 hours per week currently to 40 hours. That means the library will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Additionally, many programs will be eliminated or reduced starting July 1 including summer concerts, computer classes,

summer reading, story times, teen programs and one-on-one computer training.

At the same time, the library has shown a steady increase since 2007 in total visits to the library, program attendance and computer usage.

The committee has a website www.savewestlandlibrary.org/ and a Facebook page.

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registration cards city-wide.

The city is legally required to send out new voter registration cards due to the congressional redistricting spurred by the 2010 U.S. Census, said Schoof.

"We need to send cards to the affected voters and that is the entire city," said Schoof. "The statute requires that the voter registration cards be

mailed 60 days prior to the election."

A quote has already been obtained from a printer who will not only produce the voter registration cards but also mail the cards to voters, said Schoof.

"Precincts 4 and 8 will be an exception because until today (at the council meeting), we had not changed the precinct location," said Schoof. "We'll do those cards in house."

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Oh, brother!

Would-be kin compete in Southfield CBS audition

By Helen Niemiec
Correspondent

SOUTHFIELD — Imagine a hundred or so people vying to be locked in a house for three months, without access to cell phones, Internet, books, family or friends. The people at the WWJ-TV (Channel 62) studio in Southfield Tuesday gladly were willing to do just that — and to land a spot on the popular reality show *Big Brother*.

Men and women filled out forms, submitted photos and then did a two-minute audition tape, all in the hope of being in the Season 14 group, which begins airing at 9 p.m. July 12 on CBS.

"I gave up Facebook for Lent," said Mark Drum of Farmington Hills. "It was tough, but I did it, and I can do this."

On *Big Brother*, a group of strangers is selected to live in a house, outfitted with cameras and microphones running continually. The house is isolated from the outside world. House guests, as players are called, vote each other out, one by one, through the three-month period. The final house guest is named the winner and awarded the grand prize of \$500,000.

While the prize is attractive, those responding to the casting call to a person said it was the experience that drove them to try out, not the money.

Torlisa "T" Warrior drove from Battle Creek to the Southfield station in her quest to snag a part.

"I can be competitive," she said. "I came because I love *Big Brother*, just love the show." She had hoped to attend an open casting call in April in Chicago, but couldn't make it because she was taking finals.



Darlene Richmond (left) and Michele Halis, both of Westland wait their turns to be interviewed for the *Big Brother* TV reality show.

When she learned of the Southfield casting call, Warrior decided that, "no matter what," she was going to be there to try.

Asked whether she would miss her family and friends, Warrior was pragmatic. "They'll know what I'm doing when they watch the show. When it's all over, we can catch up," she said.

Drum is another hopeful who wants the experience. The Farmington Harrison High School graduate recently earned his degree in theater from the University of Colorado.

"I'm an outgoing people-person. I want to play the game and have the experience," Drum said.

To prepare, he did research on the casting directors of the

show and their expectations of people they choose to participate in the program. He also read an e-book written by Dan Gheesling, winner of Season 10 and a native of Dearborn.

Gheesling dropped in at the Channel 62 studio Tuesday to meet those auditioning, many of whom follow him on Twitter. Several commented that he was in California the day before, serving as best man at a wedding for a cast mate from Season 10, according to his Twitter posting.

Michele Halis, of Westland, said she's an avid *Big Brother* fan and had "a feeling" about attending the casting call.

"This morning I was thinking that I maybe wouldn't come today. But then I had a thought

that hit me — an intuition, a feeling — that I had to come. My friends had the same feeling and told me about it," she said.

Halis was among a group of potential contestants who outlined every season and the players, making comments about what makes a player strong and how some made silly mistakes. The give-and-take conversation was lively and the feeling of camaraderie permeated the staging area, where everyone waited to tape their two-minute pitch.

"I've watched it from the first season. I didn't prep at all. I'm an 'improv' kind of girl," Halis said.

She just wanted to make sure her personality came through.

"People think I'm entertaining," Halis said.

After his taping concluded, Drum was relieved. "I think it went really well," he said. "I just described myself, showed I was energetic and said that I wanted to do it for the experience."

Aaron Haulman is hoping that his trip to Southfield finally lands him a spot on *Big Brother*. He lives in Springfield, Ohio, and attended the casting call in Pittsburgh the day before. He has auditioned several times before for *Big Brother* and also for *Survivor*.

"I learn something everytime I try out," Haulman said.

Sales Marketing Manager, Melissa Rowe was in charge of the event, developing the press releases, promotional ads that ran on the station and overseeing the staging. A Farmington Hills native who now lives in Ferndale, she said she loves it when a local contestant is chosen for the national show. This week's event was also sponsored by the Southeast Metropolitan Ford Dealers' Association.

"Every casting call is different," Rowe said. "We sometimes get 100 or sometimes hundreds of people coming. We've had casting calls for *Big Brother*, *Survivor* and the *Amazing Race*."

The audition tapes, the background profiles and the photographs will be shipped off to the *Big Brother* offices in Los Angeles, where the final decisions will be made. Chosen contestants will know if they will be on the show before Rowe finds out.

"We find out when we get the press release. I always scan through the names to see if one of our local people was selected," she said.



Michele Halis from Westland gives her two-minute audition for the TV reality show, *Big Brother*, held in Southfield.



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LPS board seeks public's input on 4- or 6-year terms

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has held the first reading on two policies, one that would change its annual November election to every other year as required by law, and another that would maintain four-year terms instead of extending them to six years.

Board members asked the public to provide input on whether they would like school board members to serve four years or six years. "It would be good for

the community to weigh in," trustee Randy Roulier said, adding there are pros and cons to each.

The law requires school districts to hold their elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, but does not specify four- or six-year terms.

Boards can pick either four- or six-year terms and are not locked in if they change their minds down the road, Superintendent Randy Liepa said.

Last week, at a committee of the whole meeting,

trustee Colleen Burton said that with four-year terms, there is the potential that the majority of board members could turn over in one year. However, with six-year terms, people may be hesitant to run for office because of the longer commitment, she said.

"I believe that we will eliminate a lot of really good folks ... right off the get-go (with six-year terms)."

Burton said she thinks four-year terms may be the lesser of the two evils.

Board president Patrice Mang said the Michi-

gan Association of School Boards does not recommend either four-year or six-year terms, but advises school board to make a decision and stick with it.

Mang said she favors four-year terms, believing "no one needs to be in power for longer than the president of the United States."

With four-year terms, three or four seats would open up each election. With six-year terms, two or three seats would open up with each election.

The public may email their thoughts to board members by going to

www.livoniapublicschools.org/board_members.cfm.

In other action, the school board on Monday:

- Appointed Plante Moran to audit and prepare the district's financial report for the 2012-2014 fiscal school years.

The district's three-year contract with Yeo and Yeo had expired, and officials sent a request for proposals to 27 firms. Six firms submitted proposals.

Lisa Abbey, director of business services, said officials evaluated the firms and Plante Moran

not only ranked the highest but had the lowest fee schedule, averaging \$41,167 per year.

Prior to Yeo and Yeo, Plante Moran had done the district's books since 1995.

- Adopted a resolution calling on the State Legislature to approve a School Aid Bill that at least partially restores prior year funding reductions and mandates retirement costs at no higher than the previous year.

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Wayne High student wins Law Day essay contest

A Wayne Memorial High School student has been selected as winner of the 16th annual Angelo Plakas Law Day Essay Award Competition.

Crystal Tillman, a Westland resident, wrote the winning essay in the contest, sponsored by Westland City Attorneys Fausone Bohn.

Students wrote their essays on the topic, "Why are open and accessible courts fundamental to our way of life?"

City Attorney James Fausone and Assistant City Attorney Michael McNamara presented Tillman with a plaque and \$100 gift card at a recent Westland City Council

meeting.

The purpose of the contest, named after late long-time city attorney Angelo Plakas, is to raise awareness about the vital importance of the courts and the need to keep them open and accessible.

The entries are read and judged by a trio of attorneys from Fausone Bohn.

"She really wrote an outstanding essay," said McNamara.

Tillman declined an invitation to make comments at the council meeting.

"It takes a lot of nerve to take part in this kind of thing," said Fausone.



Practice exam

On Saturday April 28, Eleven John Glenn students came to Saturday school or at least to a Saturday test on April 28. The students - Matias Blanc, Brad Houghton, Jake Ferguson, Ahsan Hussain, Sherry Green, Alaysha Horne, Maria Idu-nate, Erdi Meco, Jonathan Guertin, Andrew Roberts, and Jacob Rinaldi - were among 32 John Glenn High School AP Calculus students who took a practice AP Exam in order to prepare them for the actual test that was given on May 9. AP exams can earn students college credit hours, if they are able to score high enough. Along with Calculus there are exams in subjects such as AP English, AP Biology, and AP Political Science. The students have been in the AP Calculus course all year. The students began at 8 a.m. and completed the exam around 11:30 a.m. just in time to celebrate with a pizza lunch. They simulated the actual test conditions in the Lecture Hall of John Glenn High School.

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Police join national program to locate missing people

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery has announced a partnership with the national A Child Is Missing Alert Program.

That program has led to high-tech methods now in place to search locally for missing children, missing elderly, often with Alzheimer's disease, college students and other missing persons who may be mentally or physically challenged or disabled.

"Effective immediately, upon receipt of missing persons calls, the Garden City Police Department will make its first phone call to a toll-free number that rings in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the national headquarters of the A Child Is Missing Alert Program," Muery said. "The call, answered '247/365' by an information and mapping technician, initiates a rapid process of information gathering and use of sophisticated mapping systems."

Muery said that A Child Is Missing uses sophisticated computer mapping systems and trained technicians with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls, detailing the miss-

ing person's description, last known whereabouts and pertinent information, in one minute to residents and businesses in the area where someone has gone missing.

The message will also include a Garden City Police Department phone number for use by anyone with information relating to the missing person.

"Our department is constantly looking for ways to communicate with our community when major events occur," Muery said. "To be able to notify thousands of people within minutes that a child or an endangered adult is missing is an invaluable tool to have."

This program is a free service to law enforcement.

Garden City police will evaluate each potential activation of the A Child Is Missing Alert Program to ensure the application is appropriate to the case and to ensure the system is optimally used, he said.

"Policies, procedures and employee training will also guide the most efficient and effective use of this alert program," Muery said.

Phone numbers that are called by the pro-

gram include listed numbers and mobile numbers available to ACIM in the selected area. Mobile numbers, unlisted numbers, broadband/voice-over IP numbers, or TDD/TTY devices can be added on the website, www.achildmissing.org. To enter a number click on "add your name" to enter the name, number, and address. The information will only be used for emergency message alerts.

A Child Is Missing is a nationwide nonprofit organization that helps law enforcement agencies locate missing persons. To date, it has been credited with more than 920 safe assisted recoveries.

"One of those 'over 920 safe assisted recoveries' occurred right here in Garden City while we were testing the system," Muery said. "Someone who received a call went out driving, spotted our frightened missing person hunkered down by a Dumpster, and contacted us immediately. The result made me a believer in the system."

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Owner finds air conditioning unit missing from rental home

Larceny

On May 7, a Canton woman told police that she was checking on a rental home she owns

WESTLAND COP CALLS in the 30000 block of Stewart Lane three days after the tenants had moved out. She said someone had removed the central air conditioning unit. The missing unit was valued at \$2,000.

Retail fraud

A Westland man was arrested for allegedly shoplifting pretzels and muffins from CVS Pharmacy, 6501 N. Wayne Road, May 6. An employee told police she saw two males putting items into a back pack. She said she didn't confront them but called police.

Officers spotted the suspects walking east on Tonquish at Geronimo and both ran when they saw the patrol car, police said. After a five-minute foot chase, the man was detained on

Tomahawk east of Wildwood by officers, police said.

The man, an 18-year-old Westland John Glenn High School senior, reportedly told police his friend was stealing and he ran because his friend had run away. Along with retail fraud, he was also cited for resisting police. His companion, who had the back pack, wasn't located.

Shoplifting

On May 5, an Inkster resident, 14, was arrested for shoplifting a watch valued at \$40 from JC Penney, 35000 Warren Road. An employee told police the youth had removed the watch from the packaging and hid it under the ball cap he was wearing. Police took the youth into custody and eventually released him to his mother.

A Westland man was arrested May 6 for shoplifting two pairs of Levi jeans valued at \$80 from JC Penney, 35000 Warren Road. Store

employees said the man hid the jeans in his pants and was stopped outside the store.

Retail fraud

Police were called to CVS Pharmacy, 29347 Ann Arbor Trail, May 7 after an employee reported seeing a man put two or three half-gallon containers of Skyy Vodka down the front of his pants. The man then left the store. The employee said he followed the man outside and tried to stop him. A witness was able to get a license plate number on the vehicle driven by the man. It was registered to a Canton woman.

Vandalism

A custodian reported a rock had been thrown through the front window near the main entrance at Marshall Upper Elementary School, 35100 Bayview, May 7. She said it was the second time that a window had been broken in recent weeks.

By LeAnne Rogers

Woman finds numbers missing from phone

A woman who lives in the 30000 block of Windsor told police May 8 that someone "deactivated" some phone numbers in her cell phone account.

She asked the police to investigate a male acquaintance whom she accused of both fraud and

stalking. She believed that he used his friends who know how to hack to tamper with the phone numbers. A Sprint representative told her that the accounts were deactivated online. She said no one knows her password.

She also complained

that his friends keep driving by her home, doing so to harass her.

Police asked the woman to provide any documentation from her accounts and to document how many times that she sees his friends drive by.

By Sue Buck

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Cox: Ficano must go for 'good of the county'

Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Pro tem Laura Cox, R-Livonia, is calling for Executive Robert Ficano to immediately resign his position for the "good of the county."

On May 17, Cox will submit a resolution at the formal meeting of the County Commission. The resolution appeals to Ficano "to put the interest of



Cox

Wayne County and its citizens above his overriding personal interest and management deficiencies; and petition him to immediately vacate the office..."

"As the Ficano administration is being deluged

with indictments, allegations of mismanagement, fraud, malfeasance, misfeasance, improper payouts and payoffs and various other scandals," said Cox, "the whole of Wayne County has become paralyzed by the misadventures of the appointees of Mr. Ficano."

"Mr. Ficano's nauseating position of 'plausible

deniability' by alleging he is completely unaware of any wrongdoing of his minions, makes a mockery of the government and the people he was elected to serve," Cox said.

She said the sense of urgency is heightened by the possibility that the county's ongoing and ballooning budget deficit

could require the appointment of an emergency manager.

"The Ficano scandal, and the flight of top administration appointees, makes it increasingly difficult to resolve these pressing fiscal issues," she said.

Cox is asking her commission colleagues to support her resolution.

The resolutions cites the "vast and unimaginable" alleged corruption and wrongdoing surrounding Ficano's administration including lucrative severance and pension packages; misappropriation of hundreds of thousands of dollars of public funds; and extortion, fraud and obstruction of justice.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-District 9, has set her office hours, beginning this month, in the communities of Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford Township.

Webb's office hours will be:

- At 10 a.m. the second Monday of each month in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

- At 10 a.m. the third Monday of each month in Dearborn Heights at the

Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson.

- At 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

There will be no office hours held on May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The spring office hours are scheduled to provide constituents the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with Webb. She also will hold evening hours by appointment only for residents unable to attend daytime gatherings. Call (313) 224-0930 to reserve a time. Her summer hours also will be by appointment.

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Job numbers not always best indicator for markets

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm confused and I hope you can help me. I've been trying to become more aware of what's been happening in the economy and it seems that the market always reacts to the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

unemployment numbers. I'm confused about what recently happened in the market. The unemployment rate went down to 8.1 percent, which I think would be good news, but the market had a significant sell-off. I think in April the U.S. economy created some 115,000 jobs and I would think would be good news. Why did the market sell off?

A: Sometimes (in the market), good news is bad news and bad news is good news. In the short run, the market is irrational. Therefore, sometimes these one-day market swings don't make any sense and it's somewhat of a fool's game to try to understand them. In addition, it's also important to keep in mind that our market is not controlled

only by what's happening in the U.S. economy. We're in the global market. Consequently, what happens around the world affects us here at home. That being said, I hope I can clarify what happened when the April unemployment numbers were recently released.

I believe there were too many reasons why the market did react to the unemployment numbers. The first is what experts had predicted the numbers would be. After a weak March, most experts predicted that the economy in April would create approximately 160,000 new jobs. The 115,000 new jobs were a disappointment; thus, part of the sell-off was due to the disappointing number. What it showed was that the economy continues to be weak. We need to create somewhere between 150,000 and 175,000 new jobs each month, just to stay current with new people entering the job force. Therefore, when we create only 115,000 new jobs, although it's better than losing jobs, it is still somewhat of a disappointment — particularly when we are in a recovery.

Although the unemployment rate ticked down, that was still not consid-

ered good news because so many people were frustrated in their job search and have left the job market. To be counted as unemployed, you must actively be looking for a job. Because of the tight job market, many people have just given up their search and are technically no longer unemployed. That is why sometimes when the economy does start growing and jobs are being created, the unemployment rate actually goes up for a while.

The one economic report people are focusing on these days is the unemployment number. After all, more people working means less people needing assistance from the government and more money being paid in taxes. In addition, when people are working, they are also spending money which, once again, helps our economy. Therefore, if you only look at one number as a good judge of our economic health, the unemployment number is the one I would look at.

There are literally hundreds of economic numbers that get released over the course of a month. My advice has always been to never make a financial decision based upon one set of numbers. The key is

to look for a trend. When you look for a trend in the employment numbers, you will see that the pace of job growth has slowed.

I believe we need to see much more robust job growth in order to see a significant improvement in the economy. I believe the economy is still weak and that this has been the slowest recovery since the Great Depression. The economy will not significantly improve until more Americans are working and the unemployment rate significantly declines. When that will be, I don't know. But I do know it won't happen overnight and we still have a long way to go to get unemployment to where it should be. However, one thing I've always learned is that anyone who bets against the American economy eventually loses. Good luck!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish mothers everywhere, especially my wonderful mom, Hilda Bloom, a very happy Mother's Day!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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St. Mary's celebrates 150th with special Mass, diner dance

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is continuing its year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary with special Mass and dinner dance on Sunday, June 3.

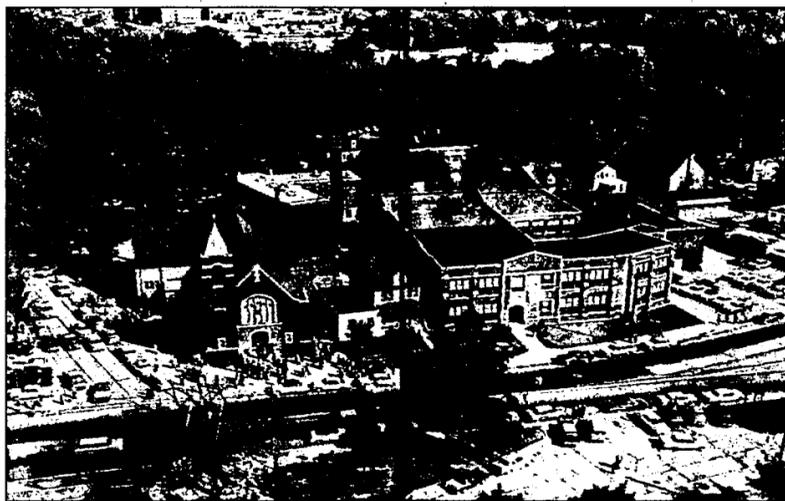
The Mass will be at 4 p.m. in the church at 34530 Michigan Ave., east of Wayne Road. It will be concelebrated by Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron and many of the parish's former pastors and priests.

The Mass will be followed immediately by the parish Dinner Dance at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, east of Newburgh, Westland. The cost is \$35 per person and is open to current and former parishioners, school alumni and anyone else involved with the parish over the years.

The dinner will feature a family-style buffet, cash bar, a look at the parish's history, and music for dancing.

Mary's is the oldest Catholic parish in western Wayne County. It traces its roots to the late 1850s, when a man named Jeremiah O'Connor opened a general store and permitted use of the building as a house of worship for nearby residents.

In March 1862, the 45 families who made up the fledgling congregation petitioned Detroit Bishop Peter Paul Lefevere for their



A photo from the 1961 yearbook shows an aerial view of St. Mary's, including the old rectory to the right of the church, a two-way Michigan Avenue, a smaller school and the old gym.

own church. The bishop, however, was not yet ready to create a parish in Wayne. Instead, he authorized the establishment of a mission to be called St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception and placed it under the care of Father Edward Van Pammel, pastor of St. John Parish in Ypsilanti.

Construction of a new church building began in the fall of 1865. In 1871, the St. Mary Mission came under the administrative jurisdiction of Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn. The church, which had slowly been taking shape, was at last completed and dedicated in January 1873.

St. Mary continued in

its mission status from 1887 until 1912 and was served by the various pastors of St. Paul in Grosse Pointe and St. Mary in Milford, until Bishop John Foley elevated the Wayne church to full parish status in July 1912 and appointed Father Joseph Connors as the first resident pastor.

The present church building was built in 1923, and the old church was converted into the parish school, opening in September 1924.

Within five years, the growth of the parish led to the construction of a permanent school building and the original wood frame church then became a parish hall.

After World War II, the school was expanded to include a high school, with the first senior class graduating in 1951. The high school closed in June 1971, but the elementary school continues to the present day serving pre-school



The second St. Mary Church was built in 1893. It was replaced by the current church in 1923 and used as the parish hall.

through eighth grade students.

Recent parish highlights include:

- St. Mary's choir traveled to Italy in 1997 for an audience with Pope John Paul II and performances at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome and at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The choir has since traveled to Spain and Ireland.

- The construction of a new activity center and parish offices in 2000.

- The purchase of a former credit union on Sims to establish the St.

Mary Community Outreach Center and the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot.

The observance of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary continues through December and features a variety of events. Full details of the year's events are on the parish website at www.stmarywayne.org and the St. Mary Sesquicentennial page on Facebook.

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These babies get 'attached' to their moms

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — While human moms find their children demanding attention at inopportune times, like when the phone rings, there is one mother whose offspring take hanging around to extremes.

In the case of Akati, a "really great mom," according to one official at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, it would be more accurate to describe the experience as *hanging on*. But that's understandable since Akati, whose offspring are named Ajua and Akira, is a chimpanzee who makes her home in the Great Apes of Harambe exhibit at the zoo.

At birth, the mother supports her offspring, whose motor skills are not fully developed, on her belly, according to Bob Lessnau, curator of mammals.

"Eventually, (the baby)" transitions to the jockey style," he said. Ajua now is making another transition as he moves among member of the chimp community, as Lessnau said.

Talk about taking a load off your back. At birth a chimp weighs about 3 pounds after about an eight-month gestation, Lessnau said. Eventually, the chimps grow to a weight of 90-120 pounds, he said.

But being a great mom means more than allowing 4-year-old Ajua and 1-year-old Akira to literally hang on as she moves throughout the exhibit. It seems



PHOTO BY LEE ANN WOODS FISHER

It's all in the family for chimpanzees at the Detroit Zoo, where Ajua has been the 'Sunshine' in the eyes of his mother, Akati. Both make their home at the Royal Oak zoo where they are joined by Ajua's younger sibling, Akira, who was born last year. Four-year-old Ajura, meaning 'sunny' in Swahili, was so named in honor of Sunshine, a silverback gorilla that died several years ago.

as though all mothers know you can't be too careful these days.

Akati, who was born in 1987 and came to the zoo in 1989, "has been a real good mother," Lessnau said. "She is good to both. She is interested, attentive and protective."

Lessnau said that Akati, who weighs in at 124

pounds, also is "protective of who interacts" with the young chimps. There are 11 chimps in the exhibit. "Those are good qualities. She is very gentle with them. You can tell by watching."

Akati's pregnancy with Akira was somewhat of a surprise to zoo staff. Lessnau

said that chimps usually wait five to six



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Bob Lessnau, curator of mammals at the zoo, says that chimps live in communities to age 50-60.

years before mating after a chimp is born. Birth takes place in what Lessnau called a secluded maternity stall, where the mother chimp "does her own thing" while being monitored.

Apparently, zoo staff works with the Species Survival Plan organization for a bit of family planning. There could be other new chimps in the future, Lessnau said.

In the meantime, Ajua surely is the sunshine in his mom's eyes. In Swahili, his name means

"sunny," and the name was chosen in honor of Sunshine, a silverback gorilla that died in 2008.

Well, chances are that there will plenty of human offspring hanging around their moms again this year on Sunday, Mother's Day. If you have the kind of mom who has everything, or just want to support all the moms at the zoo, zoo staff says you can visit www.detroitzoo.org/annual-fund to make a donation.

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Limited Registration window: May 11 - May 25, 2012

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2012-2013 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 11 - May 25, 2012 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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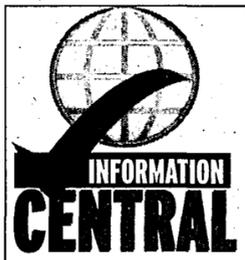
Gifts from the Garden Month

According to the website, www.gardenlady.com, gardening is more than putting fresh food on the table for a reasonable price (though that is certainly part of it). Gardens give us an awfully good reason to get outside and work with our hands and bodies. Studies have shown that vigorous work put into gardening is similar to working out at the gym.

Gardening, whether flower or vegetable, is also a great way to let go of your troubles for the day and just concentrate on the task at hand. Gardening can be an awesome way to interact with your kids outdoors, teaching them about how nature works and seeing the results first hand. Although it may take some patience as the little ones mostly enjoy digging and tossing dirt, it is still fun putting plants in the ground and making a schedule to go out and water with them when necessary.

The Westland Public Library has many gardening type books for the very young (and very green) thumbs to the Master Gardener, including *The Gardening Book* by Jane Bull (for children), *Gardening Basics for Dummies* by Steven Frowine and *Decoding Garden Advice: The Science Behind the 100 Most Popular Recommendations* by Jeff Gillman. And since it is also National Salad Month, you'll want to be sure to step down our cookbook aisle for such treats as *Raising the Salad Bar* by Catherine Walthers and *Main Course Salads* by Donna Rodnitzky.

If you have any questions about these or any other resources, give us a call at (734) 326-6123,



stop by the Reference Desk, or check us out online at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. May 15

A literary cat-and-mouse game, *The Man Who Loved Books Too Much* centers on the exploits of rare book thief John Charles Gilkey and his brilliant crimes lifting some of the world's most valuable and vulnerable works from dealers across the country. Ken Sanders, a self-appointed "bibliodick" and respected bookseller, acts to reunite the works with their rightful owners. Journalist Allison Hoover Bartlett's journey to understand what drives both men is not only a tale of high suspense, but is also an exploration of what makes us crave and treasure the books we do. Limited number of copies is available at the Reference Desk.

Weathering Job Loss - Preserving Your Future: 7 p.m. May 15

Andrew Gagne, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., will share how to manage your expenses, continue to pay bills without a regular salary and how to provide your family with medical care without your employer's insurance coverage. Also, learn the long-term conse-

quences of tapping into your retirement savings and how job loss may affect your tax situation. Everyone is invited. Sign up online or call (734) 326-6123.

Documentary Movie Night: 7 p.m. May 16

Tonight's movie is *Forks Over Knives*.

Could it be that many of the diseases that plague our society, including heart disease, diabetes, even some forms of cancer, could be prevented if we were to reject animal-based and processed foods and adopted a vegetarian, whole food diet? This illuminating documentary follows the theories and research of two doctors who examine this claim and several patients who accept the challenge. Highly recommended for those who enjoy the works of Michael Pollan, or films such as *Food, Inc.* No signup needed.

Veterans Writing Group: 7 p.m. May 16

Join veteran and working-class poet Mark Durfee as he helps veterans of all foreign wars explore their wartime experiences through writing. Writers of all styles (poetry, fiction, memoir) encouraged to attend. No signup. Just drop in.

River Rouge Rescue: 7 p.m. May 17

Join Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve as he discusses recent results of the Rouge River Rescue efforts and ways for you to get involved this year. This year's Rouge Rescue is scheduled for June 2. No sign up. Walk-ins welcome.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. May 18

Last class this session! Get help practicing your English skills in a classroom setting with a conversation empha-

sis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Students with children are welcome.

Friday Dinner and a Movie: 6:30 p.m. May 18

Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners. Dinner tonight is provided by Alexander the Great in Westland and includes broasted chicken, sweet potato fries, mostaccioli, salad, bread, soft drink, and dessert, all for \$10. Buy your dinner tickets at the Circulation Desk (cash or check) by 9 p.m. Thursday, May 17. Doors for dinner will open at 5:45 p.m. with dinner being served promptly at 6 p.m. Tonight's movie was originally scheduled to be the Best Picture

award-winner but the release date was pushed back. Instead, we will be showing *We Bought a Zoo*, based on a book about a father who buys a countryside zoo with his children and raises the myriad animals on it (imdb.com). This movie is rated PG. Doors for the movie open at 7 p.m. with the movie starting shortly thereafter. Snacks and refreshments served. Trivia and prizes.

Noontime Book Club: noon May 21

Offred is separated from her husband, her child, and her former independence and forced into the role of "breeder" or "handmaid" in a future America where fundamen-

talist Christians have killed the president and imposed their own dictatorship. Because of toxic pollution, few women can bear children. Those who can are forced to bear children for elite males and their barren wives. Join us as we discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood this month. Copies are available at the Reference Desk. No signup necessary.

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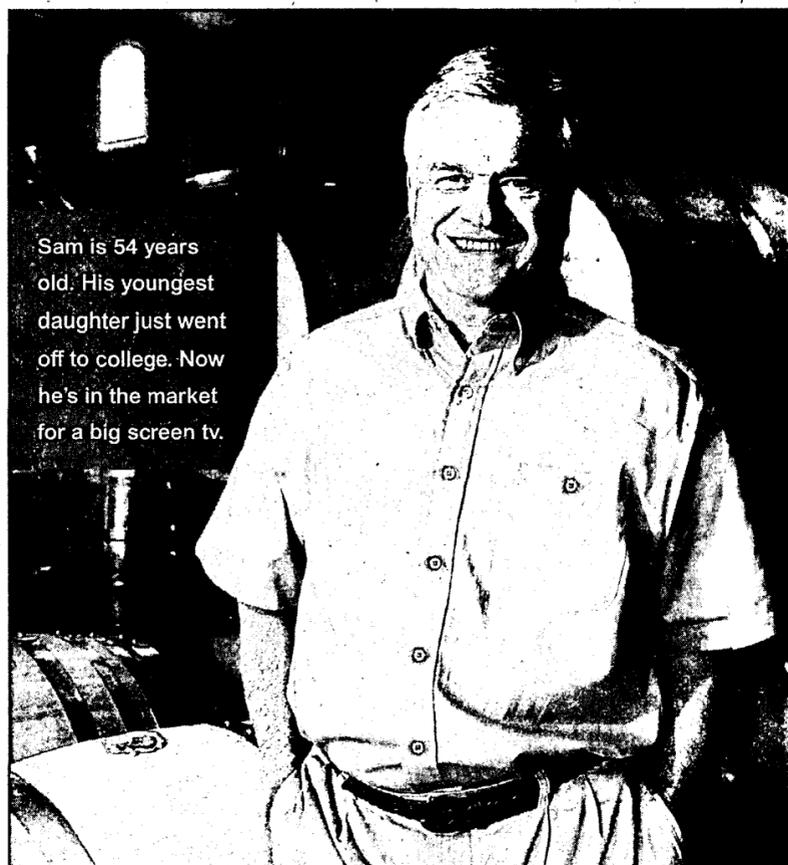
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Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a flea market 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Food concessions will be available.

Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662 for more information.

Church luncheon

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, located at 2 Towne Square (Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue), is hosting a salad luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 17. The menu will feature a smorgasbord of salads and desserts. All are welcome. Cost is \$8.

Class reunion

Wayne Memorial High School class of 1957 is looking for classmates for its 55th-class reunion which will be held May 19.

For more information, contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or polly-girl219@aol.com or Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will host a Spring Plant Exchange 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, south of Marquette.

For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Janet at (734) 728-4008.

Farmers market

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Westland Farmers Market at the Bailey

Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or online at www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market.

The Westland Farmers Market is for farmers, growers and producers to sell their own products direct-

ly to the public. The market will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday May 29 to Oct. 23 in the parking lot of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call (734) 722-3660.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the work-

shop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

Healing Hearts

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

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

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

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In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer — mall walking.

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Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Schuette presses for passage of violent offender sentencing bill

Attorney General Bill Schuette has appeared before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee regarding his proposal to take repeat violent offenders off the streets with the VO-4 plan to create a minimum 25-year sentence for violent criminals who have committed four felonies.

Schuette was joined at the committee hearing by Detroit Police Officer Arthur Matthews, former Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson, Barry County Prosecutor Tom Evans, Saginaw County Prosecutor Mike Thomas and representatives from the Police Officers Association of Michigan, Fraternal Order of Police and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

"The first step toward breaking the cycle of crime is to remove the most violent repeat offenders from our streets," said Schuette. "A disproportionate percentage of crime is committed by a small group of hardened criminals. The VO-4 sentencing reform gives law enforcement an important tool to stop the worst of the worst from repeatedly threatening our communities and undermining public safety."

Senate Bill 1109, introduced by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, would implement the VO-4 (Violent Offense-Fourth Felony) sentencing reform by strengthening Michigan's Habitualization Law. The legislation targets the worst repeat violent offenders by establishing a minimum prison sentence of at least 25 years for criminals convicted of a serious violent crime after already being convicted of any three prior felony convictions.

During his testimony, Schuette referenced the cases of four convicted murderers with long rap sheets who would have been behind bars had the tougher VO-4 sentencing provision been in place at the time of their fourth felony conviction.

Schuette highlighted the case of Terry Bowling, 49, who was recently convicted of second degree murder and other crimes for his role in a home invasion that resulted in

Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil being killed in the line of duty last year. Prior to facing the second-degree murder charge, Bowling had six felony convictions and nine misdemeanors.

Under Schuette's proposal, Bowling would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before the death of Officer Nehasil.

Under Schuette's plan, VO-4 would be triggered when a criminal's fourth conviction is a "serious violent offense," previously defined by the legislature as including second-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, manslaughter, criminal sexual conduct (first, second and third degree), armed robbery, unarmed robbery, assault with intent to commit armed robbery, assault with intent to commit unarmed robbery, assault with intent to maim, carjacking, kidnapping, kidnapping-child enticement and mayhem.

First-degree murder is not on the list of offenses because it already carries a mandatory life sentence.

A recent study published online by the National Institutes of Health estimates that just one murder creates approximately \$8.9 million in victim costs. Using their methodology, conservative estimates suggest that Michigan faced approximately \$710 million in victim costs for its 556 reported murders in 2010 alone.

VO-4 has been endorsed by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police.

In addition to his VO-4 sentencing reforms, Schuette has called for the addition of at least 1,000 new cops in communities statewide. Schuette said that Michigan is facing the double tragedy of losing more than 3,200 law enforcement officers since 9/11, while also being home to four of America's top 10 most violent cities, according to the FBI.

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Activist's message to students: Register to vote

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

John Hardy had a message for students at John Glenn High School: If you're old enough to vote, then register because "the biggest moment" in his life was when he could vote.

A retired Detroit school teacher, Hardy knows firsthand about the right to vote. A former civil rights activist, he worked with Robert Moses on voter registration in Mississippi in the 1960s. His job was to train and teach blacks how to read and interpret an 1895 copy of the Mississippi constitution.

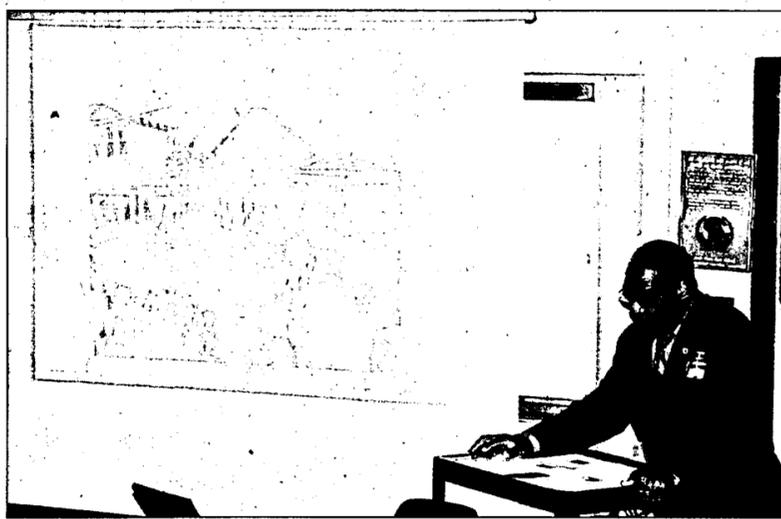
Voter intimidation was rampant. Of Hardy's first group of seven applicants which included two teachers, two college students and a preacher, only three were allowed to take the test.

"They would have to read and interpret a section at the discretion of the county registrar," Hardy told students. "The question seemed easy, but it was a trap that followed you. The applicants' names and addresses were published for two weeks and the registrar had 33 days to respond. The information could be used as a tool to hurt you."

Growing stronger

Hardy grew up with segregation in Nashville, Tenn., where everything was separate but not equal. He remembered wondering if the water was sweeter because there were separate drinking fountains and when he decided to walk down his street to church, he was told "to leave and go to my church to worship my God."

"You would imagine if you grew up with that treatment, you would grow up with hatred, but I was nurtured to chal-



John Hardy shows students a photograph of the home of attorney Z. Alexander Looby, who had represented the students involved in the Nashville sit-ins.



John Glenn students in Michele Anderson's U.S. History class listen to John Hardy talk about the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

lenge tradition," he said. "My parents instilled in me the need for education to survive in the Jim Crow South."

The Rev. James Lawson, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Diane Nash, James Bevel, Bernard Lafayette, Marion Barry and John Lewis are more than names to Hardy who worked with them to end segregation in the South.

Lawson was the a leading tactician of nonviolence within the civil rights movement, who

at the urging of Dr. King, moved to Nashville and began working with students in nonviolence.

They were ready to go and "challenge the white folks at these lunch counters," but were beaten to it by four students who sat at a segregated lunch counter in the Greensboro, N.C., Woolworth's store on Feb. 1, 1960.

"They sat there and waited, they sat there and studied," said Hardy. "We called it a sit-down, but people started calling it a

sit-in."

Within a few weeks, students were sitting at whites only lunch counters at three stores in Nashville. Hardy showed a photo of students at the Walgreens lunch counter where a sign announced that it was "closed in the interest of public safety."

"Rev. Lawson taught that nonviolence was the weapon of choice because the enemy didn't know how to attack," Hardy said. "It actually confused our enemies. We

knew if we fought back we would be like our enemies who attacked us."

The sit-ins eventually led to an agreement and on May 10, 1960, six downtown Nashville stores began serving black customers at their lunch counters for the first time.

'Change the system'

"It was the first city in the south to desegregate its lunch counters," Hardy said. "But the battle wasn't over, it was just getting started. We learned we didn't just want to sit a lunch counters, we wanted equal pay, better jobs and we went back to work. The only way to change the system is to fight the system. And if you're passionate about something you volunteer."

He did, becoming a full-time volunteer for SNCC, the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. He "went to all the states in the heart of the Old Confederacy where they held their chests out, proud to holding back the minorities."

The "shock troops" of the movement were the freedom riders who challenged local laws or customs that enforced segregation. The freedom rides started in 1961, and in Alabama and Mississippi, the riders were

attacked. Outside Anniston, Ala., a mob of 100 Ku Klux Klansmen attacked the bus, which was fire-bombed and the doors held shut so the passengers couldn't escape. An undercover officer pulled out a gun and the passengers were able to get off before the gas tank exploded.

"The photo and stories circulated around the country and embarrassed President John F. Kennedy," said Hardy, who served as a field representative on the freedom ride coordinating committee. "I was a freedom rider, but I was never arrested. I felt bad about not being arrested."

It was after that, he started working as an organizer and trainer in the SNCC Voter Registration Schools in Mississippi.

Hardy was proud of what was accomplished. He and other civil rights activists challenged the system and won. They stopped the intimidation.

"When I went South, there were 250 blacks serving in government, when I left there were over 70,000," he said. "The mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, is a black man and he's in his third term."

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Woman charged in purse snatching

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A female suspect charged in a drive-by purse-snatching outside a Canton Target store was arrested due to quick action by eye-witnesses that led to her capture in Livonia, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Sarah Elizabeth Case, a 26-year-old Taylor woman, was arraigned Friday by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou on charges of larceny from a person and possession of stolen property.

The charges arose after witnesses provided Canton police with a description of a white female driver who reached out the window of a red Ford Focus and grabbed a 24-year-old Westland woman's purse as she was walking to her car, Schreiner said.

The incident happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday outside the Target store on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon.

Witnesses told police a woman drove by and snatched the victim's purse, Detective Andrew

Colthurst said. "She (allegedly) just reached out the window, grabbed the purse and gunned it," he said.

Canton authorities alerted area law-enforcement agencies, and Schreiner said Livonia police spotted the alleged getaway vehicle in the Costco parking lot near Middlebelt and I-96, where the suspect was taken into custody.

"We are grateful to the people in the parking lot who provided the witness information and who waited there to talk with police officers," Schreiner

said, adding that alert Livonia police officers also deserve credit for spotting the vehicle and stopping it.

Case was arraigned Friday by Judge Gerou, who set a \$10,000/10 percent bond and scheduled a May 25 preliminary exam to determine whether the defendant should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, she could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison.

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The Project Area is existing streetscape located primarily at the intersection of Middlebelt and Ford Road in Garden City. DDA Limits of: Between Boch & Maplewood on Middlebelt & between Henry Ruff & Harrison on Ford Rd. A Pre-Bid will be conducted Monday, May 14, 2012 at 10:30 am at the Garden City DDA office located at 29213 Ford Road, east of Middlebelt, south side of Ford Road. Bidders are encouraged to attend, but the meeting is not mandatory.

Plans, specifications, and bid form may be obtained online at the following:
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The anticipated project start date is Wednesday, June 20, 2012. The substantial completion date for construction and restoration of the project is August 22, 2012. The final completion date shall be on or before Sept 7, 2012.

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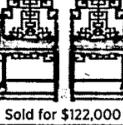
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Novi grads share satirical guide to time travel

By Jon Gunnells
Correspondent

If you took a time machine back to Novi circa 1999 you may stumble upon Phil Hornshaw and Nick Hurwitch writing their first book together.

Warp back to present day and the 2003 Novi High School graduates have their first published book — "So You Created a Wormhole: The Time Traveler's Guide to the Universe" — available in bookstores across the country and on Amazon.

"Phil and I each bought a copy off Amazon just

for the thrill of receiving our own book in the mail," Hurwitch said. "I'm not sure how many our parents bought, but for the book release party a few weeks ago, we signed bags full of books — for just about every extended family member they could think of."

The lifelong friends, who met years ago at Village Oaks Elementary School in Novi, now live in Los Angeles and work as writers — Hornshaw mainly as a video game journalist and Hurwitch as a scriptwriter and director.

Their book, which was released on April 3, is the culmination of lots of creative writing experience dating back to high school and a strong interest in time travel and pop culture.



Hurwitch



Hornshaw

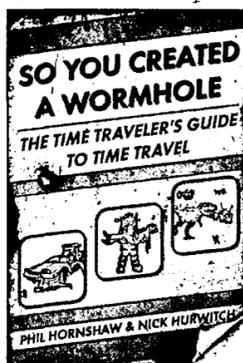
"We have seen a lot of movies about time travel and started taking notice to all the mistakes they were making," Hornshaw said. "So we created a how-to-guide, to turn time travel into something humorous and fun."

The book has two parts and begins by teaching readers about time travel using examples from popular Hollywood movies. The second part is a survival guide that educates readers on how to stay alive if they encounter a disgruntled pirate or hungry dinosaur.

"We don't go from movie to movie," Hornshaw said, "but we incorporate familiar examples of the time-travel universe to show readers how it works."

To show their extreme passion for time travel, the authors offered up their ideal time travel destinations.

"Any time with dinosaurs would be kind of amazing," Hornshaw said. "Chances are if you travel through time you are going to die, so you might as well do it on the back of a dinosaur."



Phil Hornshaw's and Nick Hurwitch's book has two parts and begins by teaching readers about time travel using examples from popular Hollywood movies. The second part is a survival guide that educates readers on how to stay alive if they encounter a disgruntled pirate or hungry dinosaur.

Hurwitch agreed that the prehistoric era would be a great visit, but would prefer visiting to a time that hasn't come yet. "I would go to the distant

future and travel through space," Hurwitch said. "Hopefully I'd encounter aliens and build a group of outlaw adventurers and fight in another galaxy. It would be crazy amazing."

While it sounds like all fun and games, creating their first published book was more than daydreaming about time travel and catching up on the *Back to the Future* trilogy. After months of writing, the first time authors have spent countless hours promoting their products through social channels, viral videos and more.

You can still find the authors churning out travel facts and info about the Time Traveler's Guide by following them on Twitter @TimeTravelGuide, find them on Facebook at Facebook.com/TheTimeTravelGuide, or at www.timetravelguide.com

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AAAPRC is hosting its first chip-timed 5K and 10K race along with its annual 1-mile Walk for Life on Saturday, May 19, starting at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park, Westland.

Runners are encouraged to get pledges. All donations are tax-deductible.

Fees are \$25 for the 5K, \$35 for the 10K and free for the one-mile walk. All runners will receive a race T-shirt.

Registration is between 8 and 9 a.m. The races start at 9:15 a.m., the walk at 10:30 a.m.

Participants must register online at www.aaaprc4life.com.

AAAPRC provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling and parenting classes. AAAPRC is staffed mostly by volunteers.

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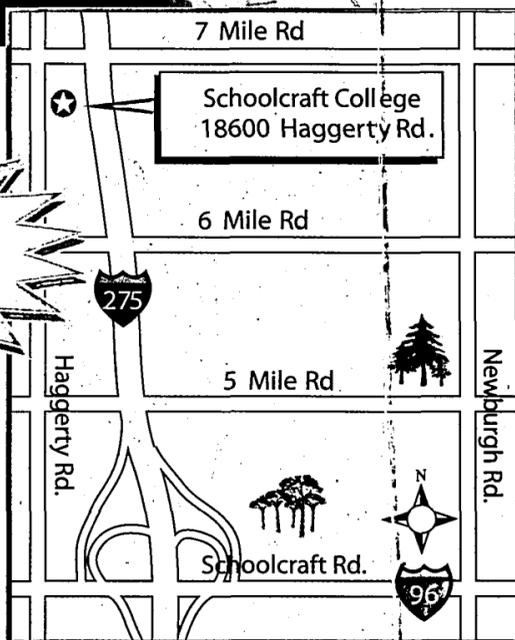
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Parental support

Church group spends vacation time helping orphans

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In the beginning, Greg Schupra was just looking for a way to get involved in something that mattered, something that helped other people, particularly children.

With connections to a charitable foundation and his church in Plymouth, Schupra and his family found just the right thing.

Now, working with the Charis Foundation of Plymouth and Trinity Presbyterian Church near Plymouth, and partnering with a Colorado Springs-based organization called World Orphans, the Canton resident is making a huge difference halfway around the world.

Schupra, vice president and group manager with Comerica Charitable Services Group, and his family will make their third trip this summer to Kenya and Ethiopia, continuing an effort to provide homes and schools for orphans in both countries.

"It's something I've been called to do by God and I feel that that's a high responsibility," said Schupra, who has worked for Comerica for 13 years. "I think it's clear God wants us to take care of widows and orphans. When you have that opportunity, it's an awesome calling and responsibility. It gives me great self-satisfaction to know I'm doing something God wants me to do and I'm pleasing Him."

For children

Schupra's friends, Kevin and Janni Ruark, run



Canton's Greg Schupra visiting with children during a World Orphans trip in August 2009.

the Plymouth-based Charis Foundation. Schupra's wife, Ellie, is outreach director for Trinity Presbyterian.

Ruark's Charis Foundation, founded in 1996, is exclusively involved in children's ministries. While the foundation has health and nutritional programs, orphan rescue is a big piece of the operation for Kevin and Janni Ruark, who met in West Africa when both were in their early 20s.

"We both were working at a hospital compound there," Ruark said. "It's been a part of our life since we first met."

The two couples — and their families — started working together about three years ago.

"We felt passionate about the mounting orphan rescue problem, especially in east and South Africa due to the AIDS epidemic," Ruark said. "It seemed a natural combination of missions. Depending on which study you look at, the orphan population is the fifth-largest people group there

is. Children are the most vulnerable. If we can help alleviate that pain and suffering, it's a worthwhile give-back to the community. That's a great motivation for us."

Between them, they hooked up with World Orphans and are now partnering with Fountain of Life Church in Nairobi, Kenya, and Kele Heywet in Woliso, Ethiopia.

Both churches have established orphan homes. The Kenya home serves are 48 boys ranging in age from 2 years to 21 years old. The Ethiopia home has 20 children (10 boys, 10 girls).

Family plan

All of the homes have "house parents" responsible for the orphans.

"In essence, they're trying to create a family environment, to whatever degree possible," Schupra said. "The goal is to prevent orphans. In Woliso, that's another 150-200 children they're helping in the community. The orphan home is the last resort for care to make sure they



Ellie Schupra of Canton was all smiles, and so was the child, during her World Orphans trip in August 2009.

have somebody."

As part of the effort, Schupra helps provide home-based care to ensure families have food, HIV medicine, training and more, with the goal of helping to keep children from being orphaned. In addition, he helps run leadership seminars for community and church leaders, as well as summer day camps for the children.

It has become a family plan for the Schupras. Daughters Sara and David Van Winkle and Brook and Josh Cole have all been instrumental in the effort. And everyone is working toward the same goal — not only short-term success but a means to thrive in the long term. Over the next five years, Schupra said, Trinity Presbyterian and the Charis Foundation hope to work with people in both countries to develop businesses that will be able to sustain the orphan care.

In Nairobi, there's already a safari company going, with Schupra working with leaders to build

the business so that some of the profits support the boys at the home.

In Ethiopia, Schupra said, "we're just in the exploration stages in developing an elementary school.

"Education in Ethiopia is a high priority," Schupra said. "They want to provide more education for the people in their communities. By having a school, they can help the orphans, and they can help members of the community in bringing the community up."

New business

According to Ruark, the business end of the work has been where Schupra has had the biggest impact.

"Greg has been a great influence on that part of our mission," said Ruark, who works with home health agencies in several states. "With his background at the bank he brings a tremendous wealth of information to our organization, and tremendous network connections to help these guys

get on their feet, do some education with teaching them how finance works, as well as business plans and finance plans for running a successful small business."

This trip may be the last for Trinity Presbyterian, Charis and the Schupras, at least for awhile. But it doesn't mean their involvement in the program — "World Orphans has already identified another church program," Schupra said — will end. Mostly, though, it'll be electronic.

"With technology today, our friends and my wife and I are in touch with these people through Skype and e-mail on a regular basis," Schupra said. "It's pretty amazing that halfway around the world you can work with people trying to build a school, or run a safari company, and try to build it."

And they won't be alone. In one of the more amazing aspects of the effort to help these kids, Schupra said he's run into countless Americans during his travels who are doing something to help.

"There are Americans and American churches and others all over the country who are actively working with Third World countries," Schupra said. "At first I thought this was a unique thing. It is unique for me, but it's not unique. It's amazing to me to see all the people in America who are involved around the world."

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SPORTS

Novi fends off conference challengers

Churchill boys are runner-up

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

On a splendid Friday filled with subplots and new records, the KLAA Kensington Conference boys track and field meet belonged to Novi's Wildcats.

Novi made it two conference titles in a row with 99 points to top the 12-team field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We have athletes that are diverse and go in several different events," Novi head coach Marsha Reid said. "And I've always said a head coach can't do it without assistant coaches and we have some really strong assistant coaches across the board."

"They've just been clawing the whole year long to try and keep what they had last year, trying to win the conference. So I think some of it is heart, some it is camaraderie and the third part of it is balance."

She pointed to the yeoman efforts of senior Mike Jocz, who "has been the glue for people this year."

Jocz scored points in the 100 and 200 dashes and sprint relays.

"Jordan Love, who is sick and had a bit of an off day, did the same thing and anybody who's a sprinter knows that's a hard thing," Reid said.

Turnaround

In a reversal of the recent Livonia city meet, it was Livonia Churchill finishing ahead of Livonia Stevenson in the battle



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Churchill's Kenzel Jefferson runs through the 110-meter hurdles during Friday's preliminary heat the KLAA Kensington Conference meet held Canton.

for the runner-up spot.

The Chargers, on the strength of co-meet records in the pole vault by Alex Rytarsyk and Jacob Hage (each with marks of 12 feet, 11 inches), tallied 87 points to edge the Spartans (77.33).

Stevenson held on to the second spot through the end of the final running event, but lost that edge when the final field event points were tallied.

"To our program it means a lot, because we've had to endure the trials and tribulations of finishing third in our division," Churchill head coach Rick Austin said. "But we weren't a complete team because of injuries and one of our sprinters (Hunter Rimatzki) not coming out until late in the season."

"We had to wait until he came along. So these kids have worked their tail ends off all season. So

this was fun for them."

Austin's team also featured wins by thrower Bryan Bartig (shot put) and distance runner Ryan Wise (800 run).

Stevenson's main highlight was a meet record by Zaid Shareef in the 400 dash (50.52).

The Spartans also had multiple athletes earning all-conference honors (top four) in the long jump.

Please see **BOYS, B4**

Ostrowski calls it quits

Livonia Franklin is seeking a new varsity girls basketball coach after the resignation on Thursday by Robert Ostrowski.

Ostrowski, who went 11-31 in his two years with the Patriots, including a 1-20 mark last season, is returning to Redford Thurston where he previously served as varsity coach, according to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye.

Interested candidates should e-mail a resume to Hammye at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org.

Blazers dial in Saddlelites

Senior Emma Ellswood score six goals, while senior Alyssa Daly and sophomore Rachel Donabedian added ha tricks in Livonia Ladywood's 18-3 Catholic League semifinal lacrosse victory Wednesday at home against Warren Regina.

Junior Stephanie Mackley made seven saves for the Blazers, who improved to 10-3 overall.

Angeline Fisher made four saves for the winless Saddlelites.

Women's golf skills clinic set

The Michigan Women's Golf Association will stage its skills clinic and on-course golf management sessions beginning at noon (Session I) and 3:30 p.m. (Session II) Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Tami Bealert, PGA Class A golf professional and certified personal trainer, WITS, will be providing instruction on the range and strategies on the course.

Included in the \$50 cost is instruction, range balls, cart and nine-hole greens fee.

Gain tips on the range with golf specific warm-ups and swing exercises, along with 20 minutes of pre-golf putting skill tips followed by nine holes (with threesomes) where Bealert will coach each group approximately a half-hour on the course.

The clinic is limited to 24. You can register online at www.mwggolf.org.

For more information, e-mail Lu Stockton at stockton@mwggolf.org.

Bucks to host U.S. Open Cup

The Michigan Bucks are among 16 Premier Development League qualifiers who will open first-round play and 2012 play in the 99th Lamar Hunt US Open Cup, the nation's oldest competitive soccer tournament.

The Bucks will take on Jersey Shore Boca (USASA) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$7 for youths (16-and-under). Children 5-and-under will be admitted free. Presale tickets are \$6 and can be purchased a local ticket outlets including Soccer Plus Livonia, 37629 Five Mile Road, Livonia; or the Trading Post, 1009 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

You can also obtain tickets online at www.bucksoccer.com. For more information, call (248) 334-7460.

10 records fall in girls KLAA meet

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Novi made it almost a foregone conclusion as to the winner of Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field meet.

The Wildcats repeated as champion by winning six of the 17 events and scoring a team-high 166 points hosted by Canton.

In a meet were 10 different records were eclipsed, the battle for second place in the team standings was won by Northville (99) over Livonia Churchill (96), while Westland John Glenn made a strong showing in fourth with 77.

Novi individual winners included Sam Pavlika, shot put (meet record 40 feet, 5.5 inches); D'Mya Davis, 100-meter dash (12.75); Jasmine Ward, 200 (meet record 25.6); and Jackie Mullins, 3,200 (11:28.11).

The Novi quartet of Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward and Janee Hood set a new standard in the 400 relay (49.46), while Kelly McCloskey, Ward, Davis and

Kerri McMahan also broke the 1,600 relay record (4:08.53).

"They're right there with the teams of previous years," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "The hardest part with our seniors this year has that they have a lot of people gunning for them."

"We scored points in every single event today. When you have 17 different events, that's hard to do. This is definitely a special team without a doubt."

One of the meet's individual standouts was Salem's Kayla Kavulich, who has made a remarkable recovery after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL (knee) ligament over the summer while playing basketball.

The sophomore captured the 1,600 (5:12.18), 400 (59.31) and 800 (2:20.33) and also ran a leg on the Rocks' fourth-place 1,600 relay.

"The doctor told me that they weren't going to lie to me," Kavulich said. "They told me I'd be back in six months, and this is - I think - nine (months)."

And the Salem distance runner has taken a liking to a relative-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Bethany Pilat (left) takes the baton from teammate Michelle Azar on the first place 4 x 800-meter relay at Friday's Kensington Conference meet held at Canton.

ly new event for her - the quarter-mile.

"I like the 4 x 400 (relay) just because it's at the end of the day and it's just an extra 400," Kavulich said. "I probably won't do it at regionals, but I do like the race. I did it because I just wanted to triple up and try and go first in three events and the two-mile (3,200) just seemed a bit too much today."

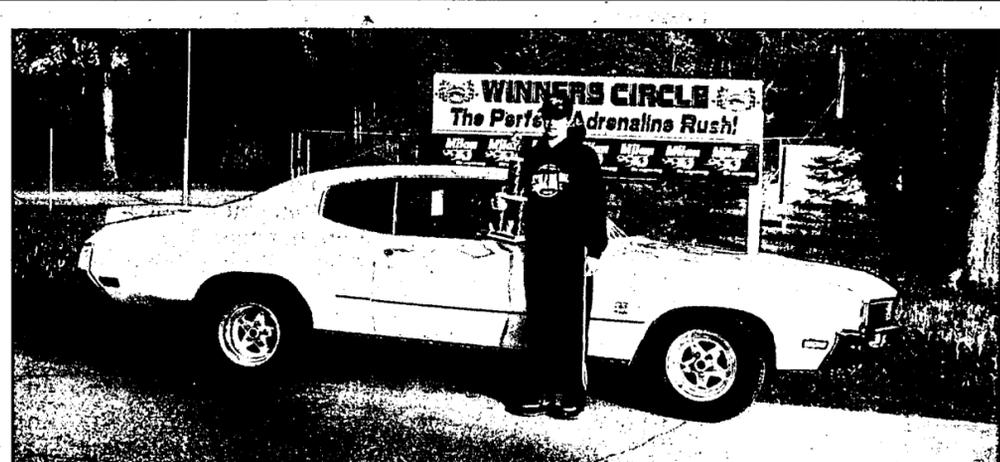
"I feel good. The mile was pretty easy. We went out at a slower pace and I just kicked it. The 800, I hung in there as long as I could. The 400 was a bit tough

because it was so close to the mile, but it's just a lap."

John Glenn junior Kirsten Smith also stood out re-setting her own school record in the 300 hurdles (46.45) and winning the 100 hurdles (15.48). She also teamed up with Shekinah Johnson, Joslyn Massey and Kayla Jones for a first in the 800 relay (meet record 1:46.14). Jones also added a first for Glenn in the long jump (16-6).

"Kirsten is phenomenal, a great kid to coach," Glenn coach

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Driving in the fast lane

Wayne Memorial High senior Tyler McCurry, driving a 1972 Buick Gran Sport, placed first in the Bracket 1 class last Saturday at the 2012 Washtenaw Community College High School Nationals at Milan Dragway. Bracket 1 is the fastest for high school students that can cover the quarter-mile track between 12.0 to 13.99 seconds. Less than 24 hours later, McCurry drove away with another victory after reaching the championship final in the Race Car class at the 24th annual U.S. Army High School Nationals held Sunday at Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio. McCurry is also a member of the Wayne varsity baseball team.

Warriors win again to lead in MIAC Blue

Lutheran High Westland continues to be one of the area's most improved girls soccer teams.

The Warriors ran their overall record to 8-1-2 and 6-0-1 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference with a 2-0 win Thursday at home over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

"The entire team played a solid game," said Lutheran Westland coach

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Texas-sized Spartans' Harvey has 7 RBI in victory

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It may have been just a coincidence, but Travis Harvey's hitting performance Wednesday was Josh Hamilton-esque to say the least.

The junior infielder made the Texas Ranger All-Star proud as he went 3-for-4, including a pair of homers, a double and school record seven RBI as host Livonia Stevenson outslugged South Lyon East, 12-7, in a KLA South Division baseball encounter.

Stevenson (17-6, 9-3) jumped out to a 8-0 lead after two innings, but needed four runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the game away.

Mike Vomastek went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, while Jake Sémak and Josh DeYonker each scored three runs and added an RBI apiece for the victorious Spartans.

Winning pitcher Mike Kanitra, who was lifted in the fifth with one out after giving up five runs (two earned) on five hits and a pair of walks, earned the victory.

Justin Small got credit for the save. The two pitchers combined for nine strikeouts.

Shane Taylor went 3-for-4 and Brett Dippoliti added two hits for the Cougars (4-10, 2-8).

Reliever Jeremy Dinsmore, who gave up four runs on five hits in three innings, took the loss.

CHURCHILL 12, CANTON 2: On Friday, Livonia Churchill (14-5, 9-4) scored nine runs in the third inning to beat the visiting Chiefs (13-7, 7-6) in a KLA South Division game that ended after five innings.

Winning pitcher Nick Misiak allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out seven. Top hitters for the Chargers

included Tyler Keeter (2-for-3, four RBI); Dan Cameron (2-for-4, three RBI); Derek Jakubowski (2-for-2, three runs); and Connor Dwyer (2-for-3).

Canton's Nick Hazergian, who gave up nine runs on seven hits and three walks in three innings, took the loss.

JOHN GLENN 3, FRANKLIN 2: Reliever Jeff Kennedy came on to get the final out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh to enable Westland John Glenn (5-14, 2-9) to earn a KLA South Division triumph Thursday over host Livonia Franklin (9-13, 3-10).

Glenn scored twice in the top of the sixth on RBI singles by pinch hitter Danny Croft and Devon Spalding. The Rockets also got a run in the fifth to tie it when Jake Fox crossed home on a Franklin error.

Fox, the winning pitcher, allowed one run on three hits and five walks in five innings before giving way to Croft, who found himself in a seventh-inning jam.

Losing pitcher Joel Trudell went all seven innings, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks. He also went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while teammate Joe Barczuk went 2-for-3.

PLYMOUTH 3-9, WAYNE 1-4: The KLA South Division-leading Wildcats (17-4, 9-3) swept both ends of a double-header Wednesday from visiting Wayne Memorial (11-12, 4-8).

Austin Ebeling pitched seven strong innings as Plymouth took the opener, 3-1. Ebeling struck out six, walked five and allowed just three hits.

Josh Lowry, who worked the final three innings in relief of starter Jacob Lefler, suffered the loss.

Brian Schmid had two hits and two RBI, while Rich Guglielmi also added two hits for the Wildcats, who scored the go-ahead run in the fifth and added one more in the sixth. Lefler had an RBI single in the first for the Zebras after Tyler McCurry walked and stole second.

In the nightcap, Plymouth broke a 4-4 deadlock with five runs in the bottom of the sixth for a 9-4 victory.

Justin Thompson went 2-for-3 and scored twice, while Guglielmi knocked in a pair of runs. Nick Sandberg, who pitched three innings of scoreless relief, struck out six to earn victory after taking over for Schmid, the starter.

Josh Lowry went 3-for-4 with

an RBI and McCurry went 2-for-4, including a 2-run double in the first inning for Wayne.

Tyler Harnos, in relief of starter Tom Briggs, suffered the loss.

CHURCHILL 4, CANTON 3: Livonia Churchill (12-5, 8-4) kept its KLA South Division title hopes alive Wednesday with a 10-inning victory over the Chiefs (13-6, 7-5) thanks to Derek Jakubowski's game-winning RBI sacrifice fly scoring pinch runner Alex Tsakos after Jake Ott started the rally with a single.

Churchill starter Brent Ochodnicki, a senior left-hander, carried a no-hitter into the top of the seventh before Canton exploded for three runs to take a 3-2 lead capped by Nicholas Tata's 2-run single on a 3-2 count with two outs.

Churchill's Mike Rybinski, who went 2-for-4 with two RBI, sent the game into extra innings with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh.

Dan Cameron also added two hits and an RBI for Churchill. Mitch Clinton had two of Canton's eight hits.

Tyler Keeter, who worked the final 2.2 innings in relief of Ochodnicki, got the victory. Ochodnicki allowed three runs on seven hits and two walks while fanning four.

Mike Stafford, in relief of starter Ryan Bazner, suffered the loss.

Bazner gave up two runs on six hits in six innings. He struck out five and did not allow a walk.

FRANKLIN 3, JOHN GLENN 2: Kevin Nisun went 2-for-4 with two RBI and drove home Kyle Curtis with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday to give host Livonia Franklin (9-12, 3-9) the KLA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-14, 1-9).

Curtis, who scored two of Franklin's three runs, walked to start the rally and moved to second on Adam Carver's bunt single to set the stage for Nisun.

Winning pitcher Joe Barczuk went all seven innings, scattering six hits. He struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Kyle Hunter, in relief of Glenn starter Zach Quinn, took the loss. Quinn allowed two runs on three hits. He struck out four and walked four.

Quinn also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Brendan Wetmore knocked in the other Glenn run.

Zebras score late to edge GC

Jacob Massey tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning on an overthrow at third base as Wayne Memorial scored three times Friday to edge visiting Garden City in a non-conference baseball game, 5-4.

Tyler Harnos scored twice for the Zebras, who improved to 12-12 overall.

Winning pitcher Chris Briggs, Kody Wojewski, Jacob Massey, Jacob Lefler and Tyler McCurry each knocked in a run.

Briggs, who pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Zach Lankton, earned the victory. Lankton went the first five allowing four runs on four hits and five walks.

Losing pitcher Tyler Glenfield went all six innings for the Cougars (12-7).

CRESTWOOD 8, JOHN GLENN 4: Ben Sniezek went 4-for-5 and winning pitcher Jared Hagen pitched a complete game to lead Dearborn Heights Crestwood (13-7) to a non-conference victory Friday at Westland John Glenn (5-15).

Hagen scattered eight hits, walked three and struck out four, while also scoring three runs.

Brandon Martin went 2-for-2 with two RBI for the Rockets. Derrick Ammons also knocked in a run.

Losing pitcher Brendan Wetmore went the first four innings allowing three runs on four hits, while Jeff Kennedy finished up yielding five runs on six hits.

CHURCHILL 6, DEARBORN 5: Brent Ochodnicki's on-out single scored Conner Dwyer with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Livonia Churchill (13-5) rallied past the visiting Pioneers (11-7) in a non-conference game.

Dwyer and Ryan Baker each had two hits and scored two runs, while Nick Misiak also went 2-for-2 for the victorious Chargers.

Alex Tsakos, who threw four innings of scoreless relief of starter James Targus, earned the victory. Tsakos gave up just two hits, walked none and struck out four.

Lewis Buzzco went 3-for-4 with two RBI for Dearborn. Reliever Alex Chadzko took the loss.

PARKWAY 15, LUTH. WESTLAND 13: Seven errors led to 12 unearned runs Thursday as Lutheran High Westland (6-9, 2-7) fell to host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (8-12, 4-5) in a MIAC Blue Division matchup.

Top hitters for the Warriors included Nick Andrzejewski (3-for-5, two RBI); Mark Mika (3-for-4, two runs); Matt Sylvester (3-for-3); Nick Flanery (2-for-5, two RBI) and Aaron Rosin (2-for-3, two runs).

Nate Abbott also knocked in two runs, while Mika, Rosin and P.J. Gusé added one RBI apiece.

"We need to stop committing silly errors and giving teams extra outs to extend innings," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Most of their runs came in two big innings sparked by errors and then walks. We need to get this thing turned around or we will be making a quick exit come June."

LUTHERAN N'WEST 12-11, LUTH. WESTLAND 3-8: On Tuesday, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (6-3 MIAC) Blue swept a double-header at Lutheran High Westland (6-8, 2-6), which made seven errors.

The Crusaders took first game, 12-3, which was suspended from April 30.

The Warriors trailed 8-1 after two innings as starter Taurrek Fikes, who gave up eight runs (only two earned) on two hits and six walks, suffered the loss. Reliever Matt Sylvester pitched three scoreless innings.

Fikes and Aaron Rosin had the lone hits for Lutheran Westland.

In the nightcap, Northwest scored six times in the top of the fifth inning to overcome a 6-4 deficit en route to an 11-8 triumph.

Matt Sylvester and Rosin each went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.

Fikes added two hits and two RBI, while Mark Mika and Nick Andrzejewski also collected two hits apiece.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 14
Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Novi, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
C'ville at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Inter-City at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Macomb at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16 (all double-headers)
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Churchill at Brighton, 4 p.m.
C'ville at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m.
Greenhills at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 (all Dhs unless noted)
Edsel Ford at Franklin, 11 a.m.
Stevenson at Milford, 11 a.m.
Chelsea Invitational, TBA.
(at Southfield-Lathrup)
C'ville vs. Lathrup, 11 a.m.
Clarenceville vs. RU, 1 p.m.

Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 17
L. W'sld at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 18
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
C'ville at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
Madonna Invitational, TBA.
Lakeland Invitational, TBA.
Hits for Heroes Inv., TBA.
Gib. Carlson Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 14
Roepert at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
L. W'sld vs. S'field Christian at Pebble Creek, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 18
Clarenceville at RU, 6 p.m.
Church. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
C'ville at Summit, 3 p.m.

BOYS-GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, May 15
C'ville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 18 (MHSAA Regionals)
Division 1 at Canton, 11 a.m.
Division 2 at Ladywood, 11 a.m.
Division 3 at Lahser, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
(MHSAA Regional)
Division 4 at L. W'sld, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, May 15
L'wood at A.A. Richard, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 (MHSAA Regionals)
Div. 3 at Country Day, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, May 19 (MHSAA Regionals)
Division 1 at Novi, 8:30 a.m.
Div. 1 at Woodhaven, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF
Monday, May 14
Dearborn Invitational at Dearborn C.C., 8 a.m.
John Glenn vs. Franklin at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Novi at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
Huron Valley vs. Roepert at Idyl Wylid G.C., 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Franklin vs. Wayne at Idyl Wylid G.C., 3 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Liggert at Sycamore Hills, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
Livonia City Invitational at Idyl Wylid G.C., 2 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Tuesday, May 15
L'wood at A.A. Huron, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Ladywood at Marian, 4:30 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
WAYNE MEMORIAL 175
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 186
May 10 at Idyl Wylid G.C.
Wayne scorers: Zachary Williamson, 38 (medalist); Jarret Williamson, 44; Zack Huffman, 45; Austin St. Peter, 48.

Franklin scorers: Brian Bekkala and Brian Roulier, 45 each; Chad Tweedy and Dan Butler, 48 each.

Dual match records: Wayne, 1-5 overall, 1-5 KLA South Division; Franklin, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 148
SALEM 158
May 10 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Nick Marsh, 36 (co-medalist); Austin Harris and Eric Attard, 37 each;

Cam Tetrault, 38; Dante Cicchelli and Ryan Zahm, 39 each.

Salem scorers: Eric Duprey, 36 (co-medalist); Brady Cole, 40; Brian Patterson and Nick Danis, 41 each; David Nikkila, 42; Brandon Duprey, 50.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA Central Division; Salem, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLA Central.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 159
SOUTH LYON EAST 174
May 9 at Fox Creek G.C.
Stevenson scorers: Mike Blaesser, 39 (medalist); Dante Cicchelli, Nick Marsh, Austin Harris and Eric Attard, 40 each; Marco Yaquinto, 41.

S.L. East scorers: Eric Caruso, 42; Conner Kivisto, Mike Sadowski and Alec Adgate, 44 each;

Matt Sherry, 47; Zack French, 52.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA Central Division; South Lyon East, 0-4 overall, 0-4 KLA Central.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 154
WAYNE MEMORIAL 189
May 9 at Gateway G.C.
Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 36 (medalist); Eric Hill, 38; Brian Sexton and Alec Condrath, 40 each; Alex Estes, 41; Zack Colosimo, 46.

Wayne scorers: Zach Williamson, 44; Zack Huffman, 46; Austin St. Peter, 49; Jarret Williamson, 50; Ken McKay, 66; Ryan Davis, 73.

Dual match records: Churchill, 4-2 overall, 4-2 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-6 overall, 0-6 KLA South.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS

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James Fitzgerald said. "She works extremely hard and deserves everything she's earned. You can't say enough about her. She's a 4.0 student. She led us in the 4 x 200, got us the lead and led us from there and anchored our 4 x 400, which took sixth."

Churchill got a strong effort from its 4 x 800 relay team of Sydney Anderson, Bethany Pilat, Kerigan Riley and Michelle Azar, who set a meet record in 9:36.48.

Junior Emily Norscia also established a new Kensington mark in the discus (123-8).

"We expect to do well here and obviously one of our goals is to win this meet," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "We knew Novi was going to be tough, and they were. It's almost insurmountable and their coach does a great job coaching both teams. Northville scored a lot of points from the middle of the meet on. They were really good."

"We had some good performances and we left some out here, but I'm sure everybody else left something out here and didn't do as they expected. Emily Norscia won the discus, which was huge to beat two really good Novi throwers. Our 4 x 800 (relay) team ran their fastest time of the year by seven seconds. We're going to be disappointed for not finishing higher and winning more events, but that's why you have conference meets. They just don't give you stuff, you have to earn it at the meet."

Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom broke the pole vault record (11-6), while Northville's Alexandra Moynes set a new standard in the high jump (5-4.25).

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KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 11 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 166 points; 2. Northville, 99; 3. Livonia Churchill, 96; 4. Westland John Glenn, 77; 5. Plymouth, 50.33; 6. Salem, 44; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 35; 8. South Lyon, 30.5; 9. Canton, 25.83; 10. Livonia Franklin, 23.33; 11. Wayne Memorial, 12; 12. South Lyon East, 4.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Sam Pavlika (Novi), 40 feet, 5.5 inches (meet record); 2. Amber Warren (Canton), 34-11; 3. Taylor Pavlika (Novi), 34-6; 4. Quay Nichols (WM), 33-7.25; 5. Chyna Williams (P), 33-7.25; 6. Brooke Calhoun (Novi), 33-3; 7. Solana Gillis (SLE), 33-2; 8. Bailey Hart (WM), 33-0.5.
Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 123-8 (meet record); 2. S. Pavlika (Novi), 119-10; 3. T. Pavlika (Novi), 115-11; 4. Williams (P), 114-11; 5. Tionne Johnson (P), 105-8; 6. Kayla Branton (LS), 102-11; 7. Rhiannon (SLE), 102-9; 8. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 102-1.
High jump: 1. Moynes (N'ville), 5-4.25 (meet record); 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi) and Sencidair McDonnell (LC), 5-3 each; 4. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 5. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 6. Brady Covert (SL), 5-0; 7. Symone Abbott (N'ville), 5-0; 8. (tie) Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), Taylor Rieckhoff (P) and Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-9 each.
Long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 16-6; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-5; 3. Alex Kitz (LS), 16-4.75; 4. Cochran (LC), 16-4.5; 5. Massey (WJG), 16-1; 6. Karla Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 15-11; 7. McDonnell (LC), 15-10.5;

8. Carlie Fernandez (SL), 15-3.
Pole vault: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 11-6 (meet record); 2. Jane McCurry (P), 11-2; 3. Kitz (LS), 11-2; 4. Rieckhoff (P), 10-8; 5. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 9-8; 6. McKenna Burr (Novi), 9-8; 7. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-8; 8. Pia Simon (Canton) and Miranda Spencer (SL), 9-2 each.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15.48; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 15.85; 3. O'Brien (LF), 16.02; 4. Lauren Rodriguez (N'ville), 16.09; 5. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.16; 6. Ayala-Talavera (Novi), 16.54; 7. Marina Milad (Canton), 16.94; 8. Jenny Chang (Novi), 17.05.
300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 46.45; 2. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 46.88; 3. Jarvis (LC), 47.03; 4. Rodriguez (N'ville), 47.96; 5. Lina Davis (Novi), 48.61; 6. Claire Reynolds (Novi), 49.05; 7. Holly Stark (P), 50.11; 8. Covert (SL), 50.2.
100 dash: 1. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.75; 2. Jones (WJG), 12.77; 3. Bryah White (LF), 12.89; 4. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 13.07; 5. Abby Sigler (SL), 13.1; 6. Janee Hood (Novi), 13.19; 7. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.2; 8. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.32.
200: 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25.6 (meet record); 2. Jones (WJG), 26.37; 3. Alexa Abbott (N'ville), 26.44; 4. Sigler (SL), 27.32; 5. Honia Williams (WM), 27.49; 6. Fernandez (SL), 27.67; 7. Taylor Mosley (Novi), 27.81; 8. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.9.
400: 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 59.31 (meet record); 2. Abbott (N'ville), 59.92; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.61; 4. Nadia Affes (N'ville), 1:01.07; 5. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:01.86; 6. Mosley (Novi), 1:01.97; 7. Madison Swiatkowski (SL), 1:02.02; 8. Rachael Hille (P), 1:02.63.

800: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 2:20.33; 2. McMahan (Novi), 2:23.96; 3. Rachel Coleman (N'ville), 2:24.09; 4. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:26.4; 5. Taleen Shahrigian (N'ville), 2:27.81; 6. Alison Robinson (N'ville), 2:28.26; 7. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:28.5; 8. Marina DeBiasi (P), 2:29.58.
1,600: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:12.18; 2. Coleman (N'ville), 5:15.63; 3. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:16.38; 4. Kristen Muir (Canton), 5:18.89; 5. Hannah Lonergan (Novi), 5:22.88; 6. Erin Zimmer (N'ville), 5:24.3; 7. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:27.36; 8. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:27.43.
3,200: 1. Mullins (Novi), 11:28.11; 2. Lonergan (Novi), 11:38.56; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:45.56; 4. Riley (LC), 11:51.92; 5. Erin Dunne (N'ville), 11:56.82; 6. Nicole Motteller (N'ville), 12:00.55; 7. Zimmer (N'ville), 12:04.72; 7. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 12:14.58.
400 relay: 1. Novi (Davis, Mariah Smith, Ward, Hood), 49.46 (meet record); 2. Churchill, 50.38; 3. Franklin, 50.78; 4. Northville, 51.01; 5. John Glenn, 53.5; 6. Plymouth, 53.5; 7. Wayne, 53.5; 8. Salem, 53.95.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Johnson, Massey, Jones, Smith), 1:46.14 (meet record); 2. Novi, 1:46.19; 3. Churchill, 1:47.23; 4. South Lyon, 1:47.4; 5. Northville, 1:49.73; 6. Franklin, 1:50.37; 7. Canton, 1:51.11; 8. Stevenson, 1:52.11.
1,600 relay: 1. Novi (McCloskey, Ward, Davis, McMahan), 4:08.53 (meet record); 2. Northville, 4:11.06; 3. Churchill, 4:11.22; 4. Salem, 4:13.42; 5. Canton, 4:13.65; 6. John Glenn, 4:13.76; 7. South Lyon, 4:15.81; 8. Plymouth, 4:16.28.
3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Pi-

lat, Riley, Azar), 9:36.48 (meet record); 2. Northville, 9:44.5; 3. Plymouth, 9:53.53; 4. Stevenson, 10:19.47; 5. Salem, 10:20.81; 6. South Lyon, 10:21.12; 7. Canton, 10:22.6; 8. Novi, 10:52.01.
DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 71 MONROE ST. MARY CC 57
May 10 at Clarenceville
Shot put: 1. Alexis Johnson (C'ville), 28 feet, 2.25 inches; 3. Leandre O'Neal (C'ville), 27-4.25; **discus:** 1. Wilkies (MCC), 91-8.5; 2. Jasmer (C'ville), 78-9; 3. Staneshia Chambers (C'ville), 74-4; 3. O'Neal (C'ville), 62-2; **high jump:** 1. Ayanna Buckley (C'ville), 4-8; **long jump:** 1. Micah Willingham (C'ville), 14-10; 2. Kayla Dumas (C'ville), 13-1.5; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Willingham (C'ville), 18.13; **300 hurdles:** 1. Willingham (C'ville), 50.42; **100 dash:** 1. Kayla Dumas (C'ville), 13.45; **200:** 1. Ayanna Buckley (C'ville), 26.74; 2. Kamaria Sanders (C'ville), 28.05; **400:** 1. Buckley (C'ville), 1:07.8; **800:** 1. Wickenheise (MCC), 2:44.8; Tristyn Bean (C'ville), 2:51.85; **1,600:** 1. Wickenheise (MCC), 6:21.23; 3. Melanie Kielling (C'ville), 6:43.97; **3,200:** Wickenheise (MCC), 13:17.08; 3. Kielling (C'ville), 15:10.81; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Dumas, Kamaria Sanders, Tangela Dooley, Buckley), 53.53; 2. Monroe CC, 56.25; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Willingham, Sanders, Dumas, Dooley), 1:54.37; 2. Monroe CC, 2:00.55; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Sarah Curvin, Sanders, Dooley, Tristyn Bean), 4:45.02; 2. Monroe CC, 4:45.19; **3,200 relay:** 1. Monroe CC, 12:04.0.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 7-3-1 overall.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 11 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 99 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 87; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 77.33; 4. Plymouth, 72.33; 5. Salem, 70; 6. Livonia Franklin, 62; 7. South Lyon, 59; 8. Northville, 57; 9. Canton, 44.33; 10. Westland John Glenn, 16; 11. South Lyon East, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 8.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 9 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 48-3.25; 3. Trevor VanAsselt (SL), 47-3.25; 4. Mark Kurzeja (SL), 44-1.5; 5. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 43-10.5; 6. Olaniyi Owagbemi (Canton), 42-4.25; 7. Dylan Summers (N), 42-5; 8. Dimitrus Renfro (WM), 41-10.75.
Discus: 1. VanAsselt (SL), 160-5 (meet record); 2. Bartig (LC), 146-11; 3. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 133-2; 4. Brandon Ogden (WJG), 122-1.5; 5. Dev Sandhu (Canton), 120-2; 6. Trent Willenborg (SLE), 119-6; 7. Carrigan (Salem), 119-0; 8. Dylan Summers (N), 117-9.
High jump: 1. Derek Cingel (N), 6-2; 2. Chris Dierker (Salem), 6-1; 3. Nick Dyer (SL), 5-11; 4. (tie) Akil Wade (Canton) and Jamal Dixon (Canton), 5-8 each; 6. Josh Peterson (Salem), 5-8; 7. Chad Evans (LC), 5-8; 8. (tie) Matt Schacht (Canton), Devin Kelly (LS) and Nathan Harris (P), 5-8 each.
Long jump: 1. Ali Taha (Novi), 21-4.75 (meet record); 2. Nick Podulka (LS), 21-1.25; 3. Brett Gutowski (LF), 20-7; 4. Anthony Wilson (LS), 20-4.5; 5. Anton

Skupin (SL), 20-2.5; 6. Drake Jordan (Salem), 20-1.5; 7. Brenton Shitta (WM), 19-6.25; 8. Dixon (Canton), 19-6.
Pole vault: 1. Alex Ryktarskyk (LC), 12-11 (meet record); 2. Jacob Hage (LC), 12-11 (meet record); 3. Spencer Ruggiero (SL), 12-8; 4. Jim Bagazinski (LF), 12-8; 5. Sean Wagner (N'ville), 12-5; 6. Alex Teasdale (P), 11-11; 7. Mitch Nickert (Canton), 11-11; 8. Stephen Fedak (LC), 11-11.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Tom Brokav (LF), 15.53; 2. Joe Amado (Salem), 15.85; 3. Lance Lilla (Novi), 15.65; 4. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15.86; 5. DaRon Turner (Novi), 16.07; 6. Joe Mims (LS), 16.20; 7. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.11; 8. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.38.
300 hurdles: 1. Joe Amado (Salem), 40.25; 2. Quinn Schelske (SLE), 41.70; 3. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42.12; 4. Parker Sutton (Novi), 42.35; 5. Mims (LF), 42.42; 6. Charles May (N'ville), 43.05; 7. Justin Hsieh (N'ville), 42.44; 8. Zoltowski (LC), 43.54.
100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.14; 2. Brandon Love (N'ville), 11.22; 3. Jordan Love (Novi), 11.33; 4. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.36; 5. Kyle Schopa (SL), 11.4; 6. Mike Jocz (Novi), 11.42; 7. Nick Podulka (LS), 11.48; 8. Jordan (Salem), 11.6.
200: 1. B. Love (N'ville), 22.75; 2. Jocz (Novi), 22.8; 3. Schopa (SL), 23.15; 4. William Askew II (P), 23.25; 5. Ali Taha (Novi), 23.73; 6. J. Love (Novi), 23.95; 7. Will Harris (WM), 24.22; 8. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 24.92.
400: 1. Zaid Shareef (LS), 50.52 (meet record); 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 51.31; 3. M. Schacht (Canton), 51.48; 4. Colin McCormack (Salem), 51.77; 5. Joel Shekell

(SL), 52.03; 6. Wilson (LS), 52.48; 7. Ryan Flanagan (N'ville), 52.64; 8. Quinton Davis (WM), 52.72.
800: 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 1:59.45 (meet record); 2. Max Rogowski (P), 1:59.77; 3. Jason Ferrante (N'ville), 2:02.62; 4. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:03.31; 5. Jewell Jones (WJG), 2:03.59; 6. Brian Barnes (Novi), 2:03.61; 7. Ben Lambert (LC), 2:04.45; 8. Miles Felton (Canton), 2:04.51.
1,600: 1. Dan Sims (N'ville), 4:30.01 (meet record); 2. Felton (Canton), 4:30.09; 3. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:31.69; 4. Wise (LC), 4:33.3; 5. Stephen Fenech (LS), 4:34.15; 6. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:34.16; 7. Barnes (Novi), 4:36.72; 8. John Lynch (LS), 4:42.49.
3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 9:47.23; 2. Steven McEvilly (Salem), 9:53.51; 3. Fenech (LS), 10:04.77; 4. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:10.22; 5. Ben Yates (LC), 10:10.50; 6. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:16.68; 7. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:18.45; 8. Jason Lerner (N'ville), 10:18.81.
400 relay: 1. Novi, 44.02; 2. Franklin, 44.25; 3. Stevenson, 44.98; 4. Churchill, 45.06; 5. Salem, 45.15; 6. Plymouth, 45.50; 7. Northville, 45.64; 8. Wayne, 46.05.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Andrew Crechiolo, Brett Gutowski, Alex Perelli, Andrew McGaughey), 1:31.76; 2. Novi, 1:32.09; 3. Salem, 1:32.35; 4. Stevenson, 1:32.52; 5. Northville, 1:34.72; 6. South Lyon, 1:34.87; 7. Churchill, 1:35.11; 8. Wayne, 1:35.58.
1,600 relay: 1. Novi, 3:29.82; 2. Plymouth, 3:30.05; 3. Franklin, 3:31.71; 4. Stevenson, 3:31.88; 5. South Lyon, 3:35.42; 6. Salem, 3:36.47; 7. Churchill, 3:40.26; 8. John Glenn, 3:40.76.
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Evan Johnson, Rogowski, J. Dalton),

8:11.61 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 8:15.93; 3. Churchill, 8:20.22; 4. Northville, 8:26.05; 5. Novi, 8:27.09; 6. Salem, 8:27.98; 7. John Glenn, 8:45.07; 8. South Lyon, 8:47.31.
DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 81 MONROE ST. MARY CC 46
May 10 at Clarenceville
Shot put: 1. Shawn Cummings (C'ville), 44 feet, 2 inches; 3. Deavon Wilson (C'ville), 36-3.5; **discus:** 1. Cummings (C'ville), 149-7.5; 2. Wilson (C'ville), 118-7.5; **high jump:** 1. Naida (MCC), 5-10; **long jump:** 1. Mike Demmons (C'ville), 18-5.5; 3. Austin Douglas (C'ville), 17-5; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Whitman (MCC), 15.2; 2. Ma Sambou Jatta (C'ville), 15.4; 3. Sam Brown (C'ville), 15.8; **300 hurdles:** 1. Jatta (C'ville), 41.4; 2. Brown (C'ville), 41.8; **100 dash:** 1. Kassius Kelly (C'ville), 10.7; 2. Jalen Bryant (C'ville), 11.3; **200:** 1. Kelly (C'ville), 22.3; 2. Bryant (C'ville), 23.0; **400:** 1. Pietranic (MCC), 54.5; 2. Kareem Stewart (C'ville), 56.9; **800:** 1. Wickenheise (MCC), 2:07.6; 2. Alec Jones (C'ville), 2:14.43; **1,600:** 1. Jones (C'ville), 4:53.0; 3. David Gibson (C'ville), 5:13.6; **3,200:** 1. Joey Walker (C'ville), 11:03.2; 3. Gibson (C'ville), 11:53.4; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 45.1; 2. Monroe CC, 48.2; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Jatta, Kelly), 1:37.6; 2. Monroe CC, 1:42.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Stear, Brown, Jones, Jatta), 3:41.9; 2. Monroe CC, 3:42.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Monroe CC, 9:07.0; 2. Clarenceville, 9:08.27.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 10-1 overall.

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Sara Schafer, whose team finished 9-6-1 a year ago.

Freshman Sabrina Morrison scored in the opening half off an assist from senior Taylor Wiemer, who notched the Warriors' second goal on an unassisted effort during the second half.

Junior goalkeeper Angela Morrison made 14 saves to post the shutout.

FARMINGTON 2, FRANKLIN 0: Megan Schulz and Melissa Kucukarslan each scored early in the second half to propel the Falcons (9-3-4) to non-conference win Friday at Livonia Franklin (3-7-3).

Farmington goalkeeper Lauren McCann made four saves to post the shutout, while Franklin's Alexis Smith recorded seven saves.

CHURCHILL 3, JOHN GLENN 1: JV call-ups Rylie Fallu and Erin McDonald tallied goals in the 30th and 54th minutes, respectively, lifting Livonia Churchill (4-5-4, 4-2-2) to a KLAASouth Division triumph Thursday at home over Westland John Glenn (3-9-2, 2-5-1).

Karly Munroe assisted on Fallu's goal, while McDonald scored on an unassisted corner kick.

Alexa Vakratsis completed the Churchill scoring off a free kick with 15 minutes remaining in the match.

Glenn's Sydney Climie scored off a counter attack with a rocket shot from Olivia Cabildo to spoil Churchill goalkeeper Alexis Tzarfaroglou's shutout bid.

Jenny Redden went all the way in goal for Glenn. **FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 0:** Jessica Maurer headed in a pair of corner kicks Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (3-6-3, 2-4-2) dispatched Wayne Memorial (1-13, 0-8) in a KLAASouth Division match.

Natalie Desautel and Kaylyne Perrian assisted on Maurer's goals.

Kara Dodain (from Emily McCullen) and Raven Travis (from Michelle Tuyo) completed Franklin's scoring in the second half.

Andrea Schweitzer posted the shutout in goal for the Patriots.

STEVENSON 2, S.L. EAST 0: Katelyn Foster scored a goal in each half Thursday to propel host Livonia Stevenson (7-5-1, 4-3) to a KLAASouth Division victory over South Lyon East (7-6-1, 2-6).

Alexi Kliza assisted on the first Foster goal, while Emily Chrasz assisted on the second.

Rylee Jason, who played the first 55 minutes and made one save, combined with Kristen Trybus (one save) on the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

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Patriots stop Rockets, 8-3; Churchill edges GC in 11th

Freshman center fielder Becky Giacobbi collected a pair of 2-run doubles Wednesday to lead host Livonia Franklin to an 8-3 KLA South Division girls softball victory over Westland John Glenn.

Giacobbi reached base four times including a single and hit batter, while lead-off hitter Mackenzie Lukas singled three times and scored two runs as the Patriots improved to 13-5 overall and 9-3 in the division.

Nicole Williamson also added two hits, while Morgan Larkin, Katelynn Devers and Caitlin Milican each knocked in a run.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lambie (11-3) gave up three earned runs on seven hits in seven innings. She struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Danielle Saunders belted a 3-run homer in the fifth inning to close the deficit to 5-3 for the Rockets (7-11, 2-8).

Losing pitcher Alexis Lester collected three hits, while Britany McGrath added two for Glenn.

The second game of the double-header was called in the

bottom of the first inning tied 0-0 and will be made up at a later date.

CHURCHILL 4, GARDEN CITY 2: Winning pitcher Missy Sidor doubled home Casey Bias with two outs in the top of the 11th inning for the game-winning run Friday night as Livonia Churchill (11-7) upset the host Cougars (18-2).

The Chargers then added an insurance run when Julia Cavagnini double in Sidor.

Churchill tied it at 2-2 in the top of the seventh when Sophie Klimkiwicz double home Cavagnini. Sidor went all 11 innings, scattering nine hits and fanning seven.

Losing pitcher Kelsey Susalla also went the distance, allowing nine hits, walking one and striking out five. She also homered in the first inning.

CHURCHILL 10, DEARBORN 0: On Thursday, catcher Casey Bias went 3-for-4 with three RBI and pitcher Katie Shereda threw a three-hit shutout as host Livonia Churchill (10-7) mercied the Pioneers in six innings.

Churchill scored three times in the third on RBI doubles by Julia Cavagnini and Bias, along with an RBI single from Nicole Salloum.

In the fifth, Churchill made it 5-0 on RBI doubles by Salloum and Shereda and put it away in the sixth with five more runs thanks to a 2-run single from Bias followed by a 2-run single by Julie Bourlier.

Shereda struck out seven and walked only one to earn the win.

HVL 15, FRANKLIN ROAD 2: It was another lopsided MIAC Red Division victory Friday for host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (14-4, 7-0) as freshman Anne St. John collected eight RBI, including a grand slam in a five-inning victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian.

St. John also added 2-run homer to go along with a pair of RBI singles.

Shortstop Brooke Kuehn, the Hawks' lead-off hitter, also went 4-for-4.

Winning pitcher Julie St. John gave up one earned run to go along with seven strikeouts and no walks. HVL committed four errors.

FRANKLIN 2-0, FARMINGTON 0-5: In a non-conference twinbill Thursday, Livonia Franklin (14-6) and the Falcons (7-14) settled for a split.

Franklin captured the opener, 2-0, as senior Nicole Williamson (2-1) pitched a complete-game five-hit shutout. She struck out three and did not allow a walk.

Mackenzie Lukas scored Franklin's first run in the first inning when Farmington dropped an infield fly with the bases loaded off the bat of Williamson.

The Patriots added another run in the fifth when Caitlin Milican scored Afton DeWyse on a sacrifice fly.

Kaitlin Lock, who gave up just one hit (by Katelynn Devers), took the loss. She struck out four and

walked three, but the Falcons committed a total of five errors.

In the second game, KT Stemetz threw a seven-hit shutout as Farmington blanked the Patriots, 5-0. Stemetz struck out two and walked only one.

Sophomore Courtney Garbarino (1-2), who allowed five runs on seven hits, took the loss, while Lukas collected a pair of hits.

CANTON 10-2, CHURCHILL 1-3: On Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (9-7, 6-7) scored three times in the bottom of the third inning to salvage a split of its KLA South Division double-header with the Chiefs (11-4, 9-4).

Canton won the opener, 10-1, as Jessica Webster and Katherine Porter each went 3-for-5.

The Chiefs scored five times in the top of the first inning thanks to an RBI triple from Paige Aresco and a 3-run homer by Hannah Warren.

Winning pitcher Alyssa Boucher gave up just four hits over seven innings. She fanned three and did not allow a walk.

Julia Twigg went 2-for-3 and had the lone RBI for Churchill.

Churchill starter Abby Jewell, who faced just six batters, took the loss. Missy Sidor finished up in relief.

Sidor got the win in the nightcap as she allowed just four hits, struck out three and walked only two in seven innings.

Trailing 2-0, Churchill struck for three runs in third thanks to a double by Julia Cavagnini and RBI singles by

Rachel Jason, Jackie Tolles and Casey Bias en route to a 3-2 victory.

Canton starter Hannah Shuler, who left in the fifth inning in favor of Boucher, took the loss.

STEVENSON 4-0, S.L. EAST 2-9: It was the tale of two games Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (9-9, 6-4) and South Lyon East (15-6, 5-6) split a twinbill.

Stevenson captured the opener, 4-2, as Ashley Avery knocked in a pair of runs and pitcher Jacqueline Johnson allowed just five hits and a walk while striking out six in seven innings.

Stevenson scored all four of its runs in the fifth inning thanks to consecutive singles by Molly Knoph, Erika Randall and Alex Ferguson (RBI) followed by Avery's 2-run single. Avery then scored on a wild pitch.

Olivia Nelson took the loss for the Cougars, while Kaley Doty had an RBI triple.

In the nightcap, East took advantage of a Stevenson defensive meltdown (four errors) to earn an easy 9-0 win.

East starter Sydney Jones scattered eight hits and a walk over seven innings to pick up the victory, while Nelson and Kelsey Hines each added two hits and two RBI.

Jones also went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Stevenson starter Morgan Copperstone took the loss. She went 2.2 innings before giving way to Johnson. Knoph went 2-for-3 with a stolen base.

BOYS

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Nick Podulka finished second with a mark of 21-1.25 — just shy of the meet record set by Novi's Ali Taha (21-4.75).

Finishing fourth for the Spartans was Anthony Wilson (20-4.5).

Plymouth and Salem nailed down the 4-5 positions, with totals of 72.33 and 70 points, respectively.

"It was good, our team is set up better for a meet like this versus the dual meets," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Our distance guys had an amazing day."

Senior Derek Gielarowski

edged Salem's Steven McEvelly in a close finish in the 3,200 run (9:47.23 to 9:53.51).

Gielarowski also was part of the meet record 3,200-meter relay, finishing first with a time of 8:11.61.

Another first-place finisher for Plymouth was sprinter William Askew, II, recovered from a hamstring injury sustained at the recent PCEP city meet.

Salem boasted a double first-place winner in Joe Amado, who won the 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 14.86, edging Livonia Franklin's Tom Brokaw (15.04).

Amado then took first in the 300 hurdles, with a time of 40.25.

The other Observerland tri-

umph was a first-place finish by Franklin's 800-meter relay team of Andrew Crechiolo, Brett Gutowski, Alex Perelli and Andrew McGaughey (1:31.76).

Although Canton's ninth-place finish (44.33 points) was a bit of a disappointment for Chiefs coach Bob Richardson, he pointed to a first-place showing by senior sprinter Ryan Jones in the 100 dash as a highlight. Jones finished in 11.14.

"We thought we were going to place higher," Richardson said. "But there's some good teams here. We have some things to work on. Regionals are a week from today."

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Spartans rule Howell

Livonia Stevenson swept the first three singles flights and added a first-place finish in doubles to take the Howell Invitational girls tennis tournament with a team-high 20 points.

Canton was runner-up with 15, while the host Highlanders and Walled Lake Central placed third and fourth with 12 and seven, respectively.

Stevenson sophomore Aimee Moccia posted a bagel job as she did not yield a game in three matches en route to the No. 1 singles crown.

Also earning singles

crowns and going 3-0 on the day with straight sets victories for the Spartans included Caroline Hay (No. 2) and Kathryn Malkowski (No. 3).

Also adding a title was Stevenson's No. 4 doubles team of Sarah Morse and Sam DiGiovanni.

Stevenson's Taylor Tinhaam was runner-up to Walled Lake Central's Maddison Johnson at No. 4 singles.

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All boys,
all girls,
it's all
good

Moms who responded to the *Observer's* request for observations on all-girl and all-boy households talked about their experiences via e-mail. Here are excerpts:

Glad to have girls

I am married and I live in Farmington Hills, I work part time for the city and I have two daughters. Christina is 15, soon to be 16 on June 9. Elizabeth is 12, soon to be 13 on June 28.

I am very pleased to have daughters ... I would not know what to do with a boy. My daughters are "girly girls" and have always been into everything pink (until recently for Elizabeth), princess, Barbies and dolls!

My husband is a patient man, and luckily he has been raised with sisters, as sometimes, he is out numbered! He says that we are all very loud, and tend to scream. When it comes time for everyone to get ready for a special event — forget it. If it's a fancy event, the curling irons and makeup are everywhere.

I am very close to my daughters and we do a lot of things together. I am very happy to have daughters and lucky.

—Marybeth Pappas

Boys love to eat

I am the mother of three boys, ages 22, 19 and 16. The only other girl in this house is a golden retriever. My oldest son, Brian, is a student at Western Michigan University; Kyle attends Oakland Community College; and Daniel is a junior at Harris on High School in Farmington Hills. We also

Please see ALL GOOD, B6

Amy Slitti of Livonia says she was a tomboy growing up. She loves being mom to three



Emily Tabor of Canton, the mother of three girls, treasures the home-made cards she'll receive on Mother's Day.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Amy Slitti and Emily Tabor are mirror images of each other. In some ways, their households are, too.

Slitti and Tabor are twin sisters, age 36, who grew up in Farmington. Both are married — Slitti to John and Tabor to Brett — and each has three children, ages 5, 7 and 9. Their kids' school art projects paper the kitchen walls in Slitti's Livonia home and line a hallway at Tabor's house in Canton.

On Sunday, May 13, both sisters will open and cherish handmade cards from their sons and daughters, before heading to the annual Mother's Day celebration with extended family. And that's just about where the mirror image ends.

"It's very different," Slitti said, adding that at her sister's home, her nieces "are always dancing and singing."

"Come to my house and it's all just noises — OOOH, AAARGH, YAAAH. They are yelling and jumping," she said, describing her three boys in action.

Slitti is the mother of all boys and Tabor has all girls. Neither would have it any other way.

"I wouldn't wish Barbie shoes and little Barbie combs on anyone," Slitti said.

"Well, YOU have those little wrestler people - what are they called?" countered Tabor, referring to her nephews' collection of action figures.

Meet the kids

Vincent, 9, is Slitti's "very responsible" oldest boy with an inclination to "make the rules" and who "always tries to do the right thing." Benjamin, 7, is quiet and introspective but has a sharp wit. Gabriel, 5, is the "quiet, little enforcer."

Tabor's oldest daughter, Charlotte, 9, is "very responsible," with a dramatic personality. Victoria, 7, is "sensitive" and empathetic with others. Elizabeth — Ellie — is outspoken, "rough and tumble," with the memory of an elephant.

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Twin moms

Sisters see differences in raising girls, boys



Amy Slitti of Livonia with sons Ben, Gabriel and Vincent Slitti, along and her sister, Emily Tabor of Canton, with daughters Elizabeth, Charlotte and Victoria Tabor.

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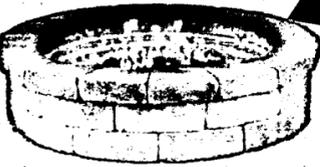
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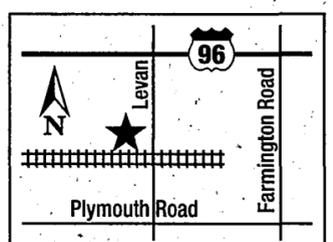
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The kids play the Wii game "Just Dance." From left, Victoria Tabor, 7, Charlotte Tabor, 9, Vincent Slitti, 9, Ben Slitti, 7, Elizabeth Tabor, 5, and in the foreground, Gabriel Slitti, 5.

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The cousins have played together at each other's homes for years.

"We had our own little play group," Tabor noted. "We didn't have a lot of stay-at-home moms in my neighborhood, so in that respect it was a blessing," Slitti added. "Vincent was shy when he was little, but he always had a buddy (Charlotte) to play with."

When their oldest children were in diapers, the two sisters got together nearly every day.

"The adult interaction was so important and I didn't even have to get dressed. I could show up in my pajamas and she'd have coffee ready," Tabor recalled.

Learning from Mom

The pair often shared child-rearing advice and stories about their kids. They learned patience from their own mother, who raised four daughters and a son. Tabor and Slitti say she was generous with hugs, allowed them to help in the kitchen and spent quality time with them. Both say they are more strict with their children than their mom was with them.

"They are still allowed to

ADVICE TO NEW MOMS

Emily Tabor: "It's okay to cry, because you'll be so tired. Just enjoy all the moments. It all goes so fast, you need to appreciate the moments. And children are smart, just because they are little, don't think they don't understand you."

Amy Slitti: "Parenthood is like navigating a road trip without GPS. The adventure lies in the journey. When your child is at their worst, they need to be loved the most. So give your child unconditional love...a safe place to fail, and your undivided attention. Even if you're not interested in their favorite toy or latest drama, fake it. Ultimately they are going to be the ones to choose your nursing home."

make messes in the kitchen, but I'm more strict about them picking it up," Slitti explained.

"If I raised my kids the way I was raised, they'd walk all over me," Tabor added. "My husband does construction and works long hours, so I'm the primary disciplinarian in the house."

That's one of the reasons she's glad she has all girls. She said they are easier to parent.

Boys vs. girls

Slitti, who was a tomboy as a child, said she's blessed to have boys.

"I don't know how to braid hair. I never was into Barbies. And you know, I don't like scrubbing stains. I don't like scrubbing clothes, I just throw them in the wash," Slitti said.

"Boys are drama, but in a completely different way.

They come home and will tell you everything that happened about so and so today, but it's never like the crying drama (with girls)."

Tabor said crying isn't an issue in her home, but arguing over "what to wear in the morning" sometimes is.

Slitti suspects teenage years are tougher on moms with boys because they are less likely to talk about their problems than girls do.

Tabor, who prohibits the Disney Channel at home ("too much attitude in those shows") sees a growing interest in make-up, teen music and a tendency to "want to exert independence" in her older daughter.

How will she cope with girls as teens?

"I'm moving out," she quipped. "And it may happen as early as next year."

ALL GOOD

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have a young man, Yuuki (also 22), who lives with us when he's not away at school. In comparison with moms with all girls, I suspect that my grocery bills are higher (a lot higher ... all the boys, except Yuuki, are over 6 feet tall, (though he can hold his own at the dinner table) and I have to believe I've spent a lot more time in the emergency room (the usual broken bones and stitches, and even one visit to remove a Sacagawea coin from my youngest son's esophagus).

I love my boys and wouldn't change a thing (okay, well maybe fewer trips to the ER).

— Beverly Church

She loves her boys

My name is Becky Bur and I am a mom to four sons: Matthew, 20, David, 19, Jacob, 17, and Nathan, 15. We moved to Farmington Hills in 2003. My two oldest sons graduated from NFHS and attend Michigan State. Jacob will graduate this year from NFHS and is still deciding between, UM, OSU, or Notre Dame. Nathan is a sophomore at NFHS.

My husband, Andy, and I have been married 25 years

I have loved being a mom to all boys!!! God has truly blessed me!!

— Becky Bur

Laughing, crying

I was a full time professional for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to two little girls — Gillian, 4 1/2 and Megan, 3. We live in Canton and I can honestly say that being a mom is just about the best thing on this earth. Though challenging (some days I want to cry) and tiring, most days I wind up laughing hysterically at their antics.

Being a mom to two girls is amazing. We can share secrets and paint toe nails. We play dress up and have tea parties. Our house is awash in pink and purple, babies and Barbies — but also matchbox cars, tools and soccer balls.

— Colleen Robertson

No regrets

My husband Don and I have lived in Farmington Hills for 19 years. I am the mother of 3 boys; Steve, 37, Dan, 34, and Jeff, 31.

I can honestly say that I have never regretted not having daughters. When Steve was younger, he often played baseball on three leagues at one time, and I enjoyed cheering him on. When Dan was only 7, I took him to police auctions, bought bikes, and watched him take them apart and create new bikes. When Jeff was little, I enjoyed being a Cub Scout leader. Jeff

also played soccer, and I was there in the rain and cold.

Today I am blessed with twin granddaughters, age 5 1/2. Now my girly side can come out. We do our nails, do our hair and we like to dress up. Oh, and we also play baseball, climb to the top of their playhouse together and pound nails. Life is good!

— Mary Ann Wade

My husband and I have four daughters: Elisabeth 24, Rebecca 20, Sarah 19, and Karoline 13. When the girls were little, there was no such thing as "family restrooms" so outings meant never ending trips to the ladies' room for me. As they got older, back to school shopping was an endurance event and I frequently felt like a housemother of a sorority. As they entered the college years, Christmas stocking stuffers went from LifeSavers Sweet Storybooks to pepper spray canisters, nylons, and rolls of quarters for the dorm laundry.

Although raising all girls had its challenges, I have loved every minute of it.

Now, they are beautiful young women making their way in the world, yet I always remember the old saying, "A son is a son, until he takes a wife, but a daughter is a daughter, for the rest of your life."

— Kimberly Mabie of Canton

Single with boys

I've always heard that there is a special place in Heaven for the mother of three boys!

My three sons, Kyle Posluszy, 27, Eliot Zain, 19 and Dylan Zain, 12, give me reason to continuing plugging away during these tough times. Born with severe medical problems that have given him challenges his entire life, Kyle and his health seem to be a primary focus in our home. Since his last hospitalization in 2009, which lasted on an in-and-out basis for 2 1/2 years, the bond that formed with Eliot and Dylan is something words cannot describe.

Age difference amongst the boys is, at times, funny. Kyle will often take Dylan to the movies, shopping or to "just hang" and people have often thought that Dylan was his son!

Being a single mother who recently chose to leave the work-force to pursue a life-long dream to focus on my non-profit organization, Tail Waggers 1990, I can honestly say that my three boys are the driving force behind me wanting to succeed. With the challenges that Kyle faces and our frequent visits to Mott Children's Hospital, it was an easy decision to leave "9-5" behind. Not only can I continue to monitor Kyle's health and attend appointments, I also became a more focused, less frazzled mother helping Eliot with college applications and making sure Dylan succeeds at St. Michael where he is in 6th grade.

— Laura Zain of Livonia

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Milestones

60th wedding anniversary

Donald Lowell and Dorothy (Jarrell) Shifferd will mark their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 19. The couple were married in 1952, after Donald completed Army basic training, at the Chapel in the Garden, in Angola, Ind.

They met two years earlier in Ypsilanti. Donald worked at McLellan Dollar Store and Dorothy worked next door at the soda fountain in Food & Drug Market. Dorothy often waited on Donald when he ordered a pecan roll and cup of coffee at the soda fountain.

Donald, 81, was drafted into the United States Army in February 1952 and stationed in England for 13 months before being honorably discharged in January 1954. He worked for Ford Motor Company, at plants in Ypsilanti and Plymouth, until retirement in 1984.

Dorothy, 78, a native of Prestonsburg, Ky., worked at Daly's Restaurant in Westland after leaving Food & Drug Market. She also worked at Town & Country Pharmacy / Richardson's Pharmacy for 17 years.

The couple live in Wayne and are former residents of Garden City and Ypsilanti.

They have four sons: Daniel and Diane (Wisner) of Howell, Patrick and Kathy (Toth) of Canton, Ronald and Amber (Dugger) of Hamburg and Jeffrey and Karen (Ciesinski) of Dearborn Heights. They also have 10



Dorothy and Donald Shifferd of Wayne, formerly of Garden City.

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Donald enjoys watching the Detroit Red Wings hockey games, watching the Detroit Tigers baseball games, and gardening.

Dorothy also enjoys the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. She watches Detroit Pistons basketball, likes to garden, read and put puzzles together.

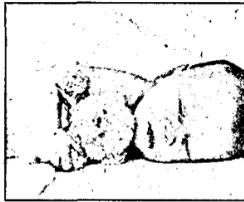
They both enjoy spending time with family and feeding backyard birds.

Dorothy said that



Donald and Dorothy Shifferd on their wedding day

"patience," "thick skin" and the ability to forgive and forget have helped to make their marriage last. They plan to celebrate their milestone anniversary at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.



Aaron Christopher Reinke

Aaron Christopher Reinke was born April 9, 2012, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

His proud parents are Chris and Dana Reinke of West Bloomfield.

Grandparents are Dave and Karen Crowe of Livonia, and Karen Reinke of Huntington Woods.

Dalziel-Poulos

Alexandria Dalziel and Gregory Poulos are engaged to be married in June 2012.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Michelle Sica of Grosse Pointe and Randy and Laurie Dalziel of Livonia. She attended Milford High School and Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, son of William and Karen Poulos of Northville, attended Northville High School and Western Michigan University. He is the founder of Profits Run, Inc. a financial education company.



The wedding will be held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.



Declan John O'Neil

Declan John O'Neil was born April 14, 2012, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

He joins his parents, Casey and Meg O'Neil, and his sibling, Delaney, 2, at home in Livonia.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Debbie O'Neil and Joe and Mary Pat Mysliwicz, all of Livonia.

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TREATMENT OF GOUT

The treatment of gout appears easy. Textbooks and web articles on the topic will say that preventing gout requires taking colchicine, now called ColCrys, for an attack and thereafter using allopurinol or Uloric daily. The reality is far different.

In a tradition that had lasted a thousand years, for an acute attack a physician prescribed colchicine at one tablet an hour until the attack cleared, the patient took 12 pills or diarrhea ensued. Only in the last 3 years, with the use of the newer formulation ColCrys, have physicians found that patients with acute attacks of gout need only take 3 colchicine tablets: two tablets at once, and if needed, one tablet an hour later. The patient takes no more colchicine tablets thereafter.

However, ColCrys only puts a brake on an acute attack of gout. The real goal of therapy is to lower the level of uric acid, the constituent that causes gout, to a sufficiently low level to prevent even the threat of a gouty attack.

The medicine, allopurinol, can do just that. But it takes time, and often several adjustments in the allopurinol dose before a physician finds the dose that will bring the serum uric acid to a safe level and keep it that way. Furthermore, while patient and doctor are working out the proper dosage, flares of gout may occur, disrupting the journey to a proper dose, and causing the patient yet another episode of pain and incapacity.

In time, physician and patient arrive at the allopurinol dose appropriate for the patient's gout, but the process is hardly ever simple and always needs surveillance.

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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The safest way to load your dishwasher

By Joe Gagnon
Guest columnist

An e-mail from my Canadian friend and writer Diane Armstrong prompted me to write again about the dishwasher and my concerns on the subject of bacteria. I also had the pleasure of being a speaker in front of the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance — and that could lead to a doctor telling you how to load your dishwasher. In any case, this now is a subject of world-wide interest and I will keep you posted as to what the scientists discover.

Diane writes: "I have been meaning to write to ask you if you have a copy of a column you wrote long ago about 'cleaning' the dishes before you put them in the dishwasher. It followed a TV ad that showed an entire cake being put in the machine. My daughter-in-law



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

has been complaining that her brand new dishwasher just doesn't clean all the dishes. When I asked if she scraped all the dishes and/or rinsed them lightly under the tap first, she said, 'Oh the book said I don't have to. There's a garberator in my new appliance.'

Just how effective are these garberators? Frankly, I think she should use the garbage can and not rely on a garberator (garbage disposer) in her dishwasher."

Reply: Yes Diane, I did write a column shortly after those ads appeared on television and that ad was pulled shortly after. I can't find it but it

is somewhere in this computer of mine. This "thing" is not like a washing machine where I once pulled my friend Steve's silk undershorts out of his pump. My organizational skills don't allow me to hit a button and pull up specific column. I'm sorry. That advertisement with the supposed garberator was meant to entice more sales for that brand of product. I protested that it implied that someone might throw a turkey carcass into the dishwasher and it would not matter how much food could be left on a dinner plate.

The appliance service industry loved that ad because now they were being called to homes to repair this cheap little metal cutter blade located on top of the motor assembly. Most service technicians were advising consumers to remove this blade or fur-

ther problems would continue to cause expensive repairs. Enough said about how much the manufacturers care about dependability.

In a recent interview with Gregg Stebben, an editor of menshealth.com, he talked about the proper way to load a dishwasher. There is no doubt that bacteria will grow inside the dishwasher. It will work its way into the rubber door seals and the scientific world is doing a lot of work to determine what sickness is produced in a dishwasher. Gregg points out that dishes should be clean going into the dishwasher and if you are not going to operate it immediately, you should rinse them in a sink full of water with a shot glass of bleach mixed into that water. As for cleaning the inside of the dishwasher I have preached the Tang treatment for the past 30 years

but I now have people telling me that Tang is hard to find. Recently I have been telling homeowners to try a new product called Lemi Shine. I know it works. I have tried it. It's available at some of our major grocery chains.

Note — I have been writing this column for a very long time and many of the things I predicted 25 years ago have come true. I now predict that it will be proven in the years ahead that certain illness and disease come from certain products in the home. I know it now and I'm not even close to being what you might call intelligent. Wait until you find out what is inside of a hot water tank! Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

REUNIONS

CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo.com.

com. Invitations will be sent soon.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASS OF 1962

50th reunion, Friday, June 1. For more information e-mail mackenzie1962@gmail.com or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-8595.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is

\$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at

S_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on Facebook.

Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@Marilyn-JSnyder.com, or call (586)

215-9445.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

STERLING HEIGHTS

HENRY FORD II

CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights. The cost is \$45 per person. For tickets, contact Dana Anthony Sullivan at (586) 246-4679 or henryford30th@yahoo.com.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

ALL CLASSES

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Reunion Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or www.waynehighalumni@aol.com

CLASS OF 1957

Looking for classmates for the 55th class reunion to be held May 19. For more information, contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or pollygirl219@aol.com. Or call Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

CLASS OF 1962

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

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ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Special service celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven; followed by ice cream social

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

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

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20

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

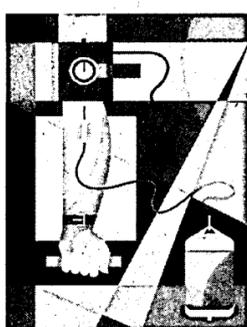
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Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26

Location: Canton Christian



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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: 7 p.m. Friday, May 18

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren Road and Joy, Westland

Details: The Michigan Concert Choir performs a spring concert, "A Garden of Sound." The group consists of members from different faiths across the Metro area who enjoy singing. Admission is free and registration is not required

Contact: westlandMpubli-caffairs@gmail.com

CPR/AED

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Participants in the American Heart Association CPR/AED class will receive a two-year American Heart completion course card.

Class fee is \$25
Contact: RSVP to (734) 464-0990 by May 17

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

DRIVER SAFETY

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield

Details: AARP Driver Safety has helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads. This course could entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance premiums. Although the course is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages

Contact: (248)-569-2972 or (888) 227-7669 to register.

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@ncjwgd.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

Details: Radio host Bob Dutko of WEMU, 103.5 FM's "The Bob Dutko Show" is the guest speaker. Dutko also hosts a nationally syndicated talk show called "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko." No admission charge, although freewill donations will be accepted

Contact: (734) 414-7422

LADIES NIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17

Details: Donna Jones, wife of Catholic deacon Alex Jones, will be the evening's keynote speaker, sharing the story of her two-year journey into Catholicism, along with 14 family members and another 54 members of their evangelical Detroit congregation. Her story explains this momentous, life- and career-changing spiritual decision and what it took to convince herself and her husband that it was God's will for both of them. Tickets are \$28 per person and includes a full dinner served family style. A cash bar is available. Reservations are required either as an individual or by tables of 10

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. May 13

Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Celebration will include inspiring worship from Kenwood's Praise Band, a special recognition for mothers and special guests, special music, words to moms about overcoming personal difficulty by Liz Kearns, a drama, and a message of gratitude and praise for mothers. Kearns, a "healthy lifestyle coach," and founder of Awaken Mindfulness, supports professional women in finally letting go of the overload that diminishes their energy, health and spirit. She teaches her clients to awaken to their own mindfulness in the moment so that they can overcome obstacles and move forward in their lives

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HARGRAVE, DAVID

Age 66, of Canton, passed away suddenly on May 7, 2012. Loving husband of 42 years to Jerry (Lampton). Dear nephew of Janet Lankford and Richard (Sally) Drews. Also survived by his mother-in-law Dorothy Lampton and by sister-in-law Angela Brey and family. David retired from Ford Motor Company serving as a draftsman. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 3:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00pm until time of service. David was truly a gifted artist and many of his paintings will be on display on Thursday for everyone to see. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



MABREY, BILLY

Age 55, May 10, 2012. Loving brother to Deborah (George) Janda and Pamela Murray. Brother-in-law to Deborah (Joseph) Mikelonis, Randall (Teri) Siegel, Mark (Michelle) Siegel, Gregory Siegel, Sheila (Kevin) Worthington, and Amanda (Andy) McDonald. Uncle to Eric Janda, Mitchell Murray, Gabrielle Murray, Rachael Murray, Marshall Murray, Teresa (Wally) Tumblin, Jennifer Albertson, Leslie Siegel, Amy Siegel, Amber Siegel, Ashley Worthington, Brendan McDonald, Brianna McDonald and Donia McDonald. Great-uncle to Alma Albertson. Memorial greeting on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at S. K. Schultz Funeral Home, 43300 Garfield (N. of 19 Mile), Clinton Township. Share your memories at: www.SchultzFuneralHome.com

COKER, PAUL

Age 86, May 10, 2012, of Westland. Beloved husband of Nancy. Funeral Mon., 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Visitation Sun., 1-9pm.

COONCE, C. CARSON

May 3, 2012, age 76 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Sandra. Beloved father of C. Kevin (Lek), Tammy (Mel) Meck, Dan (Lorelei), Sam and Ben (Jessica). Dear brother of Louetta Coonce. Proud grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of six. Memorial Service Sat. May 12 at 3 PM at Plymouth Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (at Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 25 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn New York 11201. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



MOORE, NORMA STEVENS

Of Birmingham passed away on May 6, 2012 at the age of 90. She was the devoted wife of 60 years of the late Edward D. Moore, who was a distinguished member of the Jolly Rogers air unit in the Pacific theater during World War II, and a career employee of the R.L. Polk Company. She was the loving mother of Randy Moore and Scott (Joan) Moore, and proud grandmother of Paige Moore. Scott is a former mayor of Birmingham and a current member of the Birmingham City Commission. She was pre-deceased by her sisters, Henrietta Skauge and Ann Doss. Born in Detroit, Norma graduated from Southwestern High School in Detroit and attended Wayne State University, where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and trained as a nurse's aide. Norma retired from an administrative career with the Birmingham Public Schools. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham for sixty years, was a strong advocate for and one of the founding Board members of Baldwin House, and was an active supporter of the formation of Oakland Community College. Norma was a member of the Senior Women's Club in Birmingham, Twin Beach Golf Club, a participant in many classes at the Village Women's Club, and a volunteer at the Fisher Theater for many years. An avid golfer and gardener, Norma loved to read, play bridge, volunteer in church and community service, and entertain. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial tributes to the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EVANS, MARGUERITE O.

May 3, 2012, 2012, age 102. Beloved wife of the late Leslie R. Evans. Dear mother of Susan (Steven Lyons) Evans. Aunt of David (Diane) Melow, Karl (Sandy) Melow, Michael (Paula) Britcher, Keith (Eileen) Evans and Marlene Britcher. Also leaves numerous great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Services were held on Monday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



EVERSON, ELIZABETH "BETTY"

Age 86, May 5, 2012 of Birmingham. Born October 27, 1925 in Stoughton, Wisconsin, she was the daughter of H. Grassie and Agnes Terry. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Wife of her beloved late husband William "Bill" Everson for 58 years. Loving homemaker and mother, she is survived by her children Christopher Everson and Margaret Everson Thele. Predeceased by her brother, Henry Terry. She was a caring, compassionate mother, neighbor and friend. A memorial tribute will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 11:30am, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Maple Road in Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Donations in her honor may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan at NAMI Michigan, 921 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. View obituary and share memories at www.lyncfuneraldirectors.com

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterfly Association

Naturalist Carol Clements will lead a plant identification hike at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Wear hiking shoes, appropriate clothing and bring bug spray. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com



See hundreds of peonies in bloom next month at Nichols Arboretum at U-M Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Hosta sale

Metro Detroit Hosta Society presents its spring plant sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Vendors will offer hosta and companion plants for sale. For information: Hgold2843@comcast.net

Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies

arranged by season and color and boasts the largest collection of antique and heirloom peonies in North America. Because of winter's warm finale last month, the peony garden is expected to bloom a few weeks earlier this year. The Peony Festival runs May 15-June 5 at 1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor and will include self-guided tours, peony-inspired art and a cut-flower display. For more information, check the The Peony Garden at Nichols Arboretum Facebook page or call (734) 647-7600.

Curves marks National Women's Health Week with membership giveaway

Curves women's gyms will give a free 30-day membership to any non-member who visits a club during regular operating hours throughout National Women's Health Week, May 13-19.

This annual awareness week, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health (OWH), begins each year on Mother's Day and brings together communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other groups in an effort to promote women's health.

Curves gyms in the Detroit area will hold week-long open house events during National Women's Health Week to encourage women to check out their local club, pick up free health information from Curves and the OWH, ask questions,

get a free fitness assessment and take advantage of the "one million free 30-day memberships" offer. Visitors also may sign up to attend a special program on National Curves Day, Thursday, May 17, that will feature messages from health experts and fun activities designed to raise awareness of small, practical steps women can take to get healthy.

The theme for the 13th annual National Women's Health Week is "It's Your Time." National Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority and encourages them to take the following steps to improve their physical and mental health and lower their risks of certain diseases:

- Visit a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preven-

tive screenings.

- Get active.
- Eat healthy.
- Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

For more information about Curves women's gyms, National Women's Health Week events and National Curves Day, contact one of the following Curves locations:

- Curves of Westland located at 8323 N. Wayne Road; (734) 458-5004 or 9B38E4ML@curvesmail.com
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For more information about Curves, visit www.curves.com.



VINCENTI, PHILIP MARIO

May 11, 2012 Age 59. Husband of the late Mary Beth (nee Williams). Cherished father of Lauren Smith (Robert), Philip (Susan) and Alexandra. Loving papa of Sophia, Jake, Bobby and Carolina. Dear brother of John (Josephine) and Walter. Son of the late Luigi and Fedora Vincenti. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday (today) 2:00-7:00pm. Rosary 3:00pm. Funeral Mass Monday 10:00am at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins at 9:00am. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

VISNYAK, PATRICIA A. Age 65, of Plymouth, passed 5/7/12. Visitation Fri., 5/11/2012, 5-8pm. Funeral Sat. 5/12/2012 at 11am, Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

WENDELL, BAMBI

Passed away unexpectedly on April 29th. She is survived by her son, Anthony Castelluzzo and her sister, Rachel Goldner. A service was held at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church on May 5th.

Join a walk or run to support a health cause

Time to lace up your athletic shoes and join an area walk or run for local health organizations:

The Tri County Celiac Support Group, based in Farmington Hills, holds its 11th annual 5K run/walk and silent auction, "Making Tracks for Celiacs" Sunday, May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. The run is at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$30; \$5 for children under 10. Gluten-free refreshments will be served after the event. No dogs allowed on site.

Silent auction items are valued at \$50 or more. Bidders must be present to win. Cash or check accepted.

Awards will be given to top runners in several age categories.

Funds raised are used to increase awareness and support research as well as national and local celiac projects. Celiac disease is a genetic disorder. Individuals with celiac disease are unable to eat foods that contain gluten, which is found in wheat, barley and rye, because the gluten sets off an autoimmune reaction that causes the destruction of the villi in the small intestine. Untreated celiac disease can be life threatening.

For more information about Making Tracks for Celiacs, e-mail to julie.ladwig@yahoo.com or visit www.tccsg.com.

Walk4Hearing

The sixth annual walk will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at the West Boat Dock Money in Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. The 5K walk will raise money to support the programs of the Hearing Loss Association of America, including the Michigan affiliates. These programs support, educate, inform, and advocate for people with hearing loss, and all who care about them. Register online at Walk4Hearing.org or on the day of the event. There will be refreshments, face painting, information about hearing loss, entertainment, and fun for all ages. For more information, go to the Milford link of the Walk4Hearing.org website or contact Barb at bquart@hearingloss-mi.org, Janet at Jhaines@hearingloss-mi.org or Audrey at



Supporters and members of the Farmington Hills-based Tri County Celiac Support Group last year walk at the Edsel Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe.

audreypleasant@gmail.com or call (313) 562-5937.

Michigan Parkinson Foundation

The organization's annual run gets under way at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 20, for registration and a short program. The run begins at 11 a.m. at Northville High School, located on Six Mile between Sheldon and Beck. There will be lots of family fun activities including a moonwalk, a pep band, face painting, food, fire trucks, and complimentary massages will be provided by Schoolcraft College students.

To register for the walk or to make a donation to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, visit www.parkinsons-mi.org, call MPF at (248) 433-1011, or mail to MPF, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Prostate cancer

The best defense against prostate cancer is early detection, which is why the MIU Men's Health Foundation presents the Fourth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon at 8 a.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 at the Detroit Zoo.

The mission of Run for the Ribbon is to increase awareness about prostate cancer and educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention and treatment. The race attracts more than 1,500 runners/walkers each year.

Cost for early registration, by May 25, is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Registrations made from May 26 to June 12 are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at MIURunForTheRibbon.org is available until June 12. After June 12, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirts and blue ribbons will be available to those who want to participate in honor of an individual with prostate cancer. Medals will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Those with prostate cancer will be given a commemorative hat to be honored and supported throughout the race for their courage. Proceeds from both events will benefit prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

May

ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION

Arbor Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association offers a free informational series about late-stage Alzheimer's Disease, designed for professionals and family caregivers on Tuesdays this month at the Alzheimer's Association, 310 N. Main, Suite 100, Chelsea. Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Upcoming topics are medical issues, medications and decision-making on May 15, legal and financial issues on May 22 and complementary therapies and end-of-life care on May 29. For more information or to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (734) 475-7043.

PREVENTING SKIN CANCER

Botsford Hospital's next Walk with a Doc, a free wellness event, will feature Dr. Savitha Balaraman, a Botsford oncologist, talking about skin cancer prevention and treatment. The event starts at noon, Thursday, May 17 at Heritage Park Nature Center, Farmington Hills. Participants will learn about skin cancers signs and symptoms, risk factors, prevention and treatment. Register by calling (877) 477-Doc1 and select option 1.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:

- Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 in the rehabilitation unit dining room at the hospital. Open to those who have had a stroke or aneurysm, their families and friends. (734) 458-4392
- Look Good ... Feel Better provides information and cosmetic advice to the woman battling cancer. The class, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care, and suggestions for using wigs, turbans, and

scarves. It also includes tips on nail care while undergoing treatment. Cosmetics are provided for a personal make-over. This program is free of charge and facilitated by cosmetologists—all certified professionals, and held at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classroom #3. RSVP at (734) 458-4330.

• Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 15, 22, 29; 6:15 p.m. May 16, 23, 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 17, 24, 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

ST. MARY MERCY

• Center for Joint Replacement at the hospital offers an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Wednesday, June 27. Dr. David Mendelson will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Participants will learn about choosing a personal coach to assist through the process and what to expect after surgery. To register, call (734) 655-2345.

• Prenatal Breastfeeding Class runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. It will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. A registered nurse will demonstrate techniques and cover such topics as breastfeeding and working, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with books and supplies. Class is open to any expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy. \$25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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10 Questions you should ask in an interview

When preparing for an interview, most applicants concentrate on formulating well-crafted answers to potential questions from their interviewers. However, not many realize it is just as important to prepare a few good questions they themselves should ask during the interview.

"When interviewing job applicants, I often learn as much from the questions they ask as from the responses they give," John Langland, president of Langland & Langland Consulting, says. "What potential employees inquire about reveals what they deem important -- as opposed to merely answering my questions with information they think I will find important."

What can asking questions in an interview do for you?

- Show your interest in the position and the company
- Give you an active role in the interview
- Offer explanations about the position and the company, which helps you decide if you want to work for that organization
- Showcase the depth of your knowledge and help you guide the discussion into a particular area of expertise

Langland suggests preparing at least three questions in advance and taking notes during the interview to record the responses. "A few insightful, knowledgeable questions can speak volumes about you and distinguish you from other job candidates," he says. "However, as important as asking questions is asking bad questions, such as, 'How many vacation days does the company offer?' is worse."

Langland advises asking these 10 questions during your next interview:

1. What are the top three tasks you want the candidate to perform after being hired?

This gives you a concrete idea of the projects you will be working on if



hired. Often job ads list general qualities and capabilities the position requires, but the answer to this question will lay out the actual specifics of the job.

2. Why did you choose this company?

The answer will help you determine the organization's strengths and weaknesses with this insider's perspective.

3. How do you see me benefiting the company?

This tells you exactly what they're looking for in a candidate and where they see your strengths.

4. Is there room for growth and advancement?

This points to your drive and initiative and underscores your intent to secure a career, not just a job.

5. Are there opportunities for professional training or further education?

This shows a willingness to learn and adapt as changes in the position or

industry occur. Adaptability is very important in today's fickle employment market and may make you very valuable to the company should a reorganization occur.

6. How will I be evaluated and by whom?

This provides insight into the company's corporate culture and the department structure in which you will be working.

7. What is the general culture of the company?

This can tell you if you will fit into the organization. If they're strictly a "suit and tie" operation and you're all about comfort clothes, you may want to rethink the position.

8. Are there other job responsibilities not mentioned in the ad?

This reveals exactly what the ad meant when it said: "...and other duties as assigned." Will you be helping other departments in a pinch? Making coffee? These are things you should know before going any further in the candidate selection process.

9. When will you be making a decision on the successful candidate?

Knowing this helps you gauge when to follow up on the interview.

10. May I call you if other questions arise?

This keeps the door open for further communication.

The interview is an artful conversation designed to help both parties learn more about each other in an effort to decide if the candidate and the position are a good match. Use it as an opportunity to spotlight your accomplishments and determine if the job is right for you.

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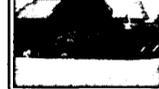
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