



Veterans Parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council is looking for organizations interested in participating in the annual Veterans Parade, planned for Sunday, May 27.

The parade, which honors veterans and those who have died in service to their country, will start at 1 p.m. at Town 'N Country Bowling Alley at Wayne Road and Avondale and proceed south in Wayne Road to the Peace Memorial in Wayne. World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor Nate Weiser of Wayne will be the grand marshal.

People interested in participating in the parade can reserve a spot through Thursday, May 24, by calling parade coordinator Heather Robertson-Mitchell at (313) 576-7268.

Unopposed

Sandra Cicirelli will serve another six years as Westland 18th District Court judge.

A former Westland mayor and councilwoman, Cicirelli has served as judge since 2006. She is unopposed in running for her second term.

"I'm happy to be unopposed. I hadn't heard of anyone running against me," said Cicirelli. "I've worked hard here for the people. I think I'm a fair judge. I'm very thankful and very proud of the court."

Guest speaker

Madonna University Library will host Westland native and Madonna University alumnus Joseph Kelley at 6 p.m. Tuesday May 22.

Kelley will speak about *Pete the Popcorn*, a children's book that he co-authored along with Nick Rockiki. It is authors' hope that this book will reach kids early with the anti-bullying message and help bring bullying to a stop and that kids remember P.E.T.E. — Pursuing Excellence Through Encouragement.

The event is free and open to the public. Madonna University is at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

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Council takes second look at court, golf course budgets

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

It will be round two in the debate over the 18th District Court as the Westland City Council holds a budget study session 6 p.m. Thursday.

At an earlier budget meeting, council members asked the court to reduce their proposed 2012-13 budget from \$3.275 mil-

lion to somewhere in the \$2.8-\$3 million range.

"A budget under \$3 million is not a realistic number, we're looking to cut where we can," said Judge Sandra Cicirelli. "We presented a balanced budget. We are already down to bare bones. There is no way we can cut \$300,000 to \$500,000 and operate a court."

While council members con-

curred, the main push regarding the court budget came from Council President James Godbout and Mayor William Wild. In particular, they questioned spending levels vs. projected revenues.

"I was surprised by what the mayor said about the court raising revenues to hire police officers," said Cicirelli. "It was an inappropriate comment to make.

That's certainly not our job. It's to administer justice."

Along with the court budget, the council will also take another look the proposed budget for the municipal golf course. The public hearing on the budget has already been held and adoption is scheduled for the June 4 council meeting.

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Head Coach Jill Wehrheim said her Stars would describe her as "the mean one." "I don't let them slip, I don't let them get away with a thing."



Job promotion leaves Stars saying goodbye to coach

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Jill Wehrheim isn't superstitious. In fact, she's thinks 13 is her lucky number. That's how many years she's been affiliated with the Westland Stars cheer and dance team.

But 13 isn't so lucky for Toni Lay who will be losing Wehrheim as her head coach at the end of this season. She has known

Wehrheim since she signed up for the program as a fifth-grader. She has watched her excel and win medals at local competitions and in the Junior Olympics. She's also watched as she shared he skills with other Stars.

The 23-year-old Wehrheim is working full-time as a freight manager for Dollar Tree and now must travel, so after 13 years, she'll say goodbye to the team next month.

"I'm thrilled for her, but it'll be hard after that long," said Lay. "She started as one of my girls and now she's one of my best coaches. I couldn't be more proud of her. She's accomplished more than anyone I've seen in 32 years of doing this."

For Wehrheim, being head coach is a natural progression. She joined the team when

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Parents of dead infant competent to stand trial

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The parents of a Westland infant, who died due to abuse in December, have been found competent to face criminal charges in their son's death.

Antonio Brandon, 22, of Inkster is charged with first-degree murder and child abuse. Nicole Roberts, 18, of Westland is charged with involuntary manslaughter and child abuse.

Their two-month old son, Kayden, died Dec. 5 of asphyxia and blunt force trauma. He was unresponsive when paramedics arrived at the Westland Meadows mobile park, where the family was living.

Jailed in lieu of \$1 million bond, Brandon and Roberts are now scheduled for a preliminary examination before 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell. It will be a joint hearing and expected to take some time with the preliminary examination set to begin at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and continue at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 21.

The couple told police that Brandon would place his hand over Kayden's mouth and nose until he stopped breathing to stop the baby from crying. He would bite the baby's shoulder to startle him into breathing again.

The baby had broken ribs, a bruise on his face and a bite mark on his shoulder. Roberts is accused of being aware of the abuse and allowing it to continue.

Kayden's twin brother Cameron was removed from the home and found to have suffered injuries including a broken femur.



Roberts



Brandon

Free expo Tuesday at Schoolcraft College

The ninth annual Senior Spring Expo featuring nearly 20 workshops and demonstrations along with more than 50 exhibits opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia.

The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Imagine Theatre and a Buddy's

cheese pizza voucher. In addition, prizes, gas cards and gift cards (to area merchants including Meijer, Kohl's and Target) will be awarded every hour.

The five-hour event is chock full of information and offers senior adults and their families a chance to speak one-on-one with experts in retirement planning, insurance, health and fitness.

The event is presented by the Observer & Eccentric Newspa-

pers and Hometown Weeklies in partnership with Schoolcraft College. And best of all it's free — admission, parking, morning coffee and doughnuts (by O&E and Schoolcraft) and orange juice and cinnamon melts (courtesy of McDonald's restaurants on Haggerty Road in Novi and Northville Township), workshops, presentations and more.

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she was in elementary school. She had danced at a studio that didn't do competition. A few of her friends were on the Stars and told her about the team. She decided to come and see what it was all about "and a few years later here I am."

Her best memory is when the team went to Knoxville, Tenn., in 2002 for the Junior Olympics. "You would have thought we were celebrities," she said. "People wanted to take pictures. It was our 15 minutes of fame and I was only 13 years old."

The trip also was memorable for another reason. Toni Lay's van broke down and Wehrheim's mother packed 11 girls, their gear and Lay in her Safari van to finish the trip.

"There were girls all over," Wehrheim said. "Her mom was always there," added Lay. "She wasn't about to let a trip of a lifetime go by the wayside."

Wehrheim came away from that competition with two bronze and two silver medals with the team and another two silvers for solo performances.

And she had similar success when it came to Detroit for the first time.

"I did seven routines and medaled in every one," said Wehrheim. "I had to have my mom carry some of the medals for me."

Wehrheim stayed with the Stars until the end of eighth grade and then left for Livonia Franklin High School where she tried out for pom and made the team. But she hurt her spine and ended up in a back brace and physical therapy.

"It was very upsetting," she said. "Out of all the freshmen who tried out, only three made it. I was



Westland Stars Lanyah Patwin, Channel Cuff and Vanesa Knight watch as Coach Jill Wehrheim shows them a new step.



Megan Stiltner and Mackenzie Lawson work on the routine.

one of them and I had to quit because I hurt my back a few weeks later."

Wehrheim went out for cheer but that didn't work out. She did a back walkover and it didn't feel right. She didn't re-injure her back and she did finish the competitive season, "but I could only stand and do the cheers, that was it," she said.

She decided enough was enough and was going to hang out with her friends and enjoy her senior year when Lay called and asked her to work with the team. She worked as a volun-

teer and assistant coach before stepping up to head coach two years ago.

"One thing I love about being coach is that you have ideas in your head and you teach them to the girls," Wehrheim said. "They go home and practice and when they come in and what you had in your head is staring at you. It takes on a life of its own."

"When you're a coach, you have to make sure they look good and know what they're doing," she added. "They make you look good. When they're on stage, you sit back and

watch what you taught them come to life."

Wehrheim with the help of Lisa Walker of Allen Park and Sarah Grace Curry, a former Murray Wright High School cheerleader and a dancer at Wayne State University, work with the Stars' two teams — junior varsity and varsity. They started the season with 32 girls and are down to 14 as girls have dropped out. It's forced the coach to keep changing routines. Wehrheim calls that a "bummer," and as a result, they haven't competed as much as last year.

Lay is hoping to hang on to Walker and Grace and admits she'll "cry like a baby" when Wehrheim leaves.

"When she first came here, she was short, skinny and a bundle of energy," Lay said. "But she had the best mind of a dancer. She was confident and fearless. It's going to be sad to lose her."

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Police look to beef up security for festival

By LeAnne Rogers
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There will be increased police presence when the annual Westland Summer Festival gets under way June 29 through July 4.

Particularly, the police presence will be beefed up on July 4 which draws huge crowds, thanks to the fireworks display over Central City Park.

"This was something we had been planning since the last festival," said Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto. "We're always looking for ways to provide increased and improved security for the of crowds attending the festival. Their safety and that of our officers is paramount."

About 20 people were arrested April 30 during what was described as a likely gang-related brawl that shut down a carnival at Northland Mall. But Angelosanto said it was July 4, 2011, that prompted a new security plan for the festival.

"We had a large group of people last year who refused to leave. They were extremely vocal and aggressive towards the officers," said Angelosanto, adding that the problems were at the carnival midway.

Livonia Police reserve officers will be handling traffic control to free up Westland officers to work inside the festival, which

is held on the grounds at Westland City Hall.

"The biggest problem is the crowds of young people not paying attention to the fireworks, they are simply there to make trouble," Angelosanto said.

One option under discussion is closing the midway early — the carnival traditionally remains open following the fireworks display at approximately 10-10:30 p.m.

"We're looking at the best time for closing the midway. The fireworks ended after 11 p.m. and it is midnight once the crowds have left," said Angelosanto.

Some problems were also reported earlier this month at the carnival sponsored by the Westland Fire Fighters Public Awareness Committee.

"We had a large group of kids being assaultive and threatening each other," said Angelosanto.

The youths then moved into adjoining businesses, including McDonald's Restaurant and the MJR Westland Grand movie theater, where they trespassed and caused disruptions, Angelosanto said.

"We're taking the Southfield and Westland incidents into consideration," he said.

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Luncheon proceeds benefit Westland Historical Society

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The Westland Historical Society has received \$400 donations thanks to the efforts of the Westland Rotary Club and Westland Chamber of Commerce.

The Rotarians and the chamber held their third annual joint luncheon to benefit the historical society Thursday at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Jo Johnson, a member of the society and the Westland Historical Commission, presented a talk on the acquisition and relocation of historic buildings, including the Rowe House and the Octagon House, to the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

Next month, the McKee barn is slated to be moved from its current location on Cowan east of Wayne Road to the historic village. D&B Movers, the Dundee firm that has

been contracted to move the McKee barn, also move the Rowe and Octagon houses, Johnson said.

"We are happy to get a Nankin barn with so much history. We need it to hold our farm equipment," said Johnson.

This was third year for the historical society fundraiser. In previous years, there have been presentations on the history of Eloise and last year on the anniversaries of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the sinking of the Titanic.

The donation to the historical society came from a portion of the lunch price, along with a 50/50 drawing that generated a \$75 prize. The Rotarians donated some additional money to round the donation up to an even \$400.

"This is one of the organizations that come through for us," said Johnson.

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"I don't think any other departments or groups have been asked to come back as far as council is concerned," said Godbout. "I think it was made clear that our expectation for the court budget was in the \$2.8-\$3 million

range."

Godbout and Wild were both concerned that over optimistic revenue projects would result in a shortfall that the general fund would have to subsidize.

"They (Cicirelli and Judge Mark McConnell) have made it perfectly clear we can't tell them what to do, only how much money they get,"

said Godbout. "The court has a million and one reasons why their revenues are down."

Cicirelli counters that the court revenues are cyclical and each year have exceeded expenses. She is bringing a bar graph to illustrate her argument to the study session.

Along with the court and golf course, the coun-

cil is slated to receive information on costs related a move of City Hall operations in the Bailey Center, which is set to close at the end of June.

A separate study will also be held on a proposed contract for assessing services.

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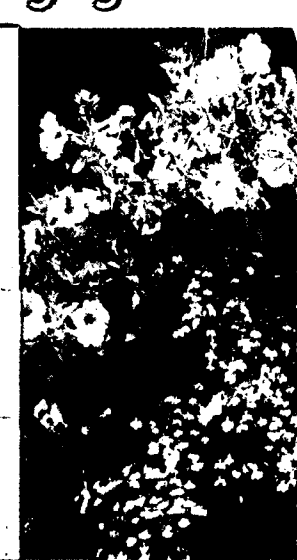
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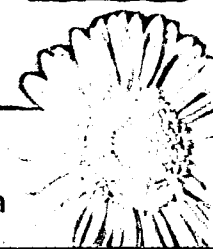
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Annual golf outing benefits WM football

The Wayne Memorial High School football program is leaving the yard lines and heading to the links for its 10th annual golf outing fundraiser.

The outing will be held Saturday, June 9, at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz, Canton. It will have a scramble format and get under way with registration at 6:30 a.m. The shotgun start will be at 7 a.m.

There will be Skins, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contests as well as a 50/50 raffle.

The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per foursome and includes a round of golf, hot-dog, pop, and chips at the turn and awards. Sponsorship opportunities also are available and range from a \$50 hole sponsor to \$500 as an event sponsor. Proceeds will be used to support the football program at Wayne High.

The deadline for registering in June 2.

Registrations with the payment — make check payable to WMHS — can be mailed to Coach Lee Grizzell at 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI, 48184.

For more information call Grizzell at (313) 408-8765, Coach Brent Orr at (734) 777-8851 and Kim Kuchar-ski at (734) 560-6618 or send an e-mail to grizzell@wwcsd.net.

Student-built home has 'wow' factor

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

"Wow" was a frequently heard comment as students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center showed off their building skills Thursday at an open house.

In a partnership with the City of Westland, which acquired and demolished a blighted home, provided the lot and federal funds for building materials, the construction technology students provided the labor to build a new home on Manila.

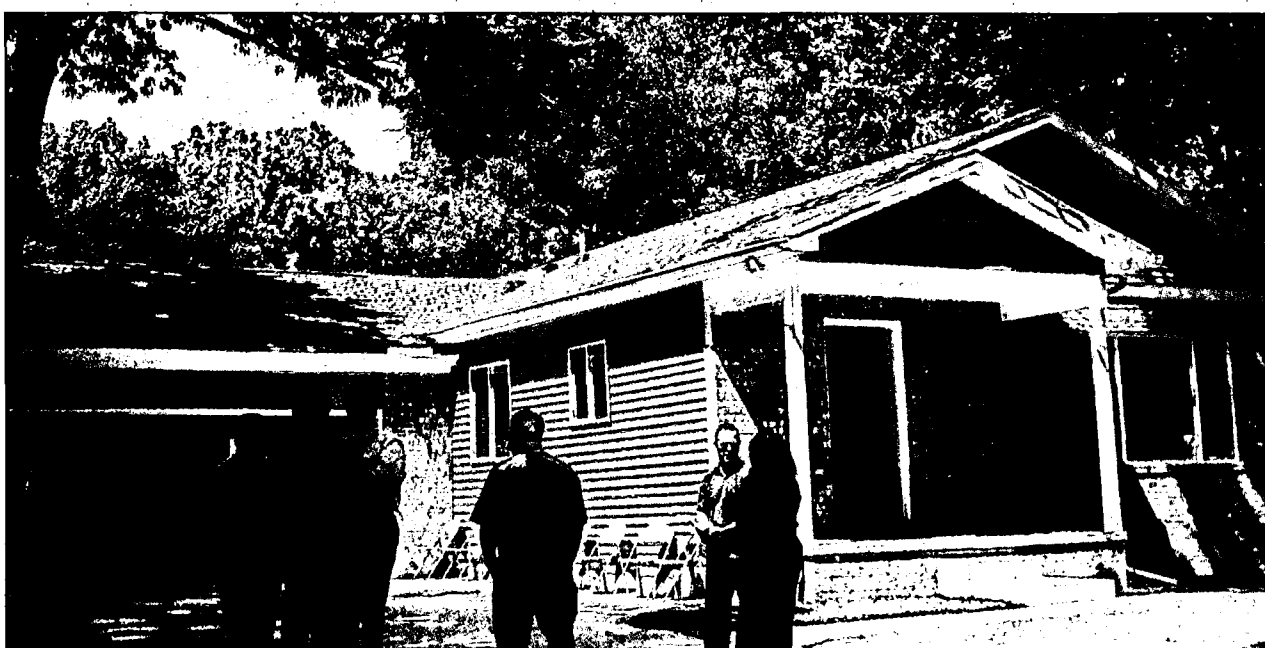
Many of the students stopped by with family members to show off their work. The energy-efficient 1,100-square-foot home which has three bedrooms and two full bathrooms had already been sold after only four days on the market.

With her hair and make-up done for prom which was being held later that day, senior Kaila Wheeler brought her grandmother Dee Patterson to see the house.

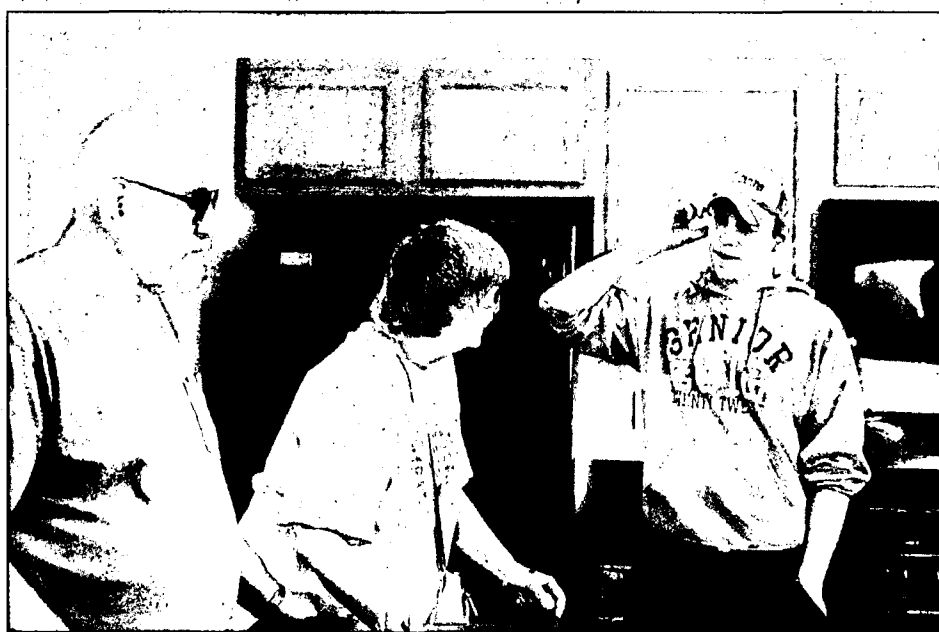
"I love it, I just love it. I'd live in it, if I could. I think we did an excellent job," said Wheeler. "The part of the program I liked best was the tile — I tiled the whole bathroom floor. We did the hardest pattern."

Unlike many students, Wheeler said she doesn't expect to pursue a building trades career.

"I'm going into the Air Force, I want to work in health care," said Wheeler, who completed two years in the program. "I was interested in construction. I want to be able to work on my own home and fix it."



William D. Ford Career Technical Center principal Steve Kay (at left) and Construction Technology 2 instructor Mark Valchine talk to guests at the open house Thursday.



Kevin Arnold talks with guests during an open house at the house built by William D. Ford Career Technical Center Construction Technology students.

Wheeler had also been trying to convince her grandmother to allow some improvements to her Belleville home.

"I was kind of surprised when she signed up for building trades. When she

got into it, she really liked it," said Patterson. "She wants to decorate my house and I said OK."

Along with the energy-efficient materials and appliances, the house has round skylights in the

bathroom ceilings which illuminate the roofs with sunlight and eliminate the need to turn on the electric light.

There is an open floor plan from the living room into the kitchen which


had an island and large dining area. Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell took credit for suggesting a change in the floor plan.

"I told them they need the kitchen and living room to be open to each other, so they moved the wall," said Campbell, who was also pleased that the driveway was moved to the opposite side of the lot to preserve a very large tree in front yard.

The building trades program has constructed a number of homes over the years sometimes on property that were formerly school sites but also on parcels that had been donated to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.


It's a consortium program that draws students from all over the area.

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Come to Tuesday's expo to learn, socialize and win prizes too.

Many speakers

Presentations cover a wide range of topics from health to wealth.

Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of dental medicine at Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills (the exclusive gold level sponsor for this year's Senior Expo), will present "Oral Health is Overall Health." Dr. Askari will be offering free consultations and recommendations for improving oral health. Free professional neck and shoulder massages will contribute to the relaxing atmosphere.

Guests attending the Comfort Dental Spa presentation will receive a gift bag (while supplies last) valued at \$100.

Rick Bloom, *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will discuss "Long-Term Retirement Planning: How to Ensure Your Finances Will Last 30 Years into Retirement."

Take advantage of our special Senior Expo Red Trolley Service scheduled at the following locations: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road; South Lyon Senior Center, 1000 N. Lafayette, and Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or email her at cbjordan@hometownlife.com by noon Monday, May 21, to reserve a seat.

Visit these exhibits

Plan to visit the following exhibitors: Abbey Park at Mill River; Affordable HomeCare; AFS Wealth Management, LLC; Angela Hospice; Area Agency on Aging 1-B; Atlas Home Improvement; Office of the Michigan Attorney General; Bath Fitters; Bloom Asset Management, Inc.; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Bouchey & Moore Associates, LLC; Ciena Healthcare; Comfort Dental Spa; Continental Management; CSI Support & Development Services; Detroit Media Partnership; and Ear Center Audiology.

Also at the expo will be Community Dental Associates; Fluke Hearing Instruments; Fox Run; Gaggos Law Firm, PC; Garden City Hospital; Golden Home Health Care, Inc.; Granite Transformations; Isagenix; Healthquest; Heartland Health Care Centers; HearUSA; Henry Ford Health System Center for Integrative Medicine; Humana; Huron-Clinton Metroparks; Independence Village of Plymouth; Keystone Home Improvement, Inc.; Kings Mill Cooperative; Law Office of David C. Brunell; The Care Plan Attorney; Managed Rehab; Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc.; Manooogian Manor Assisted Living for Seniors; and Marycrest Manor.

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Batter up!

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-9th District, presents a ceremonial check for \$2,500 to Mike Collard (left), president of the Garden City Youth Athletic Association, and Dave Ferracciolo, GCYAA baseball commissioner. Webb secured the \$2,500 grant from Wayne County's Prevention Action Services System (PASS) to help the all-parent volunteer organization. "This funding will help fill the void that many of our youth groups are experiencing as the local units of government are forced to reduce their funding," Webb said. "Sports programs like that offered by GCYAA teach children sportsmanship, discipline conflict resolution and teamwork; these are values that will serve them well all their lives. I am pleased to have been able to help out."

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Senate Dems say bill increases retiree costs for state

Senate Democrats are pointing out that a Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System reform pushed through by Senate Republicans Thursday will actually cost Michigan money.

According to Democrats, the GOP plan to move all new school hires to a 401k plan will cost the state billions of dollars in retirement costs to pay for school employees who remain under the old system.

"I don't understand how the senate majority can justify waging war against our seniors and making them the scapegoats for all of our state's financial challenges," said Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "These school employees did the responsible and correct thing. They worked hard their whole lives to ensure a stable and secure life in retirement for their families, only to have their taxes hiked last year and their health care costs doubled with this bill. Many of our seniors are making due with fixed and meager incomes, budgeting carefully to make ends meet, and they can ill-afford these 'gotcha' maneuvers by the Legislature to bilk them of more money."

Senate Bill 1040 would require educators to significantly increase their retirement contributions or face the penalty of a decreased retirement multiplier upon retirement, and would double the cost of health coverage for most retirees. Anderson introduced an amendment that would have exempted individuals already in retirement from the changes in this bill. The amendment was defeated and Anderson voted against passage of the legislation.

"These retirement benefits were negotiated for and offered as part of the compensation to attract and retain quality school employees to educate our children, and now the Legislature wants to go back on their promise and take more money away from our seniors," said Anderson. "The continued disrespect and exploitation of our kids, our school employees and our seniors is sickening and must stop now."

Democrats maintain that while the Republicans have been laying blame at the feet of teachers for shortfalls in the retirement system, the real problem rests with 15 years of legislators raiding the fund in order to fill budget holes. The retirement system had been successfully prefunded until it was tinkered with by then Governor John Engler, leading to drastic changes in how the system was operated. Hardworking school employees who played by the rules are now being asked to foot the bill for mistakes made by Senate Republicans, they said.

"The plan pushed through by the Republican Majority is not a fiscally sound plan, despite their claims that they are the party of fiscal responsibility," said Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer. "Their plan was more about scoring political points and using teachers as a scapegoat, and when offered an alternative supported by their own Republican Governor that would provide a better path forward, they ignored that bipartisan solution and instead pushed forward with their own misguided plan."

Democrats offered several amendments to improve the legislation before again voting against the bill when the amendments were defeated.

David Hecker, president of the American Federation of Teachers Michigan called retirement "reform" package is more bad news for public school retirees and future hires.

"First Lansing politicians created an unfair pension tax, and now they want to double the cost of retiree health care," he said. "Their goal was to reduce the rate charged to employers, but this bill would reduce employee benefits and increase employer costs. According to the Office of Retirement Services, the first year cost of conversion would be \$400 million, with a projected cost of \$1.4 billion over six years."

"It's time Lansing politicians go to work protecting middle class families instead of attacking the women and men who educate our children," he said.

Lawmakers want court records to go digital

State Rep. Bob Constan, whose district includes Garden City, is leading an effort to make it easier for courts throughout the state to transition to digital court records and electronic filing systems.

In a meeting last week of the House Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee, Constan heard testimony regarding the success of similar efforts in the Wayne County Probate Court. The committee was briefed on the benefits of using innovations from information technology for judicial tasks and procedures.

"As an attorney, I recognize the large volume of documents that are produced in the legal process and understand both the benefits and problems of a paper-based system," said Constan. "But the case for digitizing information and records is a strong one given the advantages of a system that would allow citizens greater access to the courts and justice. And in a period of revenue losses and staff reductions, technology offers a meaningful way to help our courts do more with less."

Last Thursday, Wayne County Probate Court's Chief Judge Milton Mack Jr. and Probate Register and Director of Information Services April Maycock testified before the committee regarding the success of electronic document management systems (DMS) in streamlining case management, reducing backlogs, improving customer service, lessening errors and lost documents, improving data analysis, enhancing document security, increasing employee productivity and recouping dollars lost to offsite storage.

State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker and Michigan Supreme Court Chief of Staff Matthew Schneider have also voiced their support for updating judicial technology throughout the state.

Currently, there are a number of statutory obstacles in the way of achieving technological reform. For example, judges must keep a physical copy of court records in their files and courts are prohibited from destroying paper copies of their files for six years, and in some cases up to 10 years. These laws create a disincentive to technological reform because physical records must be kept.

Additionally, because of differing resources, courts charge different fees for access to electronic files. Constan plans to introduce legislation to change some of these prohibitions and to ensure fairer court records fees by allowing the Michigan Supreme Court to set state-wide rates in order to keep them uniform.

"Switching to electronic records means that citizens will be better able to take advantage of legal protections like Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests," said Constan. "I am proud of championing an effort that will help protect and preserve citizens' rights."



State Representative Bob Constan (center), D-Dearborn Heights, was joined by Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton Mack Jr. (left) and Probate Register and Director of Information Services April Maycock for a presentation before the House Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee at the Anderson House Office Building in Lansing last week.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - FINAL STATEMENT 2012-2013 CDBG and HOME PROGRAMS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westland anticipates receiving an estimated \$905,762 of Community Development Block Grant funds and \$179,678 of HOME Program funds for the fiscal year 2012 - 2013 and has prepared the Annual Action Plan. The Westland City Council approved the use of funds at its regular meeting on May 7, 2012. In addition, the City will use \$86,649 CDBG reprogrammed funds and \$75,000 HOME program income.

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• First Step	\$ 4,000
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• City Projects	\$ 20,000
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Ficano resignation resolution on agenda for Thursday

Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak has scheduled a meeting for Thursday to discuss a resolution calling for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to resign from office.

The resolution will be discussed at 10 a.m. at a meeting of the commission's Committee of the Whole in the county's headquarters in the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit.

Woronchak's action followed unsuccessful attempts by Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, to have the measure taken up at the

Commission's regular meeting on Thursday, May 17.

"Contrary to some early reports, I did not personally block Commissioner Cox's attempts to force the issue," said Woronchak, D-Deerborn. "We followed the procedures and rules of the commission, and when she finally made a proper motion under our rules, the commission voted against her request to add the resolution to today's agenda."

Cox attempted to have the matter taken up with two procedural motions. One was

ruled out of order by the chairman because it was not made at an appropriate place on the agenda, and the full commission did not challenge the ruling of the chair.

Cox later made a proper motion under the "New Business" portion of the agenda to have the resolution added, and after some debate, the full commission rejected taking it up by a 9-6 vote.

"This resolution has been in process for a few months, and up until now it appeared there was just one commissioner interested in moving forward," said

Woronchak. "I have consistently indicated that if a growing number of commissioners wanted to take it up, we would have the debate."

"Consistent with that position, since six commissioners voted to add it to the agenda today, I have referred it to the Committee of the Whole, where we will discuss the matter thoroughly. And the entire commission, not just one member, will decide where it goes from there."

Ficano's office did not return a call or email from *The Observer* on Friday.

AROUND WESTLAND

Blood drive

The Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union is starting the holiday weekend off right by hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at its offices at 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

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

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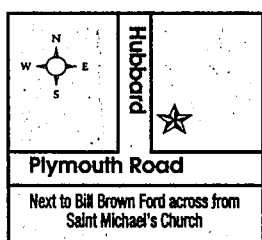
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Kidney disease motivates Westland woman to take a walk

By Lindsay White
Correspondent

An estimated 5,000 people gathered at the Detroit Zoo today for a common cause: to fight kidney disease and support the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's (NKFM) Kidney Walk. Among them was Sharon Wroblewski, the team captain of Team Kidney Beanz, who walked in the event for a second year.

Although she did not find out she had kidney disease until she was 18 years old, Wroblewski was familiar with it. In fact, Wroblewski is one of many individuals in her family who have been diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, a condition that causes numerous cysts to grow on the kidneys.

Over time, PKD cysts can replace much of the kidneys, leading to a reduction of kidney function and ultimately, kidney failure. About 600,000 U.S. residents have PKD, making it the fourth leading cause of kidney failure. There is no treatment for PKD at this time.

Luckily, Wroblewski found out about her kidney disease early on and did not experience kidney failure for some time. "They found it in the early stages," said Wroblewski. "It was something that had to be monitored throughout the years."

'Silent killer'

Since kidney disease often has no signs, it has been referred to as "the



Joining Sharon Wroblewski of Westland on her Kidney Beanz team are her two children, Jennifer and Adam.

silent killer." Of the more than 900,000 Michigan residents living with kidney disease, most don't know they have it. Wroblewski admits that being told she had kidney disease was hard to fully understand at first, mostly because she never felt sick. "Even up until the point that I started dialysis, I didn't feel any different," she said.

She said she'd sometimes feel a slight pain in her back in the kidney area, but the pain was due to the cysts caused by PKD specifically. Over time, her kidney function slowly declined under the weight of PKD and in August 2011, she was advised to go on the transplant waiting list. In March, Wroblewski had the surgery for the peritoneal catheter and began dialysis less than a week later.

Peritoneal dialysis requires regular exchanges throughout the day and can be man-

aged without visiting a medical facility, but also has many risks related to having a permanent tube in the abdomen. Sharon chose to do peritoneal dialysis because it allows her to live a relatively normal life.

"I have to go straight home from work to do my dialysis, but then I can go to dinner with friends or run errands," said. "Not being on hemodialysis for four-six hours every other day allows me to continue working and doing my daily activities."

Genetic link

PKD is genetic and can be easily inherited, requiring only one gene. Sharon said that it has affected her family greatly and has led to significant loss over the years, including an aunt, an uncle and her father.

"As far as my dad's side of the family, four out of the five kids had kidney disease," Wro-



Members of Sharon Wroblewski's Kidney Beanz team didn't let rainy weather dampen their spirits during the 2011 Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo.

blewski said. "My dad and three other siblings have polycystic kidney disease, and I don't even know how many of my cousins also have it. I've already had two cousins who have had kidney transplants."

Although Wroblewski and her family have experienced many challenges and inevitable losses from PKD, she has exerted much of her energy toward raising awareness about kidney disease by participating in the NKFM's Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo. She said this opportunity has allowed her to con-

nect with other people who have kidney disease, and also walk in the honor of her father alongside so many others that have experienced loss due to kidney failure.

"I started a Kidney Walk team and invited friends and family to join. Even people I didn't know joined the team and became friends that way."

Wroblewski is proud to say that this year Team Kidney Beanz has been highly motivated and successful in its fundraising efforts. Through holding a dine-to-donate event, raffles and more,

the team has raised more than \$5,000 and continues to move forward.

In fact, Team Kidney Beanz is one of the top walk teams at this year's event.

The walk took place at 8:30 a.m., but people can still help out teams like Kidney Beanz. To make a donation to the Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo or for more information about the programs offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan to help people with and at risk for kidney disease, go online to kidneywalk.org or call (800) 482-1455.



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July 16-18: 5TH-7TH Grade Girls Skillz Camp (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

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Patti Smith's Camera Solo is a collection of photographs from 1975-1985, featuring her work with The Smiths, The Fall, and other bands. The exhibition is supported by the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Patti Smith Foundation. The exhibition is on view from June 1 to September 2, 2012. For more information, visit www.dia.org.

How summer movie blockbusters came to be

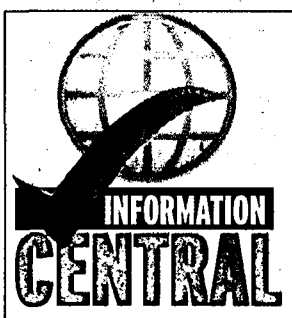
There are some things that people can count on as the calendar turns to May and the summer months: warmer weather, more sunshine and those movies that you have been seeing commercials for months on end will be coming out soon.

In the movie business, a summer blockbuster is characterized by big budget, lots of advertising and merchandising, lots of hype, big names, special effects, and most importantly, makes a lot of cash. There have always been blockbusters such as *Gone with the Wind* and *Sound of Music*, but it wasn't until 1975 when *Jaws* was released that the current genre of blockbuster was truly introduced.

In the summer of 1975, *Jaws* became the highest-grossing film of all time making \$470 million (\$2 billion in 2011 prices). It ranks as the seventh highest-grossing movie all-time in movies made since 1975. This year's first major blockbuster, *The Avengers*, has already made \$373 million in two weeks.

Some of the summer blockbusters you can check out at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland include: *Jaws*, *Star Wars*, *Up*, *Back to the Future*, *Finding Nemo*, *E.T.* and *Inception*. All movies can be checked out for one week and there is a limit of seven.

Peter Bart's *The Gross: The Hits, the Flops - the Summer That Ate Hollywood* and Tom Shone's *Blockbuster: How Hollywood Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Summer* are two books that take a look at the blockbuster phenom-



non in the movie industry.

Entertainment Weekly is a good source to find out what movies are coming out and the buzz surrounding them, and www.rottentomatoes.com is an excellent source to find out what critics and other moviegoers think of a particular film. To find out more about the actors and summaries, www.imdb.com is a good website to visit.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Starting May 27, the library will be closed on Sundays.

Highlighted Activities

Noontime Book Club: noon May 21, - New

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 fundamentalist 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

sign-up necessary.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. May 21, age 16 and up

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. May 22

The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

Eat Your Veggies - Quick, Easy and Nutritional Meal Planning: 7 p.m. May 22 (Rescheduled)

There's more to eating healthy foods than just salads, salads, and more salads. Join Sharon Strebbing of the Plymouth Westland Grange to get the skinny on the real nutritional value of your food, and how to eat well with a busy schedule and tight budget. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat today.

Stampin' with Cari - Creative Cards for All Occasions: 7 p.m. May 23

Let Cari show you how to create beautiful cards to share with family and friends throughout the year. Space is limited. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat today.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. May 25

Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners. Tonight's Movie is *Albert Nobbs*. "Albert Nobbs struggles to survive in the late 19th century Ireland, where women aren't encouraged to be independent. Posing as a man, so she can work as a butler in Dublin's most posh hotel, Albert meets a handsome painter and looks to escape the lie she has been living." (imdb.com) This movie is rated R (with scenes of strong language, sex and nudity). Snacks and refreshments served. Trivia and prizes. Door opens at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays,

5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

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

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are

all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

The Library will close May 26-28 in celebration of Memorial Day. Regularly scheduled hours will resume May 29.

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

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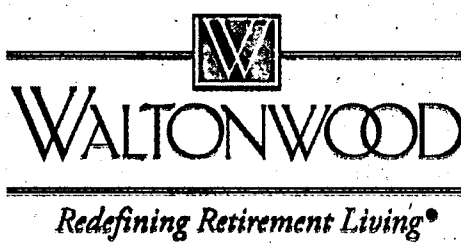
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Pageant seeks 2012 Miss Lebanon Emigrants USA

Lebanese American women will vie for the honor of representing Lebanon and its culture at the American pre-pageant competition that will be held Thursday, May 24, at the Greenfield Banquet Hall, 4770 Greenfield, Dearborn.

The winner of the Dearborn beauty pageant will join pre-pageant winners from more than 35 other countries at Castle Assouf in Dhour Shweir, Lebanon, on Aug. 11.

Joumana Kayrouz, president and owner of the Law Offices of Joumana Kayrouz, P.L.L.C., said the pageant promises to be a magical evening for those who attend.

As president of Miss Lebanon Emigrants, USA - 2012, Kayrouz has been charged with developing and implementing plans for the event, which held annually since the 1950s and honors both American and Lebanese culture.

The evening will feature entertainment by internationally renowned artists, Ayaman Zbib and Nancy Afiouni. Miss Lebanon Emigrants, USA - 2011 winner Krystelle Khoury will speak about her experiences during the past year before turning over the crown to the 2012 winner in Lebanon.

Khoury was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and



Contestants from around the world compete for the honor of representing Lebanon and its culture in the Miss Lebanon Emigrants pageant.

raised in Zahle, Lebanon, until the age 11, when she emigrated back to the United States and continued her education. Khoury's exposure to many diverse cultures, both in the United States and Lebanon, has fueled her desire to learn more about the world. Even while doing so, she remains very passionate about her studies and improving the envi-

ronment. She is currently attending St. Francis College, where she is majoring in biology. She has hopes of attending medical school.

"It amazes me how fast the time has flown by, and I'm eager to see who I will be passing down the crown to," Khoury said. "One of the most valuable lessons that I have learned this year was that beauty truly is

inner and not outer. This is not about who'd the prettiest, it's about who is the strongest, and who has the fire inside them to positively project their energy on stage. You might be capable of doing things that you would have never imagined yourself doing, just give yourself that chance."

The winner of the Dearborn beauty pageant will join pre-pageant win-

ners from more than 35 other countries at Castle Assouf in Dhour Shweir, Lebanon, on Aug. 11. Many of the Miss Lebanon Emigrants USA contestants have gone on to international fame, including Rima Fakhri who won in 2008 and was named Miss USA at the pageant in 2010.

Georgina Rizk, who became Lebanon's first Miss Universe in 1971,

will be attending in her first official visit to the United States in more than 20 years along with Lebanese Minister for Tourism HE Fady Abboud.

"I am very excited about this year's event," Kayrouz said. "While we will be celebrating beauty and culture, we will also remember the shared American and Lebanese values of community and giving back - which have always been key components of the Miss Lebanon Emigrant organization from the 1950s, with partial proceeds from the evening going to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Beirut."

The winner of the USA contest will receive an all-expense-paid 15-day trip to Lebanon to participate in the Miss Lebanon Emigrants 2012 beauty pageant. There are other benefits, including tuition for one semester at one of the American Universities in Beirut and a three-day vacation cruise. The winner of the Miss Lebanon Emigrants 2012 pageant will receive more than \$50,000 in prizes and benefits.

For more information, visit www.MissLebanonEmigrants.com or visit the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/285559908196342.

AROUND WESTLAND

Free Movie

Enjoy a free movie when the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army holds its monthly free movie night Sunday, June 3, with *The Adventures of Tin Tin*.

The movie starts at 4 p.m. at the corps activity center, the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer.

Popcorn and concessions will be sold.

Sale and swap meet

Sons of AmVets are looking for people with something to sell or to market their small business locally for their Vendor Sale

and Swap Meet planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at AmVets Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

Inside vendor tables are available for \$25 and outdoor parking spaces are \$20. For more information, call Kelly Taylor at

(734) 890-1055 or by e-mail at taylorsskkt@gmail.com. The event is a fund-raiser for AmVets Post 171.

Guest speaker

Madonna University Library will host Westland native and Madonna University alumnus Joseph Kelley at 6 p.m. Tuesday

May 22.

Kelley will speak about Pete the Popcorn, a children's book that he co-authored along with Nick Rockiki. It is authors' hope that this book will reach kids early with the anti-bullying message and help bring bullying to a stop. Both authors want kids to

remember P.E.T.E. - Pursuing Excellence Through Encouragement.

"Pete the Popcorn" has been receiving glowing reviews from readers on Amazon.

This event is free and open to the public. Madonna University is at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

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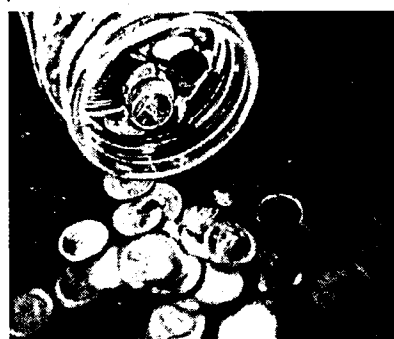
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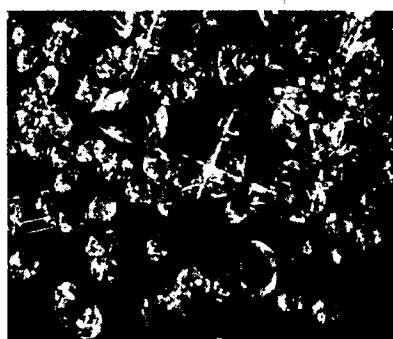
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Solar skin care: Take precautions

The start of the summer season is just around the corner, and people are heading outdoors to soak up the warmth and catch a few rays.

But enjoying the out of doors means taking precautions to avoid overexposure to the harmful effects of the sun, including skin cancer.

Skin cancer is a lifestyle disease that affects young women, older men and everyone in between. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. According to skin-cancer.org, 13 Americans are living with a history of non-melanoma skin cancer, and nearly 800,000 Americans are living with a history of melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

According to board certified dermatologist Dr. Farid Nasser of Garden City Hospital, different skin types have different sun sensitivity. Red heads with freckles always burn easily, never tan and are extremely sun sensitive skin. People who are fair-skinned, fair-haired and have blue eyes always burn easily, tan minimally and have very sun sensitive skin.

Other skin types and their effects are:

- Average skin - sometimes burns, tans gradually to light brown and has sun sensitive skin.

- Mediterranean-type Caucasian - burns minimally, tans to moderate brown and has minimally sun sensitive.

- Middle Eastern, some Hispanics and some African-Americans - rarely burn, tan well and have sun-insensitive skin.

- African-Americans - Never burn, deeply pigmented and sun insensitive skin.

But there are ways to enjoy the sun while minimizing the dangers of the deepest-penetrating ultraviolet rays (UVA).

Q: Most dermatologists tell patients to stay out of the sun. Don't we all need Vitamin D, which our bodies produce when exposed

to sunlight?

A: Vitamin D is very important, but should be obtained from a healthy diet. The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) does not recommend obtaining Vitamin D through sun exposure.

Q: How much solar radiation does it take to increase your risk of skin cancer?

A: That varies from person to person. But sunburn is the most important, preventable cause of melanoma, a potentially deadly skin cancer. Avoid sunlight, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest. Stay in the shade whenever possible. Even on cloudy days, the sun's rays can cause skin damage.

Q: What can outdoor workers and active people realistically do in hot summer months?

A: Wear wide brim hats and UV protective, wide eyeglasses. Apply and reapply sunscreen frequently, and wear protective clothing. Remember it takes just a minute or two to apply sunscreen.

Q: Are all sunscreens created equal?

A: Sunscreens vary by level of protection. Make sure yours shields you from both UVA and UVB rays, with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or more. Apply sunscreen approximately 20 to 30 minutes before going out in the sun. Some sunscreens claim to be water-resistant. Regardless, apply all sunscreens after water activity or perspiring. Don't forget, you need sunscreen on cloudy summer days.

Q: Children have particularly sensitive skin. How do we protect them?

A: For children and adults, apply sunscreen to the whole body, head

to toes. Use protective clothing, including hats, and keep babies away from the sun. It's estimated that we obtain about 80 percent of our lifetime sun exposure by age 18. So protecting children can make a tremendous difference.

Q: People have different complexions and skin colors, such as African-American, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, blondes and red heads. Do we all need to use the same level of SPF?

A: Having darker skin does not prevent cancer. We all need to use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or more and reapply it frequently.

Q: Is it true that ultraviolet radiation may make some medical conditions worse?

A: Yes. It's true for rosacea, lupus, some types of contact allergic reactions, and polymorphous light eruption, among others. Excessive exposure to UV rays weakens the immune system, preventing our bodies from fighting infections and cancerous growths.

Q: Teenagers with acne often like to get a tan; is a suntan good for problem skin?

A: There is no evidence that tanning reduces acne, but it can age the skin and cause wrinkles and skin cancer. Avoid tanning beds. They present the same risks as the sun. And contrary to the myth, the tan you get from tanning beds does not protect against sunburns.

Q: If you do get a sunburn, what's the simplest remedy?

A: Apply cool, wet compresses and soothing lotions. Or take cool baths, your dermatologist can treat your sunburn. Meanwhile, stay in the shade.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Park and Read

Stop by the Garden City Library at the Maplewood Center for popular Park and Read program, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan.

The program, now in its fourth year, offers library card-holders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks and recreation areas.

The one-day pass, a \$10 savings, also provides free, one-time access to any of the more than 500 events scheduled to take place within the state parks throughout the summer. Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and are good for day use only. Park & Read runs now through Oct. 1.

The Park & Read pass is also valid at any of the 11 museums or historic sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School reunion of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Tickets cost \$60 per person and include appetizers, dinner buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing, pizza and coffee bar at 11 p.m. and memory book. Only 450 tickets will be sold. The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 25. People who reserve tickets will receive a confirmation of payment within 10 days, which will serve as entry to the reunion.

The link to the reunion information and reservation sheet can be found on the Garden City (East) High School reunion page on Facebook. Checks should be made payable to Class Reunion 68-73 GC East.

Graduates from 1968 and 1971 can send their reservations to Pat Lyon Kubert, 6907 Kings Mill Dr., Canton, MI 48187.

Graduates from 1972 and 1973 can send their checks to Sue Cook Tasselmyer, 11901 Algonquin Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169.

Graduates from 1969 and 1970 can save a spot through Debi Cas-

sidy Haller, 2108 Copley Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Computer classes

Garden City residents can get help with their eReaders through classes being offered at the Garden City Library.

The library is offering eReaders and Overdrive for Beginners 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, and 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9. The class is geared for individuals with some Internet skills who are considering getting into electronic digital ebooks, purchasing an eReader or already own an eReader and would like to ask some questions regarding its use.

Each session is limited to 12 people and registration is required.

For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830. The library is located in the Maplewood Center, on Maplewood, west of Merriman. Enter through the doors on the Balmoral side of the building.

Community Chat

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

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

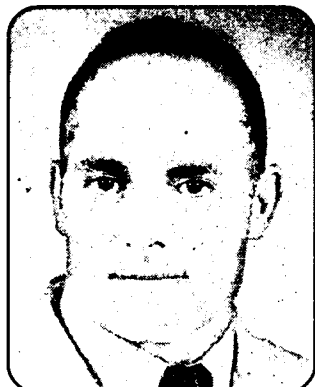
Glass Slipper

Operation Glass Slipper is looking for donations to help girls in need attend the prom.

The group is currently accepting dresses, accessories (shoes, purses, jewelry, etc.) and any monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff.

For more information, contact Dee Lilla at deelilla@yahoo.com or at (313) 999-7769 or Michele Bosen at kmmbosen@aol.com or at (734) 578-7563.

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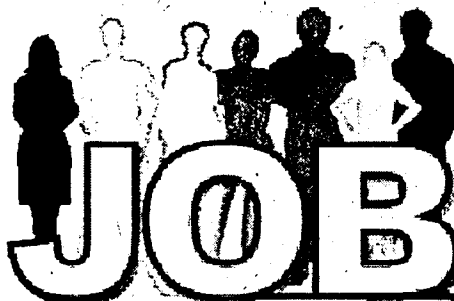
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In the trenches

Rescue team prepares for its next call

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

It's not too often that someone gets trapped in a trench or pinned under a mountain of debris from a collapsed building, but specially trained rescuers are ready when it does happen.

And, they're honing their skills through special training operations every month.

The Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team is a highly skilled special response unit made up of 47 first responders from 21 jurisdictions, including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville, Novi and Westland.

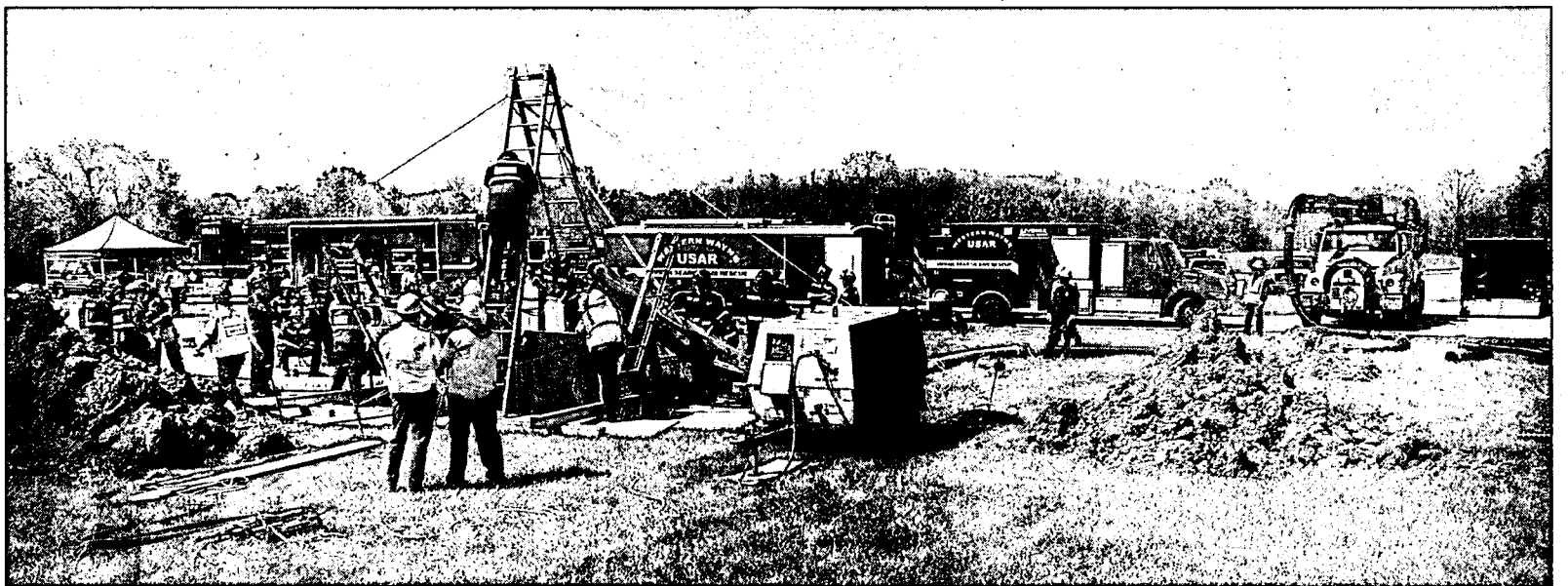
Tuesday's training exercise entailed a scenario in which a person was trapped in a trench.

"We see this when people are working and they're not in a trench box," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch, who administered the exercise.

An eight-foot deep hole was dug on the Greenmead property in Livonia for the training. The over-night rainfall perfectly simulated a real-life scenario in which the walls of the trench began to give way, requiring rescuers to place large wooden support panels and cross beams inside the trench.

Local DPW crews were on hand to participate in the training.

"We're looking to part-



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Fire and DPW crews from around western Wayne and Oakland counties trained in trench rescue Tuesday as part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team's monthly training. The exercise took place on the property of Greenmead park in Livonia.



Lifting the Vactor hose from the trench takes effort.

ner up with our DPWs, to get them involved in a response when needed," said Bartsch, who noted the DPW assistance was critical in the December 2010 Frank's Furniture Store explosion in Wayne. "The DPWs were there, moving debris out of the way. A lot of people don't realize the DPW plays a really big role. They're truly first responders, just

like police and fire are. They bring the equipment and the expertise that we don't have."

'A learning experience'

Bryan Pickworth, road maintenance supervisor at the Farmington Hills DPW, said the training exercises are important for everyone involved.

"It's a learning experience for all of us, knowing exactly what they need in a situation like this," he said. "Anything we can do to help out, especially in an emergency situation — there's nothing like hands-on experience."

The WWUSAR had just received equipment on Tuesday to connect to a Vactor truck, for use in the rescue training exercise.

Livonia Fire Depart-

ment Lt. John Orzech, incident commander, said the exercise was going quite well.

"We always try to improve in every scenario," he said. "This is going exceptionally well, considering we just got the equipment this morning."

Collaboration

The WWUSAR team trains and provides rescue in the areas of trench, rope, confined space and building collapse. The team was formed in 2006 and operates similarly to the haz-mat multi-jurisdictional response team that was established in 1987.

The specialized services are too expensive for local communities to provide individually, so the partnerships are needed and vitally important, noted Bartsch.

"We've been looking for regional methods to provide an exceptional service at a reduced cost," he said.

Recently, that partnership has expanded to include emergency physician Chris Mason, a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and former police officer.

"The planning, delivery and coordination of medical care outside the four walls and bright white lights of the hospital is important," said Mason, who joined WWUSAR in January.

He serves as the team physician and is able to set protocol for medical care in emergency situations. He participates in disaster training around the country and is the medical director for the Mich-



One of the first jobs is to build a bridge to enable rescue workers to work directly over the trench.

igan Tactical Officers Association.

Mason said St. Mary Mercy is supporting the WWUSAR team by providing response-readiness testing for team members, including blood work and hearing tests, for example.

He said he's glad to be on the team.

"This is a terrific group of people from 21 agencies that come together for the greater good of western Wayne County," he said. "It's amazing that you can get this many people together from different agencies and cooperate as a team."

The WWUSAR, since formed, has responded

to trench rescue/recovery calls in Detroit and Van Buren and a search rescue operation following a tornado that struck an apartment complex in Plymouth. The team was on standby following the recent tornadoes in Washtenaw County and Dundee.

In the meantime, the team keeps training and anticipating the next call.

"It's important for all of our members to show up to (training) because it sharpens our skills and allows us to anticipate each other and the situation," said Bartsch.

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Just say no to variable annuities

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I was at a speech you delivered a few weeks ago and I asked about variable annuities. I have the bulk of my money in a variable annuity. It was a rollover from my 401(k) Plan. I asked you a question about variable annuities and you were negative towards them. You said they have high fees and adverse tax consequences. I asked my adviser who sold me the annuity and he told me all I'm paying is \$30 a year in fees and that variable annuities have great tax advantages because all the money grows tax deferred. My annuity is coming up for renewal and I'm confused as to what I should do. My adviser wants me to roll it into another annuity. What do you think?

A: There is no doubt in my mind that you should not roll the money into another variable annuity. As I mentioned at my talk, variable annuities have high fees and adverse tax consequences. Let me first explain the tax consequences.

With a variable annuity, all the money grows tax deferred. You only pay taxes when you withdraw the money. In some situations, that can be a slight benefit. However, when the money is withdrawn, it does not receive the favorable capital gain treatment like other investments. The distribution is taxed as ordinary income.

Currently, the

maximum tax someone would pay on capital gains is 15 percent. Someone's ordinary income tax bracket can be double that. The ordinary income tax bracket for most Americans is 28 percent and their capital gain rate is 15 percent. Thus, by deferring the taxes, you are actually doubling them. Even though you can defer the taxes for a number of years, it doesn't offset the fact that your rate is nearly double.

In your situation, there is absolutely no tax benefit with a variable annuity. After all, your money was in a 401(k) Plan; which means it was already tax deferred. Therefore, if you had transferred the money into an IRA, that money would have grown tax deferred. The variable annuity did nothing for you.

With regards to fees, I believe your salesperson did not tell you the whole story. In addition to the annuity fee, which generally is low, there are also other fees. First, you also have an insurance fee. Remember, variable annuities are an insurance product. What this fee is depends upon the annuity but it can be significant. In addition, what he did not tell you is that you also pay higher fees for the investment sub accounts within your variable annuity. It is not unusual that the management fees on these variable annuities could be more than double what you would have paid for the same fund outside the variable annuity framework.

Like many insurance

policies, fees can be difficult to discover. Unfortunately, you have to read the prospectus — which sometimes are written by lawyers, for lawyers. It's not unusual for you to pay two to three percent per year in unnecessary fees with a variable annuity. While that doesn't seem like a lot, considering how low returns are today, two to three percent is significant.

Another downside of most variable annuities is that they have substantial back-end penalties. In most investment products, if you want to sell your investment after you buy it, no problem. That's not the case with a variable annuity. With a variable annuity, if you want to sell the product before maturity, you generally have to pay a back-end penalty. I'm not a fan of products with high back-end penalties; after all, what is the benefit for the investor? Simply put, there is no benefit for the investor.

I stand by my statements that variable annuities are too expensive and are not an investor-friendly product. If your goals are like mine, to keep more money in your pocket where it belongs, then you would reach the same conclusion. For the great majority of people, variable annuities are a product that should be avoided. Good luck!

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Council recognizes Father's Day run

Runners who take part in the Plymouth YMCA's annual Father's Day Run will be doing so with the blessing of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

The Governor's Council has again recognized the annual run as a "quality physical activity event." The run is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, starting in downtown Plymouth.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The council

believes the Father's Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

The annual run is a run for all ages. There is a kids' 1/4-mile fun runs, a

one-mile walk/run, a 5K walk/run, a 10K and the MDG Triple (1-mile, 5K and 10K).

Race-day pick-up and registration starts at 6:30 a.m. The races start on a staggered schedule roughly every 15 minutes, beginning with the Kid Trot (ages 3-4) at 7:30 a.m. The Kid Jog (ages 5-7) starts at 7:45 a.m.

There is also a Diaper Dash (ages 0-1) and a Wee Walkers (ages 1-2) race.

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Schoolcraft College celebrates 47th Commencement Ceremony



Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, is pictured with Jodi Latuszek (middle) and Paula Cunningham (right).

Schoolcraft College celebrated its 47th annual Commencement Ceremony earlier this month at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the 1,696 students eligible to participate — those earning an associate degree or certificate — 440 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments.

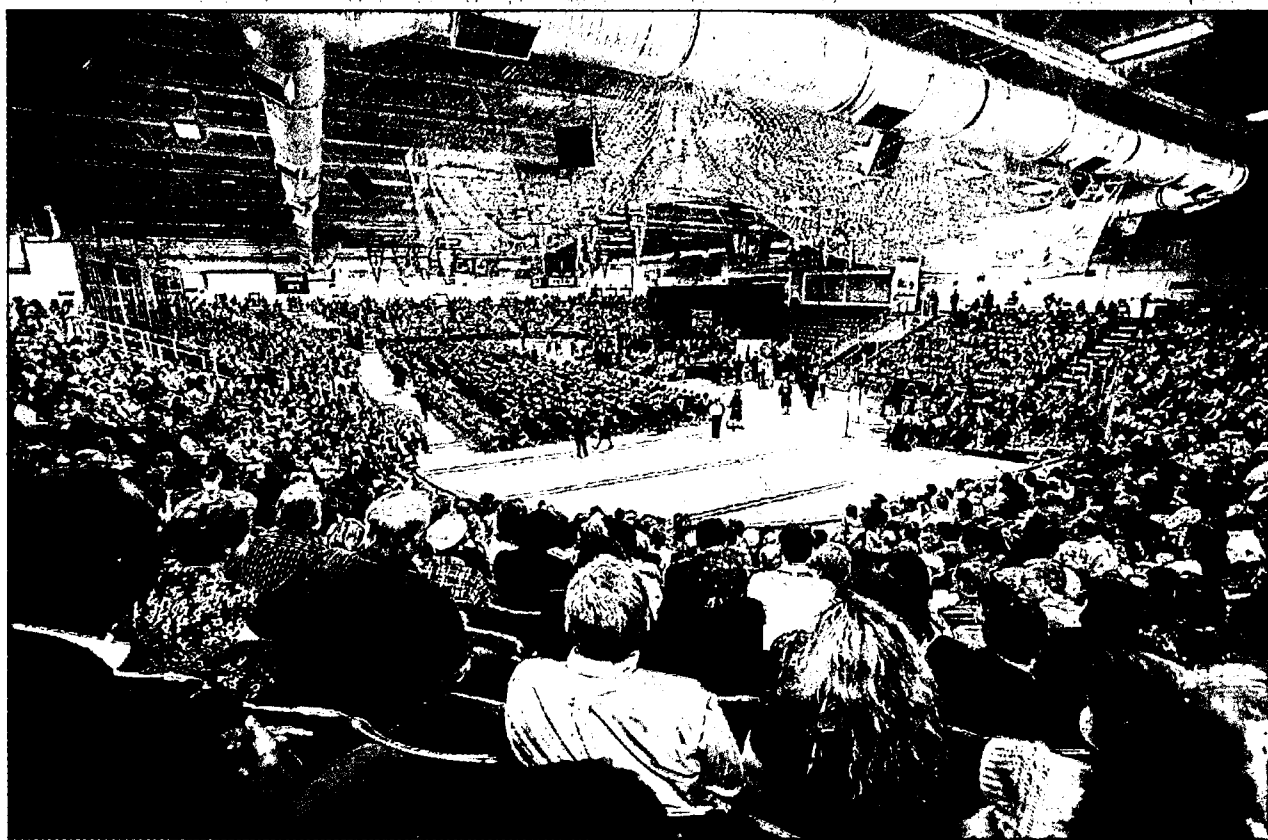
Michael J. Wisniewski Jr. of Romulus, president of the Schoolcraft College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, presented the Student Reflection for the Class of 2012.

Following his speech, Wisniewski was recognized for his service to both the college's chapter of PTK and as president of the Michigan Region of PTK. The Michigan Region was named Distinguished Region and Wisniewski received the

Distinguished Regional Officer award at the International PTK conference.

Two other student leaders were recognized as well, Keith Dawkins of Southfield and Leah Esslinger of Plymouth. Dawkins served as vice president of leadership for PTK; Esslinger was vice president of communications.

Following the special student recognitions, keynote speaker Paula D. Cunningham addressed the graduates and the 3,000 guests in attendance. Cunningham is president and CEO of Capitol National Bank (CNB), a subsidiary of Capitol Bancorp Ltd. In 2006 she was named to serve as only the third president of Capitol National Bank, which has been located in Lansing for more than 27 years. Prior to joining Capitol National Bank, Cunningham had been with Lan-



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More than 3,000 guests filled Compuware Arena in Plymouth for Schoolcraft College's 47th annual Commencement Ceremony.

sing Community College for 25 years, where she held a variety of positions including president.

Jodi Latuszek, J.D., of Lansing, formerly of Livonia, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2012. As a young adult, Latuszek recognized that her family's financial situation made pursuing a college education, let alone a law degree, difficult at best. She did not give up and chose to begin her pursuit of higher education at Schoolcraft College.

She joined the staff of the Schoolcraft Connection, the college's student-run newspaper and received a scholarship for tuition. After graduating from Schoolcraft College in 2001, she transferred to Michigan State University, and then Cooley Law School where she earned her law degree. "My experience at Schoolcraft gave me the confidence to think bigger. If it was possible to earn tuition doing what I loved, I knew it was also possible that I could be a lawyer." She currently works for

Child Welfare Services State Court Administrative Office. She has been named one of the Top 5 lawyers under 35 by the Ingham County Bar Association.

The general Commencement Ceremony, May 5, is one of several ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Schoolcraft College's graduates. Before that the Culinary Arts program held its ceremony, along with the nursing program's annual Pinning Ceremony, which featured the graduation

of 110 nursing students. Eleven members of the Police Reserve Officer Training program graduated at the Radcliff Center in Garden City on May 10, followed by 34 graduates of the Police Academy graduation on May 11. Forty-four from the Fire Academy will graduate on Thursday, May 24.

Schoolcraft College, a public two-year college, offers classes at the Livonia campus and at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.

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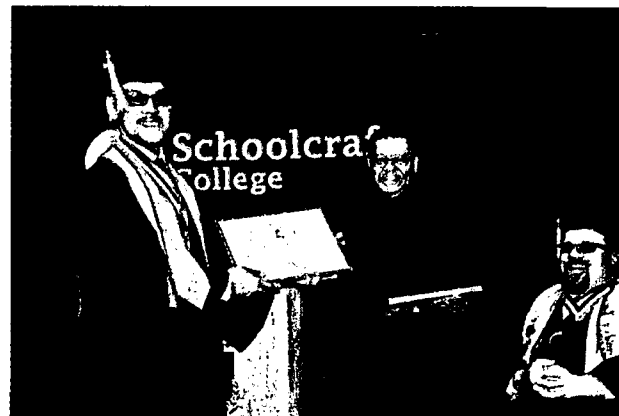
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Keith Dawkins collects his sheepskin from Dr. Conway A. Jeffress as Michael J. Wisniewski Jr. looks on.



Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, addresses the commencement crowd.



Leah Esslinger of Plymouth was one of three student leaders recognized at the commencement ceremony.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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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The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman-tea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

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Churchill girls 8-peat in region track

Rockets zoom to 3rd

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Eight apparently still isn't enough for the Livonia Churchill girls track and field squad.

The Chargers kept it all in the family again Friday with another top-notch effort at Canton scoring a team-high 133 points to garner their eight consecutive MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 championship.

Runner-up Plymouth also made a strong showing with 109.5 followed by Westland John Glenn (92), Livonia Stevenson (82) and Salem (59) rounding out the top five in the 16-school field.

Individual winners for Churchill included senior Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches) and junior Sydney Anderson, 400-meter dash (1:00.24).

Anderson also teamed up with Kerigan Riley, Michelle Azar and Bethany Pilat for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:30.4).

Churchill's 400 relay team of Demi Crossman,



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John Glenn freshman Shekinah Johnson (right) wound up second in the 100-meter dash Friday.

Rocks win thriller at boys regional

P-CEP teams place 1-2-3

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A photo finish in the final event of Friday's MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 boys track and field meet enabled Salem to edge campus rival Plymouth for a championship. Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer never saw coming.

Entering the 1,600-meter relay at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the three teams that call that venue home were almost having another "city meet."

Salem and Plymouth were deadlocked with 77 points going into the 1,600-meter relay — with third-place Canton trailing with 73.5 points.

But in the fourth leg of the race, Salem's Thom Crawford nipped Livonia Franklin's Brett Gutowski to win 3:28.47-to-3:28.48 and enable the Rocks to finish on top with 87

points.

Plymouth took second with 82 points, followed by Canton (76.5), Livonia Stevenson (76) and Franklin (67).

"We knew we had to finish," Crawford said. "I ran a couple other events today, so I'm a little tired. But we came out strong and finished it."

"... I knew I had to finish the last 100 and just leave it all out there."

Down to the wire

Also part of the regional champion relay team for Salem were Colin McCormack, Joe Amado and Chase Minshew.

"It's funny, I looked at the fully automatic picture they take at the end, and they had to zoom in to see who actually won because it was that close," Meteyer said. "And Crawford tipped his shoulders forward, and that was

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Midland bound



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Livonia Stevenson sophomore Aimee Moccia qualified for the Division 1 state finals, June 1-2, in Midland, after earning runner-up honors at No. 1 singles at the regional Friday hosted by Novi. Moccia, 24-6 overall, fell to top seed Abby Wang of Novi in the finals, 6-2-6-2, after rallying for a three-set win in the semifinals over Northville's Erin Doud. For more on regional action around the area, see Thursday's Observer.

Blazers fall to Mustangs

Megan Spagnuolo scored four goals Thursday as host Birmingham Marian edged Livonia Ladywood in a regular season final girls lacrosse match, 10-7.

Senior Emma Ellswood and junior Christina Riga each tallied two goals for the Blazers, who slipped to 12-5 overall.

Ladywood junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 16 saves, while Anna Thomas had to make just two for the Mustangs (15-2).

Sykes earns All-Academic

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) named Madonna University sophomore infielder Gina Sykes (Livonia Ladywood) to the Capital One Academic All-District 3 first-team in women's softball.

Sykes was selected from nominated student-athletes from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois and now moves on to the national ballot from which the Capital One Academic All-America teams will be chosen.

A biology and pre-pharmacy major, Sykes has posted a .250 batting average in 25 games this season with a double, a homer and eight RBI.

She has fielded at a .948 clip, seeing time at both second and third base for the Crusaders.

To be eligible for the Capital One Academic All-America Team, a student-athlete must be nominated by their school's sports information director as well as be a starter or key reserve, a sophomore academically and athletically as well as possess a 3.3 grade-point average or higher.

Bat control



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Jake Semak (21) takes a hard cut during Wednesday's KLAA Central Division clash against Northville. The Spartans lost a double-header to the Mustangs, 7-0 and 11-6. For a roundup of other KLAA games, see page B2.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Crusaders falter twice in pool play

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University had defending NAIA women's softball Oregon Tech on the ropes for five innings in Thursday's tournament opener at the Gulf Shores (Ala.) Sportsplex.

But the underdog Crusaders couldn't hold a 2-1 advantage as the seventh-seeded Owls roared back with four runs in the top

of the sixth inning for a 5-2 win.

Oregon Tech first baseman Janelle Cromie delivered the key blow with a one-out go-ahead 2-run homer over the left field fence off MU starter Hallie Minch (14-10).

Shauna Collins and Ashley Sfetku each followed with RBI singles as the Owls collected six of their

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Upset-minded

Spartans fall 3-2 to No. 1 Northville

Northville, the No. 1-ranked girls soccer team in Division 1, had to dig down deep for a victory Thursday night against upset-minded Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs got a goal from Mallory Weber with only four minutes remaining to pull out a 3-2 victory.

Weber, notching her second of the match, got between two Stevenson defenders and slotted a ball past a helpless Stevenson goalkeeper Rylee Jayson for the game-winner as the Mustangs improved to 14-0-4 overall and 9-0-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Megan Buckingham opened the scoring for Northville with an unassisted goal in the eighth minute, but Stevenson's Allison Corp countered with a header off a Nicole Zuckerman free kick from 25 yards out just a minute before halftime to make it 1-1.

Early in the second half, Mallory got behind the Stevenson back line. Her first touch was too strong and looked to be smothered by Jayson, but a collision deflected the ball forward and into the open net.

Stevenson, however,

answered in the 58th minute when Emily Chrzasz played a ball across the top of the box to Dayna Stevens, who turned and hit a laser that the Northville keeper seemed to get a strong hand on, but the ball's pace was too much as it carried into the side netting.

The loss drops Stevenson to 7-8-1 overall and 4-6 in the KLAA's Central Division.

On Tuesday, Stevenson fell 4-1 to No. 6-ranked Novi at Meadows Stadium as the Wildcats scored four unanswered goals after Chrzasz scored 18 minutes into the match off a pass from Alexi Kliza.

Novi's Jessica Jarvis answered 30 seconds later after the kickoff and the Wildcats added another goal just before the halftime break and never looked back.

RU, 2, CVILLE 1: Second-half goals by Nikki Busuito and Jordan Chapaton carried Redford Union (8-7-1) to a victory Friday at Kraft Field over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-9-2).

Ashley Murphy's first-half goal set up by Sarah Curvin and Lindsey Fosth staked the Trojans to a 1-0 lead.

Chapaton's game-winner came with eight minutes remaining.

Jillian Bunker made eight saves in goal for the Trojans,

who were led on defense by Summer Reddick.

W.L. WESTERN 3, CHURCHILL 0: Rachel Good scored a pair of goals and added one assist Friday to lift host Walled Lake Western (5-7-4) to the non-conference victory over Livonia Churchill (4-7-5).

"We had the ball in the entire third of their field and couldn't break them down," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

CHURCHILL 1, FRANKLIN 1: Nothing gained, nothing lost as Livonia Churchill (4-6-5, 4-3-3) and Livonia Franklin (3-7-4, 2-5-3) battled second straight 1-1 draw in a KLAA South Division match.

Franklin's Shannon Murphy scored from Raven Travis at the 13:25 mark of the first half, while Kelsey Parrinello countered with a goal off a scramble in the 44th minute for the host Chargers.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith was stellar making 11 saves.

"She was great coming off her line," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said of his keeper. "Our team played great defense and as a whole we played with a lot of passion."

Alexis Tzafaroglou was in goal for the Chargers, who were coming off a tough 2-1 loss the previous night against KLAA South Division champ Plymouth.

"We had a little bit of a let-down," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We had the ball the entire game and we had our chances the second half, but their goalkeeper (Smith) and their defense played extremely well and they scored their goal off a good counter attack."

Galloping along

25-3 Mustangs sweep Stevenson

Northville put an exclamation point on its KLAA Central Division baseball season Wednesday by taking both ends of a double-header from host Livonia Stevenson, 7-0 and 11-6.

The Mustangs, 25-3 overall, finished 16-0 in the Kensington Conference and will travel Monday to face KLAA South Division champion Plymouth (21-5, 12-4) for the conference title.

Senior right-hander Matt Stojkov pitched 6.2 scoreless innings to pick up the win for Northville in the opener. He allowed just five hits, walked three and struck out eight.

Stojkov also helped his own cause going 2-for-3 with two RBI along with teammate Billy Mitchell, while Jeff Gertley also added two hits.

Losing pitcher Chris McDonald allowed five runs on four hits and three walks over four innings. The senior right-hander struck out eight.

Nick Lagerstrom went 2-for-3 for the Spartans.

In the nightcap, Connor Smith went 4-for-4 with two RBI and Stojkov added two hits and three RBI in the Northville victory in a game that was called after five innings because of darkness.

Travis Harvey went 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBI, while Justin Small went 2-for-3 with a triple and scored twice for Stevenson (20-8, 10-5). McDonald also homered in the setback.

Gertley, the winning pitcher, allowed all six runs on eight hits.

Stevenson starter Jake Semak, who gave up seven runs on eight hits and three walks, took the loss. He fanned seven.

S.L. EAST 4, STEVENSON 1: Hunter O'Rourke pitched three scoreless innings Thursday as South Lyon East (5-16, 3-13) downed host Livonia Stevenson (20-9, 10-6) in a suspended game from May 9. Shane Taylor belted a 3-run homer in the first inning to stake the Cougars to a 3-0 lead.

Chris McDonald and Jake Semak each went 2-for-3 for the Spartans, who got their only run in the sixth inning on an RBI double by Billy Bonnano. Stevenson starter Austin Stevens, who faced four batters and walked three, took the loss.

Reliever Jason Rakowitz pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing just one run on two hits and three walks while striking out 11.

CHURCHILL 14-7, JOHN GLENN 0-6: Livonia Churchill (17-7, 11-5) rallied from a



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Stevenson catcher Mike Vomastek (10) tags out Northville runner Jeff Gertley (4) at home plate during Wednesday's KLAA Central Division clash.

6-1 deficit in the nightcap to complete its KLAA South Division twinbill sweep Wednesday over visiting Westland John Glenn (6-18, 3-12).

Churchill scored four times in the fourth to cut the deficit to 6-5 and tied it in the bottom of the sixth on Connor Dwyer's RBI single scoring Alex Tsakos, who was the winning pitcher in relief.

Tyler Keeter then delivered the walk-off RBI single with no outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh scoring Ryan Baker with the game-winning run.

Jake Otto, Brent Ochodnicki and Dwyer each collected two hits for the Chargers, who clinched second place in the KLAA South.

Tsakos threw three scoreless innings in relief of starter Nick Misiak to pick up the victory.

Daniel Ammons went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace Glenn's 10-hit attack, while Jeff Kennedy, Devon Spalding and Chase Bovia each added two hits.

Glenn used three pitchers with reliever Danny Croft taking the loss.

CANTON 7-4, WAYNE 2-2: On Wednesday, the host Chiefs (16-7, 10-6) swept both ends of a KLAA South Division double-header over Wayne Memorial (12-15, 4-11).

Canton completed the sweep despite getting only two hits as Nick Hazergian, Nick Tata and Chad Russell each had an RBI.

The Chiefs used three pitchers with starter Alex Cole, who gave up one run on four hits in three innings, getting the win. Hazergian went three scoreless innings in relief to pick up the save allowing just one hit while fanning six.

Jacob Leffler went 3-for-4 to lead the Zebras' seven-hit attack, while Zach Lankton and Jacob Massey each drove in a run.

Wayne starter Thomas Briggs, who took the loss, allowed

four runs on two hits and five walks. Reliever Tyler McCurdy did not allow a hit over the final three innings and struck out five.

In the opener, Mitch Clinton went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored in Canton's 7-2 triumph.

Weston Price went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Tata added two hits and scored twice.

Tyler Schmittou and Massey each drove in a run for Wayne. Canton starter Brent Mattson went all seven innings, allowing just two hits, three walks and a hit batter. He fanned seven in picking up the win.

Wayne starter Jacob Leffler, who took the loss, went the first five innings allowing five runs on eight hits and a walk. He struck four before giving way to reliever Kody Wojewski, who was roughed up for two runs on four hits in his only inning.

PLYMOUTH 15-14, FRANKLIN 0-0: The Wildcats (21-5, 12-4) posted a pair of mercy-rule victories Wednesday at home to clinch the KLAA South Division title outright at the expense of Livonia Franklin (12-16, 4-12).

Tyler Goble went 3-for-4 with four RBI, while Matt Janke went 2-for-4 and scored twice as Plymouth won the opener in four innings, 15-0.

Winning pitcher Justin Thompson allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out three for Plymouth. Joel Trudell, who took the loss for the Patriots, collected two hits.

In Game Two, Rich Gugliemi went 3-for-3 with four RBI and Jamarl Eiland and Janke each added two hits in a 14-0 Plymouth triumph.

Winning pitcher Brian Schmid allowed just one hit (to Alex DeYonker). He struck out five and walked only one.

Franklin starter Justin Forrestall suffered the loss.

MU golfer cards ace at nationals

The first career hole-in-one from sophomore Kaitlyn Brasher highlighted the final day of the season for the Madonna University women's golf team.

But the Crusaders could not make the cut at the 2012 NAIA Women's Golf National Championships held Tuesday through Thursday at Link Hills

Country Club in Greenville, Tenn.

MU finished 27th out of 28 teams with a 1,035 stroke total on rounds of 344-354-337.

Brasher nailed a 7-wood off the tee at the par-3, 176-yard sixth hole and the ace was the first in the history of the MU program.

"I was kind of in shock when it went in," said Brasher, who hails from Grand Blanc. "It was pretty exciting. I would not want to have (a hole-in-one) in any other tournament than at a national championship."

Brasher turned in an 80, the second lowest round among the Crusaders.

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Chargers turn 5 DPs in 5-4 win

As the late Tiger radio baseball broadcaster Ernie Harwell coined the phrase, "It's two for the price of one," as Livonia Churchill turned five double plays during the first five innings and went on to beat KLAA West Division champ Brighton, 5-4, in 10.

The Chargers, who improved to 18-7 overall, scored the game-winning run in the top of the 10th inning on Nick Misiak's single scoring Brent Ochodnicki, who earlier doubled and was sacrificed to third by Tyler Keeter.

Ochodnicki went 2-for-5 with a pair of doubles, while John Szymanski

also added two hits for the Chargers.

Winning pitcher Mike Rybinski, Connor Dwyer, Dan Cameron and Keeter each added an RBI in the victory.

Rybinski pitched the final four innings in relief of starter Blake Burnette and did not allow a run, while giving up just two hits and two walks.

Brighton (19-6) got a 2-run homer from David Moore in the bottom of the fifth to knot the game at 4-4.

Reliever Brandon Smith suffered the loss.

LAMPHERE 16, CVILLE 6: Ryan Roman collected four hits, including a pair of doubles to go along with four RBI

Friday as host Madison Heights Lamphere (9-14) downed Livonia Clarenceville (8-11).

Jake Augustine was the winning pitcher, while Clarenceville's Ben Gehan took the loss.

Gehan led the Trojans' nine-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI. Damien Sanchez added two hits and scored three runs, while Tyler Howard also collected two hits.

HURON VALLEY 11, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 0: Ryan Schaffer went 4-for-4 with two RBI Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (9-4, 8-3) mercied Warren Macomb Christian (0-10 MIAC Red).

Justin Howell also went 2-for-2 with a walk to help spark the Hawks' 11-hit attack.

Alex Harris pitched two innings and struck out five to record the win.

HVL pitchers combined for 11 strikeouts, no hits and no walks.

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13 hits during the surge.

After Arielle Cox led off the first inning with a single, shortstop Jackie Barley cleared the left field fence with a 2-run homer to chase Oregon Tech starter Melissa Logan and stake the Crusaders (33-13) to a 2-0 advantage.

But Oregon Tech reliever Taylor Schmidt (26-4) closed the door on MU by allowing just two hits and a walk the rest of the way. She struck out four with

Minch and Kristen Drabek collecting the only other hits.

Freshman Angela Pavilanis got the final four outs after replacing Minch, who gave up all five earned runs on 13 hits.

Sara Coates went 3-for-4, while Ashleigh Larson, Jess Plummer and Melissa Logan added two hits apiece for Oregon Tech (40-7).

SHORTER (GA.) 8, MADONNA 2: A six-run fifth inning carried Shorter (48-11) to a second-round NAIA National Tourney Pool G victory Friday over Madonna University (33-14).

Shortstop Jackie Barley, who went 2-for-3, belted a 2-run

homer in the second inning to give the Crusaders a 2-1 lead, but the Hawks exploded for six runs off MU starter Hallie Minch (Garden City) in the sixth to put the game away.

Minch (14-11) allowed four earned runs on eight hits and three walks before giving way to Angela Pavilanis.

Charlise Broome went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace Shorter, while Amanda Dailey went 2-for-4, including a solo homer in the sixth.

Kristen Drabek added two hits for the Crusaders, who committed two errors.

Maddie Bray (15-5), who worked the final 4.2 scoreless innings in relief of starter Kayla Byrom, got the victory as Shorter improved to 2-0 in pool play.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 148
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 159
May 18 at Fox Hills (Classic)

Plymouth scorers: Kyle Rhodes, 35; Josh Heinze, 36; John Tatti, 38; Kyle Melnick, 39; Chris Kozler and Evan Chipman, 42 each.

Churchill scorers: Cory Dare, 39; Andrew Ioanou, Brian Sexton and Alex Kondrath, 40 each; Dom DiLisi and Doug Simpson, 44 each.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 8-0 overall, 8-0 KLA South Division (clinched title); Churchill, 5-3 overall, 5-3 KLA South.

NORTHVILLE 156
LIVONIA STEVENSON 166
May 17 at Tanglewood

Northville scorers: Andrew Sarokin, 35 (medalist); Alec Lasley, 38; Matt Evasic, 41; Matt Trumbore, 42; Jacob Pierre, 43; Trevor Page, 48.

Stevenson scorers: Dante Cicchelli, 40; Nick Marsh, Eric Attard and Austin Harris, 42 each; Connor Humitz, 45; Cam Tetrault, 46.

Dual match records: Northville, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLA Central.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 157
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 179

May 16 at Whip. Willows
Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 37 (medalist); Nick Proben, 39; Alec Kondrath, 40; Dom DiLisi, 41; Eric Hill, 42; Brian Sexton, 44.

John Glenn scorers: Mitch Dean, 40; Joey Wakeford and Nick Doupe, 45 each; Tim Moran, 49; Andy Snyder, 52; Herbie Taylor, 55.

Dual match records: Churchill, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 3-5 overall, 3-5 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 153
NOVI 154

May 15 at Fox Creek G.C.
Stevenson scorers: Dante Cicchelli, 36; Nick Marsh and Marco Yaquinto, 38 each; Austin Harris, Eric Attard and Cam Tetrault, 41 each.

Novi scorers: Johnny Walker, 35 (medalist); Garret Buckley, 38; Bryan Fegert, 40; Jason Carless, 41; Mike Wenzel, 42; Chris Park, 47.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-1 overall, 5-1 KLA Central Division; Northville, 4-2 overall, 4-2 KLA Central.

DEARBORN INVITATIONAL

May 14 at Dearborn C.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 315 each; 3. Livonia Churchill, 321; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 323.

Churchill scorers: 5. Andrew Ioanou, 77; Ben Proben, 80; Nick Proben, 81; Dom DiLisi and Brian Sexton, 83 each.

Stevenson scorers: 10. Dante Cicchelli, 77; Austin Harris and Eric Attard, 81 each; Nick Massa, 84; Nick Marsh, 87.

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enough to get him the win by that one or two hundredths of a second.

"Great race. It's been such an up-and-down season for us. We had a losing record in dual meets, we didn't do great at Observerland, we were mediocre at the conference meet and then to come here to tonight and win the whole thing in the regional, totally unexpected. I was looking at this meet as maybe qualifying some guys to states and go home. But I never thought I'd be taking a trophy with us."

Meteyer said the key to the winning relay was Amado, going full-tilt despite being slightly injured after winning the 110- and 300-meter hurdle events (15.26 and 39.56, respectively) to remain undefeated this season.

"I warmed up six guys for that 4-by-4 knowing that Amado's hip was starting to hurt him a little bit after the 300," Meteyer continued, "and I don't want to risk a kid's college career on a 4-by-4. But then I found out the score, we were tied with Plymouth and I said 'We're going all-out, ... and Amado, unless you come to the starting line with your leg falling off you're it.'"

"And so he ran it, and actually it was Amado who opened up a lead on the other teams there on the second leg."

Other Salem state qualifiers included Crawford in the 200 dash and the 800-meter relay team of Chris Dierker, Ivan Rhodes, Crawford and Drake Jordan — second behind Franklin's event champion relay of Andrew McGaughey, Gutowski, Alex Perelli and Andrew Crechiolo.

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualified for the June 2 state meet in East Kentwood, along with those reaching additional criteria as determined by the MHSAA.

Bouncing back

Plymouth didn't score in any of the field events, yet nearly pulled out the

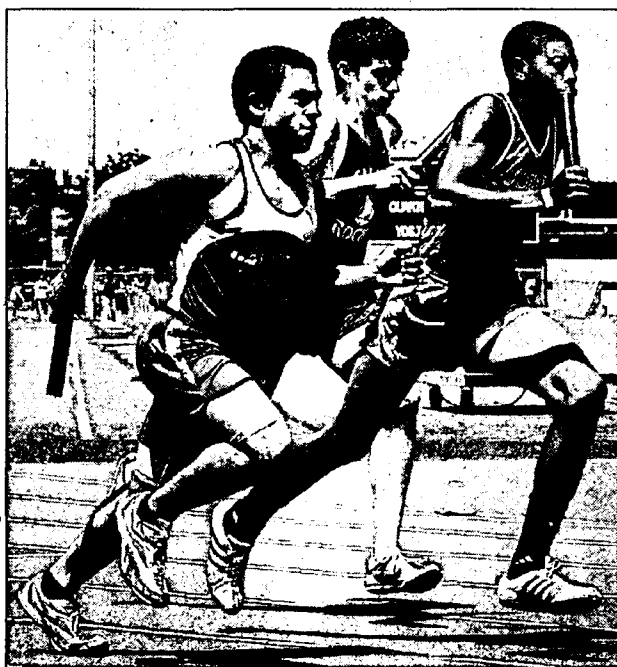


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Region 4 runners take off on the first leg of the 3,200-meter relay Friday afternoon.

regional championship thanks to prowess in running events.

"If you think about it, we scored zero points in field events today," Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said. "So to come back and get second place in a meet like that it's pretty impressive."

"We scored two places in every distance event, Derek (Gielarowski) had an amazing meet. He started off our 4-by-8 that got first place (8:04.65), he won the mile (4:28.67), the two-mile (9:51.68). Just an insane effort out of him today."

Also on the relay team were Max Rogowski (who also qualified in the 800), Evan Johnson and freshman Jonny Dalton. Lucas Bunting finished first in the 400 with a time of 50.03, edging Stevenson's Zaid Shareef (50.25).

Gielarowski edged out Stevenson's Stephen Fenech in the two-miler; Fenech also qualified for state meet with his time of 9:52.10.

Mikosz also praised William Askew II and Alex Rogers, both coming back from injuries and finishing third in the 200 and 100 dashes, respectively.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys and the effort they put out today," he said.

Better showing

Canton head coach Bob Richardson said his team

rebounded from its ninth-place finish at the May 18 KLA meet. "We knew we were better than that and we showed we were."

Senior sprinter Ryan Jones was regional champion in the 100 dash and with teammates Colby Morris, Zach Smilo and Demetre Lopez in the 400-meter relay (times of 11.31 and 43.81, respectively).

Other Canton qualifiers included high jumper Matt Schacht (second in the high jump, behind Redford Union's Tre Goynes) and Miles Felton, whose first-place time of 2:00.09 nipped Rogowski's 2:00.51 in the 800.

Richardson said he was "real proud" to be part of a day where the three PCEP teams finished in the top three spots.

"We all work together every day, we all support one another," he added. "It's nice to see."

In addition to Fenech and Shareef, the fourth-place Spartans will send the 1-2 finishers in the long jump to the finals (Nick Podulka, Tony Wilson).

Churchill again dominated in the pole vault, with top finishers Alex Ryktarsyk and Jacob Hage.

Winning the shot put was Churchill's Bryan Bartig, with Franklin's Adam Clay in second.

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Leah Heinzelman, Molly Jarvis and Elyssa Hofmann also placed first in 49.91.

"Everything went well," said Churchill's Pat Daugherty, who also garnered his fifth straight regional title as coach. "Based on the seeds, we pretty much performed the way we should have. All our relays made it. Sydney Anderson made it in all four events she was in. Molly Jarvis made it in three events. We have a big school, but a pretty small squad that scores for us."

Plymouth, meanwhile, got wins from senior Chyna Williams in the discus (114-8) and senior Reagan Engstrom in the pole vault (11-4), the latter event were the Wildcats took five of the eight places with three individuals qualifying for the state finals, June 2 at East Kentwood. Plymouth's 4 x 800 relay team also qualified.

"Our girls scored a lot of points in events that made it closer than I thought it would be," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "We had two school records, a couple personal records, girls qualified for the state meet. So we can't be disappointed."

"But it's kind of bittersweet because Becca Knox has been a two-time state qualifier for us and she missed it by an inch and a half in the long jump. We're kind of hurting for Becca right now because she's been the heart of this team, she's so important to us. Her not qualifying today was a tough thing to swallow. But as a team, we're happy."

Glenn was led by junior Kirsten Smith, who swept the 100- and 300 hurdles events in 15.44 and 46.61, respectively.

Smith also helped the Rockets to a first in the 800 relay along with Shekinah Johnson, Joslyn Massey and Kayla Jones (1:45.36).

"We performed pretty well," Glenn coach

James Fitzgerald said. "We had good performances from Chanelle Wright, who scored both in the shot (put) and discus. We scored two girls in the long jump and Joslyn Massey got us started in the high jump qualifying and our 4 x 200 team had their best time of the year and won it."

"And obviously Kirsten Smith and Kayla Jones with their scoring in the sprints and hurdles — phenomenal. Not our best day. Not as good today as we did last Friday (at the Kensington Conference meet), but still pretty good."

Stevenson made a strong showing boasting individual winners Karlie Gallagher, 800 (2:21.46); Alex Kitz, long jump (16-8); and Oly Nwanko, shot put (35-1.5).

And not to be denied was Salem's super sophomore Kayla Kavulich, who swept the 1,600 (5:10.01) and 3,200 (11:32.41) runs, as well as anchoring the Rocks to a come-from-behind win in the 1,600 relay (4:07.89).

Meanwhile, Inkster's Tina Davis garnered firsts in the 100- and 200 dashes with clockings of 12.75 and 26.4, respectively.

But the day belonged to Churchill, which will be gunning for its ninth straight regional title in 2013, along with some unfinished business at the 2012 Division 1 state finals.

"Our junior and senior class are great kids and have really work hard," Daugherty said. "You talk about team opposed to individual and they really deserved it today. The big meets you have to do it on those days and today they all did it, so I was really happy with everybody's performance."

"Plymouth did a good job, John Glenn did a good job. They pushed us really hard in the middle and our kids can see that. They not only want to go to 'states,' but they want to win that (regional) trophy, too. It pushed them more. Hats off to Plymouth and John Glenn, too."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGION 4-1 BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 87; 2. Plymouth, 82; 3. Canton, 77.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 76; 5. Livonia Franklin, 67.5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 56; 7. Dearborn, 46; 8. Garden City, 39; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 34; 10. Detroit Cody, 33; 11. Redford Union, 20; 12. Westland John Glenn, 19; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 11; 14. Inkster, 9; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4; 16. Wayne Memorial, 2.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(Top 2 automatically qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 6 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 47-11.75; 3. Bearroo Yaacobi (DBN), 46-5.5; 4. Sheddric Glass-Shepard (GC), 44-3.5; 5. Daniel Carrigan (S), 43-11.5; 6. Shawn Deese (GC), 43-11; 7. John Fross (RU), 43-6; 8. Stephen Schacht (C), 42-7.

Discus: 1. Karim Hachem (DF), 137-1; 2. Troy Hanson (EF), 135-0; 3. Yaacobi (DBN), 133-7; 4. Bartig (LC), 133-5; 5. Carrigan (S), 124-3; 6. Danny Emma (EF), 123-5; 7. Thomas Pocalujka (LS), 121-7; 8. Dev. Sandhu (C), 121-3.

High jump: 1. Tre Goynes (RU), 6-5; 2. Matthew Schacht (C), 6-3; 3. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-1; 4. Akil Wade (C), 5-11.4; 5. Manny Washington (EF), 5-11.3; 6. Chris Dierker (S), 5-11.2; 7. Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC), 5-11.09; 8. Merwan Ghadieh (DF), 5-11.08.

Long jump: 1. Nick Podulka (LS), 21-0; 2. Tony Wilson (LS), 20-6.25; 3. Goynes (RU), 20-0.75; 4. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-9.75; 5. Dixon (C), 19-9.5; 6. Drake Jordan (S), 19-6.75; 7. Washington (EF), 19-5; 8. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-3.75.

Pole vault: 1. Alex Ryktarsyk (LC), 12-10; 2. Jacob Hage (LC), 12-10; 3. Brandon Stanhope (EF), 12-4; 4. Erich Hinkle (GC), 12-4; 5. (t) Mitch Nickert (C) and Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 11-10; 7. Stephan Fedak (LC), 11-4.1; 8. Quinn Dupraw (WJG), 11-4.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jose Amado (S), 15.26; 2. Elijah Simkins (DBN), 15.49; 3. Tom Brokaw (LF), 15.62; 4. Darrien Lankford (GC), 15.83; 5. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.08; 6. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16.11; 7. Zachary Zoltowski (LC), 16.32; 8. Joe Mims (LS), 16.67.

300 hurdles: 1. Amado (S),

39.56; 2. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 40.94; 3. Elijah Simkins (DBN), 41.74; 4. Joe Mims (LS), 42.30; 5. Alexandru Iliesi (DBN), 42.37; 6. Nathan Falzon (LS), 43.08; 7. Zoltowski (LC), 43.1; 8. Shean Krolicki (C), 43.35.

100: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.31; 2. Kenyon Bell (DC), 11.4; 3. Alexander Rogers (P), 11.47; 4. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.49; Eli Misior (I), 11.57; 6. Nick Podulka (LS), 11.64; 7. Vaughn Frederick (GC), 11.77; 8. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.98.

200: 1. Thomas Crawford (S), 22.88; 2. Keshawn Walker (DBN), 22.9; 3. William Askew (P), 23.08; 4. Colby Morris (C), 23.62; 5. Brandon Rutland (DC), 23.79; 6. Frederick (GC), 23.92; 7. Eli-Kevin Phillips (DC), 24.29; 8. Alton White (I), 24.84.

400: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 50.03; 2. Zaid Shareef (LS), 50.25; 3. Colin McCormack (S), 52.0; 4. Ian Kelly (DC), 52.36; 5. Kevin Mack (S), 52.56; 6. Matthew Schacht (C), 52.70; 7. Michael Sollars (WJG), 52.94; 8. Quinton Davis (WM), 53.0.

800: 1. Miles Felton (C), 2:00.09; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 2:00.51; 3. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:01.50; 4. Jewell Jones (WJG), 2:02.36; 5. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:04.36; 6. Jharia Johnson (GC), 2:04.99; 7. Mike Sopko (LC), 2:05.01; 8. Amir Everett (DHC), 2:05.34.

1,600: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:28.67; 2. Zneablaaden Nassr (EF), 4:28.76; 3. Felton (C), 4:29.81; 4. Johnson (GC), 4:36.11; 5. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:37.28; 6. Nick Eiben (P), 4:39.15; 7. Ross Cecil (LF), 4:43.04; 8. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 4:43.05.

3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 9:51.68; 2. Stephen Fenech (LS), 9:52.10; 3. Steven McEvilly (S), 9:56.44; 4. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:08.43; 5. Keenan Jones (LF), 10:14.66; 6. Daniel Garza (EF), 10:15.99; 7. Benjamin Yates (LC), 10:16.65; 8. Hassan Idriss (DHC), 10:18.58.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Colby Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre Lopez, Ryan Jones), 43.81; 2. Detroit Cody (Phillips, Bell, Rutland, Eddie Fluker), 43.88; 3. Franklin (Joe McRobb, Perelli, Andrew McGaughey, Bickham), 43.98; 4. Salem, 44.34; 5. Garden City, 44.63; 6. Stevenson, 44.64; 7. Churchill, 44.8; 8. Plymouth, 45.65.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (McGaughey, Gutowski, Perelli, Crechiolo), 1:30.83; 2. Salem (Jordan, Ivan Rhodes, Crawford, Dierker), 1:30.95; 3. Cody (Phillips, Bell, Rutland, Fluker), 1:31.17; 4. Stevenson, 1:31.63; 5. Inkster, 1:33.31; 6. Churchill, 1:35.19; 7. Garden City, 1:35.70; 8. Wayne Memorial, 1:36.32.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (McCormack, Amado, Chase Minshaw, Alex Creekmore), 3:28.47; 2. Franklin (Crechiolo, McGaughey, Bickham, Gutowski), 3:28.48; 3. Stevenson (Tony Wilson, Craig Wilkinson, Adam Wheeler, Shareef), 3:28.96; 4. Plymouth, 3:31.24; 5. Canton, 3:37.55; 6. John Glenn, 3:37.79; 7. Redford Union, 3:38.20; 8. Churchill, 3:44.43.

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Dalton, Evan Johnson, Rogowski), 8:04.65; 2. Dearborn, 8:05.47; 3. Stevenson (Jacob Colley, Ben Lambert, Mike Sopko, Matt Garon), 8:09.33; 4. Churchill, 8:18.54; 5. Salem, 8:18.75; 6. John Glenn, 8:40.02; 7. Crestwood, 8:44.11; 8. Franklin, 8:51.4.

(SQ): additional state qualifier.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 69

MACOMB LUTH. NORTH 59

May 15 at Macomb

Shot put: 1. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 44 feet, 4 inches; **discus:** 1. Cummings (Cville), 130-3; **high jump:** 1. Piette (LN), 6-0; 2. Austin Douglass (Cville), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Mike Demmons (Cville), 20-6.5; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 15.8; 2. Sam Brown (Cville), 15.8; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brown (Cville), 42.8; 2. Jatta (Cville), 43.1; **100 dash:** 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 10.7; **200:** 1. Kelly (Cville), 22.1; 2. Jalen Bryant (Cville), 23.8; **400:** 1. Whiter (LN), 52.8; **800:** 1. Bielecki (LN), 2:01.5; 3. Stephen Spens (Cville), 2:16.4; **1,600:** 1. Taykowski (LN), 5:00.0; **3,200:** 1. McGoldrick (LN), 10:56.0; 2. Joe Walker (Cville), 11:11.0; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 44.6; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Jatta, Kelly), 1:39.1; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Kareem Stewart, Brown, Ian Bunker, Jatta), 3:42.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. North, 9:05.9; 2. Clarenceville, 9:11.4.

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 11-1 overall.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGION 4-1 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 133 points; 2. Plymouth, 109.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 92; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 82; 5. Salem, 59; 6. Canton, 45; 7. Livonia Franklin, 30; 8. Inkster, 25; 9. Wayne Memorial, 22.5; 10. (tie) Redford Union and Dearborn, 19.5; 12. Garden City, 18; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 5; 14. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 3; 15. (tie) Detroit Cody and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top 2 automatically qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 35 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 34-5.5; 3. Tionne Johnson (P), 33-0; 4. Lena Bazzi (DF), 32-6; 5. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 32-0.5; 6. Amber Warren (C), 31-7; 7. Alexa AI (DBN), 31-6.5; 8. Chanene Wright (WJG), 31-5.

Discus: 1. Chyna Williams (P), 114-8; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 114-4; 3. Dana Blankenship (S), 105-4; 4. Wright (WJG), 101-3; 5. Kayla Branton (LS), 98-6; 6. Johnson (P), 96-10; 7. Sarah Muzzin (LS), 96-3; 8. Hannah Pummill (LC), 92-4.

High jump: 1. Sinclair McDonnell (LC), 5-4; 2. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 3. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2 (SQ); 4. (tie) Jamay Dixon (RU) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9.10; 6. (tie) Minta Whitaker (GC), Bridget Koessler (LS), Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Alex Kitz (LS), 16-8; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 16-5; 3. Becca Knox (P), 16-4.5; 4. Massey (WJG), 16-1; 5. Kayla Jones (WJG), 15-9.75; 6. Kyla Mann (DBN), 15-7.5; 7. Pia Simon (C), 15-7.25; 8. Autumn Stanek (DEF), 15-5.5.

Pole vault: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 11-4; 2. Kitz (LS), 3. Jane McCurry (P), 10-8.3 (SQ); 4. Rieckhoff (P), 10-8.2 (SQ); 5. Emily Lang (C), 10-8 (SQ); 6. Nancy Krutty (S), 10-4 (SQ); 7. (tie) Sarah Uhlian (P) and Brenna Connelly (P), 9-2.1.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15.44; 2. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 15.97; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.02; 4. Taelor Phillips (WJG), 16.8; 5. Natalie Puckett (P), 16.83; 6. Ta'Nia Lewis (WM), 16.85; 7. Nevada

Leighton (DEF), 17.09; 8. Jessica Balaka (DBN), 17.75.

300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 46.61; 2. Jarvis (LC), 47.56; 3. Puckett (P), 48.23; 4. Marina Milad (C), 49.61; 5. Holly Stark (P), 49.86; 6. Rachel Falzon (S), 50.33; 7. Natalie Spala (LC), 51.02; 8. Madison Osborn (LF), 51.05.

100: 1. Tina Davis (I), 12.75; 2. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 13.13; 3. Bryan White (LF); 13.17; 4. Kayla Jones (WJG), 13.18; 5. Delisha Williams (RU), 13.18; 6. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.23; 7. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.24; 8. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.44.

200: 1. Davis (I), 26.4; 2. Jones (WJG), 26.61; 3. Williams (P), 26.86; 4. Honia Williams (WM), 26.86; 5. Leah Henzelman (LC), 27.75; 6. Ce'Andria Moing (GC), 27.86; 7. (tie) Danielle Robbins (WM), and Deija Collins (GC), 27.88.

400: 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.24; 2. Rachael Hille (P), 1:00.93; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:01.0; 4. Krystal Whitlow (GC), 1:02.36; 5. Allison Timberlake (LS), 1:03.32; 6

Ladywood wins 7-0 to gain finals Pats upend No. 4 Wildcats; Huron Valley stings C'ville

Livonia Ladywood turned in a complete game Friday en route to a 7-0 Catholic League A-B Division semifinal girls softball victory over visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Blazers, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, improved to 26-3 overall and will face Farmington Hills Mercy for the A-B championship beginning at 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy. Carli SanMillan tripled and doubled to lead Ladywood's 12-hit attack, while Lauren Hayes and Nicole Payne added two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Briana Combs allowed just two hits and struck out six in seven innings.

"It's the best game we played all year," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "We picked a runner off first, hit the ball and ran the bases well against a very good team."

LAMPHERE 17, C'VILLE 7: Seven errors was the recipe for disaster Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (11-13) fell to host Madison Heights Lamphere.

Winning pitcher Carrie Austin helped her own cause going 2-for-4 for the Rams. Jaki Bateman (3-6) took the loss for the Trojans, who got one hit and one run each from Angela McAlpine and Nicole Kurdziel.

HVL 17, C'VILLE 2: Sophomore Brooke Kuehn went 5-for-5 with a triple, RBI and four runs scored as Westland



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Franklin senior pitcher Tiffany Lamble beat No. 4-ranked, Plymouth, 3-1, in the first game of a double-header on Wednesday.

Huron Valley Lutheran (16-4) romped to a non-league win Thursday at Livonia Clarenceville (11-12).

Freshman Bethany Schaffer also had a big day at the plate going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs as the Hawks scored nine times in the first inning and closed out the mercy-rule win with four more in the top of the fifth.

"We hit the ball well today," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. "We hit the ball well in a lot of two-out situations."

We came out strong in the first inning with eight hits."

Winning pitcher Julie St. John, a freshman, allowed one earned run on five hits. She struck out four and hit two batters.

Junior Jodi Ankiel (RBI) and sophomore Nicole Kurdziel each went 2-for-3 for Clarenceville.

Losing pitcher Angela McAlpine (6-6) gave up 18 hits, walked two and hit one batter, but only eight of the runs were earned as the the Trojans committed five errors.

Although Livonia Franklin settled for a split of its girls softball double-header Wednesday against host Plymouth, it was mission accomplished.

The Patriots pulled off a mild upset by winning the opener in eight innings against the No. 4-ranked Wildcats, 3-1.

Plymouth then took the nightcap, 11-5, to improve to 23-3 overall and finish 14-2 in the KLAAs South Division (to clinch the title).

Franklin (17-8, 10-5) rallied with a run in the top of the seventh on a two-out double by Lauren Michael followed by an Afton DeWyse RBI single.

In the eighth, Katelynn Devers walked with one-out and scored on Caitlin Milican's double. Maggie Leins then added an RBI double scoring Milican.

And that was enough for Franklin starter Tiffany Lamble (13-4), who scattered seven hits over eight innings to pick up the victory.

"This team really stays together and battles," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We were down to our last out in the seventh inning and our eight and nine hitters hit

back-to-back doubles to tie it. It's amazing."

Milican, DeWyse and Michael each collected two hits in the win.

Plymouth starter Mik Marciniak, who gave up all three runs on 10 hits, took the loss. She struck out six and walked one.

Marciniak got the winning in the nightcap scattering 10 hits to go along with three strikeouts.

Franklin's Nicole Williamson (3-2) suffered the loss, but deserved a better fate as Plymouth scored all 11 of its runs in the second inning as the Patriots committed four errors.

"We had our first mental letdown of the season," Jimenez said of the four errors. "We had very good at-bats the rest of the game, but it was not enough."

Mackenzie Lukas had two hits and two RBI, while DeWyse also collected two hits and knocked in a run.

Courtney Garbarino came on in the third inning in relief and held the Wildcats scoreless on just three hits.

FRANKLIN 10, JOHN GLENN 0: Becky Giacobbi collected three hits and knocked in three runs Friday as Livonia Franklin (18-8, 11-5) defeated Westland John

Glenn (9-18, 2-14) in a KLAAs South Division make-up game.

Other top hitters for the Patriots included Caitlin Milican (two hits, two RBI); Katelynn Devers (double, two walks three runs); and Mackenzie Lukas (double, run).

Winning pitcher Nicole Williamson (4-2) limited Glenn to five hits. She walked one and struck out three.

Glenn starter Destiny O'Hara allowed 10 runs on 11 hits and five walks in five innings. She struck out eight.

CHURCHILL 10-12, JOHN GLENN 0-3: Livonia Churchill (15-8, 9-7) collected 24 hits on the day in sweeping a KLAAs South Division double-header Wednesday from visiting Westland John Glenn (9-16, 2-13).

Nicole Salloum belted a 2-run homer in the first inning as Churchill took the opener in five innings, 10-0.

Rachel Jason, Julia Cavagnini, Casey Bias and Salloum each collected two hits in the victory.

Churchill pitcher Abby Jewell held the Rockets hitless and scoreless in her five innings of work. She struck out three and did not allow a walk.

Glenn starter Alexis Lester gave up 12 runs over four innings in taking the loss.

Churchill also won the nightcap, 12-3, as Katie Sherada pitched a complete-game five-hitter. She struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Jewell, Bias, Salloum and Jenny Bourlier each had two hits in the victory.

Danielle Saunders went 3-for-3, including a pair of doubles for the Rockets.

Glenn starter Destiny O'Hara took the loss.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Football clinic

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

The camp, stressing fundamentals, is free with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. in Stevenson's north cafeteria.

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

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland

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

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

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

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

Tim Shaw camp

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

To register, visit online at www.timshawfootball.com.

CAP golf outing

The Churchill Athletic Patrons golf outing will be Sunday, June 10 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Check-in begins at 1 p.m. followed by a shotgun start at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served after golf at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$95 per person (tax deductible) or \$340 per four-some. Dinner only is \$35. Tee box sponsorships are available for \$150.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Women's golf

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

Non-residents are encouraged to join.

For more information, call Beth Nemes at (248) 473-9068; or e-mail tbw4boys@aol.com.

Need cheer coach

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls competitive

and sideline cheer coach for the upcoming season.

For more information, e-mail Franklin athletic director Ron Hammie at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

Girls hoop coach

Livonia Clarenceville is taking applications for its varsity girls basketball coaching position for the 2012-13 season.

Those interested should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, athletic director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. You can also e-mail Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom coaches for the fall of 2012.

An afternoon and weekend bus driver is also wanted to take teams to games.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal

Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball coach.

Those interested should send a letter of interest and resume by May 15 to: Scott Wiemer, Annapolis High School, 4650 Clippert, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125; or e-mail wiemersc@d7.k12.mi.us.

Kids' fishing

The Metro West Steelheaders of Livonia will state a Kids' Fishing Outing beginning at 9 a.m. with check-in and registration on Saturday, June 9 at the Kensington Metropark Shore Fishing Area. (Takes I-96 to the Kent Lake Road exit and turn east to enter the park.)

Free fishing gear, bait (Walt's Crawlers) and license will be provided for kids.

There will also be a free wildlife safari critter show at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 420-0582; or e-mail Jimerpi04@comcast.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, May 21

Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Crestwood at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
SF Christ. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

L. W'sld at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Grosse Ile at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Frank. Rd. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 21

Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
S. Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Novi at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Crestwood at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
L. W'sld at Summit, 4:30 p.m.
(Catholic League A-B Final at Univ. of Detroit Mercy)

Tuesday, May 22

L. W'sld at Oak. Chr., 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Grosse Ile at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Stevenson at S.H. Steve., 4 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Oak. Christian at HVL, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 26

Ogemaw Heights Inv., 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 21
Stevenson at Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

L'wood at Country Day, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Cranbrook at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland at RU, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

L. W'sld at Summit, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS-GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday, May 22

Catholic League A-B Meet at Ladywood, 2:30 p.m.
MIAC Meet at Lutheran High Westland, 3:30 p.m.

KLAAs Association Meet at Lakeland, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

Oakland County Meet at Holly, TBA.

BOYS GOLF

Monday, May 21

Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Walnut Creek, 3 p.m.

Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

John Glenn vs. Wayne at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

Fellows Creek Cup, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

John Glenn vs. Canton at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. Plymouth at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Franklin vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Idyl Wyld G.C., 4 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

(MHSAA Div. 2 Regional)

Wednesday, May 23

Ladywood at Bedford, 6 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

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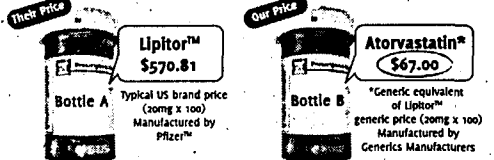
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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

May

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:

• Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 22, 29; 6:15 p.m. May 23, 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 24, 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.
The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City..

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• 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."

June

ALZHEIMER'S CAMP

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's

disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Garden City Hospital

• Diabetes Self-Management Education is at 9 a.m. June 2, 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.



Runners race along downtown Detroit streets during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Canton dentists help spread smiles

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 23, if you need free dental care.

Contemporary Dentistry in Canton will hold "Dental Care From The Heart" that day. The dental group will offer free dental services to the first 100 visitors, in an effort to "give back" to the community and help individuals without dental insurance.

Dr. Nader and Rima Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui and their staff will offer a choice of a cleaning, filling or extraction, along with x-ray and diagnostic service. Care will be provided on a 'first come, first served' basis for individuals, 5 years and over.

Registration will begin



Dr. Rima Bazzi (left), Dr. Nader Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui will provide free dental care June 23 at Contemporary Dentistry in Canton.

at 8 a.m. and patients will be seen through 4 p.m. Contemporary Dentistry is located at 5645 N Shel-

don Road. No phone calls or appointments will be taken.

Start holiday weekend with annual race

There's still time to register for the 21st annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The event, which includes a 5K run and 1-mile walk, Saturday, May 26, in downtown Detroit, raises funds for breast cancer research and local breast cancer programs.

Individuals can register online through May 23 at www.karmanos.org/racefortheCureDetroit. Participants also can register and pick up their even packets at the same time from noon to 7 p.m. May 24-25 at Variations Salon, 23520 Michigan Ave., Dearborn; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 21 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 22-23 at New Balance, 37606 W. 12 Mile, in the Halstead Village Shopping Center, Farmington Hills; or from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21-25, at Karmanos Cancer Institute Vaitkevicius Community Services Center, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Race Day registration runs 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

May 26 at Comerica Park, in downtown Detroit.

Fees are \$35 for adults, 18-64 and \$17 for seniors, 65 and older, and youth, 6-17. Children, 5 and under may participate for free, but they must be officially registered and a parent or guardian must sign the waiver on the entry form.

The opening ceremony will start at 8 a.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m. and the closing ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m.

A prayer and candle-lighting service for anyone touched by cancer, is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave. Detroit. The Cathedral also will provide a prayer station along the route on race day.

For more information about Race for the Cure call the Komen Detroit office at (248) 304-2080 or e-mail to racefortheCure@karmanos.org.

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Audience member Barbara DeGrazia laces up presenter Kim Parr.

What's under that dress?

Historian shows off drawers, corsets, bustles, and more

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

"Keep pulling, keep pulling, keep pulling ... and don't think that you're hurting me. If my face is turning red that means it's working."

Historian Kim Parr, outfitted in three layers of 19th century underwear, coached Barbara DeGrazia through the process of tightening corset strings.

"It's not as easy as you think," Parr told her audience of mostly American Association of University Women, (AAUW) Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

DeGrazia, an AAUW member, grabbed the laces with both hands and pulled again and again, cinching the 1880s-style corset tight.

"Oh my gosh, this is hard on the hands," DeGrazia said.

"You did good," Parr reassured her, as the audience applauded and someone asked if she could bend in the constricting garment.

"Be lucky you're living today," Parr answered.

The corset demonstration was the crowning moment in her presentation, "Mentioning the Unmentionables," a look

at the history of women's underwear from medieval times through World War I. Her program, complete with photos, humorous stories, authentic and replica garments, and hands-on demonstrations, packed the meeting room for AAUW Livonia chapter's final gathering of the season.

"I used to wear period clothing every day to work ... when you wear a corset people seem to know and they ask questions. So I knew there was interest in it," said Parr, former living history coordinator at Greenfield Village and director of



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kim Parr isn't shy about showing us her drawers.

the Macomb County Historical Society and Crock-er House Museum for the past 10 years.

"I found the museum had a great clothing collection and some interesting undergarments. So, I made a display on it. A few board members, old

timers were mad about it. They thought it was really improper. But then it caught interest."

She developed a program for a Questers group and word spread. "I had no idea I'd be speaking about it 10 years later," said Parr, a Detroit

resident. "It's all word of mouth. I don't market it."

Layering

Parr systematically layered underwear over her 1860s-style chemise — the nightgown-like foun-

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Members of the American Association of University Women, Livonia Chapter, enjoy historian Kim Parr's presentation on the history of women's underwear from medieval times through the early 20th Century.

UNDER

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dation of historical clothing — while describing each piece.

"The thing about the chemise was it didn't change a lot for years and years. This was your basic garment. It protected your skin from the corset and your corset from your skin."

Red stockings, held in place with ribbons tied above the knees, were popular in the 1700s. Parr wore striped stockings, which women often wore in the 1860s.

"One color stocking you didn't see until 1900 was black because the color black was hard to achieve without using an arsenic dye. It wasn't colorfast. Your feet sweat and the black would rub off on your feet."

The earliest mention of drawers, long underpants which women wore over the chemise, was in the early 1600s in a traveller's notes about his trip through Italy. Parr said English women were known to wear drawers about 200 years later.

"Ladies, why are they split?" Parr asked the crowd, showing a pair with an open crotch. "To use the potty. Remember, your corset goes over your drawers. You cannot pull your drawers down. If you have modern underwear on with a corset — good luck."

Changing fashions

After donning drawers and a corset, Parr showed off a variety of "dress improvers," including hip extenders, which made dresses widen at the hips; a crinoline, the hoop-like structure that gave shape to voluminous dresses in the mid-1800s; and a horse-hair stuffed bustle from the late 1800s that extended fabric over the derriere.

"By the 1880s the bustle becomes



Stylish hose are a must when dressing in 19th century attire. Striped socks were popular at the time.

enormous. You could have tea on your friend's back end," Parr quipped.

Pat Smith, an AAUW member, modeled a pair of collapsible hip extenders for the audience.

"What was cool about it," she said later, "was that you could stick your hands into it and it was like you had two purses on each hip. You could collapse them when something was in your way."

Underwear evolved to suit changing fashions. When women began working in factories during World War 1 and became more active, the corset no longer fit in with their lifestyle nor outerwear. French lingerie companies created camisole-like tops that served as brassieres.

"This is where the Twiggy look started," Parr said, referring to the 1960s fashion trend. "No bosom, no hip. Historians believe the psychology of war was that people wanted to look and act like kids and just have fun."

Improvement: Today's garments offer better fit and lighter fabric

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Women's lingerie has come a long way over the years — all the way from old-fashioned "Granny Panties" to flossy thongs; from heavy, ungainly corsets to lightweight body wraps designed to hide figure flaws ... well, flawlessly.

Underwear that was once made of scratchy, weighty fabrics has been replaced with new lighter, breathable fabric that is far less constricting and much more comfortable, said Lynn Barazzu of Harps Lingerie in Birmingham.

"The change is all about choices for women," said Barazzu. "It's their body and how they want to look — it is all about them."

Barazzu said that although some of her clientele is still interested in wearing old-fashioned girdles, newer "slimmers" made of Lycra and other shaping fabrics provide effective shapewear for other newer generations. Although women of all ages still want to hide as many pumps and bumps as possible, she said that she shies away from using the word girdle, because it evokes unpleasant memories for some.

"There are so many more options today, so many varieties for women to choose from," she said.

Comfortable, fashionable

The dynamic change in women's undergarments has not only helped free a generation of women from uncomfortable clothing, it also has provided many options for looking and feeling even better in what you wear, said Rachelle Fanelli of Sunny J's Lingerie and Leisure in Plymouth.

"You can be comfortable



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Today's shapewear offers control with light, flexible fabrics. This Andora body suit is worlds away from a corset.

but still look great," said Fanelli, who has been fitting women in lingerie for the past 26 years.

Fanelli said a major positive change that she has seen over the years is an emphasis on proper bra sizing. Wearing the correct bra size can have a major impact on your shape and unlike in past years, more options are now available to fit all body types.

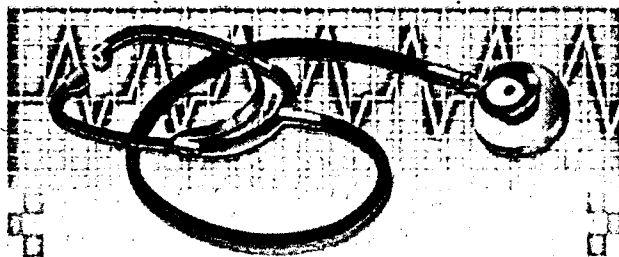
"For years you had to go to a department store and squeeze into whatever size they had available, whether it fit you prop-

erly or not." There are now a variety of options available to help find both the right cup size and the right band size, she said.

"Wearing lingerie that fits properly really does affect the way you look and feel," Fanelli said.

Today's lighter, more flexible fabrics make a huge difference as well.

"We women are our own worst enemies. We are so critical of our bodies. If we can find a garment to make them feel better, they are happy and then we are happy."



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Participants can stroll up to five miles on the estates's grounds while raising money for MHS, which maintains shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. Several course lengths are available and water stops will be provided for people and their pets. Individuals who plan to walk with their pet should bring current vaccination records to the event. Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times.

Individual walkers and teams can register, set up personalized web pages, and collect donations online at www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch. Pre-registration is not required. All walkers who raise \$156 or more will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt. The first 800 four-legged walkers will receive a Mutt March bandana.

Walkers who raise \$468 will get the opportunity to name an MHS shelter animal before it goes up for adoption. Walkers who raise \$1,500 will become part of the MHS Best Friends Club, and receive a brick paver, which will be engraved with their name, and placed at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.



Two furry friends meet at the Mutt March.

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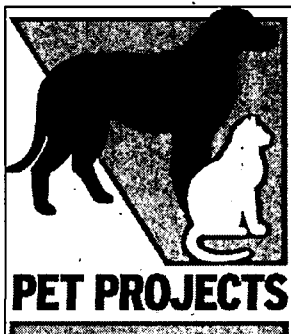
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For more information, call (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

Low-cost vaccinations

Tail Waggers' 1990 of Livonia, will offer a low-cost vaccination clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 3, at Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The organization offers rabies, distemper and



bordetella vaccinations for a package price of \$30. Individual vaccines for dogs are \$12. Rabies and distemper for cats cost \$12 each. Cats generally don't require bordetella vaccines.

Microchips cost \$30 and include registration. Heartworm testing also will be available for an additional \$18.

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May

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, \$3 and children, ages 2-10, \$1.50

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

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

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CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20

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

Details: Fourth annual Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival will feature a mass choir composed of members of the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Singers and guest singers from churches throughout the Metro area. Accompanists include St. John's organist, Wes Fishwick, pianist Brooks Hoste and Elaine Vermiglio, accompanist for the DTE Singers. Constance Markwick will play violin and Jeff Markwick will perform on trumpet. Troy Nelson, St. John's

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WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group, will celebrate Mass together and then dine at 4:30 p.m. at Papa Vito's Restaurant, 17107 Haggerty

Coming up: Social hour with cash bar at 5 p.m.

and a dinner buffet served promptly at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Cost is \$15 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games, and conversation until 9 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by May 17. Call again if you must cancel. RSVP to Carol at (313) 562-3080, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749

Contact: Rose at (313) 562-3074 for Mass and dinner

June

GARAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: "Great Expectations Church Wide Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot
Contact: (734) 404-2480; www.cantontcf.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.
Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

TRASH, TREASURES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 1-2

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Annual Trash and Treasure Sale will include toys, kitchen and holiday items, hobby-related goods and some furniture. No clothing. Bag sale is after noon Saturday
Contact: (734) 495-0035

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inver Road, in Livonia

Details: Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6

Contact: Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

Help Wanted-General

Accounting Manager

Canton is now accepting applications for Accounting Manager. Applications must be received in Human Resources by 4pm, Thursday, May 24, 2012. Visit www.canton-mi.org to view full job description, posting and hiring process. Canton Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GARDEN & NATURE

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

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 through 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.

Northville walk

Tickets are available for The Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. They are \$10 each and may be purchased at Gardenvues, 117 East Main,

Northville; Northville Art House, 215 Cady; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 Seven Mile, Northville; Custard Time Plaza, located on Seven Mile, west of Main, in Northville; Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River Ave., Novi; and Backyard Birds, 627 South Main, downtown Plymouth. The self-guided walk will include four gardens in Northville and four in Novi. Vendors at the Northville Art House will sell garden and yard art, plants, pottery and glass. Refreshments will be available. No strollers or wagons.

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 chs1977@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 dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD

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. 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.

1950s, 1960s

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie,

memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASS OF 1952

60th — and possibly last — class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday June 29, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Dinner, music, and cash bar included. Reservations required. Price is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. Call Marilyn (LaBonte) Foley for information at (248) 661-2068 or e-mail: marifol@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Hotel rooms must be reserved by June 8. The hotel phone number is (734) 462-3100.

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) Dilaha 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 ice-breaker 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 (Himmelsbach) Whittaker at S.whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge10@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

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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@MarilynJSnyder.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: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

STERLING HEIGHTS

HENRY FORD II

CLASS OF 1962

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.

Reserve now for vendor sites at Canton festival

Calling all crafters, nonprofit community groups and businesses.

Organizers of the 21st annual Canton's Liberty Fest are accepting vendor applications for the festival's market area.

The event runs June 14-16 in Heritage Park and will include live concerts, games, a movie under the stars, fireworks, pedal boats, carnival rides, a car show, food, beverages and more. Crafters, businesses and nonprofit groups will staff vendor tables June 15-16. They may submit a completed proposal including registration fee in a sealed envelope marked "Liberty Fest 2012 Vendor Proposal" to Michele Rissman by June 4. Applications are available online at www.cantonlibertyfest.com. Mail completed applications to Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Checks should be made payable to Canton Township.

Fees are \$275 for businesses and art and craft vendors, \$125 for nonprofit community groups, \$225 for returning vendors and \$100 for returning community groups.

Liberty Fest organizers say the three-day festival draws more than 40,000 visitors.

Learn about local river on cruise

The Friends of the Rouge is accepting registration for its annual dinner cruise and tour of the Rouge River aboard the Diamond Belle, Aug. 7.

Cost is \$45 for Friends of the Rouge members and \$50 for non-members. It includes one meal, with a vegetarian option. Parking at the dock is \$4. Checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Rouge. Online payment is also available at www.therouge.org.

John Hartig, Refuge Manager at the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge will narrate the tour. Boarding will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. and the tour will conclude by 9 p.m.

The route will take the boat past Zug Island and as far into the Rouge River as the turning basin at the Ford Rouge Plant.

A cash bar with snacks will be open throughout the evening.

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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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55th wedding anniversary

Leonard and Donna (Werner) Keller celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 27. The couple was married in 1957 at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Leonard is retired from Recreational Leisure Corp. of Farmington and Donna retired from the insurance industry after 55 years of working in agencies representing Citizens Insurance Co. of Howell.

Donna is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and has done much charity work over the years. During their younger years the couple enjoyed bowling. Leonard used to work in a bowling alley as a pin setter to pay for



practice time. Later, he bowled on two leagues. As members of Pet A Pet, the couple took their dog, Sugar, to nursing homes. Their major hobby over the past several years was travelling. The couple has four children: The late Kenneth Keller,

the late Brian Keller, Steven (Karen) of Westland and Dawn Ziegler (Tom) of Canton. They also have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

They celebrated a quiet anniversary this year.

70th anniversary

William and Mildred Brown of Northville celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary May 16. The couple exchanged vows in 1942 in Detroit.

Bill is retired "almost" from Bill Brown Auto Clinic in Canton. He is active in several clubs and organizations, such as Canton Rotary. He's a lifetime member of the Midwest Radio Control Club, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the International Comanche Society, and is an adviser to the Lawrence Technological University Model Aviation Program.

Mildred retired from Macy's and enjoys reading, baking, watching her



Mildred and William Brown

favorite TV shows and shopping.

Both Bill and Mildred are involved with family activities and hobbies.

The Browns have four children: Judy and Fred Krupic of West Bloomfield; Carol and Jim Brown of Howell; Peggy

and Doug White of White Lake; and William Jr. and Donna Brown of Northville.

They also have nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary with a private party.

Milestones



Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia on their wedding day in 1972



Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

40th anniversary

Mario and Joyce (Rader) Galindo of Livonia marked their 40th wedding anniversary on April 7. The couple married in 1972 at St. Rita Church in Detroit.

They have two children and five grandchildren: Brian (Nikkie) Galindo of Livonia are the parents of

Mya, Isabel and Everett and Andrea (Dale) Van-Washenova of Canton are the parents of Avery and Drew.

The couple's children took them to Compari's on the Park in Plymouth for a celebration dinner on April 7.

Cavender-Seaton

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtindale of Dexter and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cavender of Traverse City, announce the engagement of their son, Chad Michael Cavender, to Lindsey Sarah Seaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Seaton of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in history. She recently completed her master's degree in educa-

tion at the University of Maryland.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in English. He currently is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership at George Washington University. Both are educators in Charles County, Md., where they met.

A July 2012 wedding is planned in Plymouth. The couple will reside in Virginia.



Lance-Casper

Aimee Faye Lance and Bradley James Casper announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Cheryl Lance of Westland, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Franklin High School, and in 2010 from Michigan State University. She teaches math and physics at the International Acad-

emy in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Cindy Maki and Bob Casper of Canton, graduated in 2005 from Suttons Bay High School, and in 2007 from Macomb Community College. He is employed at Akebono Brake Corporation, Farmington Hills.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Crystal Mountain Resort, in Thompsonville.



Goodhard-Jackett

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Jason, to Beth Goodhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goodhart of Canton.

Jason is a graduate of Franciscan University

in Steubenville, Ohio and teaches at Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Beth is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and teaches at O.W. Best Middle School in Dearborn Heights.

An August 2012 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.



Botsford Commons receives national top quality award

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living recognized Botsford Commons' Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Center and its team of caregivers for their commitment to continuous quality improvement.

"This award affirms our dedication to giving our residents expert, compassionate and personal care, each and every day. It's how we build relationships and help our residents embrace a fullness of life," says Margaret Lightner, Botsford Commons President and CEO.

The Bronze Commitment to Quality Award is one of three possible distinctions given by AHCA/NCAL. Having achieved Bronze status, the Center will move forward developing approaches and achieving performance levels to meet the criteria for the Silver Achievement in Quality and ultimately the Gold Award.

"The commitment Bronze facilities have made to quality care does not stop with this benchmark award," says Chick Stepahin, Chair of AHCA/

NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers. "The journey to quality care requires dedication, and Botsford Commons has risen to the challenge."

The award will be given during the AHCA/NCAL's 63rd Annual Convention and Exposition, Oct. 7-10, in Tampa, Fla.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, Michigan, the award-winning Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation services, long-term care and skilled nursing, privately owned condominiums, and rental options for senior apartments and assisted living suites.

Botsford Senior Living Center received the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award in 2011. Botsford Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Center earned the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award in 2012 from the American Health

Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living. Botsford Senior Living Center was recently awarded a Level III Quality Seal from the Michigan Center for Assisted Living (MCAL). For more information visit www.botsford-commons.org.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award has been designed as a progressive three-step process to encourage the continuous learning and development of integrated quality systems to achieve performance excellence.

Each progressive step requires a more detailed and comprehensive demonstration of quality integration and performance. The American Health Care Association is a non-profit federation of affiliated state health organizations, together representing more than 11,000 non-profit and for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living, developmentally-disabled, and subacute care providers that care for approximately one million elderly and disabled individuals each day. For more information, visit www.ahcancal.org.

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DODDS,

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

Passed on May 1, 2012 of Birmingham, MI at the age of 78. Bill was an honest, loving, hard-working man who will be deeply missed by his family and friends. survived by Gianna Dodds, sons Derek, Brett and Wally, his brother Jim, and his five grandchildren. Birmingham High School (Seaholm) Class of '52'. Served in the US Army '58-'59', Graduate University of Colorado Class of '60' BS in Finance. Owner Dodds Marine Co, Oakland CA. Owner Fleet Leasing of America, Dearborn MI. Memorial Services will be held late June, contact Wally Dodds -

Tel: 480.216.1056
wdodds@doradosolutions.com for further information.

FERGUSON, ANGUS KERR

Age 80, May 17, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Grace Ferguson. Loving father of Kerry (Deb), Sue (Dave) Dalfino and Margaret (Ken) Netti. Dear grandfather of Paul, Andy, Steve and Brandi Ferguson, Dave, Matt, Jon and Jen Dalfino, Phil and Laura Netti. Brother of Agnes (Tom) Morrison and Betty McMaster. Also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday 4 - 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

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HALL,
RONALD CHARLES

Formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away April 24, 2012 at his residence in Erin, Tennessee. He was born February 21, 1927 in Ontario, Canada. He was preceded in death by his wife Faith Ann Godfrey Hall of Pontiac, Michigan. He was laid to rest at Cedar Valley Cemetery in Erin, Tennessee. Ronald Hall was loved, respected and honored throughout his life and will be truly missed. He is survived by his sister Marion Powers of Arizona, his children Rebecca Williams (Danny) of Tennessee, Bradley Hall of Michigan, Dawn Scott, (David) of Michigan, and Laura Napier (Larry) of Ohio, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

KING, MARY E.

Age 61, of Royal Oak, died 5/06/12. Service Thurs., 5/17/12, service 2:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MACH, ARVEDA P.

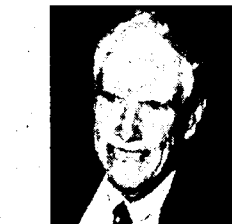
Age 91, of South Lyon, previously of Northville, passed 5/12/12. Services were held 5/16/2012. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

SWITZER,

BEVERLY EASTMAN

May 11, 2012, age 84. Passed away at Lady Lake, Florida. Beloved wife of the late Wilford Eastman and the late Ernest Switzer. Step mother of Sharon (Ronald) Andrusiak and Susan Switzer. Grandmother of Ronald (Whisper) Andrusiak and Richard (Alisa) Andrusiak. Great-grandmother of Ava and Lila Andrusiak. Visitation Monday 11am until time of funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL. 32162.

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McKEE,
JOHN JR.

97, of Somerset House at Oak Harbor, Vero Beach, FL. died May 9, 2012. Mr. McKee was born December 25, 1914 in Detroit, MI. He lived in Birmingham and Orchard Lake much of his life before becoming a full time resident of Vero Beach, FL. 11 years ago. John graduated from University of Michigan in 1937 where he met his wife Eleanore Swan McKee. They spent 61 happy years together before her passing in 2001. While at UofM, he participated in track and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. John's career was in the Advertising business. He managed the Detroit office of BBDO at the time of his retirement. He was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club and the Detroit Athletic Club. In Vero Beach, FL he belonged to Riomar Country Club and the Oak Harbor Club. John belonged to Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, FL. Golf was one of John's great passions. With two holes in one to his credit, his favorite saying was: "Better to be lucky than good" ... how true. He also enjoyed reading, travel, and spending time with family and friends. John was remarried at age 89 to Lucy Wagner of Vero Beach, FL. They spent two wonderful years together prior to her passing in 2006. Survivors include his sons: David (Cynthia) McKee of Ashland, OR, John (Sonia) McKee of Vero Beach, FL, Mark (Elizabeth) McKee of Windermere, FL; daughter Mary (Leon) Wenger of Milford, MI; sister Jane McKee of Birmingham, MI; nine grandchildren: Matthew, Michael, Lauren, Timothy, Rebecca, Wesley, William, Jeffrey, and Sara; seven great-grandchildren: Jacob, Benjamin, Sara, Diana, Madison, Kameron, and Hudson; three step-children, and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2012 at 11:00am at Woodlawn Cemetery Rosa Parks Freedom Chapel, 19975 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI. Officiating will be Pastor Douglas McMunn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381. Arrangements are under the care of Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be sent at www.coxgiffordseawinds.com

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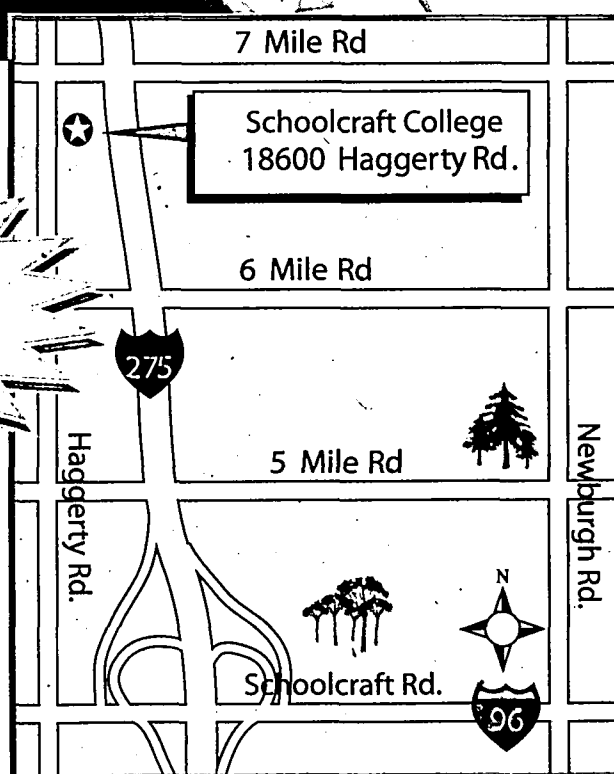
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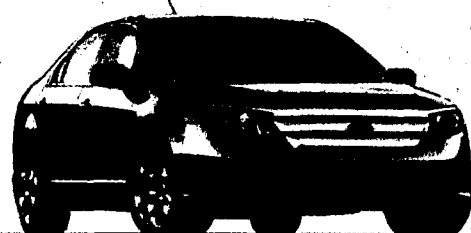
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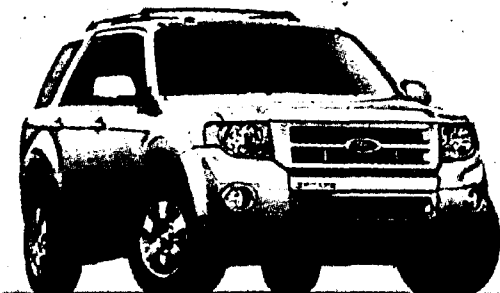
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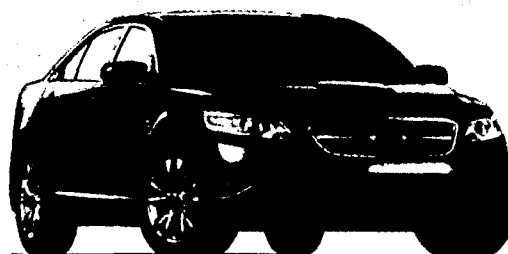
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