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**Westland holiday closings**

Westland city offices, including the William P. Faust Public Library, recycling center and 18th District Court, will be closed on Monday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The library also will be closed Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27, while the Westland Historical Museum and recycling center will be closed on Saturday, May 26.

There also will be no rubbish collection or recycling pickup on Memorial Day and the schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

**Library seeking teen volunteers**

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2012 Summer Reading Program, "Dream Big, READ!"

Volunteers will help in the Children's Department and assist at many summer events. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization. Volunteers should currently be in the eighth grade or above.

Applications are available now at the library and can also be downloaded from the library's website, [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org). Applicants should choose and attend one of three training sessions and submit applications to the Children's Desk beforehand.

Walk-in training sessions will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, Wednesday, May 30, or Monday, June 4, in the Children's Activity Room of the Westland Library. Most applications are accepted as long as space allows, but earlier applicants have priority in scheduling.

For more information, contact Claire mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123.

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Retired teacher Don Riehl as authored a book about Starvation Lake, a lake up north where he has a home.

**Author tells tales of 'Starvation Lake'**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

First-time author Don Riehl has written a book about something he knows — the northern lake where he has a home.

"It's a very short book — 108 pages. It's selling pretty well Up North, it has a local demographic," said Riehl, of his book, *The Legends of Starvation Lake*. "The people who have read it have really liked it."

No one knows how Starvation Lake, located between Kalkaska and Mancelona, got its name but there are plenty of legends. That was the starting point for Riehl, a retired South Redford Schools teacher and coach.

"I fictionalized the legends. A tribe of Indians couldn't break through the ice and starved," said Riehl, 80. "The developers changed the name of the lake."

A longtime Westland resident, Riehl recently participated in a local authors program at the Wil-

liam P. Faust Public Library. "It took a year to write the book, I had to research it like about the Indians," said Riehl.

The book is available online but also at a Traverse City bookstore.

"People who live in the area around the lake have been buying it. It's not spread all over — there is a small local demographic," said Riehl.

Retired in 1998 after 44 years as a teacher at Thurston High School, Riehl taught physical education and some science. A football and baseball coach, Riehl is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

"They picked me because they needed some filler," Riehl joked. Riehl and his wife, Barbara, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary in June, have lived in their Westland home for 55 years going back to the Nankin Township days. The couple raised two sons and has four grandchildren.

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**W-W sells vacant school**

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A former Westland elementary school could reopen as a tuition-based private school following approval of its sale by the Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening.

The board voted 5-1 with Trustee Andrea Clawson dissenting to accept an offer to purchase the former Kettering Elementary School by the Crescent Academy in Canton for \$1.5 million on a five-year land contract.

The school was one of six schools that were closed in June 2010 as part of reconfiguration and downsizing of the district's elementary program.

"I believe the sum is a very attractive offer," said Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "We're not getting the money up front, but we'll receive money over a five-year period with a balloon payment that will

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Vietnam veterans like Dan Tykoski, Dan Stachow, Ron Bojanowski and Tom Dobrowolski are working Heather Robertson-Mitchell (not pictured) in planning the annual Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade that will be held Sunday.

**W-W vets honor their own with annual parade**

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Dave Tykoski remembers as a little kid marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The event, he said, dates back to at least the 1950s, when Westland was Nankin Township.

A Vietnam veteran, Tykoski doesn't march in the parade anymore. Instead, he works with the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council

to ensure that veterans are honored and remembered.

"The focus of the parade is veterans, those who have died and those who are still living," said Tykoski.

The parade will kick off at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Town 'N Country Bowling Alley at Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland and head south on Wayne Road to

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**Westland, Livonia agree on use of police reserves at festival**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

An agreement has been reached for Livonia Police Department reserve officers to handle traffic control duties during the annual Westland Summer Festival.

Council members approved an intergovernmental agreement with Livonia to allow use of the

reserve officers, who will be paid \$12 per hour.

Assigning the reserve officers to traffic control will allow additional Westland police officers to be assigned to festival security, said Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto.

Resident Robert Foreich questioned why Westland didn't have its own police reserve program

so outside assistance wasn't needed.

"We only have one major event a year with that kind of crowd," said Angelosanto. "With the costs of training, weapons and uniforms, it would be extremely expensive."

With the minimal need, high costs and liability, Angelosanto said a Westland police reserve

program wasn't justified.

"It's easy to say we would use them a lot (if Westland had reserve officers), but we still have to pay them," said Angelosanto. "We'll use the reserve officers for traffic and put our officers inside the festival for a safe environment."

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the Peace Memorial in Wayne. Along the way there will be a stop at the bridge for a short ceremony and the placing of a wreath in the water.

Members of AMVETS Post 171 will lead the parade which will include at least 33 units, including various veterans groups and their respective auxiliaries, high school JROTC programs, high school and middle school bands and local politicians. The grand marshal will be Nate Weiser of Wayne, a World War II veteran and survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It's hard to say how many veterans will be there, but the veterans always lead the parade in every division," said Dan Stachow. "More than a couple hundred I'd say."

The ceremony at the Peace Memorial will include a roll call of the deceased, a rifle salute and the playing of *Taps* by the John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School bands.

Stachow, Tykoski, Ron Bajanowski and Tom Dobrowolski are the officers of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. They work with parade coordinator Heather Robertson-Mitchell to plan the annual event, a job the council took over in 1996 from the Allied Veterans Council.

"There was no parade in 1995," Tykoski said. "The Allied Veterans Council had taken care of it and it rotated among the veteran groups until the council folded. We found out in April, it was too late but we had to start something."

The parade council moved the event

## VETERANS PARADE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27

**Location:** The parade kicks off at Wayne Road and Avondale and proceeds south on Wayne Road to the Peace Memorial in downtown Wayne.

**Details:** Veterans groups, high school JROTC units, high school and middle school bands, politicians and police and fire units from the community will be a part of the parade. There will be a ceremony at the Peace Memorial including the reading of a roll call of those who have died.

**Contact:** Veterans groups can still sign up. The deadline is today. Call Heather Robertson-Mitchell at (313) 576-7268.

from Monday to Sunday because of the difficulty of getting people involved. It also made it a veterans parade honoring veterans who are still living and the men and women who have given their lives in service to their country. The parade also honors a specific era. This year, it's World War II.

Scout troops will help pass out small American flags to people along the parade route, and senior citizens from the Westland Friendship Center will serve as judges. They'll be seated by St. John Lutheran Church north of Glenwood to watch the parade.

"Sometimes we get six, eight, 10 seniors, they look forward to it," said Stachow. "We give them a list and they check off the ones that look the best."

The parade is just one of the activities veterans are involved in Memorial

Day Weekend. On Saturday, they're at local cemeteries placing flags on veterans' graves. Harris-Kehrer VFW places large American flags at six different ceremonies, while Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 387 and Bova VFW Post 9885 place small flags on graves.

The men estimate that 2,000 flags are put out at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland for Memorial Day.

"It's all done on the same weekend," said Bojanowski. "It's a working weekend for us, everyone else thinks it's a holiday."

The council starts planning the annual parade in June, looking at what worked and where they had problems. They meet once a month and working on getting donations from businesses to support the event.

They're all volunteers, including Robertson-Mitchell, a member of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary who took over the parade coordinator duties after her father, a committee member, died.

For the quartet, working on the parade is a labor of love. They say it's rewarding and that they enjoy doing it. They also do it to "make sure no other veterans were treated the way we were."

Of course, they'll gladly accept help. Anyone interested in working on next year's parade can contact Robertson-Mitchell at (313) 576-7268.

And veteran groups interested in being in this year's parade can also contact Robertson-Mitchell by today to sign up.

"We're always looking for volunteers," said Tykoski. "It's hard to get them."

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# City continues neighborhood improvement projects

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

The student-renovated home on Manila is completed but other work to stabilize projects are continuing.

Recently, the Westland council approved an agreement with the Wayne-Westland Schools Building Trades Program for construction of a new home at 2317 Second St.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds had been used for earlier projects but that money has been expended. Instead, another federal program, HOME, will provide \$83,384 for property acquisition and construction materials.

"There will be \$80,000 for materials, the schools will provide the labor,"

said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, adding the construction program had received an award from the Michigan Department of Education. Proceeds from the sale of the home will go back into the program to fund further projects, she said.

The council also voted to accept a \$4,000 offer from an adjoining property to buy 27544 Hanover. The city had acquired blighted property and demolished the home, creating a vacant lot.

In a more unusual case, the council also agreed to execute a quit claim deed for a home at 4822 Matthew for \$12,877. "The city acquired the property for (unpaid) taxes. We found the home was occupied," said

Campbell. "The owner living there was current with his mortgage and thought his property taxes were paid through the mortgage."

The taxes weren't collected through the mortgage and that was how the city acquired the home.

"The city attorney worked out an agreement on this. We're so glad the owner was able to stay in the home with his family," said Campbell.

The council approved sale of a home at 5345 Middlebelt to an income eligible family through Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. It's the second of two new homes that Habitat constructed on Middlebelt.

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help us out."

This is the third and "final offer" the Canton academy has made for Kettering, located on Hubbard, south of Avondale and east of Venoy in Westland. It made cash offers of \$500,000 in May 2011 and \$800,000 in February before coming back with the \$1.5 million land contract.

The private, college preparatory Islamic school is making a \$25,000 earnest money deposit and a down payment of \$500,000. It will make monthly payments of almost \$6,600 with a balloon payment of \$837,658 due at the end of the five years.

The offer is less than the asking price of \$1.9 million, but according to Larson-Shidler, the payments from the Crescent Academy coupled with a savings to the district of \$350,000 in building and maintenance over the five years put the return at just over \$2 million.

The district will need to finalize the language of the contract, however, the academy would be required to have an insurance policy with the district's name on it and maintain the building "to standard use." The district would have the right to inspect it with 24 hours notice. Any changes would require the approval of the district and would need to be bonded, in case there was a default and the work



Kettering Elementary School in Westland, closed by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in 2010, is being sold to Crescent Academy of Canton for \$1.5 million.

was not completed, Larson-Shidler said.

"My concern is that if we get a complaint or inspect it and find a portion that's not been maintained, will it be spelled out in the agreement the amount of time they have to correct the deficiencies," said board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "I think there needs to be a time line, X number of days to correct deficiencies to protect us and at what point they're in violation of the land contract and we're going to take action."

"The land contract will protect our interest, we have the right to do periodic inspections to see that it is maintained," he said. "Any payments would be our money. If they defaulted in the third year, we would have the \$500,000 plus the payments they've made."

When questioned about the condition of the building, board President Carol Middel told resident Ron Madison that "it's my understanding they have been through the building." "They understand what's in the building and that it is as is," she said.

When questioned by Clawson about reducing the number of years of the land contract, Larson-Shidler pointed out that the academy had been looking at another building.

"They plan to be in the

building by next school year, they'd liked to have had the deal done last month," he said. "If we come back with terms, I believe they're prepared to walk away."

Addressing the question of who would hold title to the building, Larson-Shidler pointed out that academy would take possession of the building once the contract is signed, however, the title would not be transferred until the end of the five years and receipt of the balloon payment.

Superintendent Greg Baracy assured the board that the academy is a primarily a cultural school.

"They're going to have a high school for their students, about 40 I believe," he said. "There is no data that it would draw students from the Wayne-Westland district and public school dollars don't follow students, if they go there."

"They seem to be pretty good neighbors, they're pretty much landlocked where they're at and they've been growing," he added.

The sale of Kettering leaves the district with four more buildings to sell — Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln and Madison in Westland and Vandenburg in Wayne.

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The intergovernmental agreement with Livonia is another example of cooperation between neighboring communities in the spirit of what the governor is looking for, said City Attorney James Fausone.

"It is another chapter in the history of Westland and Livonia working together," he said.

This year, the Westland Summer Festival will

be held Friday, June 29, through Wednesday, July 4. The largest crowds are expected for the July 4 fireworks which close the event.

Over the years, the festival has had some security issues — most recently crowds of young people described as aggressive and refusing to disperse — which prompted police to look at a different plan. Additionally, there had been some problems at a carnival in Southfield and one sponsored by Westland firefighters.

Angelosanto has met

with festival chairman Ken Mehl to work out a security plan for the event.

"We're going to be doing a cable show that will be on before the festival," said Mehl. "We will be telling young people that if they don't behave, they will be asked to leave the festival. We won't tolerate any foolishness. We want this to be a good thing for everyone."

The festival is a family event, he said, and families shouldn't have to put up with bad behavior. "Personally, I think it will be all right," said Mehl.

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## Blood left at scene helps police crack home invasion case

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

It may have taken a while, but the Oakland County Sheriff's Office finally got the lead they were hoping for in a Lyon Township home invasion that took place last summer.

According to Detective Tim O'Dea of the Lyon Township substation, blood samples were the only clues investigators had from a home invasion that took place Aug. 19, 2011 on the 59000 block of Mulberry Lane. The crime took place in the middle of the

day when the homeowner was out running errands. Both jewelry and a Glock handgun were taken from the home.

Police took two blood samples and sent them to the Michigan State Police lab the week of the crime. They got the results back last week,

and the blood DNA matched that of a convicted felon from Garden City.

Kurt Douglas Hardie, 39, of Garden City was arraigned in 52-1 District Court Tuesday on a count of first degree home invasion. He was given a \$25,000 bond.

After getting the results back from the state police, it didn't take long for O'Dea to track down Hardie, who is on parole. O'Dea traveled to the office of Hardie's parole officer in Detroit last week, where he was arrested. O'Dea said Hardie was taken to Oakland

County Jail where he was interviewed. Hardie allegedly said he randomly picked the home while he was in the community doing work for a heating and cooling company.

According to O'Dea, Hardie is also wanted on a traffic warrant out of Livonia.

## Resident finds tools taken from garage

### Tools stolen

A resident in the 32000 block of Fairchild told police May 21 that someone had stolen a large number of tools from his garage. He said the garage is his workshop and he had collected the tools over 30-40 years. On May 16, he said he used the tools to do a brake job and went up north the following day.

When he returned May 21, he said the garage had been ransacked and the tools were missing. A preliminary list of stolen items included an impact gun, ratchet wrenches, drill bits, socket wrenches, belt sander and a hammer drill valued at \$1,944.

### Larceny

A \$2,500 ladies diamond bracelet was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 2700 block of Hawley on May 22. The owner said she parked in the driveway about 10:15 p.m. May 21. At 1:45 a.m. she said her son arrived home and told her there was a back

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pack and shoes in the driveway.

When she came outside to check, the woman said she found the doors to her Cadillac unlocked and the vehicle had been ransacked. The bracelet was missing along with the keys to a GMC panel van which doesn't run. Both had been in the car's center console.

### Retail fraud

An employee at Office Max, 35150 Central City Parkway, told police May 21 that a man about 18 years old entered the store and selected several items from displays. The employee said the man then put two lap top computer chargers into a wheeled computer bag and headed for the cashier. The man acted liked he was going to pay for the items but then walked out of the store, the employee said.

The chargers and computer bag were valued at \$334.

### Larceny

On May 21, a Westland man was arrested for allegedly stealing building materials outside Kohl's, 35000 Warren Road. Responding to a call on a man loading materials, the officer found the man rearranging corner coping sections, police said. The man had parked his vehicle to block the view of where the building materials were stacked, police said.

Initially, the man told police he thought the material was scrap and being discarded. An employee of the company replacing the store roof told police the old materials are recycled and no one had permission to take the items.

The man then told police he was taking materials he hoped to sell for scrap and put some items back when the officer arrived. The man had taken nine 10-foot sections of roof

coping and 23 corner sections of roof coping valued at \$150-200, police said.

Police said the man is on probation for stealing building materials in Fraser.

### Retail fraud

A Detroit man was arrested May 20 for allegedly stealing a lawn mower from Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. An employee told police that he was on break when he saw the man push the lawn mower, valued at \$330, out of the store and load it into a Mercury Villager.

Police located the vehicle at the Marathon gas station at Warren Road and Newburgh. Police said the man admitted taking the lawn mower and was arrested. He was also cited for having never acquired a driver's license, having an improper license plate and no insurance, police said.

### Vandalism

A resident of an apart-

ment at 8540 N. Hix told police May 21 that just after midnight he saw a vehicle back into the parking space next to his father's car and someone get out. The vehicle left in a few minutes but then returned. At that point, the man said someone got out of the vehicle again and he heard glass breaking. He said he yelled at the suspects from the balcony and they fled the area.

The passenger window on a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix was reported smashed.

### Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 1300 block of Sharon on May 21 about a possible break-in. A 15-year-old resident reportedly told police she is suspended from school and returned from a family member's home about 11:15 a.m. and noticed the screen for her bedroom window was missing.

Looking out the window, she said there was a

trash can under the window. The trash can had been left by the back door. The homeowner told police that the family was in the process of moving and someone might have thought the home was vacant. Nothing was reported missing.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On May 21, a resident of an apartment at 8141 N. Newburgh reported the rear passenger window on a 2000 Chevy Tahoe smashed and the ignition damaged. Reported stolen were two 12-inch speakers in a kicker box. A Club security device was found bent on the seat.

### Larceny

A resident in the 7500 block of Bison told police May 21 that someone ransacked his 2010 Ford F150 overnight. He said it may have been left unlocked. Reported missing was an iPod valued at \$250.

By LeAnne Rogers

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# Family wants answers about death of Westland woman

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland woman's family has a lot of questions about her death at a Detroit hotel — how did she die and what happened to the large amount of money she was carrying.

Lydia Cohn, 76, was found unresponsive in the pool and spa area of the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Detroit Sunday afternoon.

"I have no idea how she passed away. She died at the Hilton in Detroit," said Bart Cohn, her husband of 56 years. "Detroit police took her valuables and we were having a hard time getting them back until it was on TV."

The Wayne County medical examiner was scheduled to perform an autopsy on Lydia Cohn Tuesday.

Initial media reports were that Lydia Cohn had won a large sum at a Detroit casino prior to her death.

"She never gambled and didn't go to a casino," said Bart Cohn. "The last time I talked to her, she had counted her money — it was her Social Security money — she said she had \$43,000. I don't know if she had that much money with her or not."

Mistrusting banks, Lydia Cohn was in the habit of keeping her money in cash divided in envelopes. The drawer



As of Wednesday, the family of Lydia Cohn of Westland had heard nothing from the Wayne County Medical Examiner as to how the Westland woman died.

where she kept the envelopes was empty when he checked after her death, Bart Cohn said.

"She wouldn't have flashed the money around," he said. "On television, they said police found a shoebox

with \$11,000. The police had her purse, the money and her ring. She had a watch, too."

Lydia Cohn suffered from severe arthritis, Bart Cohn said. On Saturday, he said someone drove her to get her hair

done and at about 6:30 p.m. she left home using a car service.

"She told me she was taking off. She had done it before. It wasn't the first time. When she left, I never knew when she was coming back," Cohn said. "She gets into a state of mind. Lydia was a very strong determined person. She was a brain."

Since Lydia Cohn apparently didn't check into the Detroit hotel until Sunday, Cohn said he doesn't know where his wife was Saturday night. Assisted by his niece, Cohn said he was having trouble getting information about what happened to his wife and what was happening to his wife's property until television stations picked up the story.

"They (Detroit police) said we could pick up the property anytime. They said only found \$11,000 in a shoebox," he said. "I don't know if the \$30,000 wasn't there but they should investigate the Hilton."

Once the autopsy is completed, Cohn said his wife's body will be cremated and no services will be held. The couple's only child, a son Howard, is deceased.

Detroit police had not responded to requests for information about Lydia Cohn's death.

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# Resident finds strange man in her bedroom

## Suspicious man

A resident in the 28000 block of Beechwood complained to the Garden City Police Department that she was awakened by an unknown man in her bedroom just after midnight May 22.

She said that she was lying on her side, with the TV on, wearing a T-shirt and underwear when she heard a man masturbating in a corner of her bedroom. She then felt a hand on her posterior and said that the man tried to pull down her pants. When she moved her leg, he stopped.

She heard him going through her purse before he left out the bedroom window. She discovered later that \$960 was missing from her purse which was left near the point of exit.

After she called her husband who was at work, she called the police. She couldn't provide a description of the subject who was in her bedroom.

The police said that the screen had been removed and then replaced improperly. They found no evidence of semen anywhere in the room.

The outside gate was closed but not latched with the bungee cord.

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

K-9 Deuce was unable to set up a track from the house.

## Break-in

A resident in the 29000 block of Maplewood returned to his apartment after about a day's absence to find that someone had broken in sometime before 8 p.m. May 21.

The blinds were broken and the window screen was removed and on the ground. Nothing was taken.

## Identity theft

An elderly female Garden City resident, who lives in the 31000 block of Florence, reported May 18 that she was the victim of identity theft.

She came to the police station to complain that the United States Treasury Department informed her that her income tax return would be delayed because someone had fraudulently used her Social Security number to file a return.

She doesn't know who would have committed the fraud but wishes to prosecute, if the police find the suspect.

By Sue Buck

# State assigns Tomblin's Canton cases to Romulus district court

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton charges against former Wayne-Westland teacher Brandon Tomblin, accused of sexual relations with teen males while he taught vocal music at Wayne Memorial High School, will

Tomblin

be handled by Romulus 34th District Court along with charges out of Garden City, Wayne and Romulus, officials confirmed this week.

The State Court Administrative Office has assigned the Canton case to Romulus after all three 35th District Court judges recused themselves after 35th District Judge Michael Gerou publicly acknowledged that his brother, Thomas Gerou, is Tomblin's stepfather.

The 35th District Court judges said they wanted

to avoid a potential conflict and any perception they might not be impartial.

Court administrators for Plymouth-based 35th District Court and Romulus 34th District Court confirmed the state has assigned the Canton case to Romulus, where Tomblin, 26, of Canton, already was facing a June 8 preliminary exam in front of Judge Tina Brooks Green on multiple charges of criminal sexual conduct.

A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for the defendant.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison, if convicted of Canton charges including one count of child sexually abusive activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two

counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children. The charges came after a mother alleged inappropriate behavior toward her 16-year-old son.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison for multiple criminal sexual conduct charges out of Wayne, Garden City and Romulus involving allegations he had sexual contact with two males ages 16 and 17.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has alleged Tomblin had sexual contact with the boys at Wayne Memorial High School, at a Garden City home and at a location in Romulus on Henry Ruff near Ecorse Road.

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Teacher Cassie Jakubawski prepares to get wet after a ball hits the target at the dunk tank.



Regan Staley get as workout at the Scooby-Doo inflatable.



Megan Fauls waits patiently to have her face painted.

# Schweitzer celebrates with spring carnival

The "bees" were busy at Schweitzer Elementary School last week, staging the annual spring carnival at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland. Held May 10 on the grounds of the Westland school youngsters and their families were treated to a variety of carnival games and special attractions, all aimed at entertaining them at the annual event, staged by the

Schweitzer Worker Bee Association. "Our carnival has grown to be one of, if not the largest, spring carnival that the school district has," said Chris Bandy, president of the Schweitzer PTA. "This year we will have 16 carnival games, nine special attractions, a photo booth and a dunk tank." Bandy staffed the dunk tank with five teachers. The money raised will

help fund school field trips, he said. Jack Demmer Ford Wayne helped sponsor the event and brought some eye-popping cars for parents see. And members of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC again volunteered their time to help run the event. "It was great to see all the great volunteer work that the JROTC," Bandy added.

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# Wayne Memorial student honored as 'Paws for Applause' winner

Victoria Bellamy, 15, of Wayne is the first "Paws for Applause" winner of the 2012 baseball season. She attends Wayne Memorial High School in the Wayne-Westland School District.

"Paws for Applause," is a partnership of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* and the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club, seeks to honor extraordinary young people for giving back in some way to their schools, communities and/or families.

Bellamy received four tickets to the May 6 Tigers games, a gift card for a Little Caesars HOT-N-READY® Pizza and an autographed baseball signed by Tigers pitcher Doug Fister. She was also honored on the Jumbotron at Comerica Park during pre-game ceremonies.

Bellamy was nominated for the award by her mother, Jennifer Melton, who praised her daughter for being a good student while always managing to make time to volunteer.

"Victoria is part of the Upward Bound Program, on Student Senate and Teen Court (as another part of Upward Bound)," wrote Melton, adding that "she gets good grades, volunteers two days of every week to help student teach dance at our community center and volunteers at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital one day each week."

"She is also the track manager for the boys track team and does that every day after school. She continues to devote her time to other volunteer opportunities for example helping with



Wayne Memorial High School student Victoria Bellamy stands on the field at Comerica Park where she was honored during pre-game ceremonies as the O&E's Paws for Applause winner.

Gleaners Food Drive and making spring baskets for disabled preschool children."

Her mother added that these are just some of the things her daughter does.

"I think she would be a great person to be picked," noted her mother, and our judges agreed, too.

"Congratulations Victoria for being a good student and taking time to give back to your school and the community," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *O&E* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

Do you know a child or teenager who goes above

and beyond to make your community, neighborhood or family better? If so, we want to hear from you. Tells us your story in 500 words or less.

One winning essay honoring a local young person will be selected each month for the following games dates: Sundays, June 17, July 8, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2.

E-mail your nominating essay to [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) (subject line is paws for applause). Be sure to include the child's or teen's names, age, address and phone number. The contest is open to all youth up to age 18.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Memorial Day

The public is invited to attend a Memorial Day Service at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at American House Westland at 39201 Joy, west of Hix, 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (734) 454-9838.

### 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. Friday, May 25, at its offices at 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

To be a blood donor, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old in most states, or 16 years old with parental consent, if allowed by state law, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors.

Go to credit union website at [www.wvfcu.org](http://www.wvfcu.org) an click on schedule an appointment. Anyone that comes to donate will receive a Red Cross T-shirt.

### 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](mailto:taylorsskkt@gmail.com). The event is a fund-raiser for AmVets Post 171.

### Farmers market

The Westland Farmer's Market will return for the 2012 season on Tuesday, May 29, in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road. 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.

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

Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or online at [www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market](http://www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market).

For more information, call Bob Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

### Higher Rock Cafe

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

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an hon-

orable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Free workshop

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

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

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

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to [lindamiller@nationalfaith.org](mailto:lindamiller@nationalfaith.org).

### Healing Hearts

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

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

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

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In the Zumba Gold class, Joy Vlcek of Westland and Kathy Zimmer of Farmington Hills get their exercise to the tune "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" by country duo Big and Rich.



Shirley Ziemba of Farmington Hills arrives promptly at 9 a.m. for the Spring Senior Expo held Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

# Seniors catch up on latest info at expo

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Seniors and residents from across south-east Michigan lined up early Tuesday morning for the ninth annual Senior Spring Expo at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And when the doors opened, "it was like opening floodgates," said John Elkins of Livonia.

Elkins distributed information about St. Mary Mercy's senior emergency room, which specializes in assisting patients who are elderly, and Mercy LifeLink, which provides instant access to emergency medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was one of several people working the more than 60 booths of exhibitors throughout the expo, presented by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* in partnership with Schoolcraft College.

Seniors scooped up pamphlets, spoke with vendors and grabbed free items from the vendors.

Terry Viavanko of Livonia is a retiree from the Livonia Public Schools. "I'm browsing today as it is my first year as an official senior," Viavanko said. "I want to know what it's all about."

She picked up information on tile and bathroom repair from Keystone Home Improvements.

Vangie Noetzel from Northville said she and her husband, Jim Noetzel, were picking up information on senior housing, not for themselves, but for a friend of her husband's. "We like to come here and get a few free things, too," Jim Noetzel said.

Richard Radcliffe of Farmington was interested in information on senior housing. He wants to find small houses, and not condos, with two-car garages. "I also like to read about the financial things they have here," he said.

Frank Delewsky of Livonia was interested in the lectures. "I always pick up little goodies, too, like batteries or bottled water," he said. Guests enjoyed coffee and breakfast sweets at one of the tables.

Claudia DeGrazia of South Lyon is about to turn 65. "I wanted to learn about Medicare and strength training for

seniors," she said. "I golf and I want to learn about quick exercises. I'm enjoying it."

### 'Great atmosphere'

Jim Vlcek of Westland visited the expo to consider what his needs may be down the road. He turns 65 next year.

"The expo is great for letting people know what services are out there," he said. "My insurance will run out next year, so I spoke with Blue Cross Blue Shield and picked up materials on insurance and prescription coverage."

Vlcek's sister, Dorothy Cislo, traveled from Temperance. "My brother told me about it, and I wanted information on diabetes, health care and financing," she said.

Doris Ward of Westland wanted to attend workshops on sleep and hearing. "It's a great atmosphere to learn about many things, including health, homes and senior living," she said.

JoJo Sanford of Farmington received information and availability of services for seniors. "I like to go to the workshops and hear about health information and exercising," Sanford said. "You feel good to come and see all the different information."

Carolyn Pearson of Canton took a balance test at The Recovery Project table. She passed it. She smiled when she was asked about why she was at the expo.

"The freebies," Pearson said. "The freebies are always fun. You always get good information here." Actually Pearson was picking up information on assisted living, not for herself, but a relative.

Gwen Dani of Plymouth, who administered the balance test to Pearson, is a physical therapist with The Recovery Project. Tests were administered that day to help provide information about the dangers of falls and how they might be prevented. About 75 percent of seniors have balance impairment, and physical therapy can assist with balance, she said.

"They don't have to wait to fall to go and get physical therapy," Dani said. "We work on flexibility, balance and strength."

Medicare covers up to 15 visits a year for physical therapy, Dani said.

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Bob Piotrowski of Livonia speaks with Jessica Lewis and Melissa Woolfe of Heartland Canton.



Richard Radcliffe of Farmington speaks with Cecilia Reynolds of Comfort Dental Spa.



Kathie Gornick is from Plymouth Township.

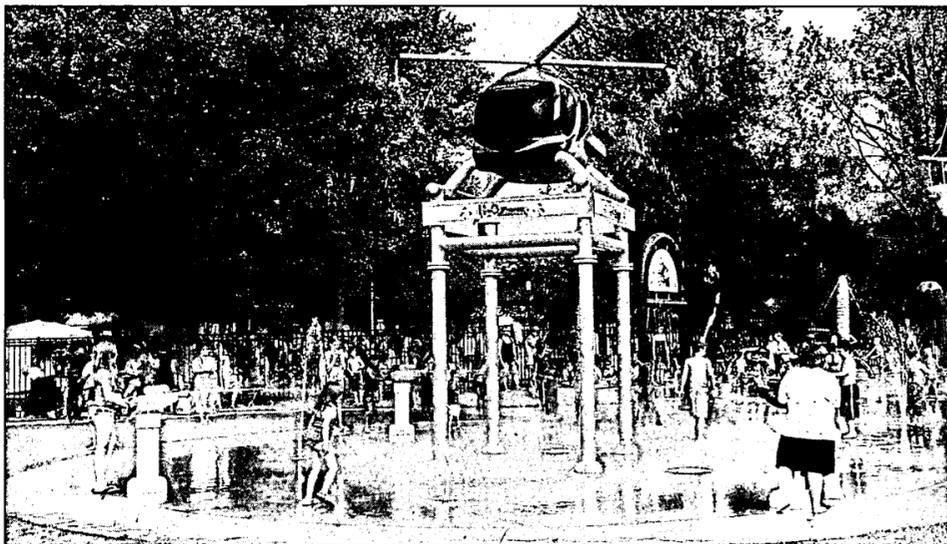


Frank Delewsky of Livonia looks through an Observer newspaper. Behind him is Grace Hampton of Farmington Hills.

Cynthia Belonga of Novi talks with Ron Lieberman of Canton. Lieberman is with the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Project.



It's a big Expo, and sometimes you have to take a break.



Plenty of youngsters have cooled off at the H2O Zone spray park that is opening this week for the summer season.

FILE PHOTO

## Westland ready to open spray park, farmers market

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Regardless of what the calendar says, it's official: summer in Westland with the H2O Zone Water Spray Park scheduled to open as early as today (Thursday).

Located in Tattan Park near City Hall, the popular spray park hadn't been scheduled to open until Saturday. The unseasonably warm weather, and the fact that local youngsters are out of school Friday, prompted the early opening, said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

"We'll be open full tilt, we're working on the schedule for the hours," said Kosowski.

The initial opening hours, including the Memorial Day weekend, are expected to be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the last couple of weeks in the school year, the spray park would likely be open 2-6 p.m. The regular summer hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kids can have fun playing under a large tumble-bucket, shooting water cannons, and playing with a sea serpent. There's even a helicopter that sprays water from the rotors.

There is no admission cost for the H2O Zone although some large groups do rent nearby pavilions.

"We only have two pavilions now. Once the design plan that was recently approved by council is completed, we will have more pavilions," said Kosowski. "The park will be even more awesome."

A major change this summer season is that the outdoor Bailey Pool will not be opening. The proposed budget, to be adopted by the council next month, calls for closing of the Bailey Recreation Center, including the pool.

"The Wayne pool is open and ready, it really is a beautiful facility," said Kosowski. "I'm sure we'll get some people here looking to get into the Bailey

pool this week. The first weekend (with the Bailey pool closed) will be weird. We'll post signs."

The Westland and Wayne councils have formalized the merger of their parks and recreation departments, including sharing a director. Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams will fill the post once Kosowski retires later this year.

Residents of both communities have paid resident rates to use recreation facilities and programs in either city for more than a year under a Neighbor Acceptance program. That continues with the merged departments.

• Westland Farmers Market kicks off the 2012 season 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, in the City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford. The market will be held every Tuesday through Oct. 23.

"We've got 13-14 vendors signed up but a couple of them said they were doing

their best with fruit and vegetables," said Kosowski. "If we get 10 vendors on the first week, that will be fine. Two vendors said they won't be there until the first week of June."

Along with giving farmers a chance to sell directly to the public, Kosowski said that this year the market will offer an expanded number of demonstrations, such as installing brick pavers.

Anyone interested in participating in the market must complete an application, which can be downloaded at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) and return it with the appropriate vendor fee to the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department before being considered for participation in the market. For additional information on applications, guidelines, or fees and permits, contact Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

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## H.Y.P.E. offers baseball and football camps

H.Y.P.E. Athletics will be offering an Elite Baseball Training Camp for boys and girls ages 8 - 14 at Attwood Park located next to the Wayne Community Center.

The camp will be held 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 18 - 22.

The camp instructors have over 25 years of playing, training, and coaching experience in professional and collegiate baseball. The H.Y.P.E. staff will demonstrate the fundamentals of baseball and athletic development. The goal is to improve the overall skill and knowledge of the sport. Every participant will receive a drink and snack daily.

Participants will have a pizza party upon completion of the training camp.

H.Y.P.E. will also be at Attwood Park from

9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 9-13 to hold an Elite Football Training Camp for boys ages 7-14. Special guest speakers will include University of Michigan and Michigan State football players, along with players from colleges across the state.

The staff will coach offensive and defensive drills, running form, flexibility, motivational speeches and nutritional guidelines. Every participant will receive a drink and snack daily.

The cost for either program is \$25 per child for Wayne and Westland residents and \$30 per child for non-residents.

Visit [www.ci.wayne.mi.us](http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us) under Recreation and click Special Events on the left side for a form and/or details or visit [www.hypeathletics.org](http://www.hypeathletics.org).

## Salvation Army hosts summer day camp

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will again offer its summer day camp.

Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries, said the camp is for kids ages 6-12. It will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18 through Aug. 17. It will be based at the corps on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

There is a parent orientation 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the corps building, with attendance mandatory. Three out of

the five days will include arts and crafts, computer use, gym time, Bible class and more.

"There's all sorts of stuff," Barylski said.

Two days each week will feature field trips, including Kensington Metropark beach, the Detroit Zoo, bowling, roller skating and the library.

The cost is \$40 per week per child. Some partial scholarships could be available based on need. For more information, call Barylski at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 110.



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# Investment plans ideal for giving gift to graduate

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Congratulations to all those graduating from high school. There is no doubt that high school graduation is something to celebrate, as it is another milestone in life. As I've mentioned many times in the past, high school graduation doesn't mean the end of someone's formal education. In fact, my advice for high school graduates is that you must continue your education.

That doesn't necessarily mean that everyone should go to college; but, it does mean that everyone needs to continue their education after high school. After all, when you look at the jobs in today's world, there are not many for high school graduates. That being said, as many celebrate high school graduation, the question always is, what to buy the high school graduate?

The traditional and easy gift to give is cash or a gift card. After all, a high school graduate will have no problem finding ways to spend money. However, considering the difficult economic times and the importance of education, there may be some better choices than cash or a gift card. One alternative that I recommend is to invest in a 529 Plan.

## Invest for the future

A 529 Plan is an investment program that is geared for post-high school education. The beauty of the plan is that it allows you to invest money and that money grows tax free. When the money is

eventually withdrawn for a qualified education expense such as room, board, tuition, books and required fees, there are no tax consequences. Many people are under the mistaken belief that a 529 Plan is only for college. Although it is a great investment vehicle for college, it can also be used for other educational needs such as for a trade or vocational school.

For the great majority of people, the 529 Plan I recommend is the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP - [www.misaves.com](http://www.misaves.com)). The MESP has many advantages and is very user friendly. First, it doesn't take a lot of money to establish the plan. You can start one for as low as \$25. In addition, the plan has very low costs and no commissions. Therefore, you can be assured that your money will go for educational purposes, not to pay to high costs and fees. Another great advantage of the MESP is that it is not limited to Michigan schools. A student can use the money for basically any public or private institution in the country. Therefore, the plan has great flexibility.

Investing in a 529 Plan is a great way to honor a graduate and to help them with their future. One thing that parents can consider is to open a 529 Plan for their child and then let people know that if they do wish to honor the graduate, they could make a contribution into the plan that has already been established. However, keep in mind that with a low minimum, just about anyone can set up their own 529 Plan.

## Education is key

I cannot stress enough the importance of education past high school. We live in a changing economic environment and we are no longer

just competing against Ohio and Indiana for jobs. We are competing against the world. The one way people will be able to compete is to have a good education. That is exactly what an investment into the MESP does. Not only does it put money away that the graduate can draw upon to cover their expenses, but it also shows the graduate the importance of education.

I recognize that a graduate would much rather get a gift card or cash, however, the standard should be what the graduate needs. If the MESP or a 529 Plan is not for you, consider other gifts that will help the graduate on their journey. For example, it could be a book or a subscription to a financial magazine or even an investment itself. Many mutual funds have low minimums and if you wish to buy an individual stock for the graduate, there are places like [sharebuilder.com](http://sharebuilder.com) that also have low minimums. The bottom line, it's important to think outside the box and think what the college graduate is going to need to be successful in the future.

Graduates, remember that the journey is not over, it's just beginning. To be successful in today's economic climate, you must continue to pursue your education. For those who choose to end their formal education at high school and enter the workforce, I want to encourage you to reconsider. As difficult as it is to continue your education, you must. To give yourself options and opportunities in the future, continue your education past high school. Good luck!

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Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

# Schoolcraft trustee proud of college's growth

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Patricia Watson will take lots of good memories of Schoolcraft College to Arizona in June when she and husband Charles Jerzycke move there for retirement.

Watson was elected to a third six-year term on the community college Board of Trustees in May 2005. She was first appointed to fill a vacancy in October 1991 through June 1993. She's served since then, most recently as secretary, as well as chair and treasurer.



Watson

Watson is a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice. Watson has also taught at Madonna University as an adjunct associate instructor in the Graduate Division. She has served as a consultant to the Detroit Area Salvation Army Corps and the Denby Children's Home in Detroit. Watson was appointed as a commissioner to the Northville Youth Assistance Program (1998 to 2002).

She is a member of the American Psychological Association and Michigan Psychological Association. In September 1996, Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Board of Psychology for the state of Michigan and she has served as chair.

## Points of pride

Watson is proud of Schoolcraft's fitness center, the Transitions Center which helps returning veterans and others, music recitals, dinner theater, professional development and recreational opportunities, and tutoring/volunteering options at Schoolcraft.

"There are just so many aspects of the college which are really treasures," said Watson, whose term will be completed by an appointee prior to the November 2012 election.

She noted programs developed in her time, such as the possibility of bachelor's degrees at Schoolcraft in nursing and culinary arts, which would require legislative approval. Watson also cited the biomedical technology building, with its focus on math and science.

"It's been gratifying to see all the changes and improvements in the Garden City campus," said Watson, who's also proud of the library and public safety training improvements.

"We just have great staff, great administration. It's a good resource. This really is the best of a community asset," she said. "And we're debt-free."

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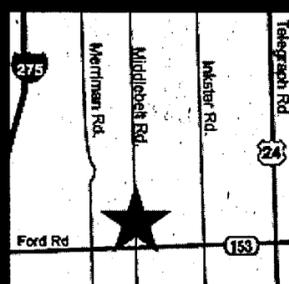
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## Infineon breaks ground on new facility

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

A semiconductor manufacturer has broken ground on a new building to accommodate additional engineering facilities and an expanded test lab.

Infineon Technologies will be moving into a new 46,000-square-foot building on a four-acre site at 19401 Victor Parkway in Livonia. Infineon is the world's second largest supplier of semiconductors to the automotive industry and reported \$5 billion in revenue in 2011 with close to 26,000 employees worldwide.

Currently located at 19111 Victor Parkway, Infineon plans to occupy the new facility, located adjacent to Davenport University, in January 2013. Northern Equities Group of Farmington Hills will build the LEED-certified building with the latest green technology. Construction began in March.

"Our new building will be doubling the space we have today," said Shawn Slusser, vice president of sales and marketing for Infineon's Automotive Division. "We will have space for 140 employees. Today we have 90 employees." Infineon will be seeking individuals with advanced business degrees and advanced engineering degrees, Slusser said.

The building will allow for an expanded quality applications lab and engineering lab, Slusser said.

"It will allow expanded analysis capabilities," Slusser said.

The groundbreaking last week featured Slusser, John Zielinski, vice president of power management and multi-market



Joining in the ceremonial ground breaking are, from left, Infineon Vice President Shawn Slusser, State Rep. John Walsh, Mayor Jack Kirksey, State Sen. Glenn Anderson and Infineon Vice President John Zielinski.



The new 46,000-square-foot building at 19401 Victor Parkway will be LEED-certified with the latest green technology.

for Infineon; Mayor Jack Kirksey, State Rep. John Walsh, State Sen. Glenn Anderson and Neil Sosin, president of Northern Equities Group.

Afterward, Slusser said the company expanded knowing that the future of the company's prod-

uct, semiconductors, was bright in terms of mobility and energy efficiency in the automotive industry.

"In our five- to 10-year plan, we see that the business will continue to grow," Slusser said. "We are out of space. We had to have more room and had

to have one building."

Infineon's integrated circuits or semiconductors are used on circuit boards inside cars. "Integrated circuits control the electric motor," Slusser said. "They deliver energy to the electric motor."

The company displayed

a 2012 Ford Focus Electric and a 2013 GM Malibu Eco. Infineon's technology controls the Focus' electric drivetrain, enabling zero emissions, and improves fuel economy in the Malibu by 25 percent and is also used in that vehicle's stability control system.

Slusser was asked about some of the hurdles with the electric vehicle technology, given the \$42,000 price for a Chevy Volt. Slusser said that today the business represents a small share of the market, approximately 5 percent.

"I believe it will be a small share through 2020," Slusser said. "What the

carmakers are working on is how to improve fuel economy. Whether it is electric or conventional engine controls, we need electronics to do that." Semiconductors will help companies with that technology to achieve better mileage in the future, Slusser said.

The building also will contain components sourced within 500 miles to help meet LEED certification. "The steel came from within 500 miles," Slusser said. "Furniture will be provided by Steelcase (in Grand Rapids). A white roof will be used to reflect the sunlight." The parking area will include electric vehicle charging stations for customers and employees, Slusser said.

Sosin said the building will be Northern Equities' first LEED-certified structure the company has built. Northern Equities will own and manage the building.

"It will have a specialized landscaping with drought-tolerant plants, and sunshades over the windows to reduce the sunlight on them," Sosin said. Extra insulation and occupancy switches will turn off lights when rooms are unoccupied, Sosin said.

Anderson was happy to see the investment in Livonia and in Michigan and the additional jobs.

"The commitment that this company has shown to green jobs and investing in their community provides a perfect example of the sort of business that is going to fuel Michigan's economic recovery," Anderson said.

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### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Health Expo

Registration is currently being accepted for a health care expo, being sponsored by Dr. Vicky Savas, a cardiologist.

The health expo 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Center at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland.

The event will include complimentary breakfast and lunch, lectures on health issues, door prizes, educational material, free health care giveaways, demonstrations, free massages, complimentary gifts, free and low cost testing.

There also will be an auction featuring autographed pucks, photos, jerseys and more by the Red Wings, including Chris Chelios and Pavel Datsyuk, hockey and baseball tickets, wine tasting tour in Traverse City, golf lessons and local golf packages, rounds of golf

at the Grand Hotel, watches by Maloof Jewelry, spa packages and salon certificates and product baskets.

Participants must register and pay for testing in advance. The costs are \$25 for the fun pack which includes the lectures, free give-aways and meals and test fees - \$20 for the blood screen (Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, TG; thyroid for women and PSA/prostate for men), \$35 for Carotid Screen \$35 (stroke), \$30 for Aortic Ultrasound Screen, \$30 for Peripheral Artery Screen (Peripheral artery disease, PAD, \$25 for Bone Density Screen (Osteoporosis), \$25 for Heart Rhythm Screen (Atrial Fibrillation) or \$125 for all six screens.

Registrations and checks, made payable to Vicky Savas, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your admission ticket, can be sent to Vicky Savas, 29201 Telegraph, Suite 420, Southfield, MI 48034. For more informa-

tion, call (248) 356-5033.

#### 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. Friday, May 25, at its offices at 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood, and more than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day. To be a blood donor, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old in most states, or 16 years old with parental consent, if allowed by state law, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors.

Visit [www.wfbcu.org](http://www.wfbcu.org) or click on schedule an appointment. Anyone that comes to donate will receive a Red Cross T-shirt.

#### A SUNNY NOTE

### Great questions and great relationships

By Clarity Patton Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

Last week, sales expert and business growth specialist Jeff Blackman presented his Peak Your Profits@ seminar at a Yes! Network event in Novi.



Clarity Patton Newhouse

Among his many observations on the importance of relationships, I found this one particularly insightful: "Great relationships come from the questions

you ask, not the statements you make."

It seems that everyone pays lip service to the theory that relationships are the key to success in sales. But more than theory, we need skills to build those relationships. It's not enough to know our own products and services inside out, we need to understand our clients' problems, needs and dreams.

That's why great questions lead to great relationships. By asking the right questions we learn how to help our clients and they learn that we care about what's most important to them.

Here's to great relationships - and a sunny day!

P.S. "Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers." Voltaire

P.P.S. To learn more about Jeff Blackman go to [www.JeffBlackman.com](http://www.JeffBlackman.com). Please join Sunny Notes at [www.Facebook.com/](http://www.Facebook.com/).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Honoring sacrifice

## Take Memorial Day's real purpose to heart

Communities around the country will soon gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of our military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

In Westland, veterans group will gather at parade at 1 p.m. Sunday at Wayne Road and Avondale and march to the Peace Memorial in Wayne to honor veterans and those who have died from the two communities.

And then we'll retire to our patios, parks, pools and cabins, to sizzle the grill and enjoy the holiday.

And while we're doing that, we urge you to really consider the sacrifices you're honoring.

Since this nation's inception, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights - large and small - more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down Saddam Hussein and, more recently, killed the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

People will attend local ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe, in their own way, a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

"It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

"It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

"It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

"It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

"It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

"It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote."

Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you think it makes sense that motorcyclists don't have to wear a helmet, but you have to wear a seat belt to drive a car?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"No that doesn't make sense, they should have to wear a helmet."

Denise Ciotti  
Westland



"That doesn't make sense at all. At least in a car you have protection, on a motorcycle you have none."

Francine Harris  
Westland



"I think it's very stupid. They should have to wear a helmet, if we have to wear a seat belt, especially with a motorcycle. It's dangerous."

Shawna Ramsay  
Westland



"No, I don't think so and haven't seen one rider without a helmet and I've been looking. I think most of them don't want to ride without one."

Patricia Lutz  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Election bargain

I am pleased with the Observer's front page story last Thursday concerning the campaign to inform Westland voters of the modest property tax proposal on the Aug. 7 primary election ballot. The proposal, supported by the Save Westland Library committee, is a real bargain from any perspective. Without the extra money, the library would have to curtail its operating hours to 40 from the current 69.

The proposal to raise the property tax by 99 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation is clearly the best bargain Westland residents will see in a long time — especially when one considers the large numbers of all age groups using the library.

For an average priced home of \$58,000, the tax proposal would mean an additional \$37.50 a year in property taxes. That's only \$3.12 a month, or 72 cents a week. If anyone wants any proof of the popularity of the library, stop in and observe how many persons are using the computer stations. On my recent visit, all of the new work stations were being used along with half of the previously-installed computers.

That service alone is worth the 72 cents a week the tax increase would represent since many adults and students don't have other access to a computer.

Think of it — only 72 cents a week for the full range of library services for which there is no charge.

Just make sure you get to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 7, to vote.

Leonard Pogor  
Westland

### Secondhand danger

I find it extremely hard to believe that there are people who think that increasing worker exposure to secondhand smoke is a good thing for Michigan.

Those who are seeking to undo our popular smoke-free workplace law (74 percent approval rating) seem focused on taking us back decades to the days when we didn't know the terrible consequences of exposure to secondhand smoke. And, they apparently have no conscience knowing that what they are proposing will put thousands of bar and restaurant workers at risk.

There is plenty of documentation to support why the law is so important. Air studies have been conducted to measure workplace safety. Samples from workers have been taken to measure exposure to dangerous chemicals in secondhand smoke.

Economic trends have been studied. In every instance, the outcomes of these studies point to one thing — the law is working as intended. Air quality improved. Levels of contaminants in workers' bodies decreased. Even the economic numbers showed the hospitality industry grew by 6 percent in the first year after the law

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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went into effect.

Unfortunately, opponents would have you believe otherwise. I don't buy their argument. The law is good for Michigan.

Elizabeth Paruch

American Cancer Society  
Cancer Action Network  
Volunteer Advocacy chair

### Repower your vehicle

Engine trouble symptoms can mean major problems with your car. If you see, hear, feel or smell anything that is out of the ordinary, take your vehicle to a reputable automotive repair shop or engine installation center for diagnosis to avoid the inconvenience and unexpected cost of a breakdown.

Symptoms of major engine trouble include:

- Excessive smoke from exhaust — particularly dark smoke indicates oil leaking into the combustion chamber.
- Oil on the driveway indicates a leak which will cause the oil level to drop.
- Excessive oil consumption.
- Unusual noise from the engine such as knocking or tapping.
- Illuminated engine indicator lights: oil, water or engine.

If your car or truck is diagnosed with major engine damage, but the rest of your vehicle is in relatively good shape, talk with your technician about your options, including repowering with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine. For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, a vehicle's engine can be repowered with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, gaining years of reliable service without monthly car payments and higher insurance rates.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junk yard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, remanufactured/rebuilt engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

To learn more about the benefits of remanufactured/rebuilt engines,

visit the Engine Rebuilders Council at [www.enginebuilder.org](http://www.enginebuilder.org)

Ken Carter

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Engine Rebuilders Council

### Support unions

America attained greatness on the shoulders of middle-class workers. When they demanded fairness, our economy flourished. They bought houses, cars and other products that kept our farms, factories and small businesses humming. This was the result of treating workers fairly.

Today, as America's megacorporations consolidate economic power, small businesses are being eaten alive and our jobs are being shipped overseas. Communities are being decimated by job loss. This outsourcing is also destroying unions and impoverishing the workers they represent here in America.

Indeed, we must support efforts to make our trade policies more fair to Americans, but that won't be enough. Collective bargaining sets standards for all employers to follow. Thus, nonunion workers also benefit from the collective bargaining of unions. In fact, when our economy is flourishing, small business owners benefit, too. We should all be concerned. And, we should all help stop the efforts of Lansing politicians from undermining the rights of all Michigan workers to join unions and collectively bargain.

Randy "Grumpa" Iuliano  
Portage, Mich.

### Protect all women

The Violence Against Women Act designed to combat domestic abuse was enacted in 1994, and last week came to a reauthorization vote in the Senate with 68 in favor and 31 opposed. The act was expanded to include greater protections for LGBT victims, immigrant women facing abuse and Native American women, who have been traditionally underserved.

In the past 12 years, this act has been unanimously reauthorized by Congress twice. However, in this session of Congress, 31 Republican male senators voted against reauthorization, becoming the first senators ever to cast a vote against VAWA.

House Republicans are pushing their own version of VAWA without the new provisions aiding these three groups. The idea of picking and choosing which individuals deserve protection is objectionable. Ever since this act was renewed, underserved groups have been included to ensure no one is left out of a law that was designed to protect everyone from domestic violence.

Resistance to the bill is further proof of Republicans' disregard to issues affecting women. Let's hope the House Republicans will not prevail and exclude these groups from protection in their version.

Joanie Ignash  
Commerce Township

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Upcoming Events

OPEN HOUSE

**Date/Time:** May 26, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** PLAV Post 166, 39375 Amrhein Road (at the southeast corner of Echols)

**Details:** The Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) will host an open house in conjunction with Memorial Day. Both veterans and the public are invited. Refreshments will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Contact:** For details call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

SINGLES GROUP

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

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

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

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

SALE AND SWAP MEET

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2

**Location:** AmVets Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** 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. Inside vendor tables are available for \$25 and outdoor parking spaces are \$20. The event is a fund-raiser for AmVets Post 171.

**Contact:** For more information, call Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by e-mail at taylorsskkt@gmail.com.

INDOOR MARKET

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28

**Location:** Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent is \$15 for an eight-foot table. Table position will be based on first come basis. Vendors are welcome. Deadline for table rentals is Thursday, June 7. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund. Contact: Call (313) 277-7765 for more information.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 13

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

**Details:** Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and



Wish You Were Here

Garden City invaded Cancun for the mid-winter break where Mike and Cindy Chambers, Bill and Denise Amici, Diana Ronewicz and Steve and Linda Bodnovits enjoyed the sun, the beach, good food, good company, making "for a great vacation." "We had a wonderful time at the Omni in Cancun, we couldn't have asked for better weather," Linda Bodnovits said. "And, of course, we remembered our Observer." The group posed for their Wish You Were Here at the DaVinci Restaurant at their hotel. "It was worth having to bring nice clothes to go to this restaurant, the food was terrific," Bodnovits said. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

an Italian buffet dinner served promptly at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Corsi's Italian Restaurant. Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (exact amount please). Cash bar available. Stay to enjoy cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins.

**Contact:** Reserve a spot by June 6 by calling Carol at (248) 946-0300, Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183.

CRAFTERS WANTED

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

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

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

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

**Details:** - Westland  
**Details:** A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

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

**Location:** Lower level

Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

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

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

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectiv-

nally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

For Your Health

W-W NAMI

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

**Location:** St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

SAFE PLACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro-Group.com

MENOPAUSE & MORE

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

LIFECARE

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.



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# Riding on ... safely

## State officials push safety as motorcycle season gears up

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

Warm spring weather always brings out the rumble — of motorcycles on the roadways.

Michigan's Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, who has been riding motorcycles since age 12, rode in to the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, on a midnight blue Sportster, to bring attention to motorcycle safety.

Johnson was joined by riders from around the state and safety officials from Michigan State Police, the Office of Highway Safety Planning and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"Michigan has more than a half a million motorcyclists and as we head into the warm weather, we need to do everything we can to be safe — wear the proper gear, stay aware and take rider education classes," said Johnson, who noted more bikers will likely be on the roads this summer, given the anticipated \$4 per gallon gas.

Scott Wilson, general manager of Motor City Harley-Davidson, said his dealership's rider education class called Rider's Edge, has had 2,858 students since it started in 2000.

"We really want to put an emphasis on training and making sure people have the right equipment," said Wilson.

Jennifer Loberman, of Farmington Hills, is the marketing director at Motor City Harley-Davidson and longtime rider. She noted that women are the fastest growing demographic in motorcycle riding. She encourages riders to enroll in the Rider's Edge program.

"Rider's Edge isn't a lecture, it's a fast-moving, interactive seminar," she said, adding that



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson stops for a photo with RJ Wilson, who is a motorcycle safety instructor at Macomb Community College and a member of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

it provides education to raise the comfort level of the rider in a controlled and safe environment.

The state has rolled out its Ride Safe to Ride Again campaign to raise awareness.

Michael Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, said motorcycle fatalities, through the years, have steadily increased, however, there were 109 statewide in 2011 compared to 125 in 2010.

"Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable," he said. "They are 39 percent more likely to die in a crash than (people in passenger vehicles)."

He advocates high visibility gear for motorcyclists.

"I want to wish everyone a very safe riding season — we want you all to be back riding in 2013," said Prince.

Johnson introduced a new video, which is now playing in all Secretary of State offices, on motorcycle safety. She said it focuses on the importance of wearing the right gear, paying attention on the road — especially in construction zones — and getting training and the motorcycle endorsement.

"We're hoping that a little nudge will help get more riders trained and hopefully save lives," said Johnson.

RJ Wilson, who is with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and is an instructor at Macomb Community College, said the safety courses are 20 hours, over one weekend — 4 hours in the classroom and 16 hours riding.

Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said nearly half of all motorcycle crashes are caused by riders who do not have the endorsement on their

license or the proper training.

"There's no substitute for proper training," he said.

### No helmets?

The recent repeal of Michigan's helmet law means there's an extra emphasis on safety, officials said.

Under the new law, riders who are at least 21 years of age, have had a license for at least two years or have taken motorcycle safety classes, and also carry at least \$20,000 in medical insurance, are allowed to ride without a helmet.

"If you decide you don't want to wear a helmet — which we do not recommend — then you don't have to wear a helmet," said Shaw.

### Enjoying the ride

Loberman, who fell in love with motorcycles while riding

### A FEW FACTS

- 80 percent of motorcycle crashes result in injury or death for the motorcyclist.
- Intersections are the No. 1 spot for crashes with motorcycles. Always look twice.
- Passenger vehicle motorists should always watch for motorcyclists; not follow too close and share the road.
- Motorcyclists should be properly trained and licensed; wear the appropriate safety gear; know the laws for riding under the influence.
- Four out of every 10 crashes involve riders that do not have a valid driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement.
- Most crashes happen on short trips of less than five miles or at speeds slower than 30 mph.
- About one out of every three motorcycle fatalities involve drugs or alcohol.

on the back of her dad's Harley-Davidson dyna low rider, said she enjoys the freedom of riding.

"I enjoy the 'me time' and the freedom of having the wind in your face. Whatever is going on, it kind of fades away once you get on your bike," she said.

Loberman, who is a member of the local chapter of Harley Owners Group, the official Harley-Davidson riding group, said she shares a close bond with other riders.

"Bikers never cease to amaze me," she said. "(They) are very charitable. There's a special kinship among all riders. You have to be a rider to understand it."

She said "four wheels might move the body, but two wheels move the soul."

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## Ladywood ends Marian hex in OT

Riga goal stops 9-year title run

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Catholic League A-B Division championship girls soccer trophy is going take up residence in a different location for the first time in a decade.

Livonia Ladywood ended Birmingham Marian's nine-year streak of A-B titles with a dramatic 1-0 victory Saturday afternoon at home.

Freshman Sam Riga scored the game-winner with 4:09 left in the second 10-minute overtime to hand the Mustangs their first Catholic League setback since 2002.

Riga's game-winning goal came off a three-on-three counter attack with senior Paige Brennan drawing the assist.

Ironically, the freshman nearly had the game's first goal just six minutes into the match when she drilled a shot off the left post.

"I saw it going through to DeYana (Walker)," Riga said. "The (Marian) girl just miss-kicked it and I just relaxed my shoulders and I knew I had to point it to the corner. My left foot was right there and I was able to finish it — and I

was very relaxed."

The win improves Ladywood's overall record to 18-1-2, while Marian falls to 14-2-1.

It was the first loss for Marian coach Barry Brodsky to Ladywood since he took over the program 11 years ago.

"We contained and they (Ladywood) like to send it over the top and that one got through," Brodsky said of the game-winner by Riga. "It was three-vs.-three in the back, we just miscommunicated a little bit and the ball just popped out."

"She (Riga) is a quality forward and when she gets the opportunity, she's going to finish it, and she did."

Chances were limited on both sides with Ladywood outshooting the Mustangs 14-10.

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made three saves and Marian counterpart Makenzie Larson had four stops.

Temperatures hovered in the low 80s under bright, sunny skies during the 96-minute marathon.

"Everybody was extremely tired and you

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Livonia Ladywood freshman Sam Riga (7) scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime to beat Birmingham Marian, 1-0, for the Catholic League A-B Division title.

## Tennis trio off to 'state'

No. 1 singles players from Livonia Franklin (Carolyn McCullen), Livonia Stevenson (Aimee Moccia) and Livonia Churchill (Nicole Kruse) have all earned spots in the MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals, June 1-2, in Midland.

McCullen, a sophomore, ran her record to 23-3 by winning the Region 4 No. 1 singles title last Friday at Woodhaven with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Kruse.

"For a 10th-grader, Carolyn has a great deal of natural talent with slices and topspin on the forehand and backhand," Franklin coach Rick Clack said. "We have been working on her believing in her two-handed backhand when opportunities present itself for strong driving shots and she now is hitting it with confidence."

Moccia, also a sophomore, was runner-up to Novi's Abby Wang, in Region 2 tourney Friday at Novi Meadows.

She guaranteed her spot with a three-set semifinal win over Northville's Erin Doud.

Moccia, who fell 6-2, 6-2 in the finals, is 24-6 overall. She was also runner-up to Wang in the Kensington Conference tournament.

Kruse, 10-10 overall, guaranteed her spot with a 6-0, 6-0 Region 4 semifinal victory over Dearborn's Leslie Reynolds.

## Churchill rules links en route to City title

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Churchill earned bragging rights for a year by unseating Stevenson for the Livonia City **BOYS GOLF** tournament held Saturday afternoon at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The Chargers scored 10 points to the Ryder Cup-style format with defending champion Stevenson was second with eight followed by host Franklin with six.

"The guys played some of the best golf they have played all year and hopefully it will carry over for a few more weeks," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "It was a special day for the seniors to go out with a city championship under their belt."

Churchill's Eric Hill and Ben Proben combined for 35 to win the best ball competition followed by Franklin's Brian Roulier and Chad Tweedy (39) and Ste-

venson's Ryan Linn and Ryan Zahm (43).

The Chargers' Cory Dare and Doug Simpson combined for a 32 to capture the scramble followed by Franklin's Steve Barczuk and Alex Regish (36) and Stevenson's Nick Massa and Marco Yaquinto (38).

Stevenson's Cam Tetrault and Austin Harris captured the alternate shot with a 38 followed by Churchill's Nick Proben and Alex Estes (39) and Franklin's Tyler Gerhard and Josh Dudek (44).

Stevenson's Dante Cicchelli and Nick Marsh shot 38 and 39, respectively, to combine for a 77 to win medal play, while Churchill's Dom DiLisi, who carded a 35, and Andrew Ioanou, who added a 44, took second with a two-man total of 79. Franklin's Alex Nagy (49) and Danny Donahue (52) combined for a 101 to place third.

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## Blazers celebrate

1-0 victory over Mercy yields A-B title

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The margin of error proved to be microscopic in Monday's Catholic League A-B Division girls softball championship final between rivals Livonia Ladywood and Farmington Hills Mercy.

And though it will be scored as an unearned run, it proved to be gold for the Ladywood, who earned their second straight title and fourth in school history with a 1-0 triumph over the Marlins in a game played the University of Detroit Mercy.

The Blazers, who improved to 31-3 overall, broke the scoreless deadlock without the benefit of a hit in the sixth inning.

Junior third baseman Celeste Fidge led off by reaching first on a Mercy infield error. Pinch runner Michelle Nelson then alertly went all the way to third on Carli San-Millan's sacrifice bunt

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

after the Marlins failed to cover the bag.

Mercy coach Eddy Ketelhut then ordered pitcher Kacey Nieto to walk both Andria Gietl and Allyssa Kashat intentionally to load the bases with one out.

Nieto, the right-hander bound for the University of Utah, got Ladywood's Haley Lawrence to pop out on an attempted bunt, but Nelson raced home when a high strike Nieto threw to the next batter eluded the grasp of catcher Sam Bauer.

"We tried the squeeze because I was afraid we wouldn't put the ball in play and she (Lawrence) popped it up," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "But we got fortunate there ... the catcher kind of took her eye off it watching all the events going on. And that's what can happen."

That was more than enough cushion for Ladywood ace Briana Combs,

who retired the Marlins in order in the top of the seventh to close out the win.

The Blazers' senior right-hander finished with 12 strikeouts and no walks while allowing just four hits.

"I felt pretty good," said Combs, who will pitch next year at Cleveland State. "I didn't feel very good in warmups, but I guess when I got out there I felt a lot better."

"My curveball was working pretty good. I threw a lot of those. We have a lot of notes and we know where to pitch them, so I just try to execute where my coach calls the pitches."

Nieto, meanwhile, allowed just four hits herself. She struck out eight and walked a total of four.

"We tell the girls, 'You've got to get ready to go to the plate and swing' because it she

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## MU softball wins finale

Amber Rafko and Arielle Cox each collected two hits and knocked in two runs apiece Saturday as Madonna University defeated St. Gregory's (Okla.), 6-3, in eight innings at the NAIA National Women's Softball Tournament held in Gulf Shores, Ala.

The Crusaders, 34-14 overall, finished 1-2 in Pool G play and failed to make the elimination round of the 32-school tourney.

Cox belted a 2-run triple and Kristen Drabek added an RBI single to break a 3-all deadlock in the top of the eighth inning.

Other top hitters for MU included Erin Mayes (2-for-4, RBI) and Kasey Trierweiler (2-for-3).

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) went all eight innings allowing two earns runs on eight hits. She struck out six and walked one to finish the year with a 15-11 record.

Hay Lea Harper led St. Gregory's (43-17) with three hits and an RBI.

Losing pitcher Devon Frazier (19-12), the starter, allowed two earned runs on four hits in 2.1 innings.

## MU players All-Academic

Madonna University senior outfielder Kiley Thornton (Newport) and junior outfielder Arielle Cox (Ida) were among 308 athletes named to the Daktronics NAIA Softball Scholar-Athletes team.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status to qualify for the honor.

## Chargers rev it up, capture MU Classic

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill softball team is catching fire heading into the postseason while proving it can go the distance as well.

The Chargers made it nine straight victories Monday with a 4-1 victory over visiting Salem on the heels of five straight wins last weekend to capture the 30-team Madonna Invitational Classic.

"We played very well against some very good teams," said Churchill coach Steve Gentilia, whose team is 21-8 overall. "We're peaking at the right time."

Missy Sidor pitched a four-hit shutout and struck out seven Sun-



SANDRA SHEREDA

Livonia Churchill's softball team won five straight games last weekend to capture the Madonna Invitational.

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# Clarenceville upends MIAC Red champion

Livonia Clarenceville, being an independent, can't play for a league or conference girl soccer title.

But on Monday night, the host Trojans did the next best thing knocking off Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division champion Lutheran High Westland, 2-1, to improve to 5-9-2 overall.

Sadie Schultz staked the Warriors to a 1-0 halftime lead, but Clarenceville roared back with a pair of second half goals including the game-winner on an unassisted corner kick tally by Sadie Zachos midway through the second half.

Zachos also assisted on Lindsey Fosth's game-tying goal earlier in the second half.

Clarenceville also got strong performances up front from forwards Tristyn Bean and Sarah Curvin.

Jillian Bunker stopped 6-of-7 shots in goal for Clarenceville, while Angela Morrison made 13 saves

## GIRLS SOCCER

for the Warriors (9-3-2). **STEVENSON 6, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Monday, Livonia Stevenson (8-8-1) scored five times in the first half to beat host Westland John Glenn (4-11-2) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Dayna Stevens opened the scoring with goals in the sixth and ninth minutes off assists from Aliya El-Sabeh and Oliva Kitz.

Also scoring in the opener half for the Spartans was Katie Reamer (from Alexi Kliza); Katelyn Foster (from Shannon Black); and Kim Griffith (from Carlin O'Malley).

Allison Corp capped the scoring in the 58 minute off an assist from Black. Goalkeepers Rylee Jayson and Kristen Trybus each played 40 minutes and combined for two saves and the shutout.

**SALEM 1, CHURCHILL 0 (PKs):** The two Kensington Conference teams played to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two minutes of overtime Monday night before the Rocks (9-7-1) prevailed in a shootout at Livonia Churchill (4-8-5).

Salem converted all four chances in penalty kicks with Kaitlyn Krause tallying the game-winner.

Churchill made two-of-four with Kelsey Parrinello and Erin Emmanuel converting. "Both teams attacked and de-

fended," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "There were no goals, but it was an exciting game. We got behind them and we got shots on goal. We had a lot of pressure and played as well as we have played all year. I'm happy with the play."

Hebestreit also singled out the efforts of midfielders Rachel Blackney and Karly Munroe, along with forward Alexis Vakratsis.

Cecilia Said was the winning goalkeeper, while Alexis Tzafarglou was in net for the Chargers.

**S.I. EAST 2, FRANKLIN 0:** Second-half goals by Lora Palushaj and Rachel Jankoviak carried South Lyon East (11-8-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over host Livonia Franklin (3-9-4). Goalkeeper Alexis Smith made eight saves in the set-back for the Patriots.

**CVILLE 5, SUMMIT 3:** Junior Ashley Murphy notched a hat trick and added one assist Saturday leading Livonia Clarenceville (4-9-2) to a victory over Romulus Summit Academy North (10-3).

Sarah Curvin also scored twice for the Trojans, who led 3-2 at halftime.

Other assists went to Lindsey Fosth and Rachel Kirschweg, the latter whom played goalkeeper during the second half after starter Jillian Bunker was injured.

Sahdia Washington scored two goals for the Dragons.

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### MHSAA TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL RESULTS

#### DIVISION 2-REGION 15 May 18 at B.H. Lahser

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Auburn Hills Avondale, 108 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 96; 3. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 91; 4. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 78; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 53; 6. Clawson, 45; 7. Hazel Park, 42; 8. Ferndale, 33; 9. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 30; 10. Madison Heights Lamphere, 20; 11. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 10; 12. Warren Fitzgerald, 9. 13. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 8; 14. Detroit Central, 7; 15. Detroit Pershing, 3.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Ruairi McGreevy (NDP), 46 feet, 10 inches; 2. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 46-6; **discus:** 1. Cummings (Cville), 134-3; 4. Deavon Wilson (Cville), 126-1; **high jump:** 1. Jordan Ross (Clawson), 6-0; **long jump:** 1. Juarez Smith (BHA), 20-5.5; 7. Mike Demmons (Cville), 19-7.75 **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Huel Perkins (DCD), 15-2; 4. Sam Brown (Cville), 15-7; 6. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 16-0; **300 hurdles:** 1. Jatta (Cville), 41-3; 2. Sam Brown (Cville), 41-7; **100 dash:** 1. Kyle Redwine (Avon), 10-4; 2. Kasius Kelly (Cville), 10-5; **200:** 1. Kelly (Cville), 21-8; 4. Jalen Bryant (Cville), 23-6; **400:** 1. Nate Chapman (Avondale), 48-5; 3. Kareem Stewart (Cville), 52-9; **800:** 1. Chapman (Avondale), 2:00.2; **1,600:** 1. Jarred Bratley (BHA), 4:29.5; 8. Alec Jones (Cville), 4:45.7; **3,200:** 1. Dallas Sprat-Shields (HP), 9:43.4; 7. Joey Walker (Cville), 10:37.4; **400 relay:** 1. Avondale, 43-1; 4. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 44-1 (SQ); **800 relay:** 1. Avondale, 1:30-9; 5. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Jatta, Kelly), 1:34-6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Avondale, 3:27-7; 5. Clarenceville (Brown, Jones, Stewart, Jatta), 3:39-4; **3,200 relay:** 1. Country Day, 8:24-0.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 126; 2. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 122; 3. Auburn Hills Avondale, 78; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 55; 5. Ferndale, 49; 6. Birmingham Marian, 48; 7. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 43; 8. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 36; 9. Livonia Clarenceville, 17; 10. Hazel Park, 13; 11. Detroit Pershing, 12; 12. Warren Fitzgerald, 11; 13. Detroit Central, 6.

**Clarenceville finishers:** 3. Ayanna Buckley, 200, 26.3 (SQ); 4. 800 relay (Buckley, Mya Banks, Kamaria Sanders, Tangelo Doolley), 1:51-1; 5. 400 relay (Buckley, Banks, Sanders, Dooley), 53-0; 7. LeAndre O'Neil (Cville), 30 feet, 5 inches.

### DIVISION 2-REGION 13 May 18 at Ladywood

#### GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (17 schools):

1. Dearborn Divine Child, 171; 2. Chelsea, 90-5; 3. Milan, 81-5; 4. Monroe Jefferson, 43; 5. (tie) Adrian and Grosse Ile, 39 each; 7. Redford Thurston, 31; 8. Romulus, 30; 9. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 22; 10. Livonia Ladywood, 22.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)

**Shot put:** 1. Ashley O'Neill (DDC), 38 feet, 0.25 inches; 3. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 34-9.5; **discus:** 1. O'Neill (DDC), 123-6; 7. Sarah Wojnarowski (LL), 95-6; **high jump:** 1. Tess Odegard (Milan), 5-2; **long jump:** 1. Sabhin Butto (GI), 16-2; **pole vault:** 1. Elaine Johnson (Chelsea), 10-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kayla Gandy (DDC), 15-56; **300 hurdles:** 1. Mallory Myler (DDC), 46-59; 8. Hannah Gove (LL), 50-93; **100 dash:** 1. Dominique Smith (RT), 12-72; **200:** 1. Paige Patterson (DDC), 25-87; **400:** 1. Patterson (DDC), 57-82; 4. Pilar Furlong (LL), 1:03-46; **800:** Danielle Dahl (Chelsea), 2:21-16; **1,600:** Brooke Johnson (New Boston Huron), 5:19-58; **3,200:** 1. Erin Bachler (Jeff), 12:01-99; **400 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 50-61; **800 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 1:42-85; 5. Ladywood, 1:53-78; **1,600 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 4:03-8; Ladywood, 4:32-91; **3,200 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 9:44-8.

#### DIVISION 4-REGION 33 May 19 at Luth. Westland

#### BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Lutheran High Westland, 146 points; 2. Detroit Loyola, 136; 3. Royal Oak Shrine, 102; 4. Plymouth Christian Academy, 86; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 41; 6. Detroit Allen Academy, 38; 7. Detroit Christo Rey, 36; 8. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 9; 9. Detroit City, 4; 10. Meadwood Montessori, 3; 11. Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology, 2; 12. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 1.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)

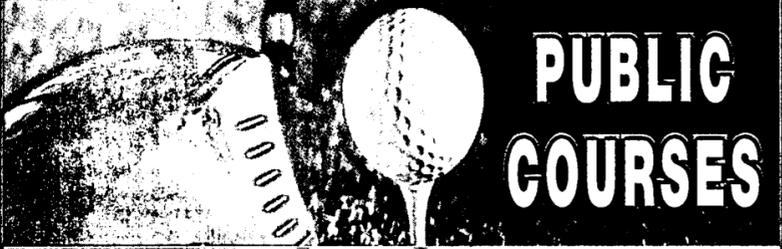
**Shot put:** 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 48 feet, 1.75 inches; **discus:** 1. D. Davenport (LW), 131-11; 5. Jacob Bartos (LW), 107-1; **high jump:** 1. Nick Noel (PCA), 6-0; 3. Jake Fairbairn (LW), 5-7; 5. Jacob Davenport (LW), 5-4; **long jump:** 1. Adam Abbott (Rey), 21-1.25; 2. Caleb Kempf (LW), 19-3-5; 5. Dan Roberts (LW), 18-4-5; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 15-59; 3. Austin Olson (LW), 18-25; **300 hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 40-41; 3. Olson (LW), 44-87; **100 dash:** 1. Da Jones (Loyola), 10-99; **200:** 1. Jason Marzette (Loyola), 23-1; 6. Roberts (LW), 24-33; **400:** 1. Marzette (Loyola), 51-23; 2. Kempf

(LW), 52-21; 4. Bobby Miller (LW), 57-61; **800:** 1. Connor Lockman (ROS), 2:07-79; 3. Zach Foor (LW), 2:10-05; 6. Eric Smith (LW), 2:17-97; 8. Nick McDonald (HVL), 2:31-0; **1,600:** 1. Matt Sutton (ROS), 4:50-48; 3. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 5:00-15; 6. Dan Bunge (LW), 5:13-45; 3,200: 1. Ben Kendall (ROS), 10:55-43; 3. Whitehouse (LW), 11:45-01; 4. Bunge (LW), 11:56-23; 400 relay: 1. Allen, 45-48; 5. Lutheran Westland, 48-8; 800 relay: 1. Loyola, 1:33-71; 1,600 relay: 1. Loyola, 3:38-27; 2. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Foor, Miller, Fairbairn), 3:38-4; 3,200 relay: 1. Shrine, 8:37-69; 3. Lutheran Westland, 8:57-55.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Royal Oak Shrine, 173.5 points; 2. Lutheran High Westland, 141.5; (DDC), 155-6; 3. Plymouth Christian, 79; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 48; 5. Detroit Christo Rey, 46; 6. Detroit Allen Academy, 38; 7. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 15; 8. Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology, 11; 9. Meadwood Montessori, 9; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 2.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)

**Shot put:** 1. Kristi Smrcka (South), 33 feet, 3.75 inches; 2. Leah Refenes (LW), 27-4-5; 3. Aleiyah Millenhauer (LW), 25-11-5; **discus:** 1. Refenes (LW), 97-1; 4. Janine Erickson (LW), 78-8; **high jump:** 1. Taylor Kilgore (ROS), 4-11; 3. (tie) Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-4; **long jump:** 1. Lewis Summer (Rey), 14-9-5; 5. Lis Ivey (LW), 11-1-7; 6. Maria Froman (HVL), 11-0; 8. Emma Buffone (LW), 10-11-25; **pole vault:** 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 7-6; 2. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 7-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Terranella (LW), 17-04; 3. Flury (LW), 18-05; **300 hurdles:** 1. Terranella (LW), 51-17; 2. Flury (LW), 52-87; 100 dash: 1. Jazmene Floyd (Rey), 12-68; **200:** 1. Floyd (Rey), 26-84; **400:** 1. Melanie Anderson (LW), 1:05-95; 4. Chelsea Kovacs (LW), 1:08-23; 6. Matthews (LW), 1:12-04; **800:** 1. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:31-1; 2. Jess Rice (LW), 2:36-11; 6. Gwen Ulrey (LW), 3:11-3; **1,600:** 1. Terra Crown (PCA), 6:08-68; 2. Froman (HVL), 6:22-37; 6. Buffone (LW), 7:06-19; **3,200:** 1. Crown (PCA), 13:05-44; 4. Froman (HVL), 16:25-47; **400 relay:** 1. Shrine, 52-43; 4. Lutheran Westland, 1:02-79; **800 relay:** 1. Shrine, 1:51-82; 2. Lutheran Westland (Matthews, Allison Johnson, Ivey, Chelsea Kovacs), 2:00-5; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kovacs, Terranella, Rice, Flury), 4:35-66; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 10:59-01; 3. Lutheran Westland, 12:44-75. (SQ): additional state qualifier.



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throws that first pitch a fastball, you have to go after it," Scott Combs said the Marlins' ace. "Because if she gets ahead, she's going to throw the rise (ball) and has a really good change-up now, so you can't get behind her or she'll eat you alive. So, you've got to be aggressive from the start."

Mercy never got a runner past second base against Combs although the Marlins got a pair of doubles from freshman Alex Sobczak in the second and fourth innings, but couldn't score.

"With her, she's pretty standard," Ketelhut said Briana Combs. "She's going to go (pitch) away. We know that. We tried to make adjustments, but we didn't do a good job of

it tonight. So, we'll just try and work on it."

Ladywood's biggest threat came in the fourth when Briana Combs singled followed by one-out walks to SanMillan and Gietl, but Nieto got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts.

The Blazers, however, got another chance in the sixth and cashed in.

"I told her (Michelle Nelson) she was going to run in the fifth (inning) if the first girl got on with one of the slower girls," Scott Combs said. "She's trained. When you come around second base keep your head up. If they don't shift somebody back over to cover third, and they don't field the ball, keep coming. She did, and there was nobody stopping her. She was there, and boy, it puts a lot of pressure to have a girl at third with one out."

The Blazers have beaten Mercy in four of their

five meetings this season.

"It just comes down to execution — making the basic play, we didn't, and they (Ladywood) were flawless tonight," Ketelhut said. "We just have to make plays. It came down to a ground ball that we threw away. We had everything set, we walked the two (batters) to load it up (the bases), and put us in position to right where we wanted to be — we had a passed ball that we need to catch."

But Ketelhut said his 20-8 Marlins will bounce back from the disappointing defeat.

"It's a good learning experience," he said. "The kids are down. They'll get back up and they'll go to work tomorrow. Basically you have to keep an even keel. They're a young team and they'll learn from it."

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knew most of the time like that somebody's either make a mistake, or somebody making a great play," Brodsky said. "I think we bobbled it a little bit and she (Riga) made a great play. Hats off to her and great job by Ladywood."

It was the third meeting between the state's No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in Division 2. The first match ended in a 1-1 draw at Marian and the second went to the visiting Mustangs, 1-0.

"The stakes were a little bit bigger today ... maybe we'll see them one more time this year," Brodsky said. "We've had three evenly matched games and somebody is going to make a play and that team usually wins."

The Blazers were certainly opportunistic when converting the game-winner.

"The ball came off the defender and Sam showed up in a great spot, and that was a first-class fin-

ish," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She's excellent. She's really come on and Dom (Sarnucky) has been banged up. She (Riga) hit a goalpost in the first 10 minutes. She's a great player. We're lucky to have her on this team."

Keeping players fresh under the heat became a factor as the match wore on.

"Both sides have some players out, so sometimes the bench gets shortened a little bit," Shingledecker said. "In those moments, you really need people to step up. There's some players on my team that played full games, especially backline players that left it all out there. Absolutely in this heat it's tough to go a full game."

"There were no chances at all and I told the girls a couple of times it's going to take the one big chance and who's going to get it and finish it. It happened for us and obviously Sam put it away, which was great."

The young Blazers, who have only three seniors on their roster (including the

injured Morgan Chops), celebrated by hoisting the A-B Division championship trophy.

"I knew it was for our seniors because Paige (Brennan) and Kelly (Capoccia) have put so much into it," Riga said. "I look up to them so much and I know we need to do it for them. It's a good way to finish up their Catholic League."

**COUNTRY DAY 2, LADYWOOD 1:** Goals by Michelle Manning and Jenna Staudt in the 60th and 62nd minute, respectively, gave Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (No. 8 in Division 3) the upset victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (18-2-2).

Ladywood's Emily Huddleston opened the scoring just 29 seconds into the match off an assist from Paige Brennan, but Blazers' offense stalled the rest of the way after being outshot 16-4.

"We played just about as bad as we can play," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team just took over the No. 1 ranking in Division 2. "I don't want to take anything away from Country Day. They outplayed us. But we looked like a team that played without purpose."

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made four saves, while the Yellowjackets' Rachel Bergman had three stops.

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# Spartan effort

## Stevenson wins Carlson tourney

Livonia Stevenson took home some hardware following Saturday's three-game sweep of the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational girls softball tournament.

Ashley Avery went 3-for-4 with two RBI as the Spartans evened their overall record at 14-14 with a 7-1 triumph in the championship final over the host Marauders.

Also contributing to Stevenson's 16-hit attack was Sarah Fier (3-for-4, RBI); Allie Koesterling (2-for-3, two runs); Julianne Potvin (2-for-4, RBI); and Molly Knoph (2-for-4).

That made things easy for Stevenson starter Morgan Copperstone, who pitched a complete-game three-hitter. The senior right-hander struck out three and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

In the tourney opener, Erika Randall pitched a five-hitter and fanned seven as the Spartans blanked Taylor Kennedy, 8-0, in six innings. Randall also went 2-for-2 with a solo homer and two runs scored.

Knoph paced Stevenson's 13-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a double and two stolen bases followed by Avery (two hits,

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two RBI); Alex Ferguson (two hits, RBI); and Copperstone (two hits, RBI, two runs).

Copperstone got the victory in Game Two as the Spartans shut down Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 7-0. Copperstone allowed just one hit and one walk in five innings. She struck out five.

Knoph collected two hits and two RBI, while Avery and Fier also chipped in with two hits apiece.

"It was nice to see a complete day of softball put together," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "We made the plays and put some hits together."

### Patriots go 1-3

Livonia Franklin (19-11) lost to a pair of state-ranked teams in Saturday's White Lake Lakeland Invitational.

The Patriots went 1-3 on the day with the lone win coming in the finale against West Bloomfield, 6-5.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble allowed four earned runs on six hits in seven innings.

Nicole Williamson had

a 2-run singles, while Maggie Leins and Morgan Larkin each added RBI singles. Katelyn Devers also collected two hits.

In Game One, Franklin fell to defending Division 3 state champion Clinton, 4-0, as winning pitcher, Tierney Nelson allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out 13.

Mackenzie Lukas had two hits and Becky Giacobbi added a triple for Franklin.

Lamble, who allowed six hits and fanned three, took the loss.

Eaton Rapids, an honorable mention state-ranked team in Division 2, beat the Patriots in the second round, 9-1, as pitcher Kate Laverly threw a five hitter and struck out eight.

Williamson, in relief of starter Courtney Garbarino, took the loss.

Larkin had two hits and an RBI.

Host Lakeland, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, then broke open a close Game Three with five runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to beat the Patriots, 7-1.

Lamble was the losing pitcher, while Larkins and Williamson each collected two hits.

# Huron Valley sews up MIAC Red

It was all Westland Huron Valley Lutheran on Tuesday as the Hawks clinched the Red Division girls softball title outright with an 18-0 win at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Huron Valley, which improved to 17-9 overall and 9-0 in the MIAC Red, was led offensively by freshman Jessie Strauch, who went 3-for-5 with a double and four RBI.

Also contributing to the victory was freshman Anne St. John, who went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI. Sophomore Dayna Schroeder also went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI.

Freshman Julie St. John pitched all five innings in the mercy rule victory, allowing just three hits while striking out seven.

**CIVILE 18, LATHRUP 2:** Nicole Grates went 3-for-4 with four RBI as Livonia Clarenceville (13-13) rolled to a five-inning mercy rule win Tuesday at Southfield Lathrup.

Senior pitcher Angela McAlpine (8-6) went all five innings, allowing two runs on six hits. She struck out five and walked six.

Lathrup, getting two hits apiece from Tanya Brown

and Shawnie Compton, made eight errors and issued 15 walks.

**FRANKLIN 15, RU 0:** A 10-run second inning Tuesday carried Livonia Franklin (21-11) to a three-inning mercy rule win over Redford Union.

Afton DeWise had a 3-run double and RBI single to finish with four RBI for the Patriots, who put it away with five runs in the third. Katelynn Devers also doubled and had three RBI, while Becky Giacobbi added an RBI double.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble gave up no hits and struck out all nine batters she faced.

**CIVILE 15, CRESTWOOD 0:** On Monday, host Livonia Clarenceville (12-13) celebrated Senior Day by snapping a six-game losing streak with five-inning mercy rule victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Winning pitcher Angela McAlpine (7-6) went all seven innings allowing two runs on six hits and three walks. She struck out two.

The Trojans, who scored six times in the third inning and added nine in the fourth, were led by senior Rachel Grefke, who reached base four times, including a pair of singles and two runs.

Sophomores Nicole Kurdziel and Mikala Kieling combined for four singles and four runs. Kieling also had three RBI, while teammate Jodi Ankiel contributed a double, single, RBI and

three runs scored. Stephanie Sakal and Riley LaCaprara each had two hits for Crestwood.

**FRANKLIN 9, STEVENSON 8:** Livonia Franklin (20-11) needed some late-inning heroics again to pull out a victory Monday at home over Livonia Stevenson (15-14).

The Patriots tallied the game-inning run in the bottom of the ninth to earn a 9-8 victory over the Spartans.

Back-to-back singles by Nicole Williamson and Caitlin Milican started the rally and Williamson scored the game-winning run by beating the throw home at home plate on a fielders choice off the bat of Lauren Michael.

The Patriots collected a total of 18 hits led by Milican (4-for-5, two RBI); Williamson (3-for-4, two RBI); Morgan Larkin (3-for-5, RBI, two runs); Katelynn Devers (three hits, two runs, RBI); and Mackenzie Lukas (two hits, two runs).

Franklin sent the game into extra innings in the bottom of the seventh on back-to-back doubles by Maggie Leins and Milican.

Top hitters for Stevenson included Julianne Potvin (4-for-5, two RBI, two runs); Ashley Avery (3-for-5, solo homer, two runs); and Erika Randall (3-for-5, RBI).

Sophomore Courtney Garbarino (2-2) was winning pitcher, while Randall, in relief of starter Morgan Copperstone, took the loss for Stevenson.

# Hawks overcome PCA ace

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A dazzling, 17-strikeout performance by Plymouth Christian Academy senior pitcher Daniel Slater should have been the story Tuesday on the team's Senior Day game against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Instead, Slater had little support in the field and at the plate and the visiting Hawks pounced for a 5-2 victory in a contest to determine the second-place finisher in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Red Division.

Huron Valley improved to 11-4 overall and 10-3 in the Red while PCA dropped to 12-6 and 10-4. Although the teams could finish tied record-wise in the division, the Hawks now own the tiebreaker.

"This team (Hawks) has turned out to be our nemesis," PCA coach Joe Bottorff said. "In the last three years we've played them eight times and lost seven."

"I think we're pretty equal talent-wise, but they just did a lot better job of catching and throwing than we

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did today. I was really impressed with their defense."

Conversely, fielding woes hurt the Eagles.

With two outs and nobody on in the top of the first, a ground ball skirted through a PCA infielder's legs and before the frame ended, there were three infield hits and two Huron Valley runs (with RBI hits by Alex Harris and James Brown).

Hawks lefthander Ryan Schaffer, who allowed just five hits in a complete-game effort, shut the door except for a 2-run homer by PCA's Daniel Jipping in the sixth (following a walk to Ben Cockrum (2-for-2, one run)).

That blast to left only sliced the PCA deficit to 4-2.

Schaffer (3-for-3, three runs) also swung a big stick, tripling down the right-field line to open the fifth against Slater.

He scored on a subsequent two-bagger into the left-field corner by Alex Harris (3-for-3, two runs, three RBI).

"(Schaffer's) been con-

sistent as of late, he hits the ball, whether it's a single or a home run he hits the ball," Hawks coach Matt Schaeve said. "And (on the mound) he was really good today with his control."

"He struggled with it the last couple games, but today he was really on the ball with it."

After the homer by Jipping (1-for-3), Huron Valley got a run back in the seventh when Harris doubled to bring home Schaffer (who singled with one out).

But the story was Slater's 17K performance that went in vain.

"He is a real competitor on the mound, he really goes after hitters and throws hard," Bottorff said. "When he has his slider working, like he did today, he can get a lot of strikeouts."

"Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't help him out a whole lot. But he gets 17 by himself, and you'd think we'd be able to get the other four without giving up five runs. But we had a little trouble with that."

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# Novi trips Chargers in crossover

Novi pitcher Mike Eloff scattered seven hits over seven innings Monday to lead the Wildcats to a 5-3 Kensington Conference baseball crossover victory at Livonia Churchill.

Eloff, who got the win, struck out three and walked three as Novi improved to 18-10 overall. Churchill starter Brent Ochodnicki, a senior left-hander, gave up seven hits, walked four and struck out seven in seven innings.

Jim Schwanz went 2-for-3 with four RBI lead the Wildcats' offensive attack.

Connor Dwyer had a hit and knocked in two of Churchill's three runs.

The loss drops the Chargers to 19-9 overall.

**CANTON 4, STEVENSON 3:** Josh DeYonker went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI, but it wasn't enough Monday as Livonia Stevenson fell to host Chiefs (17-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Riley Regner, Chad Russell and winning pitcher Nick Hazergian each had an RBI for Canton, which scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the victory. Hazergian went all seven innings, allowing three runs on

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seven hits. He struck out five and walked four.

Losing pitcher Chris McDonald also threw all seven, allowing two earned runs on three hits and five walks. The senior right-hander struck out five. McDonald also went 2-for-3, while Jake Semak also had an RBI for Stevenson.

**SALEM 2, WAYNE 1:** Josh Penn threw a complete-game four-hitter Monday as the Rocks edged host Wayne Memorial (12-16) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Penn struck out five, walked one and hit one batter to outduel Wayne starter Zach Lankton, who also went all seven innings while allowing just four hits.

Lankton struck out eight and walked four.

Tyler McCurry went 2-for-3 and scored Wayne's only run in the first inning on a Salem outfield throwing error.

Kyle Penn's RBI single made it 1-1 in the third and Justin Sydlowski scored the game-winning run on the passed ball in the fourth for Salem.

**S.L. EAST 5, FRANKLIN 4:** Logan Brennan and Hunter O'Rourke each collected two hits Monday leading South Lyon East (6-16) to a Kensington Conference crossover win at Livonia Franklin (13-18).

Josh Gorman went 2-for-3 with a solo homer, while Joel Trudell also added two hits for the Patriots.

Losing pitcher Justin Forrestal gave up all five runs on

six walks in four innings before being relieved by Trudell.

East starter Andrew Weaver went the first five innings to pick up the win and Dustin Chum came on to earn the save.

**SOUTH LYON 13, JOHN GLENN 7:** On Monday, host Westland John Glenn (6-18) committed a total of eight errors and gave up seven runs in the bottom of seventh inning to fall to the Lions (5-19) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Colin Tittle went 4-for-5 with two RBI, while Eric Stephenson added two hits and two RBI for South Lyon.

Daniel Ammons went 3-for-4 to lead Glenn's 10-hit attack, while Danny Croft and Devin Spalding added two hits apiece.

South Lyon's Ethan Perry, who pitched the final two innings in relief, picked up the victory.

Brandon Smeltzer, in relief, suffered the loss for the Rockets.

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day as Churchill defeated Marine City in the championship final of the MU Classic, 8-0, at the Canton Softball Complex.

Nikki Salloum went 2-for-3, including a homer, in the victory, while Katie Shereda also went 2-for-3.

In the semifinals earlier in the day, Casey Bias went 3-for-5 with a homer, while Rachel Jason, Rachel Mattison and Abby Jewell each added two hits in a 14-1 victory over Birmingham Marian.

Shereda, the winning pitcher, allowed just five hits and struck out three. Churchill started the

tournament run with three wins on Saturday. Sidor struck out 10 and allowed just four hits and no walks in a 9-1 first-round victory over Salem.

Bias belted a two-run homer in the win, while Jewell added two hits in a game played at Heritage Park.

Jewell tossed a three-hitter and fanned 11, while Jordan Lindsay went 2-for-3 to pace the offense as the Chargers downed Taylor Truman in the second round, 7-2, also at Heritage Park.

Churchill's closest call of the tournament came during the third round Saturday night at the Canton Softball Complex as Jewell tripled and added a three-run homer in the bottom of the third

inning to edge Dearborn Divine Child, 4-3.

Sidor, the winning pitcher, scattered five hits and five walks while fanning three.

Jewell also contributed two hits in the win.

In Monday's Kensington Conference crossover, the host Chargers got an 11-strikeout performance from Jewell in the 4-1 victory.

The Churchill pitcher held the Rocks to just four hits, while Salem starter Marissa Hunley, who allowed seven hits, took the loss.

Jason and Shereda each collected two hits for Churchill, while Lexi Epley went 2-for-3 for Salem.

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Participants stroll through Westland earlier this month during the annual CROP walk. Approximately 143 individuals, including members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church of Wayne, First United Methodist Church of Wayne, Good Hope Lutheran of Garden City, Grace Moravian of Westland, Kirk of Our Savior of Westland, Prince of Peace Lutheran of Westland, St. Mary Catholic of Wayne, and St. Richard Catholic of Westland, walked to raise awareness of global and local hunger. The group raised \$12,500 for Church World Service. A quarter of those funds will be returned to four organizations in the Wayne-Westland community.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### May

#### CLOTHING BANK

**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  
**Details:** "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734)404-2480

### 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 Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480; www.cantoncf.org

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28  
**Location:** Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
**Details:** The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers help for those 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 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 Inkster 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. RSVP by June 6  
**Contact:** Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

### BAASE, RONALD LEE, SR.

Age 68, May 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving father of Ron (Carylyn) Jr., Bianca (Dave) Sarns and David (Paula). Grandfather of Donnielle, Shalen, Colin, Zach and Megan. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Ron at www.rggharris.com.



### DESROCHERS, II JOSEPH

Age 68 of Livonia, May 20, 2012. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Joseph DesRochers III. Dear brother of Ann (Harvey) Hamel, the late Ernest, and Joseph (Carol) Santelio. Joseph leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan) Livonia. Thursday May 24, 2012 from 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary Service. Funeral services will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd Livonia, Mi. Friday instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



### KENYON, RAYMOND B.

Asheville, NC. Raymond Burdette Kenyon, age 86, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 at Mission Hospital. Ray was born in Woodland Township of Barry County in Michigan on June 3, 1925 to the late Ernest Adelbert Kenyon and Ina Mae Will Kenyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Granger Kenyon. Ray came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Hastings High School in Michigan, class of 1943, and was class President. He then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ray was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1960's, he was a proud member of the Garden City School Board. Ray worked for Ford Motor Company from 1962 to 1985 in Dealer Development and was a member of Lake Lure Fairfield Chapel in Lake Lure. Ray is survived by his three children; a son, Frederick Kenyon; two daughters, Pavanne Kenyon Lapham and Amy Kenyon; two sisters, Lois Finkbeiner and Jean Jowett; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and Margy Herrmann, his close companion for seven years, and her three daughters. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at Lake Lure Fairfield Mountains Chapel, 1384 Buffalo Creek Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746 with Reverend Everett Chapman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, Arden, N.C. is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online at: www.grocefunealhome.com



### RODRIGUEZ, RANDY RAY

MAY 20, 2012  
Born January 19, 1950. Age 62. Lived in Westland for over 55 years. Husband of Donna (nee Blackwell). Son of Etta (Cochran) and the late Andrew. Father of Robert, Andy, Natalie (fiance David). Brother of Caroline, Rodney, Kathelene, Andrew Dean (Sherrill). Randy left behind many Uncles, Aunts, cousins and their families, and friends who gathered in Irish Hills for family reunions. Worked with friends and his brothers from Local #412 at Detroit Diesel in Redford for over 30 years. Attended the Wayne-Westland school system and graduated as the State Champion wrestler in his weight class from Wayne Memorial High School in 1968. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 22nd at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Memories and thoughts can be made at griffinfuneralhome.com.

### TAFT, WILLIAM D.

May 18, 2012, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Joann. Dear father of Gregg (Ann), Susan (Gary) Matthews & William (Maggie). Loving grandfather of six & great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Lois Simmons. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan or Lapham Cemetery. For further info or to leave a memory or condolence, please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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### BOUGHTON, ROBERT CARL

Was born in Wayne, Michigan February 13, 1979, the oldest son of John and Louise Boughton. He attended Livonia Churchill High as a member of the Math, Science and Computers Program. He went on to attend Michigan Tech University, where he received a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Secondary Education. Rob always enjoyed working with people. For many years he served as the Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge League. Robert also played Bridge and had reached the status of a Bronze Life Master. He also worked for the Observer Newspapers and was an Eagle Scout. Robert enjoyed playing trivia every Thursday with his family. Robert is survived by his parents, John and Louise Boughton as well as his sister April (Clark) Smalley and brothers Ryan and Ross Boughton. He is the grandson of Robert (the late Anna) Boughton and the late Carl Arthur (the late Dorothy) Nelson. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia and took place earlier this week. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com To leave condolences for Rob's family.

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## See a parade, hear a choir sing on Memorial Day

Communities will observe Memorial Day with parades, musical performances and even a carnival on Monday, May 28.

Residents also will pay tribute to fallen veterans at solemn ceremonies in most cities.

Here's a sampling of activities in Wayne and Oakland counties:

### Canton

A local veterans group presents the Memorial Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Monday, May 28 in Heritage Park, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill Road.

BeckRidge Chorale concludes its regular concert season with its third annual Memorial Day Concert, "Because of the Brave" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday, May 28 in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Visit [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org).

### Farmington

Farmington Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28, along Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington. A ceremony follows at Memorial Park, near the corner of Farmington Road and Grand River Ave.

### Garden City

Garden City's Memorial Day Ceremony starts at 11 a.m., Monday, May 28, on the lawn at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt. The Garden City High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard will present the colors and Marianna Seal, a Farmington Elementary School sixth grade student, will sing the national anthem. Sophia Walker, a second grader at Memori-

al Elementary, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest speaker will be Sergeant David Knezek USMC. He was deployed in Iraq for two tours, from 2007-2008 and 2009-2010 with the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Scout Sniper Platoon. He is the recipient of 21 military awards and decorations for leadership, mission accomplishment, and educational achievement. Garden City resident James Townsend will perform a patriotic medley and taps.

Rifle Salute performed by VFW Post 7575. Garden City resident & GC Chaplain Pastor Bob McDonald will give the invocation & benediction.

### Livonia

The Polish Legion of American Veterans, PLAV White Eagle Post No. 166, will hold an open house, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the Post building, located at the corner of Eckles and Amrhein, just north of Plymouth Road. The public may visit and see the facility, as well as meet the veterans. Snacks and refreshments will be served. There will be a brief memorial ceremony at 1 p.m. honoring deceased members of the post.

The City of Livonia will hold its Memorial Day Ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 26, at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza at the corner of Five Mile and Farmington Road. A tribute to the city's veterans, it includes military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music.

### Plymouth

Start your Memorial Day early with the annual parade through downtown Plymouth. The action starts



FILE PHOTO  
 The P-CEP Marching Band color guard makes its way along the streets of downtown Plymouth, last year on Memorial Day.

at 8:30 a.m. at Main and Wing and moves to Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Church where a ceremony is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Guest speaker this year is World War II veteran and Plymouth Lions Club member Al Crowley. For more details visit [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)

### Redford

Last year hundreds of people honored veterans at the annual parade, which always is held a week after Memorial Day. This year's 62nd annual parade starts at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Five Mile and Beech Daly and moves to Plymouth Road. It features Scouting troops, community groups and marching bands.

### Westland

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade is 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, starting at Town 'N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road. It

heads south to the Peace Memorial in Wayne.

Other nearby communities:

**Birmingham's** Memorial Day ceremony is at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28 in Shain Park, located on Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham. The park is home to the annual Art Birmingham festival on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org).

**Beverly Hills'** parade starts at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, at 13 Mile and Evergreen It heads to Beverly Park, where a carnival will be held.

**Milford** Memorial Parade will start at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28 on Main in downtown Milford. A ceremony at Central Park follows.

**Northville** Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, on



FILE PHOTO  
 A clown bikes along the route at previous Redford parade, held a week after Memorial Day.

Main Street in downtown Northville. It heads to Wing, goes south to Cady and west with a stop at Oakwood Cemetery, before continuing to First Street, south to Fairbrook and west to the Veterans Memorial in Rural Hill Cemetery. Parade is presented by VFW Post 4012; (248) 348-1490.

**Novi's** parade will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, at Karim Road. It will travel west on 10 Mile to the Novi Civic Center where a memorial service will be held near the Veteran's Memorial marker. Kids interested in participating in the bike parade with their decorated bikes, should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Hill Plaza, 39555 W. 10 Mile. For more information, call Rachel Zagaroli, seniorservices manager, by calling (248) 347-0414 or e-mailing [rzaagaroli@cityofnovi.org](mailto:rzaagaroli@cityofnovi.org)

**Royal Oak's** historical society hosts a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m.-noon Monday, May 28, at Royal Oak Farmer's Market, located on 11 Mile at Troy Street, a block east of Main. The Navy Band Great Lakes wind ensemble will perform at the parade, which will start at 9 a.m. on Main Street at Harrison, south of Lincoln. It will head north to Second Street and east to Veteran's Memorial.

**Southfield's** veterans memorial ceremony starts at 10 a.m. on May 25 at the memorial plaza in front of City Hall, which is in the Civic Center, on Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile.

**The South Lyon** Memorial Day Parade is a community tradition. Organized by VFW Post 2502, the parade launches at 9 a.m. from Bartlett Elementary School, 350 School Street, and travels along 10 Mile through downtown South Lyon. The parade ends in the South Lyon Cemetery, where a ceremony takes place to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of all military veterans.

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John DeMerell of Walled Lake tries to keep his wife, played by Nancy Cooper of Farmington, from killing his new dog, played by Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills in Two Muses Theatre's production of "Sylvia."

## Local theater stages comedy about a dog

Two Muses Theatre will partner with the Michigan Humane Society when it presents *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney, June 8-7 July 1 at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield.

The modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog is directed by Two Muses co-founder, Diane Hill of Farmington Hills. The show features Two Muses co-founder, Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills as Sylvia, the dog. Weisserman played the role many years ago with the Farmington Players.

"I was a puppy of sorts when I played the role before," Weisserman stated. "Now I have a more mature understanding of the special relationships that dogs have with their owners."

Hill said she likes the show because "we all talk to our pets, and we believe they are communicating back, but in this show, you actually get to hear what the dog has to say."

In addition to Weisserman the cast

includes John DeMerell of Walled Lake as Greg, Nancy Cooper of Farmington as Kate, Joshua Brown of Brownstown as Tom, Maggie Gilkes of Farmington Hills as Leslie and Jan Cartwright of Novi as Phyllis.

Two Muses aims to raise funds and adoption awareness for the Michigan Humane Society through the production.

Advance tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens, and can be purchased at [www.twomuses-theatre.org](http://www.twomuses-theatre.org) or by calling (248) 850-9919. Tickets can be purchased at the door for an additional \$2 and doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Performances are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 24, and July 1; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 22-23 and 28-30.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is located at 6800 Orchard Lake Road.

## Art

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Exhibits:** 75th Annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition through June 3

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

### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through June 29; reception runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 30; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Location:** At the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Colored Pencil Society of America presents works by members of its Detroit chapter

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

### DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON

**Time/Date:** Booth hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3

**Location:** On Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove, Farmington

**Details:** More than 100 booths with paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, and mixed media; free entertainment, including live concerts and children's hands-on activities; and food booths

**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** Through May; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton

**Details:** "US-12: Now and Then" a photo exhibit by Gwendolyn Day and Gregory Feight, features industrial cities, agricultural towns, churches, schools, and factories located along Michigan Avenue-the iconic stretch of highway connecting Detroit and Chicago. The exhibit showcases a wide variety of architecture that illustrates how mobility changed the look of US-12 and sparked an automobile culture

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300; [www.villagetheater.org](http://www.villagetheater.org)

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-24; artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1

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

**Details:** "West of Center" 4th Annual All Media Show

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to [arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org](mailto:arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org)

### VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** June 3-28; reception runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University. Awards will be given at



Jill Jack performs June 2 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

the reception

**Contact:** (734) 838-1204; [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org)

## Comedy

### GO COMEDY!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mid/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Kevin Zeoli, through May 26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2; Steve Lott, June 5-8; Mark Poolos, June 13-16; Davin Rosenblatt, June 20-23

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Bill Hildebrandt, May 24-26; Dave Waite, May 31-June 2; A.J. Finney, June 7-9; Nick Vatterott, June 14-16; Duncan Trussell, June 21-23

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## Dance

### CONTRA DANCE

**Time/Date:** Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 3

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

**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Peter Baker is the caller

**Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

### DOWNTOWN ANN

## ARBOR

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. June 7-9

**Location:** Four performance sites are WGS Gallery in the Pratt Building, 306 S. Main; Kline Gallery, Downtown Home and Garden on Liberty and Ashley, and the corner of First and W. Liberty

**Details:** "Corsets, Grains & Greenways" includes more than 90 minutes of contemporary dance performance. Audiences will walk along a four-block route to watch dance premieres by guest artists Monica Bill Barnes, Adesola Akinleye and Dance Works resident choreographers Jessica Fogel and Robin Wilson. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students and senior citizens

**Contact:** [www.mutotix.com](http://www.mutotix.com) for tickets; [www.anarbordanceworks.com](http://www.anarbordanceworks.com) for information

### FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

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

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

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

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

### MOON DUSTERS

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

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

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

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

## Film

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, May 25 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Big Miracle," \$3 **Thursday classics:** "The Man Who Knew Too Much," May 24; all shows start at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. May

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18 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 19  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit  
**Details:** "Grease," sing-along version, tickets \$5  
**Coming up:** "It Happened One Night," 8 p.m. June 1 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 2, tickets, \$4; "American Graffiti," 8 p.m. June 15 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 16,

tickets, \$4  
**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

**Museums**

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit  
**Details:** Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

**Exhibits:** "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art" includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Web-

ber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9  
**Contact:** (313) 494-5800  
**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

**Contact:** (734) 455-8940

**Music**

**THE ARK**

**Time/Date:** Danilo Perez, May 24; Stella! & The Joshua Davis Band, May 25; Marcia Ball, May 26; Stephane Wrembel, May 30; Hana Malhas & The Overthinkers and Jetty Rae, May 31; Kenny Brown, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 2; Jason Waggoner, June 3; John Primer, June 4; Jim Hurst, June 6; Bill Bynum & Co., June 7;

Steve Poltz, June 8; Rickie Lee Jones, June 9; Shape Note Singing, June 10; Heartland Klezmerim, June 10; Matt Flinger Trio, June 11; Jon McLaughlin & Bob Stamper, June 12; Anne Hills, June 13; Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, June 14; Jonathan Coulton & John Roderick, June 15; The Flatlanders, June 16; Tish Hinojosa, June 17  
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### Spinach and Artichoke Heart Two Potato Casserole

Makes 8 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour 30 minutes

- 1 pound red potatoes
- 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth or stock
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 4 ounces Neufchatel (1/2-less fat) cream cheese
- 4 ounces fat-free cream cheese
- 1 7.5-ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 6-ounce bag baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions

Preheat oven to 425°F and coat a 9-inch-square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Place cut side down on a board and slice very thinly. Place in a large bowl and set aside.

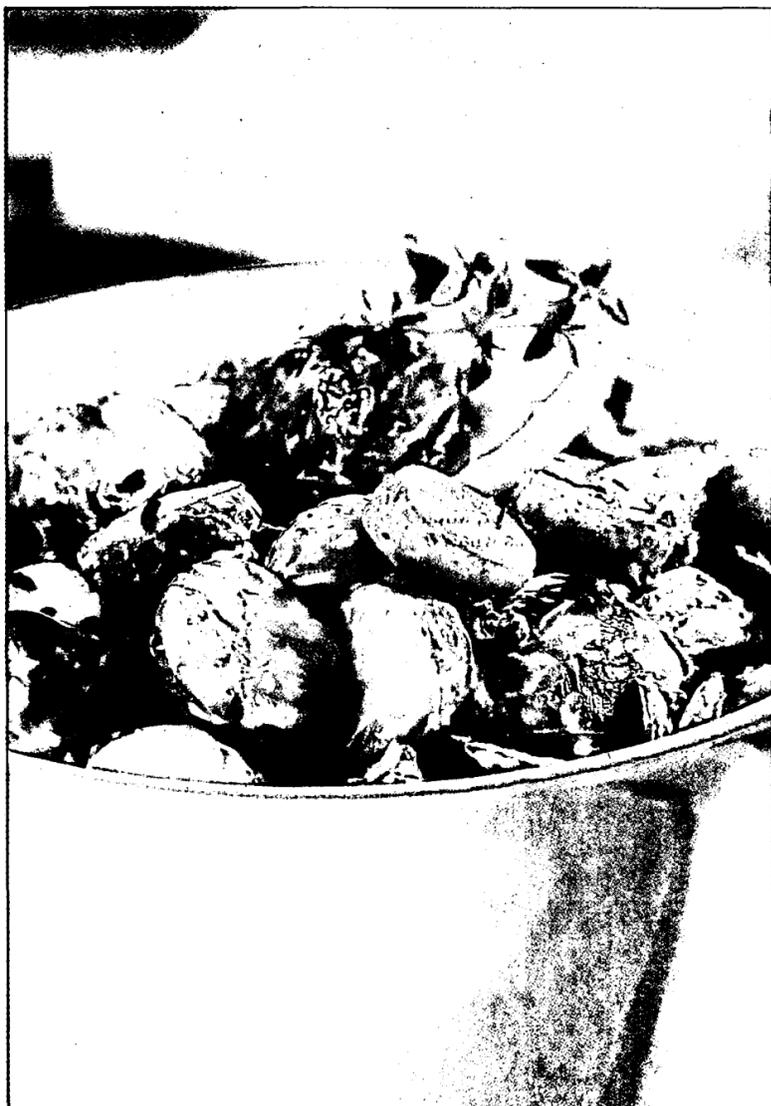
Heat broth, Parmesan, garlic salt, cheeses and artichoke hearts in a medium saucepan until cheeses are melted.

Stir in spinach and cook until wilted.

Stir mixture into potatoes with green onions, mixing well to coat potatoes as evenly as possible.

Spread in prepared dish and bake for 30 minutes. Cover loosely with foil and reduce temperature to 375°F; cook for 1 hour more or until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork.

**Quick Tip:** To shave an hour off the cook time, boil potatoes for 5 minutes or until tender, then drain well. Prepare as directed above then bake at 425°F for 30 minutes.



Roasted Fingerling Potato Salad with Lemon and Thyme

### Mediterranean Mashed Potatoes

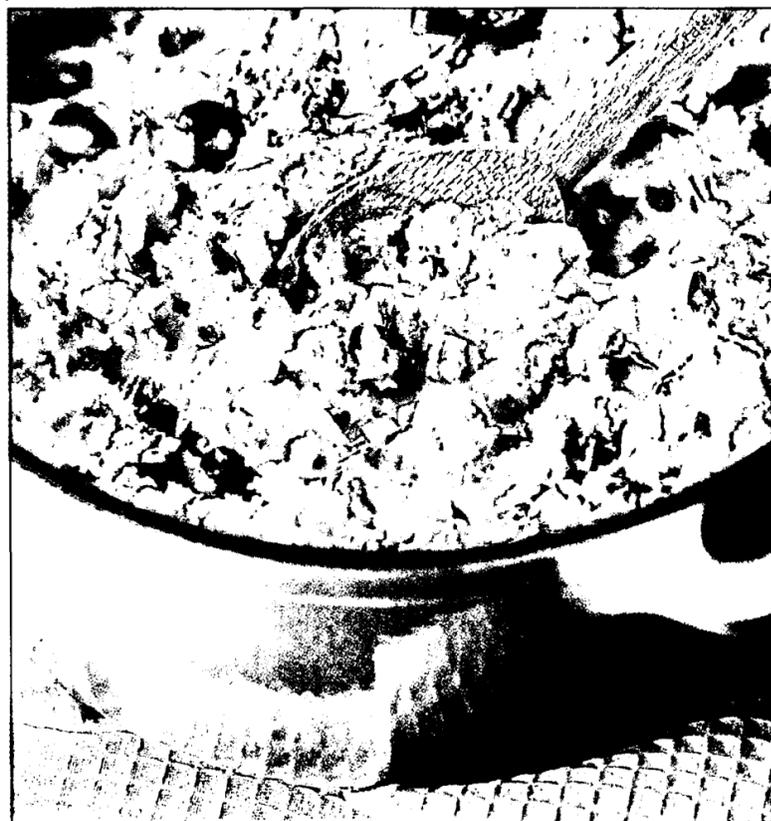
Makes 4 servings  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 10 to 13 minutes

- 1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (best for light and fluffy mashed potatoes), or 1 1/2 pounds white or red potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (best for creamier mashed potatoes)
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons heart-healthy buttery spread
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt (or 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt)
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat Italian blend shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 2.2-ounce can sliced ripe olives, drained

Freshly ground pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook for 10 minutes or until tender; drain well. Transfer back to pot and mash well, then stir in yogurt, milk, buttery spread and salt. Gently stir in remaining ingredients and cook for 2 to 3 minutes more to heat through.

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Mediterranean Mashed Potatoes

## Fresh ways to enjoy potato classics

Potatoes are the ultimate comfort food, but a few twists on classic side dishes like mashed potatoes, salads and casseroles can take potatoes to a whole new level. With so many delicious types available year-round, it's easy to create exciting and nutritious side dishes that can be the highlight of any meal.

Here's what you need to know about the seven different potato types to help you start experimenting with different colors, textures, cooking methods and flavor additions:

- **Fingerlings** — These small, slender "finger-sized" potatoes range from two to four inches in length. They come in a wide range of skin and flesh colors and most possess a firm, waxy texture, which makes them ideal for potato salads. Pan frying enhances their robust flavor and showcases their wonderful nutty or buttery tastes.

- **Petites** — Petites share the same flavor and texture as their full-sized cousins, but their flavors are actually more concentrated, and they cook more quickly. Petites can be found in red, white, yellow, brown and purple, and make delicious roasted potatoes and potato salads.

- **Purples/Blues** — Purple/blue potatoes have a deep purple skin with flesh that ranges from purple to almost white. The moist, firm flesh retains its shape and adds rich colors and a mild, yet distinctly nutty flavor to tossed salads. They are also sensational roasted.

- **Reds** — Reds are widely known for their rosy red skin and white flesh. The moist, waxy flesh stays firm and flavorful throughout cooking, making it ideal for roasting. The slightly sweet, always-tender texture complements any dish, and the vibrant red skin adds appealing color and pizzazz to potato salad, soups and stews.

- **Russets** — Russets are characterized by a brown, netted skin and white flesh. The delicate potato flavor and grainy texture of a baked russet creates light and fluffy mashed potatoes and crispy pan-fried potatoes.

- **Whites** — This all-purpose potato has a white flesh and white (sometimes light tan) skin. They are slightly dense and creamy, with a subtly sweet flavor. Their delicate, thin skins add just the right amount of texture to mashed potatoes without the need for peeling. Grilling whites brings out a more full-bodied flavor; or use them in soups and stews.

- **Yellows** — This type boasts golden skin and golden flesh. Grilling gives them a crispy skin, which enhances the dense and buttery texture, and gives them a slightly sweet, caramelized flavor. Their naturally smooth texture also lends itself well to lighter versions of baked or roasted potatoes.

To get more healthy potato recipes and to sign up for the US Potato Board's weekly recipe e-mail, visit [www.potatogoodness.com](http://www.potatogoodness.com). You can also "like" the USPB on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/potatoeatersandspuds](http://www.facebook.com/potatoeatersandspuds) to enter contests, sign up for sweepstakes and get new recipes with a community of potato lovers.

A medium size potato (5.3 ounces) with skin is 110 calories, has no fat, sodium or cholesterol, provides 45 percent of the Daily Value of vitamin C, and has more potassium than a banana.

### Roasted Fingerling Potato Salad with Lemon and Thyme

Recipe created by Laura Bashar, Family Spice, [www.familyspice.com](http://www.familyspice.com)

Makes 6 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 20 to 25 minutes  
Cool time: At least 10 minutes

Salad:  
1 1/2 pounds fingerling potatoes (mixed colors), cut into 1/2-inch circles

- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 red onion, cut into 1-inch cubes (do not separate layers)
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Dressing:  
1/2 cup light or olive oil based mayonnaise  
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves  
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Toss all salad ingredients together in a large bowl. Spread in a single layer on a large baking sheet and cook for 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes start to brown. Let cool for at least 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together all dressing ingredients in a medium bowl; toss with cooled vegetables. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

## Real estate industry pro, 26, honored by '30 Under 30' recognition

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Ken Pozek of Keller Williams in Novi has been named to the "30 Under 30" Class of 2012 by the editors of REALTOR Magazine, published by the National Association of Realtors. Each year, the magazine recognizes 30 young practitioners who are making a mark in the real estate industry through success in real estate sales, business management, leadership, and community service. This year's honorees are featured in the May/June 2012 issue of the magazine.

"It's exciting. I think it's a culmination of hard work. It definitely means I'm on the right track," said Pozek of the honor. Originally, 50 top young professionals were chosen, with the field then narrowed to 30.

He's 26 and a Northville Township resident. He's married to Holly and the couple has a son, almost 3, and a daughter, 6 months.

He will meet the other young professionals at the NAR convention in November. "That's a big part of it to network with other people from around the country."

Pozek (www.NoviNorthvilleRealEstate.com) has been in real estate full time for five years. He earned an associate's degree in business from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're actually going to Chicago this weekend to celebrate," he said May 16 of Holly and the NAR kudos. Pozek was an Hour Detroit Magazine Real Estate All Star this year, and in the top 1 percent in sales for Keller Williams International.

"I'm really excited about what's going on for our local market." He specializes in Northville and Novi and sees economic improvement, including in jobs.

"Our average days on market is under three months which is considered a seller's market," Pozek said.

REALTOR Magazine has been honoring young practitioners since 2000. For more information and to read profiles of all of this year's honorees, visit REALTOR Magazine online at <http://realtormag.realtor.org/30-under-30>.

"I am always astonished to see the '30 Under 30' professionals every year and all that they have achieved in such a short amount of time," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veissi in a May 16 statement. "What amazes me the most about this year's class is how they recognize there is no one formula for winning in real estate. They have discovered success their own way and display the dedication and hardworking spirit all Realtors possess. As Realtors, we are constant-



Ken Pozek, honored as "30 Under 30" by Realtor Magazine.

ly evolving with the market and it's important to recognize these young people and learn from them, as they are the future of the real estate profession," said Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, Fla.

The NAR contributed to this report.

## Pool use unlikely ADA issue

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** We are in a condominium and have a pool which sometimes is open to outside events over the course of several years by the public. Do you think that is going to cause us to have to comply with the ADA?

**A:** While there is not any definitive authority on that point that I am aware of, there was a recent California District Court case that was, at least, encouraging which suggested that "a few swim meets does not a public facility make." In that case, the court found that the occurrence of 38 events over the course of several years did not rise to the level of a "regular" or "indiscriminate" use by



Robert Meisner

members of the public which would contradict exempt status under the ADA. The court indicated that the

fact that to a great extent the use of the commissary, which was adjacent to the pool, was limited to the employees of the association and their guests favored a finding that the commissary adjacent to the pool was exempt from the ADA requirements. Of course, you should obtain an opinion from your legal counsel regarding the propriety of your actions.

**Q:** We own lots in a condominium project where the developer has basically walked away, has not finished the roads or the clubhouse, and hasn't even kept the association viable. Many of the homeowners are about to give up and give back their property to the bank. What do you think?

**A:** I think that you need the services of an aggressive attorney who can determine who the "successor developer" is including, perhaps a lending institution, plus take affirmative steps collectively to reinstate the association and pursue the successor developer and/or any other persons responsible for the demise of the condominium development. While you will be dissuaded by representatives of the developer and/or others from pursuing the matter, success can be achieved under the right circumstances.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [rbmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:rbmeisner@meisner-law.com).

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## Close to home: Campaign pushes building with Michigan, U.S. products

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan launched its Made In America/Built In Michigan — The Red, White and Blueprint for Recovery, a grassroots effort to generate local jobs by working with BIA member companies to build new homes using as many "made in Michigan" products as possible. A total of 100 percent of each home's materials are made in the United States. Groundbreaking for the first home will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at 59677 Twin Pines Drive, in the Twin Pines subdivision in New Hudson.

The home is being built by Elkow Homes, a Wixom-based building company and member of BIA. Other BIA members are also involved, including Todd Hallett, AIA, of TK Design & Architecture in Howell, who designed the home and DTE Energy's Builder-Developer liaison, Robert Veresan, AIA, who is working toward making the home net-zero in terms of energy consumption and emissions.

Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO, collaborated with home builders association executive Paul Kane of Tulsa, Okla., and Bart Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala., to conceive the program they intend to offer as a template for other home builders associations across the country to use.

The National Association of Home Builders looks closely at the economic impact of home building, Stoskopf said, noting three new jobs are created for each home built.

"Obviously there's more than three people that work on the construction of the house," he said. "That all has an impact. The more houses you build the more work they have to do and more people get hired."

Restaurants and stores are also impacted, such as an eatery near a construction site. "When that goes away, guess what? People aren't eating out at that restaurant," Stoskopf said.

Jobs are created in such industries as lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other

products used in home production. There are also jobs for real estate agents, lawyers and brokers.

Michigan has a strong manufacturing heritage, he noted. When home under construction is as "rough finish," officials will announce importance of using Michigan lumber. A later announcement will focus on local appliances from Benton Harbor, Mich.

"Guess what? That's money that comes back to Benton Harbor because that's where those products are made," in other part of the U.S. where more homes are being built.

"Everybody is just very positive on made in America, made in Michigan. There seems to be a real sense of pride, ownership for people in the community for this concept as well," Stoskopf said.

"We were inspired by the work of Anders Lewendal, an 'economist-turned-home builder' from Bozeman, Mont., who was highlighted in an ABC News segment in October 2011," said Paul.

"Based on his calculations, and confirmed by ABC News through interviews with other economists, replacing just 5 percent of materials normally used in home construction with materials 'Made in America' could create up to 220,000 jobs, if adopted nationwide."

Beyond job creation, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes.

Rick Elkow, the home's builder, couldn't agree more. "For me, it's all about putting people back to work," he said. "From the BIA members working on the project to the tree cutters working in northern Michigan, each new home built under this program will have a positive impact on our local, state and national recovery. It's what we need to support the first steps we've taken toward putting our industry back to work."

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 13-17, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
49719 Courtyard Ln	\$145,000
41460 Glade Rd	\$143,000
8180 N Ridge Rd	\$729,000
1827 Pinecroft Dr	\$67,000
44243 Proctor Rd	\$119,000
3523 Shepherd Ln	\$165,000
3551 Shepherd Ln	\$165,000
49448 Taft Ln	\$40,000
43598 W Arbor Way Dr	\$42,000
1245 W Crystal Cir	\$160,000

41763 Wayside Dr	\$96,000
GARDEN CITY	
29508 Balmoral St	\$42,000
30616 Brown St	\$110,000
29625 Rosslyn Ave	\$55,000
LIVONIA	
14164 Bainbridge St	\$103,000
29512 Barkley St	\$115,000
14891 Bassett St	\$150,000
27530 Bentley St	\$73,000
28997 Broadmoor St	\$75,000
15895 Deering St	\$77,000
18225 Glastonbury Dr	\$305,000
30614 Greenland St	\$182,000
9312 Hartel St	\$77,000
19471 Ingram St	\$114,000
10750 Laurel St	\$65,000
29680 Minton St	\$71,000
30931 Munger St	\$234,000
27653 Perth St	\$92,000

14040 Sunset St	\$129,000
35286 W Chicago St	\$95,000
19451 Westmore St	\$60,000
NORTHVILLE	
44945 Broadmoor Cir S	\$370,000
17290 Crestbrook Dr	\$913,000
15844 Crystal Downs E	\$475,000
15860 Crystal Downs E	\$561,000
17512 Hilltop View Dr	\$453,000
19830 Irongate Ct	\$74,000
16671 Old Bedford Rd	\$240,000
17420 Parkshore Dr	\$490,000
15489 Prestwick Cir N	\$517,000
15513 Prestwick Cir N	\$562,000
655 Randolph St	\$56,000
PLYMOUTH	
48153 Colony Farms Cir	\$110,000
9899 Hillcrest Dr	\$300,000
14835 Lakewood Dr	\$151,000
8910 Marlowe Ave	\$103,000

49479 Pointe Xing	\$94,000
958 Ross St	\$125,000
9370 Saddlebrook Ct	\$68,000
REDFORD	
13937 Brady	\$31,000
19315 Denby	\$57,000
11361 Kinloch	\$35,000
14261 Mason Dr	\$166,000
12690 Mercedes	\$63,000
10003 San Jose	\$30,000
26316 Student	\$38,000
11455 Tecumseh	\$17,000
11703 Virgil	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
34037 Frances St	\$77,000
37110 Gilchrist St	\$53,000
27531 Hanover Blvd	\$20,000
29098 Manchester St	\$24,000
7458 Maple Dr	\$211,000
1563 S Hambleton St	\$19,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18382 Riverside Dr	\$582,000
19592 Wilshire Blvd	\$360,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2598 Buckingham Ave	\$250,000
1348 Edgewood Rd	\$277,000
588 Landon St	\$324,000
465 Pilgrim Ave	\$1,350,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$168,000
503 W Merrill St	\$650,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1139 Meadowglen Ct	\$240,000

30 Quanton Ln	\$269,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1254 Cedarholm Ln	\$1,150,000
177 E Hickory Grove Ln	\$226,000
2082 E Spinningwheel Ln	\$221,000
1631 Franklin Rd	\$388,000
2730 Hunters Blf	\$448,000
2099 Kemp Rd	\$204,000
173 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$315,000
1685 Shaker Heights Dr	\$180,000
3565 Tuckahoe Rd	\$540,000
4870 Wye Oak Rd	\$275,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4821 Fairgrove Ln	\$206,000
3262 Lacosta Ct	\$158,000
4404 Racewood Dr	\$200,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37288 Aspen Dr	\$272,000
28485 Bayberry Rd	\$120,000
28602 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$257,000
24169 Lori Ct	\$83,000
34042 Lyncroft St	\$430,000
35932 Old Homestead Dr	\$231,000

29790 Palmer Ct	\$100,000
30703 Shiawassee Rd	\$25,000
37731 Stableview Dr	\$157,000
23867 Stony Creek Dr	\$235,000
37900 Wendy Lee St	\$77,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18241 Glenwood Blvd	\$110,000
18470 Santa Ann Ave	\$138,000
MILFORD	
2698 E Maple Rd	\$175,000
334 Riverbend St	\$231,000
1061 Riverside St	\$274,000
NOVI	
27523 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
24507 Cavendish Ave E	\$340,000
47626 Cheltenham Dr	\$470,000
45369 Dunbarton Dr	\$225,000
22439 Eaton Ct	\$224,000
24347 Hampton Hill St	\$134,000
40728 Heatherbrook	\$125,000
25641 Hillside Dr	\$590,000
24779 Jamestowne Rd	\$236,000
27065 Ladbroke St	\$217,000

23660 Maude Lea St	\$120,000
39814 Village Wood Cir	\$38,000
22734 Waycroft Dr	\$293,000
SOUTH LYON	
54295 Birchwood Dr	\$307,000
23881 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
23916 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
52635 Trailwood Dr	\$47,000
52852 Trailwood Dr	\$74,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29220 Briarbank Ct	\$93,000
20457 Midway Ave	\$19,000
23505 Plumbrooke Dr	\$75,000
23410 Riverview Dr	\$114,000
17450 Stratford Dr	\$65,000
28104 Stuart Ave	\$25,000
21700 Virginia St	\$135,000
20610 Willowick Dr	\$125,000
WHITE LAKE	
9364 Beechcrest St	\$198,000
64 Myrick St	\$21,000
611 Overlook St	\$38,000



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## Estate Sales

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Farmington Hills: 25471 Livingston Cir. Independence Commons, Wed., 5-23 to Sun., 5-27, 9-4pm. Huge Sale! Housewares, books, clothes!

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GARDEN CITY: Antiques, tools, furniture, table saw, sewing machine, housewares, toys & much much more! May 24-25, 9am-4pm. 29846 Windsor, W of Middlebelt.

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LIVONIA May 24-26, 9am-4pm. 31529 Fairfax. Tools, furniture, major appliances, household items.

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NORTHVILLE - Steeplechase Sub Sale. Thurs, Fri, Sat, May 24-June 2nd & Sun May 27, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W of Beck, off 6/7 Mile. Furniture, household, toys, lots of baby clothes, appt. electronics. 10+ homes!

NORTHVILLE: Garage-Moving Sale. 5/25, 8am-1pm & 5/27, 8am-1pm. Books, dining table, w/8 chairs, paintings, kitchenware. 48984 Rainbow Lane N. Arcadia Ridge Condos.

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