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The offices of the Wayne County Clerk Vitals Statistics Division and the Westland Satellite Office on Henry Ruff at Michigan Avenue in Westland will be closed Monday, June 4, due to mandatory furlough days.

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The daughter of Carol Gnacke of Westland and James Gnacke of Garden City, Livonia Franklin graduate Jessica Gnacke is starting her career in the Navy by studying at Norwich University in Vermont.

Franklin grad sets sights on naval career

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It took a five-day road trip with her aunt and two stops for Jessica Gnacke to decide where she wanted to go to college — in Northfield, Vt. From the moment she got on campus of Norwich University, she knew it was where she wanted to go to begin her career in the U.S. Navy.

Gnacke had been nominated for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and was well into the application process when she opted out. A senior staff officer and former cadet commander of the Navy JROTC at Livonia Franklin High School, she decided on a college with a military tradition and the birthplace of the nation's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.



One of Jessica Gnacke's favorite graduation photos is of her wearing her JROTC uniform.

is where I'm going to go to school," the Westland resident said.

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Wayne, Westland hold joint development breakfast

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Following the recent merger of their parks and recreation departments, not to mention an agreement to share a fire chief, it's probably natural for Westland and Wayne to join forces on economic development.

The second annual Eggs and Opportunities Breakfast, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, will be jointly hosted by the two cities.

"We reach out to commercial real estate agents, brokers and developers. It's different this year holding it in Wayne," said Westland Mayor William Wild, who is co-hosting the

event with Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. "There are opportunities for both cities. We'll talk about incentives that are available."

Each city will make presentations on recent economic successes. For Westland, Wild said the focus on the MJR Westland Grand movie theater, which completed city processes in six months. Attendees will receive updates on local incentives and will be able to tour potential sites on a bus tour following the event.

Along with cooperative efforts by the two cities, Wild said Wayne and Westland have different things to offer. Wayne has a traditional downtown area, he said, while Westland has the Ford Road corridor and the

dining/shopping district around Westland Shopping Center.

"Mayor Haidous and I work together on other issues. We both feel that if you buy a home or start a business in either community, it helps both," Wild said. "There is such a crossover with residents."

There are already a good number of commercial real estate brokers, agents and developers signed up for Eggs & Opportunity. Anyone interested in attending or getting more information can call (734) 467-7902.

The Wayne Activity and Banquet Center is located at 35000 Sims Ave. in Wayne.

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W-W to lose \$3M in state funding

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A Wayne-Westland school official is calling a decision by a state House and Senate conference committee a "travesty" that will cost the district \$3 million in state school aid for 2012-13.

The committee Thursday reached an agreement on the K-12 budget, but not before removing an amendment that would have provided the school district with a portion of the equity funding it had been receiving in lieu of millage not used in calculating aid payments under Proposal A.

"There was a lot of talk about equity, but there's no equity for the children of the Wayne-Westland Schools," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "I'm shocked and disappointed. I'd like to

know why they chose to discriminate against our children."

The district has been battling for several years to hang onto the equity language worth \$6 million, which was separate from the district's foundation allowance. It was successful up until last year, when Gov. Rick Snyder labeled it a categorical and removed it from his budget proposal.

Working with state lawmakers, the district eventually received \$3 million as a one-time only payment. This year, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spent months pressing for a similar payment in 2012-13. He was able to get an amendment in the budget bill that went to the conference committee.

"I guess the House had a significantly different

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Unionizing effort at library ends in tie vote

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A tie vote has left the question of whether employees at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library will unionize.

The vote was 13-13, with other four employees not voting yes or no on the question of whether library staff should join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Three additional challenged ballots haven't been tallied as the question of whether those employees — three department heads — should be included in the union jurisdiction or are exempt supervisors.

"MERC (Michigan Employee Relations Commission) has to decide on the three challenged ballots and if

they are to be opened," Library Board Vice President Antoinette Martin said.

The library's position has been that the three department heads shouldn't be included in a possible union bargaining unit. An AFCSME Council 25 representative didn't respond to a request for comments.

"A tie vote is no to the union, so the union will plead their case to MERC," Martin said, adding a conference call was to be held with the union and library attorneys and the MERC administrative law judge.

The election was held as part of the mediated settlement of a dispute over an earlier attempt by AFCSME to organize

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had the chance to shadow a cadet and meet freshman students during her visit. She enjoyed it so much that she got \$500 together to fly out there in April for a weekend open house.

"It's a very small campus. It has a lot of similarities to the Naval Academy, but when I was on the campus, I felt like I was at home," she said. "When I visited the Naval Academy, I felt like I was visiting a historical place. I couldn't see myself staying there for four years."

Gnacke, who graduated Saturday evening, is prepared for the military lifestyle she'll experience as a member of the Corps of Cadets at Norwich. She was a member of the JROTC program at Franklin for four years. In addition to her command positions, she headed up the unit's color guard for two years, was a member of the fitness team and helped start the armed exhibition team.

Gnacke opted to be a cadet at Norwich as opposed to a civilian student. Her first months there will immerse her into the military life-

style. She won't need to worry about what to wear to class or how to wear her hair. As rookie, she will put on a uniform and put her hair in the bun.

The first few months will be strict. She can't talk outside and has to square her corners whenever she walks. There will be no TV or music until she is recognized as a cadet in March. There will be no cell phones for the first few months. She will get one phone call home a week for 10-15 minutes, but she does get to write and receive letters and care packages.

"It's so I know the discipline," she said. "I'm used to the military style with ROTC. I've been to boot camps, but not 24/7. I'm excited about it."

She also plans to swim while at Norwich. On the varsity swim team for her four years at Franklin, she's already been contacted by the Norwich coaches.

"Swimming has always been a stress reliever for me," she said. "I get under water and swim and I don't have to think about anything but swimming."

Gnacke also will get time off at Thanksgiving, Christmas and in the spring and will spend one month each summer with the Navy, getting expe-

rience. A private college, Norwich was founded in 1819 by Capt. Alden Partridge as a military college. It's the oldest and currently the only private military college in the U.S. and one of only six senior military universities in the country.

Gnacke is able to attend Norwich thanks to a full-ride Navy ROTC scholarship. It will come in handy, since one year at the university with room and board costs \$40,000. Her JROTC instructor estimates the scholarship is worth an estimated \$250,000.

She plans to major in chemistry. She will graduate as an officer in the Navy and hopes to get a job in nuclear energy.

She also plans on making the Navy her career. While the JROTC doesn't recruit students for the military service, it does have members who opt for it. In addition to Gnacke, three other Franklin students are enlisting, two in the Navy and one in the Marines. Her best friend is enlisting to become a corpsman and another female student received a Marine scholarship to the University of Michigan.

"I made my decision in middle school that I wanted to go into the Navy," she said. "I have a cousin who's pretty high up in the Navy and a lot of great-uncles who were in the Navy."

Saying good-bye to JROTC has been hard for Gnacke. At her last uniform day, the cadets let her know that she had been "a great role model."

"It's nice to hear that I had an impact on the underclassmen, but I knew I was going to bowl my eyes out," she said. "At the military ball, I had to give a speech. I reflected on my last four years and got through it quickly, then I looked at my best friend and started to cry. I knew I was going to cry."

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view of things," Colbeck said about the decision. "I had a lot of hours in discussions and thought I had this one done. I worked a long time in the Senate on this. The amendment would have restored \$1.5 million, but by removing the line item it's a \$3 million blow. This is very frustrating."

Colbeck had worked with Sen. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City, to get him to understand the rationale for the payment and to offer the amendment in the conference committee.

"When you get in conference, you have to have a passion to get it over the top. He wasn't enthusiastic," said Colbeck, who voted no on the measure because of the "disproportionate cut" of \$3 million to the Wayne-Westland School District.

He also protested a "disproportionate increase" for the 448 school districts, "none of which affect the funding needs of any of the schools in my district."

According to Colbeck, the proposed K-12 budget provides a bump for low-funded school districts, while holding funding flat for better-funded districts. That means every school system in his district, including Plymouth-Canton, will get no increase in their per-pupil payment from the state.

"If they had gone with the normal formula, there would still be an incremental bump, but that money went to the lower-funded districts," he said. "There will be no bump except incentive-based funding, if districts meet seven of eight criteria."

Baracy estimates the district will lose \$238 per student with the elimination of the language and said the decision shows

the effect term limits is having on the state. The institutional knowledge of why the district received the money, dating back to former Gov. John Engler, is gone.

"We've been working on this since January and Sen. Colbeck really fought for us," he said. "That money was valid, warranted and necessary. It was necessary because of the mix-up with Proposal A. No one knows the history or understands why. It was a legitimate categorical and through the ignorance of certain legislators of not understanding why, it's been taken away."

"We've done everything in our power to right-size the district and do what they ask of us and then they turn around and penalize us," he added. "It's inexcusable. We're still being cut more than any other district."

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the library employees.

Employees had voted not to organize, but AFCSME filed unfair labor practice charges against the library, charging three employees were terminated in 2009 over protected union activities. Additionally, the union charged that then-library Director Cheryl Napsha improperly interfered with the organizing effort through letters sent to workers at

their homes in an effort to coerce a no vote.

The three employees — librarians Lisa Hausman and Deborah Cooper and maintenance worker Edward Rybski — received back wages totaling \$110,000 and their jobs back as part of the settlement, which allowed another union vote within 45 days.

Like other government entities funded by property taxes, the library is facing reduced revenues. Under the budget approved by the Library Board and expected to be adopted by council this

month, 10 library employees will be laid off effective July 1.

The hours at the library will also be reduced to 40 hours per week. It will be closed each Sunday and Monday and a large number of programs will be eliminated or scaled back.

To offset those reductions, Westland voters are being asked to approve a 1-mill tax increase to fund library services on the Aug. 7 primary ballot.

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W-W takes second look at board policy

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has postponed a decision to align its policy for the suspension and dismissal of the district's staff with state law.

The board voted 5-1, with Treasurer Shawna Walker dissenting and Trustee Frederick Weaver absent, to delay a vote on the proposed policy in hopes of getting "a cleaner statement."

The new policy is required to bring the board's rules in compliance with recent changes in the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act and Michigan Teacher Tenure Act. The new legislation has revised the demotion and discharge standard under the Tenure Act from a just cause to an arbitrary or capricious standard and revised PERA to prohibit bargaining of

the procedures, adoption and implementation of a policy related to the discharge or disciplining of an employee.

"This is the result of some sweeping reforms that took place in July 2011," Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah said. "Many of the policies and expectations are things that must be done in regard to the Tenure Act. Specific items have been made non-negotiable as far as collective bargaining and this is one of them."

"Board policy cannot be contrary to state law. Under PERA, you're required to have a policy that is compliant with the law," he said.

The new policy spells out that the board cannot adopt, implement or maintain a policy that is different than the standards set forth in the Tenure Act. It also states that the superintendent or designee will ensure that

decisions regarding discipline, demotion or dismissal regulated by the act are consistent with the policy.

"I know our law firm has given us a recommendation to adopt this policy and probably gave us the language, but it could be better, it could be cleaner," Trustee Thomas Buckalew said. "I understand we need to be compliant with the law. Clearly, we have to have a policy. I'm not sure this is the language we want."

Board Vice President John Goci questioned the effect the policy would have on the current contract with the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

According to Kelly Bohl, the district's senior executive director of human resources, the current contract has two choices — arbitration and a hearing before the Tenure Commission.

"If an employee chooses

a hearing with the Tenure Commission, then the standard is capricious and arbitrary. If the employee choose arbitration, it would be a just cause standard," she said. "This policy would put us in compliance with the law."

Bohl, in response to a question from Trustee Andrea Clawson of needing the change now with two years left on the teachers contract, stressed that the contract doesn't override board policy and the law supersedes the policy.

"Board policy can't be contrary to the law and the contract can't supersede the law," she said. "Under PERA, it's required to have a policy compliant with the law."

"This is one area specifically mentioned where board policy must be in compliance," Salah said. "I think this policy is representative of the law and covers the board and the

district. The law specifically designates what items need to be adopted immediately. The rules are clearly spelled out. This is not being brought out just to be brought out, it's because there is special designation in the law."

Board President Carol Middel also expressed concern with the language, saying that after reading it several times, she found it to be "poorly written for our needs as a school board."

"I'm not happy with the way this is set up. I feel it would be better if you went back and looked at it again and figured a better way to write this policy for the school board," she said. "I'd like to see the guidelines in place before I agree with it."

Superintendent Greg Baracy also stressed that the new policy is required by law and that the guidelines can't be developed before the

policy. "The responsibility of the board is to pass policy and the superintendent develops the administrative guidelines," he said. "You develop the guidelines once the policy is adopted; the guidelines don't come before it."

When questioned by board Secretary Cindy Schofield what would happen if the board did not approve the policy and was not in compliance, Salah reminded the trustees that they took an oath of office to uphold the law.

"This is the law, it's clearly the law," he said. "This policy is required by law, that was made clear tonight," Baracy added.

In the end, the board rejected the proposed policy and agreed to bring it back at its next meeting later this month.

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Westland teenager to attend Tuskegee VET-STEP program

A 13-year-old Westland teen will have a chance to experience life on a college campus while exploring a veterinary medicine and animal science as part of a program offered at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Deandre Franklin will be at the university July 15-21 to participate in the university's School of Veterinary Medicine-Science Training, Education and Preparation program. An eighth-grader at Franklin Middle School, she is the only student from Michigan to be accepted into

the program, according to her mother, Tarquis Edwards.

"I am very proud and happy that my daughter went out for this," her mother said. "Veterinary science is something she has been interested in for some time. I guess it came when we had our rabbit and the interest grew from there."

Franklin discovered the VET-STEP Program while looking online for colleges to attend. The one-week summer selects 25 students completing the eighth- and

ninth-grades for the program which is designed to introduce minority students to careers in veterinary medicine.

As part of the application process, Franklin had to complete an application and essay entitled on "Why I Want to be a Veterinarian." She also needed two letters of recommendation, one from a science teacher and the other from a counselor.

Students are exposed to academic classes and spend a week at the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary

Medicine learning about how to become a veterinarian. The program includes learning the language of veterinarians, participating in lectures and working in an anatomy laboratory and field trips to such locations as the Atlanta Zoo, Williams Bowie Hall Research labs and the Tuskegee University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

Franklin will begin her stay with an orientation at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 15. Franklin will begin her stay with an orientation at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 15.

She will stay on the university campus, however, she is responsible for her own transportation to and from Tuskegee and is required to maintain a professional appearance during her stay.

Right now, her mother is gathering up the items her daughter will need during her stay, including a laptop computer and flash or jump drive.

"I'm trying my best to get all the things that are asked of her so that she can excel and to continue to represent Michigan and herself," Edwards said.



Thirteen-year-old Deandre Franklin shows off the acceptance letter she received for the Tuskegee VET-STEP Program.

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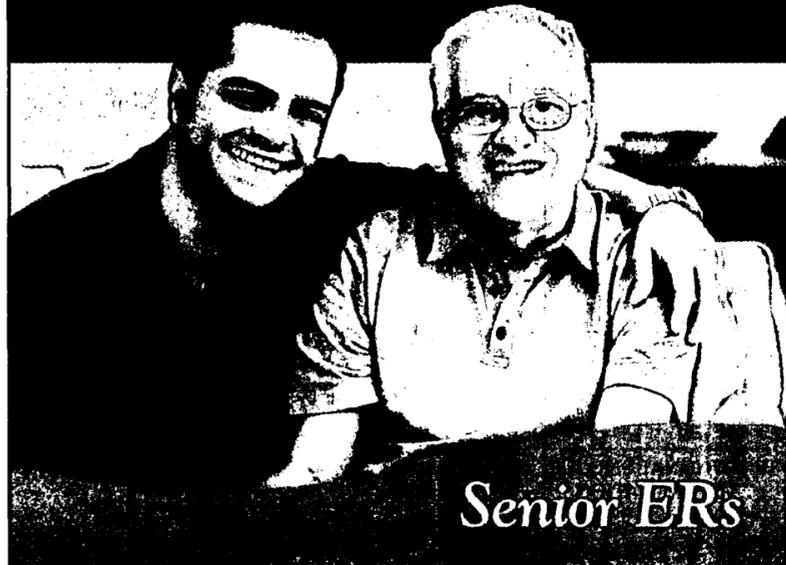
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Runners kick off the start of the 2011 'Embrace Life' 5K for Cancer.

Trail friends seek volunteers

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A year after the I-275 Metro Trail got a facelift along a section north of Michigan Avenue, trail supporters are seeking volunteers to remove vegetation that has grown rapidly along the path this season.

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail maintenance coordinator Dave Duffield said trail users need to protect the trail now that Michigan Department of Transportation officials spent money to refurbish it.

"They're pressed for money. They provided us with the wonderful trail," Duffield said Friday, "so it's not unreasonable to ask the people who use it to help out once in awhile."

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail has asked volunteers to joint a trail cleanup day 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6. Volunteers are asked to meet on the trail or in the MDOT parking lot behind the Denny's restaurant on the north side of Ann Arbor Road east of I-275.

"The vegetation has grown rapidly along the trail this spring, so we'll be beating back the brush on the section between Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road," the Friends group said in a statement.

Workers are asked to bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes, rakes, brooms and anything else that would be helpful for trimming brush from the trail. Protective eyewear and work gloves also are recommended. Moreover, volunteers are encouraged to wear pants and long-sleeved shirts to avoid contact with poison ivy.

Water and light snacks will be provided. The trail has become

more popular with bicyclists, joggers and others since MDOT gave it a facelift last year. Some sections, such as near Warren Road, will be temporarily closed this summer as MDOT crews continue bridge repair projects along the I-275 corridor.

Last year's efforts focused on refurbishing the trail north of Michigan Avenue, but the section south of the avenue also is nearly complete.

"It's 90 percent complete," Diane Bancroft, Friends president, said, adding that the section south of Michigan Avenue is expected to open near the end of June.

For more information about the cleanup, call Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.

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St. Mary Mercy hosts sixth annual 5K run/walk for cancer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its sixth annual 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

Nearly 640 people participated in last year's 5K, raising nearly \$24,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one.

To register, visit www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer. Registration is \$22 on or before Aug. 31;

\$27 Aug. 31 through race day. Runners and walkers who register before Aug. 31 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.

Awards will be given to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female winners of

each age division of the 5K Run.

The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of

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Warren bridge closure clogging traffic

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

In a move that's forcing detours and dumping even more motorists on already traffic-clogged Ford Road, the Warren Road bridge over I-275 has officially closed through late September.

With Canton's orange-barrel season ramping up, drivers going from the east side of I-275 to places such as Lifechurch and Yazaki's North American headquarters near the Warren-Haggerty intersection face a longer commute all summer.

Lifechurch members Mike Rice and Jeff Wilson, working Thursday to install a shelf in the back of a church storage truck, said the overpass closing poses a minor hindrance for some of the congregation, which averaged 984 people a week in May.

"For folks like me who are coming from east of 275, it's a bit of an inconvenience," Rice said. "I live near Warren and Venoy (in Westland)."

Replacement work

Rather than taking Warren all the way to Lifechurch, Rice said Thursday he took it to Hix, drove north to Kopernick, headed west to Haggerty and then south to the church. He seemed a little more savvy than some drivers who opted for Ford Road.

Just the mention of



Work on the Warren Road bridge over I-275, already under way, is expected to last through September.

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Ford Road brought a grimace to Rice's face.

"Oh my gosh. I avoid Ford Road even when there isn't any construction," he said.

Wilson doesn't face the same travel issues because he lives off Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill.

"It's a straight shot for me down Haggerty," he said.

Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said the Warren Road closing through September is allowing work crews to

replace the driving surface, overpass approaches and barrier walls, among other repairs.

Canton Engineering Services Manager Bill Serchak called the project "the big one" for Canton's road-project season, considering the overpass closing is expected to last through late September.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, still fighting for federal or state dollars to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange to ease traffic congestion around one of Michigan's most accident-prone areas,

is concerned about the potential for more motorists crowding onto Ford Road.

Traffic trouble

"It is a concern," LaJoy said. "How much traffic do we need? We already have trouble trying to disperse traffic now, much less dealing with additional traffic flow."

"They've got to fix the bridges," he added, but "it's certainly going to have an impact on Ford Road and 275."

I-275 already has had its share of traffic bot-

tlenecks as construction crews work their way through a busy bridge-repair season along the interstate.

In one bit of good news, work on the Joy Road overpass already has been completed, so drivers could opt for that road rather than Ford.

They can't choose Ann Arbor Trail to the north, however, because MDOT announced that road has closed through late July for bridge repairs over I-275.

It's all part of \$36.8 million in bridge-repair proj-

ects MDOT announced in February for the I-275 corridor. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said MDOT has told local officials the projects will be staggered to minimize traffic snarls as much as possible.

That's why road crews finished the Joy Road overpass before closing the Warren bridge. MDOT has pledged to try to avoid closing roads that close together.

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Bowling fundraiser helps ex-Westland woman battling cancer

A bowling fundraiser has been scheduled to benefit a former Westland woman suffering from cancer.

The fundraiser to benefit Reem Eadeh of Can-

ton is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, June 8, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, Westland. The cost is \$25 per person and includes three games, pizza and soft

drinks.

The ex-wife of former Westland councilman Joe Eadeh, Reem Eadeh has two children and works as a dental hygienist. The 43-

year-old is being treated for breast, brain and liver cancer.

"She is a single mom and she's been in and out of the hospital. She can't work a

lot and the cancer keeps progressing," said Donna Jackson, who is organizing the fundraiser. "We're doing a fundraiser so that she won't have so worry so

much."

Anyone interested in bowling can show up at the event or call Jackson for advance tickets at (734) 525-3202.



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Transit of Venus: Rare event

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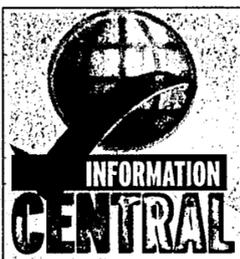
Since the length of eight earth years is approximately the same as 13 Venus years, the transit is visible twice per cycle (eight years apart). During the current cycle, the only one of our lifetime, the transit was visible in 2004 and will be again on June 5. The transits of the next cycle will take place in 2117 and 2125.

Along with being rare, Venus transits are historically significant because they were used to make the first realistic estimates of the size of the solar system.

If the sky is clear, the transit of Venus will be visible in Michigan on Tuesday, June 5, starting about 6 p.m. The entire transit lasts about 6 1/2 hours, but those in North America will only be able to see the portion of the transit that occurs before sunset.

It is not safe to look directly at the sun, so take precaution to protect your eyes. In order to safely look at the sun there are a few options:

- Visit a local observatory or planetarium.
- Look through a telescope equipped with a special solar filter.
- Wear disposable eclipse shades or #14 shade welding glass.



• View the event via a live webcast through NASA's website (www.nasa.gov).

To learn more about observing the sun, look at Pam Spence's *Sun Observer's Guide*.

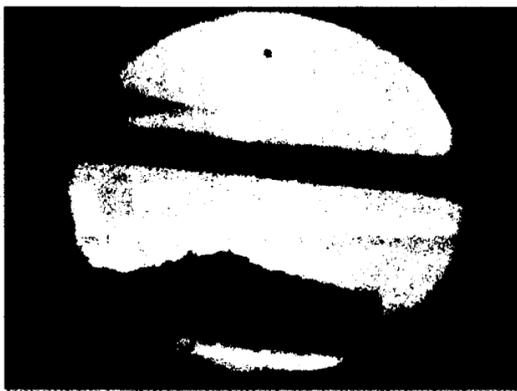
If you'd like to learn more about the transit of Venus, try *June 8, 2004: Venus in Transit* by Eli Maor, or the DVD *Venus Unveiled: The Magellan Space Probe* to find out more about the planet in general. If you're interested in the solar system, try *The Planets* by Dava Sobel or *Sizing Up the Universe: The Cosmos in Perspective* by Gott and Vanderbei.

Give the library a call at (734) 326-6123, check the online catalog at catalog.westland.lib.mi.us/ or stop by the library to learn more.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays
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Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

The summer reading program kick-off is Saturday, June 16. The library's summer hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday.

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

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

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'Pete the Popcorn' authors hold book swap

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Just as the school year ends, local youngsters can get some free books for summer reading.

Pete the Popcorn authors Joe Kelley and Nick Rokicki are launching their new book and hosting a Spectacular Summer Book Swap, Thursday, June 14, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

"A local school was closing and donated the books to us. They wanted to remain anonymous," said Kelley, a Westland native. "My mom counted the books and stopped at 1,000."

"We're so excited for the Summer Book Swap. Every school

stresses summer reading. This is an excellent way to stress it and on the last day of school," Rokicki added.

The gently used books are aimed at pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade readers. Free books can be selected at 6 p.m., but Kelley notes anyone who has gently used children's books they'd like to pass along can drop off their donations 4-6 p.m.

"We'll have an assistant to greet them and tables set up. Any books that are left we'll give away at the Belleville Strawberry Festival when we're there," Kelley said.

"We'll give them away or donate them to the Friends of the Library

or other groups that readers might suggest. We want to use the books."

Kelley and Rokicki will be unveiling their new children's book at the book swap, but are keeping details of the story under tight wraps.

"Detroiters will love the new book — anyone with a hometown feel. We're really excited," Kelley said.

The book's illustrator, Kathleen Smith Waters of Cleveland, will also be making an appearance. Complimentary hot dogs and other refreshments will be served at the book swap.

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Getting out of stocks can be a wise move for some

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: With the recent downturn in the stock market,

along with the problems that are happening in Greece and other parts of the Europe, I feel it is important that I do something with my investments. Currently, I have about \$200,000 in various stocks and about \$100,000 to \$125,000 in municipal bonds. I also have about \$50,000 between my checking and savings accounts. I'm in my early 70s and I am a widower. My pension and Social Security allows me to save about \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month. I decided that in my situation it makes sense to sell all my stocks. With the \$200,000 that I will have, what do you recommend? I want to be conservative and I really don't care about the return on the money; I just want to protect my principal.

A: I understand your frustrations with the stock market. There is no doubt the market is currently going through a difficult time and you're not alone in deciding to no longer invest in it. However, what makes your situation unique is that you are in excellent financial shape, your pension and Social Security more than cover your living expenses, and you have sufficient amounts of assets to provide you with a rising income. Therefore, you have the luxury of investing your money in a more stable principal invest-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ment. That doesn't mean that it's a risk-free investment, because principal fluctuation is only one form of risk.

One form of risk that investors consistently forget about, and one that can be extremely painful, is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increase in cost of living. We all know that a dollar today is not going to be worth a dollar tomorrow. That is what is known as purchasing power risk.

When you consider purchasing power risk, think back 30 or 40 years ago, when a first-class letter cost a nickel to mail. Today, that same letter costs 45 cents to mail. That is purchasing power risk and it is something that we all need to be conscious of.

Unlike principal risk — where the value of your investments goes up and down and is easy to see — that is not the case with purchasing power risk. However, it is there, and it is something that everyone needs to plan for.

In reviewing your situation, the issue is where the money from the stocks should be invested. My recommendation is two-fold. Take half the money and invest it in a ladder of CDs (certificate of deposits). I would recommend six months, one year and 1½ years. My thought is that at this point in time there is no reason to buy long-term CDs. The rates just don't justify a long-term commitment. The key to CDs is to shop them around. In addition to local banks, consider credit unions and Internet banks. A website like www.

bankrate.com can assist you in finding federally insured CDs.

With the other half of the money, I recommend dividing it equally into three different areas — high-grade corporate bonds, government bonds and a Ginnie Mae Fund. Of course, I recommend commission-free funds. I suggest companies like Vanguard or Fidelity with very good commission-free bond funds.

Not every investor is as lucky as this man. He has the resources to allow him the luxury of assuming purchasing power risk.

Unfortunately, not everyone is in that same position. People that bail out of the stock market during these times and who don't have the resources to assume purchasing power risk will find that, in the future, their money just doesn't buy what it used to. The result is that they use more principal than they should to cover their living expenses and it will cause problems in the future.

All investors must recognize that the stock market does go through some down times and they are painful. However, as the adage says, success in the market is not from timing the market; it's from time in the market. Keep that in mind before you make a dramatic change in your portfolio. Good luck!

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2762-J. Clenney-31225 Hively

Req. for a side yd. fence location and hgt. variance and a front yard fence location & hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 6' high fence in the side yd. & a 6' high & 4' high fence in the front yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence, Section 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt., Section 22-304(a)(3) states that front yd. fences are allowed as a split rail/ranch style fence, & Sec. 22-303(f) states that front yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 3' in hgt.

Petition #2763-E. Nacci-1860 S. Globe

Req. for a 16" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the street side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2764-N. Blevaert-5942 N. Walton

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 4'6" high chain link fence in the north side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence.

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Attendees will be updated on the recent investment activity in both cities and have the opportunity to speak with each city's economic development team. For more information or to register, call (734) 467-7902.

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.

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

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Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoyte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, June 22, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.angelos1958.com.

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 of our 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.westland-library.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. 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.

Higher Rock Cafe

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

American Legion

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

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Wish You Were Here

Denise and Paul Gwizdz found a "familiar" place while vacationing on the island of Kauai, Hawaii - St. Raphael Church. "Yes, we are residents of Garden City and parishioners of St. Raphael's church, and I also attended school there as a child," Paul Gwizdz said. "Out of all the scenery we could have posed for a picture with a copy of the Garden City Observer on Kauai, we thought that one seemed ideal." 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.

Gas station clerk charged with embezzlement

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland woman is expected to be arraigned next week on a charge of embezzling more than \$20,000 from a local gas station where she had been employed.

The woman, Bette Wicker, 61, had been employed as a clerk at the Sunoco gas station on the corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh for 23 years.

A warrant charging Wicker with one count of embezzling \$20,000-\$50,000, a 10-year felony, from the business has been issued by the Wayne County prosecutor. Westland police Sgt. Norman Brooks said he expects Wicker to turn herself in for arraignment in 18th District Court this week.

"An audit from the (business) insurance company was provided, over 19 months there was a \$40,000 shortfall," Brooks said. "The owner claims the embezzlement went on over a longer period of time, but at this point there is no evidence of that. The prosecutor charged according

to the evidence." Following some cash register shortfalls, Brooks said the station owner installed a surveillance camera. Based on what was seen on the surveillance footage, a suspect was identified.

Not currently in custody, Wicker has been very cooperative, Brooks said, providing a written state-

ment that indicated she gambled at casinos.

"I submit the findings to the prosecutor, who makes the ultimate decision on charges," Brooks said. "If something changes, then the prosecutor could amend the charges."

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On tap are:
 • Kid's Night Out - Spring into summer 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Register by June 15. The cost is

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• Young Champions Cheerleading and Self-Defense - Cheer registration and the first class will be held beginning at 4:45 p.m. Monday, June 11. Classes are held on Mondays.

Self-Defense registration and the first class will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at the

Wayne Community center. Classes are held on Thursdays.

These programs are designed for boys and girls ages 4-15. Classes are \$7 per week. There is a non-refundable \$7 fee.

• Lil' Dragons Martial Arts - Lil' Dragons, ages 5-7, are held 6-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning June 19, followed by Older Dragons for ages 8-10 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Visit www.karatemi.com or call (734) 658-5683 for registration information.

• Community Garage Sale - If you missed the Westland city garage, here's another chance to sell unwanted items. Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot inside the Wayne Community Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in your house. For \$20 you can reserve your spot but hurry space is limited. Sale is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Western Wayne County Senior Olympics - A fun-filled week is planned beginning Mon-

day-Friday, Aug. 13-17. Brochures and registration forms are available at the Senior Services Offices, located at the Wayne Community Center. There are events for everyone.

• Summer II Swim Lessons - Registration for Summer II swim lessons will be held June 16-July 6. Classes begin July 10.

• Summer Day Camp - Summer Day Camp begins at 7:30 a.m. Monday, June 18. Registration is ongoing at the Wayne Community Center. New this year is the Physical Education and Nutrition program provided by the National Kidney Foundation.

• Water exercise - Elements of Exercise Aqua Boot Camp and Aqua Zumba will be offered beginning Thursday, June 21. The cost is \$36 for a six-week session.

Contact the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 721-7400 for details or visit at www.ci.wayne.mi.us.

Camp Moxie helps girls be leaders

Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan, Michigan Women's Foundation, Running Start and Women Official Network Foundation will once again offer Camp Moxie, a four-day leadership adventure camp for high school girls, for a second year.

The camp will run Sunday-Thursday, June 17-21, at GSSEM's Camp Hawthorn Hollow in Columbus, Mich. The first Camp Moxie was held in June 2011 with nearly 70 girls in attendance. Space is still available for the 2012 Camp Moxie.

Camp Moxie is open to any Michigan high school girl who has completed grades 9-12. Girls will participate in interactive workshops and hands-on activities in the interest areas of entrepreneurship, philanthropy and public office, all led by women executives, business owners and elected officials.

"This year, the emphasis will be on the girls developing leadership skills they can use in

their lives right now," said Susan McGraw, COO of GSSEM. "We want them to come away feeling prepared to start a business, advocate for a cause, or run for class president. Girls don't have to wait until they are adults to assume leadership positions," she said.

McGraw said Camp Moxie will focus on helping girls to understand their leadership style, personal brand and how to present themselves in professional settings. They will also learn relationship building and networking through activities like speed mentoring.

"This camp will keep the girls moving, thinking, and creating, but there is still plenty of free time for traditional camp activities like swimming and hiking," she added.

GSSEM, MWF, Running Start and WON are the presenting sponsors of Camp Moxie. General Motors Foundation is providing additional support.

"2012 is Girl Scouts' 100th anniversary, and we have declared it the Year of the Girl," said Denise Dalrymple, CEO of GSSEM. "This year, our organization has committed to engaging all of society in the cause of supporting girl leadership. The latest Girl Scouts research found that only one in five girls believe they have what it takes to lead. Camp Moxie is one way GSSEM is working to change that."

"At the Michigan Women's Foundation, we understand the importance of providing quality learning experiences to teen girls that will help improve their leadership skills now and for the future. Camp Moxie is a phenomenal way for high school girls to

well-rounded experience of exposure to leadership skills in three core areas: business, philanthropy and government. We are proud to once again be a part of the four day leadership adventure camp," said Carolyn Cassin, president and CEO.

The presenting sponsors are bringing Camp Moxie to Michigan girls with the shared goal of participants completing the experience prepared and confident to create change in their lives and the lives of others.

"Running Start is thrilled to be a part of Camp Moxie, the government curricula works to inspire girls to see themselves as political leaders, and to hone their leadership skills so that they leave the program more confident and empowered to lead," said Susannah Shakow, founder and president. "We are proud to help encourage young women in Michigan to enter the pipeline to politics."

"Never has it been more important to inspire high school girls to unlock their capacity to effect change in their lives, their community and the world," said Cynthia von Oeyen, president of WON Foundation.

Registrations for Camp Moxie are being accepted through Friday, June 8. The cost is \$100 per girl and includes lodging, meals and all workshops and activities. For more information about Camp Moxie, or to register online, visit www.campmoxiegirls.org or call (800)482-6734, ext. 2258.

Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan (GSSEM) serves nearly 45,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.

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Firefighters rally to support widow, family

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton firefighters and their supporters are rallying to support the family of the late Ryan Swick, who lost a courageous fight against cancer May 14, almost a year after he earned the title of Canton Firefighter of the Year.

As a firefighter and paramedic, Swick, 33, fought to save lives even as he battled for his own, and he left behind his wife, Laurie, and daughters Shelby, 3, and Shylei, 1. He was a Canton resident and Westland John Glenn High School graduate.

Laurie Swick has been amazed at how firefighters and others have come to her family's aid.

"It's so humbling," she said Friday. "It makes me cry sometimes when I think about all the support. Truly, truly, the Canton Fire Department is extended family. It's not just where Ryan worked, it's his family. They're just amazing people. I thank God every day for each and every one of the Canton firefighters."

Laurie Swick is preparing to return to her job July 1 as a Wayne-Westland school custodian after taking a lengthy, unpaid leave of absence to help her husband.

Yet firefighters say she faces the reality of raising two little girls without certain benefits because Ryan Swick, with nearly eight years on the job, didn't have enough time to qualify for a pension.

"We just want to try to help the family have as normal a life as possible," Canton Fire Battalion Chief Mike Caruso said.

Some aid already has come from fire departments across the state and nation, reminding Caruso that "the brotherhood of firefighters is like a second family."

Yet, Ryan Swick's fellow firefighters, who respected his work so much they



Proceeds from the Liberty Fest spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Canton Firefighters will benefit the family of the late Ryan Swick, a Canton firefighter dubbed 'Super Swick' who lost his battle with cancer last month.

called him "Super Swick," have stepped up to help his family as it faces the future without him.

Here are ways to help:
• Send donations to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation by making checks payable to C.F.F.C.F., noting they are for the Ryan Swick Fund and mailing them to C.F.F.C.F., Fire Station 1, c/o Ryan Swick Fund, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, MI 48188.

• Show up at the Canton Liberty Fest for the firefighter charity's annual spaghetti dinner, 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 15, in the food pavilion on the north end of Heritage Park.

Dinners cost \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 eat free. The food is prepared by Rose's Restaurant in Canton with ingredients donated by another local company, Sysco.

"I usually sell anywhere from 700 to 1,000 dinners each year," said Fire Capt. Ron Battani, who helps organize the effort. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed I sell out this

year."
• Attend a charity hockey game spearheaded by the Dearborn Fire Department challenging Canton firefighters at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township.

"They called us and said they wanted to do this (to help the Swick family)," Caruso said.

Attendees are asked to give whatever donations they can afford at the door. Caruso said the arena-based C.J.'s Brewing Co. also has offered to donate 10 percent of sales during the game.

• Plato's Coney Island, southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, will donate all tips and partial food sales 3-9 p.m. June 10-11. Owner Tasi Kanellopoulos confirmed the fundraiser along with business partner Tom Canelopoulos.

• Support the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation's 16th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing, named after the late Canton teen who had cystic fibrosis and received assistance from the charity for a double-

lung transplant.
The golf outing has an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start Tuesday, July 17, and costs \$115 per person for 18 holes of golf with cart at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Park-way.

The event includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn, and a banquet with open bar. There also will be a silent auction and raffle prizes. Banquet only costs \$50 and starts at 1:30 p.m. Sponsorships also are available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

For more information, call Fire Station No. 1 at (734) 398-5263.

Summer safety tips

Summer can be risky business.

You've probably seen dramatic news coverage about summer health threats like shark attacks, lightning strikes and wild fires. But studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Safety Council (NSC) show that there are other, more common hazards.

While sharks killed 43 Americans from 1852 to 2010, automobile crashes remain the number one cause of fatalities. With increased summer travel, more people die on the road from June through August.

According to the staff at Garden City Hospital, the best ways to safeguard yourself and your family are simple: Always wear a seatbelt, drive defensively, and never drive if you've consumed alcohol or you're sleepy.

Bicycling is a healthy alternative to driving, but it's also risky, according to John Ulczycki, NSC spokesman. "And about 85 percent of all bicycling fatalities are head injuries."

Common sense says everyone should wear a helmet, even if it's not fashionable.

Heat stroke is a serious medical condition that can be life threatening. In heat stroke, the body's core temperature rises. Much like a fever, extremely high body temperatures can lead to permanent damage. Some signs of heat stroke include confusion, short, rapid breathing, stopping sweating and rapid pulse.

If you see someone exhibiting these signs, bring them directly to our ER or call 911 immediately.

Dehydration can happen quickly in the Michi-

gan summer heat. Whether your cutting the grass or just sitting by the pool, be sure to have plenty of water handy whenever you're in the heat for a long period of time.

Most importantly don't forget about your children's hydration. They are less likely to stop playing because of thirst, so be sure to take frequent water breaks during the kids' summer activities.

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- Have fair skin, hair and eyes.
- Have a family member who has had skin cancer.
- Are over the age 50.

You should check yourself for skin cancer on a regular basis, get a skin cancer screening once a year, wear lots of sunscreen and avoid the sun when possible.

The CDC estimates that 76 million Americans suffer from food poisoning every year. Summer time is picnic time, and picnics bring food out into the open where it can stay warm too long. Avoid an outbreak of food poisoning this summer by following simple guidelines about food safety and food handling. Common sense can prevent you and your friends and families from coming down with a food-borne illness.

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By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Jack Elwell (in the white shirt) of Canton smiles for the camera as he walks down the aisle for graduation.

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Abby Gotts doesn't look like your typical graduate, but she has the paperwork to prove she is. Of course, it's not a high school diploma or a college degree. It's a slip of paper that shows the youngster has successfully completed preschool.

Stopping by Willow Creek Preschool the day after the commencement ceremony, Abby was all about playing one last time.

"I like the teacher," the Wayne youngster said. "She does stuff with us. She helps us learn."

Her comments are music to the ears of teacher Darlene Taig, who for 11 years has been helping preschool-

ers get ready for kindergarten.

"I've never had a job where I come to play with children," Taig said. "We learn, we laugh and we enjoy ourselves. Even on the hardest day, I can go home and laugh."

For 40 years, Willow Creek has been getting youngsters ready for their school years. Housed at Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland, it attracts families from Wayne, Westland, Canton and other neighboring communities who serve on the board of directors and work in the

classroom once a month.

The preschool got its start in Canton. While Taig is uncertain if the preschool is named for Canton's Willow Creek Subdivision or the actual Willow Creek, it's certain it was housed at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road before moving to Westland about 15 years ago.

A cooperative program, parents play an integral part in its operation. They serve on the board and work in the classroom once a month. "Everyone has a job," Taig said. "There's a lot of pluses to a co-op.

Working parents get to see where their child is all year and parents who work in the classroom get to see the class. They also pick up tips on working with their children."

Abby's mother, Nancy Gotts, found out about the preschool from her sister. She paid a visit and was sold after seeing Taig and assistant teacher Mary Anne Bourgeois in action.

"They got down and talked to the kids, not me. They got them involved right away," she said. "(Daughter) Alissa absolutely loves her teachers. I like what they have going on and I tell Darlene that even if



Robin Piercy is all smiles on her graduation day.

I move 20 miles away, I still come here."

Gotts's opinion is shared by other parents. They like the teachers and they like the program. They like the focus on education.

Like Gotts, Canton resident Theresa Stewart heard about the preschool from her sister. Her son Joseph went to Willow Creek, graduating in 2007, and now his brother Johnathan does.

"I heard great things about the teacher, and with my sister's kids going here, we could share responsibilities," said Stewart, who serves on the board. "I came back because I know the teachers. I like being involved."

She enjoys having the opportunity to work in the classroom and how popular her lap is with the youngsters.

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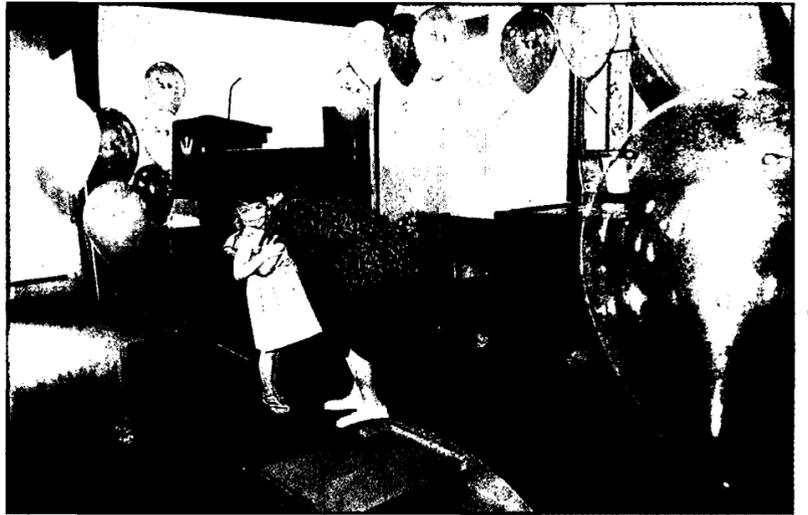
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Linda Power and son Adam of Canton came to see niece Emily Smith graduate from preschool.



Lilley Vesperman of Westland gets a congratulatory hug from teacher Darlene Taig.



Emily Smith of Westland receives a bouquet of flowers at the ceremony.

SCHOOL

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"I sit on the floor and everyone wants to sit in my lap," she said. Bobby Valeri has been bringing his children to the preschool since 2007. The family had been shopping around for a preschool when a friend told him about Willow Creek. There was an open house the next day and they attended. "We fell in love with the place," he said. "The initial idea of working in the class and helping with chores, I didn't know how I'd do it. But my first time helping was fun. All the kids

were jumping on me and I got to meet my kids' friends. "I thought it would be a burden, but it's become a privilege because I can be involved in what they're doing in the most important time of their lives," he added. Also a plus was the cost of the preschool. There was "a major difference" between the fees charged at Willow Creek and ones Valeri had looked at in Canton. "That was a major draw for us," he said. Bourgeois also discovered Willow Creek through its open house. She and her daughter went to check it out and signed up her 3-year-old son. That was Taig's first

year as teacher. "We went to a couple open houses and signed up her," Bourgeois said. "We got information from the board. They answered our questions." By 2004, she was on the board serving as the membership chair and, six years ago, answered Taig's call to come and work with her two days a week. She said yes. Now her name is connected with Taig's. She's Mrs. B and she's Mrs. T and they're said as one word. "And now everyone thinks we live here," she said. "If we get caught in the store, they're in shock." "They call outside our backyard and that's our

house," Taig said, pointing to a small play house in the room. The curriculum covers everything from learning the calendar and days of the week to math, science experiments, printing and art projects. Of course, there's time to dance, according to Taig.

The preschool has already held an open house, but a fun fair in July is planned to bring in new families. Families can also call Taig at (734) 326-0078 to set up an appointment to visit the school. Currently, the preschool has openings in its 3- and 4-year-old

classes, as well as a Tots and Toddler's program. "Willow Creek is a wonderful place," Taig said. "It's wonderful for the kids, it's wonderful for the families and it's wonderful for the parents." smason@hometownlife.com (313) 222-6751

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Union agrees to wage cut to help keep Awrey plant open

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A union at Awrey Bakeries has agreed to a wage cut to help keep the company from closing its doors.

The union voted to accept a \$1 cut in members' hourly wage immediately and a second 85-cent cut in September, according to Brian Corrigan, a union steward with Council 30. The 160-member union voted last Tuesday to accept the wage cuts in a 97-38 vote.

"We don't like this, but we did this to save our jobs," Corrigan said. "We get a chance to get some money back after an economic turnaround."

Bob Wallace, CEO and president of Awrey, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Two weeks ago the com-

pany had asked the union for a \$2 wage cut, effective immediately, which was rejected twice by union members. Last Tuesday, the company agreed to give \$1,500 to 26 employees who will be laid off and offered the staggered pay cuts, Corrigan said.

Employees will have a chance to obtain some of that wage cut back, said Corrigan, a Garden City resident.

If the company earns \$125,000 in net profit in the next two quarters, employees will receive 50 cents back in hourly wages after six months. If the following two quarters yield similar results, employees will get another 50 cents, Corrigan said.

"The main thing is the company had a short-term cash flow problem,"

Corrigan said. Employees were expected to return to work last Wednesday, the day after the vote.

Corrigan believes the employees thought about their jobs over the weekend.

"My last day of work was Wednesday (last week) and I've been at home since," he said. "I wanted a job. I've been in Michigan all of my life and you know what the economy is like here."

Employees are not happy about the wage cuts, but "people need their jobs," Corrigan said. "I'm 52 and worked here 33 years. I wasn't looking forward to starting all over."

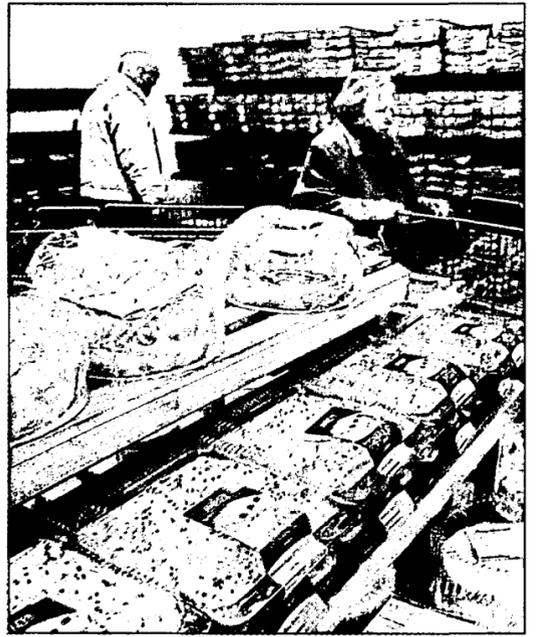
Awrey, a 102-year-old company, moved to Livonia from Detroit in 1967. Awrey Bakeries got its start in 1910 in the home of Fletcher and Elizabeth

Awrey, who were living in Detroit, after moving there from Canada.

Awrey Bakeries makes a number of different items including cakes, cookies, Danish pastries, doughnuts and croissants, which are used by restaurants, hotels, schools, hospitals and other institutional customers.

The Awrey family no longer owns the company. The company was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheesecake and high-end desserts.

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The Awrey Thrift store is a favorite place to shop for many local residents.

Electric Vehicle Show and Rally rolls into Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College is hosting the Fourth Annual Electric Vehicle Show and Rally 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, on the college's main campus in Livonia.

The Show and Rally are free and open to members of the public, who may see this new breed of cars up-close, talk to the owners, and go for a short ride in an EV with the owner driving.

The vehicles on display include Ford Motor Co.'s Fusion, C-Max and Escape; Chevrolet Volt; Nissan's Leaf; a Tesla Roadster; Fisker Karma Eco Sport and Eco Chic; Toyota Prius and

Wayne State University's EcoCAR 2 Team. Other vehicles on display will include the Honda Civic Conversion, Chevy S10 PickUP Conversion, Escort Hybrid Conversion, Austin Healy Sprite and a wide variety of other gas-powered cars converted to electric, and those produced with EV kits.

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," said MEAA President Larry Tuttle. "Besides learning all about the latest EV technology and talking to people who drive the new production EVs every day, visitors can watch

them compete in an exciting Solo Autocross Race." The race will be held at 3 p.m.

Event co-sponsors are Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Electric Auto Association (MEAA) in partnership with Clean Energy Coalition and DTE Energy and Greening Detroit. Event organizers see the show as an important and fun way to raise awareness of the general public about electric vehicles.

General Motors spokesman, Randal Fox, says, "We have been proud supporters of the Michigan Electrical Vehicle Show at Schoolcraft Col-

lege since 2010. We are excited about showcasing the Chevy Volt at this educational event."

Other activities throughout the day include:

- 11 a.m. "Living with an Electric Vehicle" panel discussion presented by the Clean Energy Coalition

- 1 p.m. EV/HEV/PHEV User Operation and Safety Workshop presented by the Macomb Community College Center for Advanced Automotive Technology

- 1:30 p.m. "Pass In Review" Information presented on several selected EVs. Judging

for the "Mayor's Choice" and "President's Choice" Awards by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress

- 2:45 p.m. Award Presentations: "Mayor's Choice," "President's Choice," and "People's Choice" Award, as determined by votes of Electric Vehicle Show and Rally guests and attendees.

A number of vendors who provide equipment, services and resources to the electric vehicle industry and EV owners will be on hand, including DTE Energy Electric

Vehicle Program; Charge Now and Clipper Creek charging stations; Sunvortex; Protean Electric; McNaughton-McKay Electric Co.; and many others.

Refreshments will also be available. Concrete Cuisine will be onsite selling gourmet food from their mobile food truck.

Details on the Fourth Annual Electric Vehicle Show and Rally and the MEAA are available at www.michiganevshow.org/.

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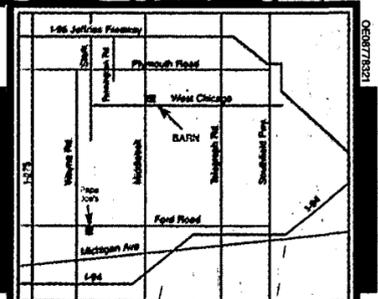
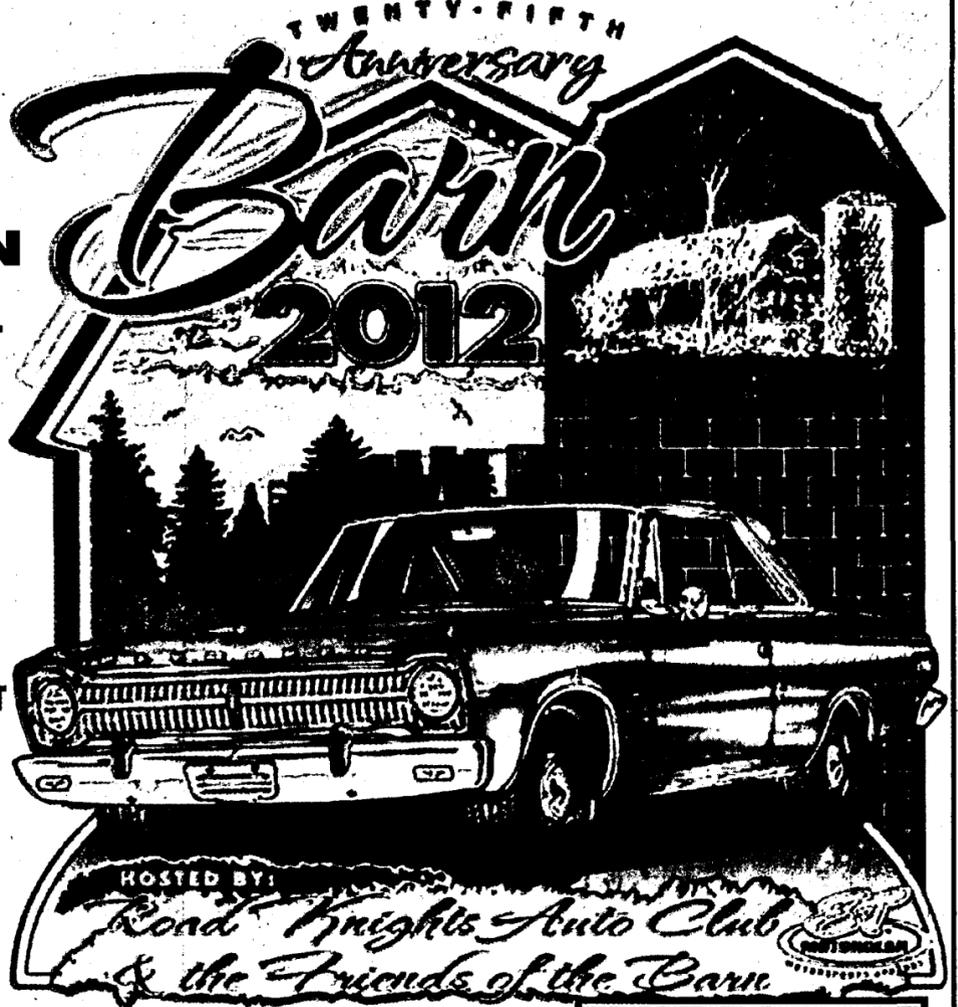
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Wayne seizes district title

Zebras rally twice for wins

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

On an overcast, cloudy and unseasonably cool day, a team with an under-.500 record provided its own ray of sunshine for the 2012 baseball season.

Wayne Memorial pulled out a pair of come-from-behind victories Friday to earn its first Division 1 championship in six years with a 5-3 win in the finals over Belleville following a 3-2 semifinal triumph over rival and district host Westland John Glenn.

"It's emotional," said Wayne second-year coach Chris Bailey, whose team is 14-17 overall. "These guys work their tails off all year-long. They had the talent all year-long to win a lot of baseball games. We knew this day would come to be where we needed to be to be able to win a district. We put ourselves into position to do that. We had the talent last year to do it, but it just didn't happen."

The Zebras now advance to the regional semifinals Saturday at



The Wayne Memorial baseball team is all smiles after taking the Division 1 district trophy with a come-from-behind 5-3 victory Friday over Belleville in the finals at Westland John Glenn.

PHOTO BY KEITH HARNOS

Monroe where they will face the Saline district champion. (Time to be announced.)

Belleville (15-15) broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning thanks to a double by Dan Eller, walk to T.J. Wilson, a wild pitch and an RBI sacrifice fly by Josh Hall.

But in the top of the seventh, Wayne rallied for four runs off

Belleville starter Scott Powell, who had handcuffed the Zebras on just three hits over the first six innings.

Jordan Lowry singled and Zach Lankton walked to open the inning. Lowry came home on a Belleville infield throwing error and Jacob Massey's RBI sacrifice fly tied it at 3-all.

Tyler McCurry then singled

home the go-ahead run and Jacob Lefler's single gave the Zebras a two-run cushion.

That was good enough for the left-handed Lankton, who pitched the final three innings in relief of starter Chris Briggs, to close the victory.

Briggs held the Tigers to one

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4 Crusaders All-Academic

Four Madonna University student-athletes were among 259 honored nationwide Thursday by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for its 2012 Daktronics/NAIA Baseball Scholar-Athlete team.

Senior Garrett Rebain (Plymouth), juniors Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) and redshirt sophomore Tyler Schofield (Windsor, Ontario) were honored for their efforts in the classroom.

The award is the second for Rebain (criminal justice) and the first for Lineberry (criminal justice), Pelletier (business) and Schofield (business).

The scholar-athlete distinction follows on the heels of Pelletier being named to the Capital One Academic All-America Second Team earlier this week.

The four baseball honorees bring MU's total Daktronics/NAIA Scholar-Athletes for the 2011-12 school year to 25.

Holy Cow! Pats earn 1st-ever district crown over 17-2 Cougars

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

It turned out the biggest underdog had the hardest bite at this week's Division 1 girls soccer district at Woodhaven High School.

After entering the post-season with just three victories, Livonia Franklin completed an incredible run to its first girls soccer district title in school history when it outlasted Garden City, 2-1, Friday night in a game decided by a tension-packed shootout.

The result wasn't decided until Garden City's final shooter — goalkeeper Kasey Bunio — fired a low shot toward the left corner that was deflected

off the left post by diving Franklin keeper Alexis Smith.

The ball seemed to hang over the goal line for a split second after it dinged the post before rolling out and setting off a jubilant Patriot celebration near the middle of the pitch.

The entire ball must cross the goal line in order for a goal to count.

"I got about half of the ball," said Smith, as she recounted her final, game-saving stop. "I was so happy when I saw the ball didn't go in. The thing I'm probably most improved in this season is penalty kicks. I was glad I was able to get a piece of two of them."

Both teams struggled



As head coach Dean Kowalski (left) looks on, Livonia Franklin's soccer team celebrates its first district title Friday night.

ED WRIGHT PHOTO

finding the frame during the five-shots-a-piece PKs, which were won by Franklin, 2-1.

Franklin will take a 6-11-4 record into Tuesday's 7 p.m. Division 1 regional tournament at Saline. The

Patriots will face either Ann Arbor Huron or the host Hornets.

Garden City's success-soaked season ended with a 17-2 mark — 24 hours after coming out triumphant in a double-over-

time victory over Westland John Glenn.

"In terms of overall effort, I was very proud of the girls tonight — many of whom played a

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Kids' fishing

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

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

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

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

WYAA grid registration

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

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

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

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

CAP outing

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

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

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

Call (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

Churchill makes cut Saline wins district title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

A tiebreaker was needed to determine the Division 1 District 9 boys golf tournament champion Thursday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

After posting identical 299 totals, Saline emerged the winner over Plymouth by going to the fifth players' score.

The Hornets, the Adrian Invitational and Southeastern Conference Red Division champions, were led by junior Caleb Wittig, who placed fourth with 73.

Rounding out Saline's contingent were senior D.J. Aben and junior Ryan Peruski, 75 each, along with sophomore Ian Martin and senior Jackson Lambert with 76 and 79, respectively.

"We played it (Whispering Willows) last year and we came out this year and played another practice round this year, so we def-



Wayne Memorial's Zachary Williamson gets tangled up in the rough during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

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BOYS GOLF

Spartans runners-up, led by Cicchelli's 70

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

First-year Livonia Stevenson coach Brian Gulick had to be tickled pink over his team's showing during the MHSAA Division 1 District 8 boys golf tourney held Thursday at Huron Meadows Golf Course in Brighton.

The Spartans shot 297 to earn a runner-up finish behind Birmingham Brother Rice's four-player first-place total of 289.

Also advancing to next Thursday's regional at Timber Trace in Pinckney are Birmingham Seaholm (303), North Farmington (305), Farmington (313) and Birmingham Groves (316).

North Farmington's Max Kollin, the defending Division 1 state champion headed to Indiana University, shot a blistering 5-under 67 to take individual district medalist honors.

Stevenson senior Dante Cicchelli turned in a solid round with a 2-under 70 to earn runner-up honors.

Senior Nick Marsh and junior Connor Humitz also added top-10 performances for Stevenson with 75 each, good enough for eighth place, while junior Austin Harris chipped in with a 14th-place score of 77.

Rounding out the Stevenson contingent was sophomore Eric Attard, who shot 81 to finish 30th.

"I am very proud of the Stevenson golf team for an excellent showing at the districts," Gulick said.

District 10 recap

In Thursday's Division 1 District 10 tourney at

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Ladywood returning to Final 4

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood is headed to the state semifinals in girls lacrosse for the second straight year after winning another regional championship Friday evening.

The Blazers (15-5) led all the way at Farmington High School and held on at the end to defeat Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy, 8-6.

Ladywood will play the Flint Powers-Okemos winner in the second half of a Division 2 doubleheader beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Okemos.

"I think the girls are ready; we prepared well for today," Blazers coach Kris Sanders said. "We're at the end of the season. We have to stay focused. We have to keep our skills up, and we have to keep the desire to win."

The Blazers jumped to a 5-0 lead Friday and dominated the early part of the game. Ladywood was effective on offense, getting into scoring position and making its shots count.

"We talked a lot about our last couple games," Sanders said. "We weren't able to start strong, so we put a couple things in

place to help us do that.

"We watched Mercy play on Wednesday. We kinda knew how their man-to-man worked and what opportunities we could capitalize on. We worked on that Thursday, and it paid off for us."

Senior Emma Ellswood scored a game-high four goals to lead the Blazers, who also got one apiece from sophomores Rachel Donabedian and Jessica Snyder and seniors Kylie Birney and Alyssa Daly.

Ladywood, which led 7-3 at halftime, didn't score again following Ellswood's fourth goal with 15:51 remaining in the game, however.

For the Blazers, it got a little too close for comfort when the Marlins scored three unanswered goals by Sarah Hoffman (3:52), Ally Shrader (3:28) and Lexi Shaw (2:01) to get within two.

"When you come out slow or aren't set up properly, it's going to hurt you at the end," Mercy coach Lindsay Hoyt said of the 5-0 deficit. "We were hoping to pull back to a tighter score, but it just wasn't enough. It's something to work on for next year."

"(Ladywood) played a nice, tight zone defense and put up a tough fight. It took us to the second

half to start to break it down and get the proper shots in there."

In the remaining time, the Blazers won the ball off a restart with 1:43 to play, missed a shot at 1:01, won another ground ball, got a save by goalie Stephanie Mackley with 15 seconds left and then ran out the clock.

"I have to say I was a little nervous," Sanders said of the 8-6 score. "They're a good team, so I knew they could come back. When I took the last timeout, I told the girls I had total faith in them, that they could win the ball, hold the ball and make smart decisions with it."

"It didn't quite work out that way a couple times, because (Mercy) won the draws and the ground balls. But (the Blazers) stayed tight on 'D' and did what they could, and we just found a way to win."

Shaw and Tori Sullivan scored two goals each for the Marlins (14-9), Hoffman and Shrader one apiece.

"We struggled with the first half in quite a few games, and it left us short at the end," Hoyt said. "(The Blazers are) always a pleasure to play against, but they're always a chal-

lenge.

"They have some sharp shooters, a tough defense, and a great goalie, and they got the better of us today. We look forward to playing them next year and, hopefully, coming out on top."

The Blazers, who lost (16-12) to the eventual state champion, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, in the semifinals last year, have another shot at winning a state title.

"We're just happy to get to the semis, to know we're back there in the Final Four," Sanders said. "Hopefully, we can come back with a win on Wednesday."

LADYWOOD 19, RICHARD 10: Senior Kylie Birney's return to the lineup has proven to be an added bonus as Livonia Ladywood (14-5) rolled to a Division 2 regional semifinal victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in a match played Wednesday at Farmington.

Birney, the team's top scorer this spring before going down midway through the season with an injury, scored five goals and added one assist. Senior Emma Ellswood also scored five times, while sophomore Jessica Snyder added four.

Ladywood junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 11 saves, while Gabriel Richard's Gabi Okoniewski had seven stops.

Kateri Lelli paced the Fighting Irish offense with five goals.

Franklin pulls off 3-2 district upset
Cramton tallies GW goal

Livonia Franklin might have been an underdog going into the Division 1 girls soccer district tournament at Brownstown Woodhaven — but not after the Patriots overcame an early 2-0 deficit with three unanswered goals Thursday to stun the host Warriors, 3-2.

The victory advanced the Patriots (5-11-4) into Friday's district championship final against Garden City (17-1). See related story, B3.

Woodhaven (15-4-1) jumped out to a two-goal advantage on a pair of corner kicks, but Franklin answered to knot the count at 2-all before halftime on goals by Raven Travis (assisted by Shannon Murphy) and Murphy (assisted by Jessica Maurer).

With 15 minutes remaining after a battle in the midfield, freshman Sarah Cramton scored her second goal of the playoffs after a scrum in the box to give Franklin the victory.

Goalkeeper Alex Smith, who made 13

saves on the night, then held the fort to preserve the victory.

LADYWOOD 5, S.L. EAST 0: Five different players scored Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood (20-2-2) used a 34-0 shot differential to blank South Lyon East (11-9-1) in a Division 2 district semifinal.

"Our backline was solid tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team faced Dearborn Divine Child in Saturday's district final at home. "We did a good job keeping them pressed in their end for a good majority of the game."

Ladywood took a 2-0 halftime with Kelly Capocchia opening the scoring in the second minute when she headed in her 23rd of the season on a cross from Domenico Sarnecky. That was followed by Erin Cronyn's 13th of the season from Emily Huddleston in the 26th minute.

The Blazers added three more in the second half — Sarnecky's 13th of the year on a header off Paige Brennan's 27th assist in the 64th minute; DeYana Walker (her 13th from Sam Riga in the 70th minute; and Brenna Wright from McKenzie Cronin in the 77th minute.

Sam Cook made 17 saves in goal for the Cougars, while Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl did not face a shot in combining on the shutout for Ladywood.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Tim Shaw camp

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

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

MU volleyball

Madonna University has scheduled three sessions of summer volleyball camps including:

Advanced (Elite) and General All-Skills — Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters and Youth — Friday through Monday, June 29-July 2; and Hitters and Defensive — Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

The cost for the setters, hitters and defensive specialty camps are \$135 per player, while the youth camp (ages 5-10) is \$110.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit www.madonna-crusaders.com.

For more information, call the MU Volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

You can also e-mail MU volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net.

Madonna soccer

Madonna University will stage a boys and girls soccer camp from 9-11:30 a.m. (ages 6-12) and from 6-8:30 p.m. (ages 13-18), Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the new field, located on Newburgh just south of Five Mile Road.

The cost is \$100. For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Franklin hoops

Livonia Franklin will stage a pair of summer basketball camps including grades boys in grades 4-9 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28 (cost \$65); and boys and girls in grades 1-3 from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27 (cost \$50).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com; or e-mail franklinball@gmail.com.

Victory Soccer

Victory Soccer will offer a series of summer soccer camps including:

High school — 6-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, June 27-29, at Schoolcraft College (cost \$85); ages 6-17 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 9-13 16-20, or 23-27, at Livonia's Taylor Elementary (cost \$180 for each); goalkeepers ages 8-17 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Taylor Elementary (cost \$18); High School Elite — 1-3 p.m., July 17-20 or July 24-27, at Taylor Elementary (cost \$150 for each).

Call schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail rick.larson@victory-soccer.net.

PATS

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total of 200 minutes in two nights," Garden City coach Jason Dean said.

"They really gutted it out.

"The one thing I'm disappointed in is that we scored first, and then we let them get right back in it by giving up a goal two minutes later. In the districts, once you get the lead, you have to do everything you can to keep it."

The way the game started, it appeared it would be an offensive shootout — not end with one.

Garden City's fabulous freshman Lindsay Yankasky scored first just under seven minutes in when she controlled a through ball up the middle and hammered a shot at Smith, who managed to knock it away. Yankasky

stayed with it, however, and directed the rebound into the back of the net to put her team ahead, 1-0.

The Patriots countered less than two minutes later when Natalie Desautel sent a bending corner kick into the heart of the box that Jessica Maurer one-timed past Bunio to knot the game at 1-1 with 31:30 remaining in the first half.

Following the two-goals-in-two-minutes flurry, the next 91:30 of regulation and two overtimes elapsed without a goal.

"This is something we started talking about at the beginning of the year," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. "I told the team right away that I liked the district draw we got. The key was getting better as the season went on. I told them the season might be rough, but to stay

positive. They hit their stride at the right time. I couldn't be more proud."

Among the Patriots' catalysts was four-year varsity defender Emily McCullen, who helped diffuse more than one Cougar scoring chance.

"This is really amazing; something nobody expected," said McCullen during the post-match celebration. "We wanted to keep it cool and simple tonight. We played as a unit and stayed calm."

Garden City junior center-back Rachel Hahn was equally effective at the opposite end of the pitch, clearing several balls during crunch time.

The Cougars jumped ahead early in the shootout when Justice Dean ripped a left-footed shot into the lower-right corner of the net — moments after Smith had opened the proceedings for

Franklin by missing high.

Desautel then deadlocked things at 1-1 before Smith denied GC's second shooter — Mariah Carver — with a diving save to her right.

Sophomore Kaylyne Perian scored the eventual winner with a low-right net-finder that put Franklin up, 2-1.

The next five shooters either missed the frame or were denied by the keepers.

The Cougars suffered a tough setback with 11 minutes left in the first half when Shannon Melvin — the team's second-leading scorer — was carried off the field after suffering an ankle injury. She never returned.

"We're not a real deep team, so losing Shannon hurt a lot," Dean said.

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Churchill's Cory Dare launches a tee shot during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

DISTRICT

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initely know the course and feel good about it," Saline fourth-year coach Debbie Williams-Hoak said. "Plymouth is just an outstanding team and they're very consistent year-in and year-out. I think they're ranked second in the state right now, so to be able to come out top this week is great."

Plymouth had the tournament's top two individual finishers in medalist Kyle Rodes, who shot 71, and senior Josh Heinze, who shot 72.

Rounding out the top five for the Wildcats were sophomores Chris Kohler and John Tatti with 77 and 79, respectively, followed by junior Ryan Rieckhoff with 82.

"The pins were harder, the greens were a little faster," Plymouth coach Chris Moore said. "Usually around the greens, it's usually pretty tight and bounces pretty hard; but today it was soft. It was a different game than we were used to over at their course."

"I was a little disappointed in not winning. We had a goal of trying to win districts, but we were very happy with the way we played. We can't control what other teams do and Saline played awesome today. They have a great team and we knew they'd be tough to beat. Obviously our goal is to get to 'states,' and by finishing in the top six today we go on to regionals."

Also making the cut and advancing to next Thursday's Division 1 regional at West Shore County Club in Grosse Ile were Canton (311),

Salem (313), host Livonia Churchill (316) and Ann Arbor Skyline (318).

"It was very scoreable, it was fine," Williams-Hoak said of the district course. "The greens were pretty receptive, it wasn't as hard as we thought they would be. They were holding pretty well. You love to stay below the hole here, and we practice that and talked about that. And keeping your tee shot in play is huge. That was a main emphasis for us and it worked out well today."

Rodes took the individual title by one shot over his teammate Heinze and Skyline sophomore Connor Lang.

"He (Rodes) is just having an unbelievable season," Moore said. "He's been very consistent, usually around par every tournament we've played in. He had three three-putts today, which is a little frustrating for him because he normally doesn't do that. Again, the tough pins were probably part of the reason, but a very solid round."

Heinze was also in serious contention for medalist honors.

"Another great performance by our senior captain," Moore said. "It's disappointing because he finished bogey-bogey to finish out his round, but he had a lot of opportunities to make putts today that lipped out, so the score could have been even lower because he hit the ball very well. Again, he's been shooting around par pretty consistently all season. It was good."

Canton freshman Donnie Trospier also turned in a solid round by finishing fourth with 73. Also figuring

in the scoring for the Chiefs was junior Alex Champagne (77), junior Brent Perry (80) and senior Josh Maxam (81).

Just two strokes behind Canton was neighbor Salem, led by sixth-place finisher Eric Duprey, a senior who shot 75, and sophomore Nick Danis, who carded 76 to place ninth. Senior Brandon Duprey chipped in with 80 and sophomore Brady Cole added 82.

Churchill also advanced led by senior Ben Proben, who finished 12th with 77. He was followed by seniors Andrew Ioanou and Eric Hill with 79 each, along with senior Dominic DiLisi with 81.

"There were a lot of good teams and we did not play our best today, and it's our home golf course, but we did survive," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "The greens were tough today. They were fast, a lot of three-putts. But there were some kids who made putts, too, that made some birdies out there. The course played relatively short because it was so firm out ... but the greens made up for that."

Additional individual state qualifiers included Reid McCallister (78) and Guy Frydenlund (79), both of Ann Arbor Huron; Kris Sharp (78) of Belleville; and Brendan Schoonover (80), Nick Margolis (81) and Keegan Pape (82), all of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Pape garnered the last individual spot on the fourth extra play-off hole over Westland John Glenn sophomore Nick Doupe.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 9 BOYS GOLF TOURNEY
May 31 at Whisp. Willows TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 advance to regional):
 1. Saline, 299 strokes (won tiebreaker); 2. Plymouth, 299; 3. Canton, 311; 4. Salem, 313; 5. Livonia Churchill, 316; 6. Ann Arbor Skyline, 381; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 334; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 329; 9. Belleville, 337; 10. Westland John Glenn, 354; 11. Ypsilanti, 379; 12. Wayne Memorial, 385.
Individual medalist: Kyle Rodes (Plymouth), 71.
TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Saline (299): 4. Caleb Wittig,

73; 6. (tie) D.J. Aben and Ryan Peruski, 75 each; 17. Jackson Lambert, 79.
Plymouth (299): 1. Kyle Rodes, 71; 2. Joshe Heinze, 72; 12. Chris Kohler, 77; 17. John Tatti, 79; 28. Ryan Rieckhoff, 82.
 Canton (311): 4. Donnie Trospier, 73; 12. Alex Champagne, 77; 22. Brent Perry, 80; 25. Josh Maxam, 81; 35. Tyler McMahan, 84.
Salem (313): 6. Eric Duprey, 75; Nick Danis, 76; 22. Brandon Duprey, 80; 25. 28. Brady Cole, 82; 39. Brian Patterson, 86.
Churchill (316): 12. Ben Proben, 77; 17. (tie) Andrew Ioanou and Eric Hill, 79 each;

25. Dominic DiLisi, 81; 48. Cory Dare, 93.
 A.A. Skyline (318): 2. Connor Lang, 72; 9. Josh Bourque, 76; 35. Andrew Wayrynien, 84; 39. Ian Marshall, 86; 43. Shane Anderson, 88.
A.A. Huron (324): 15. Reid McCallister, 78 (SQ); 17. Guy Frydenlund, 79 (SQ); 32. Danny Langa, 83; 35. Kevin Masini, 84; 42. Jack Ottenwess, 87.
A.A. Pioneer (329): 22. Brendan Schoonover, 80 (SQ); 25. Nick Margolis, 81 (SQ); 28. Keegan Pape, 82 (SQ); 39. Davis Argersinger, 86; 43. Nate Yenkel, 86.
Belleville (337): 15. Kris Sharp, 78 (SQ); 32. Casey

Fecker, 83; 35. Mark Dybicki, 84; 47. Mike Brothers, 92; 49. Tyler White, 95.
John Glenn (354): 28. Nick Doupe, 82; 32. Mitch Dean, 83; 46. Austin Valentine, 90; 56. Andy Snyder, 99; 57. Tim Moran, 100.
Ypsilanti (375): 43. Tom Reynolds, 88; 49. Ryan Katon, 93; 52. Brice Marich, 96; 57. Ben Darnell, 100; 60. Sean Katon, 107.
Wayne (385): 49. Zachary Williamson, 95; 52. (tie) Zackary Huffman and Austin St. Peter, 96 eac; 55. Jarret Williamson, 98; 59. Ken McKay, 103.
 (SQ): Additional individual state qualifier.

WAYNE

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run on three hits through the first four innings before leaving the game will a pulled hamstring while running out a play to first.

"The pitchers were great today," Bailey said. "The second game Chris (Briggs) pitched amazing until he got hurt. Zach (Lankton) stepped up. He wanted the ball from the beginning of the week. He told me he wanted the ball, so he was able to get the ball in a clutch situation, and he came through. They were great. I couldn't ask more. Very proud of them."

Wayne took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Kody Wojewski singled, took second on a sacrifice by Massey and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Belleville tied it in the bottom of the fourth on a double by Powell, followed by a wild pitch and a Wayne infield miscue. "You just never know in baseball, you never know

how the ball is going to bounce for you," Bailey said. "Again, in the second game we get a key hit when we needed it. Couple of bad defensive plays by them helped us out a little bit. But that's baseball. You take advantage of that and we did. We hung in there, played seven innings, didn't give up or get down on ourselves. We fought to the end and that's what happens when you fight."

Belleville advanced to the final by defeating Inks in the first game of the day, 15-0.

In the other semifinal, Glenn broke a 1-1 deadlock with a run in the bottom of the sixth when Zach Quinn led off with a single, advanced to third on a pair of ground outs and scored on a passed ball.

But not to be denied, Wayne answered with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Jordan Lowry singled and advanced to third on a pair of stolen bases, while Lankton walked and took second uncontested for another stolen base.

That set the stage for Wojewski, who delivered a clutch single with a flare over second base for the tying and winning runs.

"You just never know where you're going to get it from," Bailey said. "Kody's been pretty consistent all year putting the ball in play. Eventually you just hope somebody is going to come through. We had a couple of guys on base just about every inning. We just needed one key hit and he (Wojewski) was able to come through for us."

Glenn had taken a 1-0 lead in the first on a lead-off single by Quinn followed by a pair of fielders choices and a passed ball.

Wayne, however, tied it at 1-1 in the fourth when Tyler Harnos singled, stole second, took third on passed ball and scored on Danny Croff's sacrifice fly.

Winning pitcher Tyler McCurry limited the Rockets to five hits over seven innings. He struck out six and walked only one.

"You always want to go with your best first," Bai-

ley said. "Tyler McCurry is our best pitcher statistically. Consistency-wise he's our best pitcher. You always got to throw your best first to get through the first one to get to the second one. We're fortunate enough that we have some pretty good pitchers and we're pretty deep with our pitching staff ... so pitching looks pretty good lined up right now."

Meanwhile, Quinn threw a gem in a losing cause. He gave up just three hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out nine.

"Quinn has been our horse all year and we put a lot of weight on his shoulders," said Glenn coach Dan Danic, whose team bowed out at 7-20 overall. "We've been riding him and he gave us everything he had, but he ran into a good Wayne team. We've struggled with them before and we've battled well with them, but this time they came out on top and hats off to them."

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GIRLS SOCCER

Valiant stand

Glenn girls fall in 2 OTs to Cougars

By Ed Wright
 Observer Staff Writer

On Thursday night at Woodhaven High School, Garden City's girls soccer team overcame an inspired effort from Westland John Glenn to advance to within one victory of its first Division 1 district title in school history.

Senior forward Brianna Lopez's goal off a Bailey Terrell corner kick with just over four minutes left in the second 10-minute overtime lifted the Cougars to a 2-1 victory over the Rockets and into a 5 p.m. district final Friday against Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots advanced with a 3-2 triumph over the host Warriors.

Garden City improved to 17-1, while Glenn's season ended with a 5-13-2 mark.

The Cougars upended the Rockets, 3-0, earlier in the month — but Thursday night's contest was tight throughout.

"John Glenn came out aggressive and loose and we looked like we were a little tight and afraid to make mistakes," said Garden City coach Jason Dean. "Sometimes you do enough to win even though you don't play your best, and that was the case for us tonight."

Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo couldn't have been any more proud of his squad.

"We played an awesome game," he said. "Even though we lost, it was great to see how well the girls played. We had three point-blank chances in the first overtime, but

we couldn't score. It was very exciting."

Both teams' goalkeepers — Garden City's Kaye Bunio and Glenn's Jenna Redden — made their share of acrobatic saves to keep the game close.

Garden City lit up the scoreboard first 19 minutes in when Justice Dean ripped a penalty kick into the lower-left corner of the net. The PK was set up when GC forward Shannon Melvin was tripped up in the 18-yard box by a Rocket defender.

Glenn drew even 14 minutes into the second half when Sydney Climie controlled a loose ball in front of the net and pinballed it into the net. C.C. Said picked up the assist.

Garden City defender Rachel Hahn nearly made the defensive play of the night when she got a head on Climie's shot near the goal line, but the ball bounced in, knotting the contest at 1-1.

Following over 26 minutes of high-intensity overtime play, the Cougars gained sudden victory when Lopez one-timed a slick corner kick from Terrell.

"Brianna ran right through the ball and put it in; it was a great pass and a great shot," Dean said.

Dean estimated that his team outshot the Rockets 24-9 during regulation play.

"Their keeper played really big tonight," said Dean.

Cabildo, meanwhile, praised the effort of center-back Raven Buck.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Season concludes for 3 area netters

By Brad Emons
 Observer Staff Writer

The season ended a bit prematurely Friday for three area No. 1 singles players in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Girls Tennis Championships held in Midland.

Livonia Stevenson's Aimee Moccia, a sophomore making her first appearance in the state finals singles draw, opened with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Livonia Churchill's Nicole Kruse.

Moccia then drew Kalamazoo Central senior Abby Orbe and cruised to a first-set win, 6-1, before falling 6-4, 6-4, in her bid to reach the quarterfinals.

Moccia ends her season at 25-7 overall, while Kruse, a senior, falls to 10-11.

Meanwhile, Livonia Franklin sophomore Car-

olyn McCullen turned in a strong effort before succumbing to Northville's Erin Doud in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

McCullen finished the year with a 23-4 overall record.

Play resumed Saturday with three of the top five seeds advancing including No. 1 Mary Hanna of Saline, No. 2 Katie Brozovich of Clarkston, No. 3 Haley Barrett of Grand Ledge and No. 5 Davina Nguyen, who upset Novi's Abby Wang, the fourth seed, 6-3, 6-4.

Port Huron Northern and Grosse Pointe South led the team standings after Day One with 21 and 20 points, respectively.

Clarkston and Ann Arbor Pioneer were tied for fourth with 18 each.

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GOLF

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Pine View in Ypsilanti, Monroe (323) came away with the team title, followed by regional qualifiers Brownstown Woodhaven (336), Dearborn (349), Dearborn Edsel Ford (350), Garden City (351) and Temperance Bedford (352).

Monroe sophomore Todd Jones took individual medalist honors with 73.

Livonia Franklin shot

394 to finish 12th. The Patriots were led by senior Brian Roulier, who carded 97 to place 43rd overall.

Rounding out the Franklin contingent were juniors Adam Stadler and Joshua Dudek, tied for 46th (98 each); senior Chad Tweedy, 50th (101); and junior Dan Butler, 52nd (102).

The top six teams and six additional qualifiers move on to the regional next Thursday at West Shore Country Club in Grosse Ile.

Whaler rookies adapt to OHL life

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer



Skating during one of the rookie scrimmages at Compuware Arena is defenseman Jamie Wilson, a 10th round draft pick of the Whalers.

The next wave of Plymouth Whalers' prospects recently got a first-hand glimpse at what life playing for the Ontario Hockey League team might be like.

Compuware Arena hosted the team's annual rookie orientation weekend, featuring Blue-vs.-White scrimmages and an overview of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Among players on hand were 2011-12 Whalers Mitchell Dempsey, Matt Misteale, Mitch Jones (Rochester) and Danny Vanderwiel as well as several others with ties to the area.

Rochester Adams' Christian Wolanin of the Detroit Little Caesars Under-18 squad made his second straight orientation camp.

Thomas Ebbing and Nolan Gluchowski, from Birmingham Brother Rice and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central respectively, also were on the ice.

Lacing up the skates were prospective players from local programs such as Honeybaked Midget Major (Bryan Basilio, Tom Marchin, Dante Suffredini), Belle Tire U-16s (Alec Nedeljkovic, Lester Lancaster) and Little Caesars U-18s (Wolanin, Jacob Pritchard).

And two of the Whalers' top 2012 draft picks (forward Zach Bratina and defenseman Alex Peters) participated before subsequently signing contracts with Plymouth.

Besides the Blue-vs.-White scrimmages, players toured Compuware's weight and conditioning facilities, attended an educational seminar and visited Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (where high-school age players go to school while playing for the Whalers).

Many players were joined by their parents for the program.

explained Whalers' communications director Pete Krupsky. "It's more about bringing the parents and players in, showing them what the area's all about."

Krupsky said the educational seminar helps players and parents get a better grasp of OHL life.

"A lot of these kids are Canadian and their credits have to transfer over to American schools," Krupsky stressed. "If you're sending your kid to Plymouth, and your from Blyth, Ontario like Alex Peters is, and he's never been here, you certainly want to know where your kid's going to be staying over the next three or four years."

One player who impressed was Wolanin, whose father Craig was a defenseman in the National Hockey League.

"He's on the radar," Krupsky said. "I can also tell you he's a great lacrosse player for Rochester Adams. On Saturday morning he played lacrosse and scored something like six goals."

"And then he came in here and played with us. He's a well-rounded athlete, certainly someone we're definitely interested in."

"But I couldn't tell you if we're going to sign him or not. That's something Mike (Vellucci) and Brian (Sommariva) will determine."

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Launch aborted Tigers' Barnes does in Rockets, 5-4

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn was fighting two different forces in its bid for a third straight Division 1 district girls softball title on Friday.

The host Rockets ran into the hot bat of Belleville pitcher Myranda Barnes and 35th-year coach Peg Curtis, who has two state championships and over 669 wins under her belt.

Glenn fell behind 4-1 after five innings, but made a valiant comeback before succumbing to the Tigers, 5-4.

Barnes, who hits and pitches from the left side, proved to be the difference maker.

The speedy senior tripled, doubled and scored two runs, and survived a shaky sixth inning to pick up the victory as she scattered six hits.

Barnes is batting over .600 for the season.

"Myranda pitched for me for three years, and this year I sent her to the outfield because signed she signed to play at Eastern Michigan (University) next year and she plays in the outfield," said Curtis, who notched her 13th district title. "I put her in the outfield this year because she needs the recognition as an all-state player hopefully. In the past she wasn't all-district or all-region because she pitched. I brought her in two weeks ago because our pitchers we're struggling and I needed her in there. I give up something in the outfield, but she's good off the mound and keeps us in the ballgame. She doesn't strike out many batters, but she's a senior who's composed."

It was 1-1 after one inning as Jessica Sierak had an RBI single for the Tigers, while Glenn's Brittany McGrath countered with an RBI single of her own for the Rock-

ets. Belleville added two runs in the top of the third to break the 1-1 tie on a double by Barnes, an RBI sacrifice fly by Amanda Humpich and an RBI single by Ryann Hollis.

In the fifth, Barnes tripled and scored for the second time on Humpich's sacrifice fly.

"They also know Myranda's a senior and our best batter," Curtis said. "If she doesn't get on, then some of the kids say, 'Oh, that pitcher must be good because Myranda didn't hit her.' When she gets going, it gives me so many options. I can bunt her, I can steal her."

Belleville increased its lead to 5-1 in the top of the fifth on an RBI single by Bailey Kreher.

But the Rockets exploded for three runs in the bottom of the sixth on a double by Kailey Vowles, a walk to McGrath, a 2-run double by Danielle Saunders and an RBI sacrifice fly by Alexis Lester, who was the losing pitcher.

But the Rockets left a potential tying run on the table when Katlin Keast was gunned down at second base trying to advance with one-out after a Barnes pitch was bobbled at the plate.

"That's being aggressive," Glenn first-year coach Patrick McGrath said. "I'd rather them being aggressive, then sit there and not do anything, then not score. Can't fault her for that."

Barnes' presence at the plate proved to be a major headache.

"She was taking the pitches to left-center like she was supposed to do as a left-hander," McGrath said. "She hit the ball really good. We tried to pitch her inside and she still hit the ball against us. They had timely hits against us. She's getting on third base with less than two

outs. The batter behind her is hitting fly-outs to center to score her, which is just great, timely hitting."

Belleville, 18-15 overall, advances to the regional semifinals Saturday at Monroe to face the Saline district champion.

Meanwhile, Glenn finishes 10-21 overall, but the future looks promising.

"The underclassmen we have really played a lot—second base, third base, pitcher and catcher, and center field all coming back next year," McGrath said. "So we've got the core of our team coming back. They learned a lot this year, never gave up. What we'll take next year is be more aggressive and not lay back, and go for it every game."

JOHN GLENN 12, WAYNE 2: In Friday's Division 1 district semifinal, Alexis Lester tossed a six-inning six-hitter to go along with six strikeouts and only two walks as host Westland John Glenn (10-20) ousted rival Wayne Memorial (1-21).

Brittany McGrath knocked in two runs for the Rockets. Losing pitcher Shelby Hooper gave up five hits and walked eight.

The Zebras committed a total of five errors to Glenn's three. Hooper and Kayley Porta each collected two hits in the loss for Wayne.

COUNTRY DAY 11, HVL 9: On Thursday, host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day outslugged Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (19-5) in a non-conference game.

Despite the loss, sophomore Ashley Hewer went 3-for-4 with a double and scored three runs, while freshman Jessie Strauch also went 3-for-4 with a triple, RBI and three runs.

"It was a good game to prep for districts," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. "Country Day played a great small ball game at the plate. I was pleased with how we handled it. Hewer and Strauch had great days at the plate. We had some mental mistakes that we need to take care of. Winning pitcher Erika Meyers scattered 11 hits, struck out nine and did not allow a walk. Losing pitcher Julie St. John gave up 12 hits, walked one and struck out three."

Country Day made seven errors, while the Hawks committed five.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CYO volleyball

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

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

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

Women's golf

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

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

Need cheer coach

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls competitive and sideline cheer coach for the upcoming season.

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

Girls hoop coach

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

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

Coaches wanted

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

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

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball coach.

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

Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

Resumes and letters of interest should be sent by June 10 to: Tony DeMare, athletic director, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128; or e-mail demare@divinechildhighschool.org.

Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is underway at the Parks and Recreation desk, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through October); 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, May-Oct.; 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursday, Sept.-Oct.

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Runners and walkers fill Woodward Ave., in downtown Detroit for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure held May

Local supporters turn out to race for a cure

Thousands of runners and walkers turned out over Memorial Day weekend for the 21st Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® in a show of support for friends and family members who have experienced breast cancer.

The race route, which began at Woodward Avenue at Comerica Park, was decorated with 10,000 pink ribbons and racegoers enjoyed a festive atmosphere that included food, giveaways, music, entertainment and shopping.

View more photos on page B8.

Two local families were out in force May 26 — one in memory of a mother and wife who died of breast cancer and the other celebrating survivorship of a young mother and wife.

Tami's Team celebrated the life of Tami Rosens-Fink of Farmington Hills who died May 18, 2011 — just three days before the 2011 Race for the Cure. Tami's children, Danielle and David Fink, along with her hus-

band, Gary, walked in honor of her memory. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team.

Another local team, Breigh's Bosom Buddies, celebrated breast cancer survivor Breigh Macek of Livonia. Macek was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 31. Some 40 friends, co-workers from R.S. Electronics in Livonia, and family turned out for the race.

This year's event was extra spe-

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Rebecca Grigsby of Novi, Angela Konja of Farmington Hills and Candice Jarjosa of West Bloomfield are part of the Bartech Believers Team. Bartech is a global workforce management and staffing solutions company headquartered in Livonia.

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Participants come in colorful shirts with motivational slogans.

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cial for Macek because her sister, Brandi Lindvall of California, was able to join the team for the first time.

"It (race day) was like my Christmas morning," said Macek, who noted her progress in beating cancer by looking at photos of her and the team — organized by friend and co-worker Mandy Merlo of Westland. "The first year I wore a bandana on my head because I didn't have any hair. The second year I had very short hair, the third I had more hair and this year it is longer," said Macek, a mom to three children, ages 15, 9 and 6. After being diagnosed, Macek underwent a mastectomy on her right side followed by radiation and chemotherapy. She celebrated this year's race cancer free and says everything "is going well."

Screening, treatment
Money raised from the Detroit race, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, goes toward early screening, patient and treatment programs for

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BREIGH MACEK
Livonia

those that might not have access to those services.

In 2012, it is estimated that there will be 226,000 new cases of breast cancer among women in the U.S. including nearly 40,000 deaths.

"For three decades, Susan G. Komen has been seeking cures and helping low-income, uninsured and underserved women have access to life-saving breast cancer screenings and treatment services, and that mission has never changed," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, of Lathrup Village, chair of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®. "Here in metro Detroit, since 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised and invested \$21 million to help end breast cancer. We're grateful for the generosity of metro Detroiters and we ask that you continue to

give whatever you can, to help save lives and end breast cancer."

Prevention, research

Each year, the Race awards 75 percent of the net proceeds to breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs for medically underserved people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants awarded through Komen for the Cure.

The 2011 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awarded \$1,475,000 to community programs and contributed nearly \$422,000 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's race. Visit www.karmanos.org/RACEFORTHECURE-DETROIT/index.asp.

Local gardeners trade, sell plants

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Gardeners swapped, bought and took home dozens of perennial plants at local gardening events last month.

The Livonia Garden Club held its spring plant exchange at historic Greenmead in Livonia, while the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee encouraged gardeners to trade both plants and seeds at its 12th annual event in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club also was on hand in Heritage Park with its annual "Proven Survivors" plant gala, offering pussytoes, bear's breeches and other unusual perennials from members' gardens. They sold gently-used garden items, herbs, annuals and house plants in addition to perennials.

The plant gala is the club's major fund raiser for the year. Proceeds benefit garden therapy classes and help fund Junior Gardeners, a gardening program for youth at the Farmington library.

"Every month they have a project. We go into the schools and do projects with special needs kids," said Mary Sclawy of Hill and Dale Garden Club, referring to the garden therapy work.

"Four times a year the Junior Gardeners meet. We just dug up a whole lot of sunflowers and took them to Junior Gardeners so that everyone could take home a sunflower."

Sclawy said the Club may offer a small plant gala in the fall.

She said there's still plenty of time to plant perennials this summer and suggests that beginning gardeners ask for advice if they aren't sure where to place them.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Colleen Allen found bachelor buttons and forget-me-not at a perennial exchange in Farmington Hills last month.



David Jones carts a load of yellow irises to the Livonia exchange.

"We deal in plants we know and we can tell people 'Oh, you don't want to put that there' or 'If you put it in the shade it may be okay but won't spread fast.' You need to know your plants."

"Most nursery stores will have people you can ask."

Unlike annuals that "you plant, water and they grow," perennials may take a bit more "digging, scratching and weeding out," Sclawy noted.

"Many perennials are prolific and spread."

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"I thought a little goldenrod would be nice in the garden," she said, adding that it spread quickly after she planted it. "Last fall I dug it up, every plant I could find. If you have something like a hill that you want to hold, to keep from eroding, you might want to put some goldenrod in." "Spiderwort is pretty prolific. You dig it up and it's going to show up someplace else in the

garden. It's throwing out seeds as you haul it out." She suggests that gardeners pinch back mums now for fuller plants in the fall. Taking withered flowers off perennials may encourage them to continue blooming. "Even spiderwort will re-bloom if you chop it back before it sets seeds." Hill and Dale meets the second Thursday of the month except January and July at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and include refreshments.



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Marion looks for good plants at the Livonia Garden Club perennial exchange.

Pet rescues hold adoption, conference

Feathered and furry

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) will hold a series of Friday adoption events called "TGIFFFF" - Thank Goodness it's Furry and Feathered Friend Fridays this month at its Westland shelter.

The special adoption event will feature animals seized during a recent raid of the Pet Station pet store in Dearborn Heights. "We had more than 200 animals come into our care immediately after the Pet Station raid, and the vast majority of these animals were birds and smaller pets," said Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Cruelty Investigator, in a press release. "These animals were living in extremely poor conditions and required weeks of care while they were evaluated and treated. More than 20 staff members here at MHS have stepped up to the plate and provided foster care for these animals as they recuperated from their ordeal. Now, we want to make sure all of these animals are placed with wonderful families."

The events run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every Friday. The adoption fees are:
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The MHS Berman Center for Animal Care is located at 900 Newburgh, in Westland. Animals also are available at MHS' Rochester Hills facility and at a Petco in Sterling Heights.

For a listing of the adoptable animals visit www.michiganhumane.org.

No kill conference

Registration continues for the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance's second annual conference aimed at helping animal shelters, rescues, animal control workers, veterinarians, students, volunteers, policy makers, and community members learn how to save lives by implementing a "no kill" strategy for homeless animals.

Nathan Winograd of

the No Kill Advocacy Center, Don Cleary of the National Canine Research Council, and Stacey Coleman of Animal Farm Foundation, are among the speakers at the event, set for 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 at the Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Ave., in Lansing. Seminar sessions include such topics as innovation in animal welfare, pit bull adoptions, compassion fatigue, starting a TNR program, save rate reports, reducing shel-

ter intake, and more. An awards banquet, designed to recognize shelters with the best save rates in the state, starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The Humane Society of Huron Valley, which serves Plymouth and Canton, was among the winners last year. Tickets for the conference are \$90. Banquet tickets are an additional \$30. To register, visit michiganpetfund.org and click on 2012 No Kill Conference.

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Local teams, supporters, turn out for Komen Race for the Cure



Natelee Hall, 4, of Wayne enjoyed showing her sign Saturday.



Donna Bosanko of Livonia holds the Breast Friends Team sign so others can locate her. The team is a group of 15 breast cancer survivors.



Members of Tami's Team walked in memory of Farmington Hills resident Tami Rosens-Fink who died of breast cancer just three days before the 2011 Detroit Race for the Cure. Tami's children are (front) Dannielle, 19, and David, 17, both of Farmington Hills. Other team members include (back from left) Erica Silver of West Bloomfield, Marc Metzger of Farmington Hills, Emily Metzger of Farmington Hills, Sophia Herzeg of Farmington Hills, Sarah Markowitz of Walled Lake and Carly Rosen of Walled Lake. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team at the Detroit Race for the Cure.



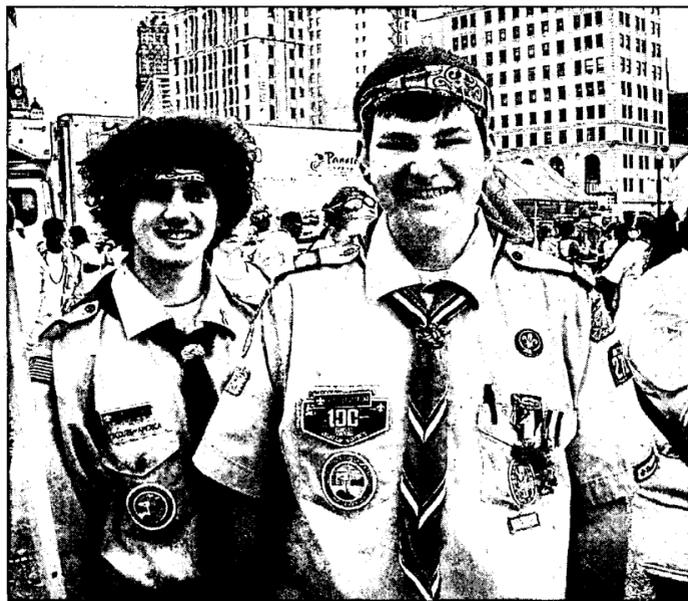
Getting ready to walk the course are Melissa Arcand of Westland, Kaeden Arcand, 3, Sharon Tolsma (standing from left) of Dearborn Heights, Sara Tolsma of Dearborn, Adrian Boucher of Livonia, Dave Boucher of Livonia and Kelsey Boucher, 3 (in the wagon).



Breigh's Bosom Buddies, a team of some 40 friends, family, co-workers and supporters of Breigh Macek of Livonia (second row in pink shirt) — included Breigh's children, her mom, Judy Tomasaitis of Livonia and formerly of Redford, team captain Mandy Merlo of Westland and Breigh's boss Howard Taxe of Bloomfield Hills. Taxe is president of RS Electronics in Livonia.



The Ford Warriors Team was out in full force at Saturday's Race for the Cure. Pictured are Mike Sugiyama of Northville, Kathy Sugiyama of Northville, Rachel Bowerman of Southgate, Gary Bowerman of Southgate, Bob Jacek of Canton, Sami Sugiyama of Northville and Ashley Schiffer of Novi.



Boy Scouts from Livonia Troop 271 Tommy Strach (left) and Noah Bagazinski passed out water at the event. This was the sixth race for these scouts.

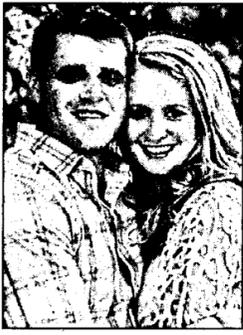
Milestones

Smith-Perkovich

Sarah Smith and John Perkovich announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Katie Smith of Farmington Hills and the late Bill Smith, attended Michigan State University and is a sourcing analyst at Jones Lang Lasalle in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of John and Debbie Perkovich of Canton, attended Michigan State University and is business development manager at Coyote Logistics in Chicago, Ill.



A September 2012 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Orchard Lake, with a reception to follow at Dearborn Inn.

Baker-Singleton

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and Mr. and Mrs. James Singleton announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Baker and Nicholas Singleton.

Kelly graduated in 2004 from Canton High School and in 2008 from the Michigan State University College of Nursing. She is employed by Henry Ford Hospital.

Nicholas graduated in 2003 from Canton High School and in 2007 from



Grand Valley State University. He is employed by St. Clair County.

An August 2012 wedding is planned.

The couple will make their home in Chesterfield Township.

50th anniversary

Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 16. They were married at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Livonia in 1962.

Gary first met the former Kay Bradley while they were both students at Livonia's Whitman Junior High School. Sweethearts at Bentley High School, Gary and Kay married shortly after graduation and moved to Garden City to raise their family.

Gary had a career as a sheet metal worker with Local 292 and later as an engineer, while Kay was a homemaker and supporter of their children's school and community activities. Together, they spent their family life as active volunteers in youth sports in their community. They raised three children — Liz, Dan and Amy — and have four grandchildren, Ashley, Katie, Sullivan and Ellie.

The couple enjoys singing in various choirs, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. They still can be found cheering on the sidelines at various sporting events.

The couple will celebrate their milestone anniversary with a family dinner.



Gary and Kay Prevo of Livonia

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Livonia walk

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead present the 23rd Annual Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Five gardens at homes located throughout Livonia, as well as the Hill House Gardens at Greenmead, will be open for viewing.

Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event and are available from committee members, the Livonia Public Library, Alfred Nobel Branch Library, Carl Sandburg Library, Greenmead, and the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (248) 477-7375.

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BARBER, ALECIA MARIE

Highland, MI. Passed away Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Harper University Hospital in Detroit from complications of recent surgery. Alecia Marie, was born October 12, 1963, and lived most of her life in Plymouth, MI. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Ruth (Ivey) Barber. Born the youngest of five children, she is survived by siblings: Dianne Barber, Richard (Virginia) Barber, Margaret Carter, Gayle Nelson, sixteen nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Alecia was special, being born with Downs' Syndrome. She showed friendliness and love, making friends wherever she went and was a joy to be around. Friends may meet with her family on Friday from 10am until time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Burial will follow at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Share a memory or sign the guestbook at: www.schrader-howellfuneralhomes.com



BREMER - COPPOLA, MARGARET HARRIET

February 5, 1918-May 30, 2012. Margaret is a former Farmington, MI resident. Margaret moved to Stuart, Florida from Michigan in 1978. Born a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Rex K. Bremer (1941-1986) and Dominic Coppola (1991-2000). She is survived by her six children — Michael (Linda), Cheryl, Robert (Suzanne), Barbara (George Kappus), Richard (Kathy) and Thomas and three step-children — John and Dominic Coppola and Maria Truppi. Margaret's survivors also include 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and network of friends. Margaret remained active, independent and health conscious until her sudden death in Stuart. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 AM Tuesday at Gesu Church, 2049 Parkside Boulevard, Toledo, OH, after which she will be laid to rest with her first husband, Rex, at Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3-8 PM Monday at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, OH where recitation of the Rosary will begin at 7 PM. Any tributes may be made in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family by visiting the website www.ansberg-west.com

HAYES, JAMES W.

Age 83. With great sadness we announce the death of our dear Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Jim passed away on May 30th. A longtime resident of Plymouth, Jim was diagnosed with Alzheimer's three years ago, which forced his family to move him to Brighton, near his daughter and son-in-law. Jim is preceded in death by loving wife Mary, survived by three daughters Cheryl (Shannon) Kelley of California, Sharon (John) Heslip of Grand Rapids, Gail (Louis) Denski of Brighton, son Jim (Shannon) Hayes of Howell, grandchildren Steven, Sarah, Nick, Ryan, Josh, Izzy, Gabby and Annie, great-grandchildren Chase, Tobias and Evelyn. Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Burial will take place in the courtyard of the Church.

KOSS, KEITH

Age 47, died May 27, 2012. Survived by wife Angela, sister Brenda Tuttle & brothers Emery & Gary Koss. Service, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, 6/17/12, 3-6pm



WHITE, GERI

May 30, 2012, age 77. Beloved wife of Ted, dear mother of Mike (Tracy), Mark and John (Ann). Grandmother of Whitney, Logan, Eddie and Audrey. Daughter of the late Esther Wiseman and Everett Smith. Sister of the late Gordon Smith. Services were held Saturday. Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



Bob and Eleanor Bielenda

50th anniversary

Bob and Eleanor (Mastej) Bielenda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2. They were married in 1962 at St. Hedwig Roman Catholic Church in Detroit. A reception was held at Dom Polski Hall on Junction Avenue.

Bob graduated from St. Hedwig High School Detroit in 1952. A veteran of the Korean War (1952-54), he received his degree in medical technology from Carnegie College in Cleveland, Ohio and owned and directed the Warrenfield Medical Laboratories in Detroit for 40 years until his retirement in 1999.

Eleanor was born in Poland and trained as a medical technologist. She came to the United States as a citizen in 1961. She currently loves gardening and sewing. Eleanor recently finished making 3,000 dresses for children in Africa and Haiti.

The Bielendas lived in Dearborn Heights from 1962-1976 and then moved to Redford where they currently live.

Their children are Mark of Dearborn Heights; David (Lynda) of Novi; Theresa (Shivagee) Nallamothu of Clarkston; Richard (Jeannette) of Elmhurst, Ill.; Lisa (Jerry) Luzynski of New Baltimore; and Jane of Farmington.

They are the proud grandparents of six grandsons and six granddaughters. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary at St. Valentine Catholic Church.



Bob and Eleanor Bielenda on their wedding day in 1962

60th wedding anniversary

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

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

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

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



Donald and Dorothy Shifferd on their wedding day

macy/Richardson's Pharmacy for 17 years.

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

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

They also have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Donald enjoys watching the Detroit Red



Donald and Dorothy Shifferd

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

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

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

Dorothy said that "patience," "thick skin" and the ability to forgive and forget have helped to make their marriage last. They celebrated at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.

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COSTA-MULÉ, EMILY M.

May 27, 2012, age 94 of Canton. Dear Wife of the late Charles Mule and the late Frank Costa. Loving Mother of the late Kenneth J. Costa. Dearest Grandmother of Lisa (John) Ninkovich, Carrie (Robert) Vacca, and Frank (Tamara) Costa. Beloved Great-Grandmother of Alyssa, Michael, Joey, Cara, Juliana, Jack and Madeline. Dear Sister of the late Steve, Frank, John, Sam, and Tom Gallucci. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, relatives, and very close friends. Visitation Thurs 4-9 PM with 6:30 PM Rosary at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Thomas a'Beckett, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. Entombment Mt. Hope Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of MI, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Save the date



Registration is open for the 6th Annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer, Sept. 9, starting at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The cancer awareness walk costs \$22 on or before Aug. 31 and \$27 after that date. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of the 5K run. Runners and walkers who register before Aug. 31 are guaranteed a race T-shirt. Last year more than 600 participants raised nearly \$24,000 to support cancer services at the hospital. Visit www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer to register for the event.

Help a charity through teeth whitening

Dr. David Bradley, a cosmetic dentist in Farmington Hills, hopes to raise \$15,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan this month by whitening patients' teeth. Bradley will donate half the cost of each whitening procedure — approximately \$250 — to the

charity. "I love sharing the story of wonderful, local organizations with my patients," he said, in a press release. "Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan has helped so many children and their families over the years and I've seen the differ-

ence this organization makes in people's lives. "With so many people getting their teeth whitened on a regular basis, why not give back at the same time?" To participate in Bradley's charitable effort, call his practice, Studio 32, at (248) 851-0032.

Get tips for nutritious meals at summer series

Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Food Market will present a series of healthy cooking demonstrations and nutrition workshops this summer. Events will be held at Busch's grocery stores in Farmington Hills and Livonia.

A nutrition workshop "Diabetic Friendly Shopping" led by a Botsford registered dietician, is set for Thursday, June 21 at

Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Thursday, July 26 at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Both sessions run from 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 779-6100 to register for the session in Livonia and (248) 427-7400 for the session in Farmington Hills.

"Healthy Summer Grilling" will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It runs 6-7:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, June 28 at the Farmington Hills store and Thursday, July 19 at the Livonia store. Cost is \$10. Call ahead to register.

The "Made in Michigan" demonstration costs \$10 and will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It is set for Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Farmington Hills location and Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia store. Both sessions

run 6-7:30 p.m. Call ahead to register.

Two Wednesday sessions, one on Aug. 15 in Livonia and the other on Aug. 29 in Farmington Hills, are aimed at kids, 8-13. A Botsford dietician will lead "Healthy Lunches and After School Snacks" from 11 a.m.-noon in both locations. Call ahead to register for these free demonstrations.

St. Mary Mercy health fair focuses on seniors

Senior citizens can receive health screenings, attend educational seminars and watch a variety



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of demonstrations at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Senior Health Day Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in the hospital's south lobby. All activities are free and a boxed lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The fair also includes complimentary

valet parking. Health education exhibits will offer information about heart health and wound care, ear and eye care, stroke awareness, orthopedics, podiatry and physical rehabilitation, women's health, the senior emergency room, and St. Mary's Geriatric Assessment Center.

Participants will get an opportunity to check their balance, blood pressure, bone density and be screened for depression. Demonstrations will include simple, healthy cooking ideas and exercise. Several health professionals will lead seminars:

9:15-11 a.m.

• Managing Urinary Problems - Dr. John Harb, a urologist and Dr. Paul Makela, gynecological robotic surgery medical director

• How to Talk to Your Physician - Marianne Simancek, director of community outreach

• Making the Best Nutrition Choices (including a food prep demo) - St. Mary Mercy dietician. The program will repeat at 1:45 p.m.

• What to Expect From Medicare - Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

11 a.m.

Lunch with a Medical Expert:

• Q&A: Healthy Aging Strategies - Dr. Erin Diviney Chun, geriatrician

• Aging Well in the 21st Century - Michelle Moccia, a nurse practitioner and senior ER program director; and Kathy Datto, a geriatric social worker.

• Pharmacist - Ray's Drugs, Livonia

12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

• What to Expect From Medicare - Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

• Yoga for Seniors - exercise demonstration class, Kelli Joyce, group fitness instructor, Livonia Family YMCA

The hospital encourages participants to pre-register for the event. Call (734) 655-2929. For a complete list of exhibitors and activities, visit stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair.

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