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Council says no to annual carnival request

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland will no longer have claim to the earliest carnival of the season.

City council voted last week to reject a request for the annual Children's Fire Safety Carnival sponsored by the Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee. It was expected to be held May 7-18.

Held in past years at the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren roads, this year the carnival, provided by Wade

Shows, was to relocate south on Wayne Road to the Wayne-Ford Civic League property.

Without making comments, council members unanimously voted to deny permission for the carnival, which last year was the scene of a fracas involving approximately 100 youths.

"We can't be bigots. No more carnivals – festivals yes, carnivals no," Councilman Dewey Reeves said after the meeting. "I was not an advocate of the Westland Summer Festival carnival and I need to be con-

sistent. We can't be biased against one group or another."

In 2013, gang members were reported to be using various carnivals as a place to congregate and get into altercations with rivals. The large-scale incident at the Children's Fire Safety Carnival spilled across Wayne Road into the parking lot at Westland Shopping Center.

"We discussed it with the (safety) committee; they found another way to make up the loss," Councilman Adam Hammons said.

No one from Wade Shows, the carnival company, could be reached for comment. A Westland number listed for the company had been disconnected.

There were no problems at the 2013 Westland Summer Festival, where an admittance fee and other increased security measures were implemented. A fixture in Westland for 43 years, the Summer Festival sponsored the annual July 4 fireworks.

In September, the Westland Summer Festival board dis-

banded, citing increased costs, including police overtime, which the city was no longer subsidizing.

The festival board also cited concerns about reduced space for the event once city hall, the closed Bailey Recreation Center and Fire Station No. 1 are demolished at a future date. City hall and a new fire station are scheduled to open later in the year.

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Historic preservation is focus of Main Street workshop

By LeAnne Rogers
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A Building Basics workshop focusing on historic preservation and how it affects downtown Wayne is drawing interest from across the city.

"I can't believe how interested people are and how many have signed up," said Sherrie Brindley of the Wayne Ripple Effect. "You never know how it will go when you have something that is new. It's an opportunity to get involved."

Hosted by Wayne Main Street, the workshop is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Wayne-Westland Fire Station, 3300 S. Wayne Road.

Design specialist Kelly Larson of the Michigan Main Street Center and State Historic Preservation Office will present the workshop. There will be a review of the importance of historic preservation as it affects the Wayne downtown area and discussion of how the unique qualities of the historic buildings can be enhanced to become functional for today's needs.

The workshop is aimed at a lot of different of people — downtown property and business owners, members of the Wayne Historical Society, city officials and anyone who loves old buildings.

"It's not just that a lot of people have signed up but the variety of people," Brindley said. "There are business owners, commercial and residential realtors, other community members, boards and commission members — a nice cross-section of people with involvement in the community."

This workshop is a prerequisite for utilizing many of the benefits available through the Main Street program, including sign and facade grants. It won't be offered

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Brian Wade of Garden City, playing Marcus, a Roman soldier, throws Scott Van Nispen of Westland, playing John, toward the group. In the background, Roman soldier Amicus, played by Dave Ferraro of Garden City, finds himself growing closer to the group, which includes Nancy Van Nispen of Westland as Jerusha, Pat Aynes of Garden City as Tabitha, Rachel VanNispen, who plays a young girl, and Scott Van Nispen as John.

Church re-creates DaVinci's 'Last Supper' for passion play

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There will be something very familiar about the presentation of the Lord's Supper in Merriman Road Baptist Church's passion play this weekend.

Using a scrim, the right and left sides of DaVinci's *Last Supper* will show six disciples — three on each side — while the center section will be live actors.

It's the first time the Garden City church has used the screen in its theatrical productions. A week before the first of two performances, director Russ Weathers was working on getting the DaVinci images the right size.

"We try not to do the same thing every year," said Weathers, a Livonia resident. "We've never done this, and I have to match the table and middle with the right poses to create the painting."

The congregation will present *It Is Finished* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, just west of Ford Road in Garden City. The performances are free of charge and begin at 7 p.m. Pastor Wayne Parker suggests people get to the church early to secure a seat.

"It tells the story of the Passion of Christ through the witness of the Apostle Peter," Parker said. "The set-

ting is about 10 years after the Crucifixion. He reflects on what happened as he shares the meaning of Easter."

Cast members

Parker's son Evan is returning in the role of Jesus after a four-year hiatus. Scott Lefler of Westland will play the Apostle Peter. And a young Scott Van Nispen will

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WESTLAND UNVEILS REVAMPED WEBSITE

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The address is the same, but Westland's website has an updated look.

"We've been working for a long time to totally revamp it," Westland IT Director Dan Bourdeau said, unveiling the new www.cityofwestland.com at Monday's council meeting. "The website is dramatically improved. There are so many fewer hoops to jump through."

Payments, water bills and taxes are streamlined on the revamped website.

Another upgrade is mobile apps for a variety of mobile devices, which don't require downloads, he said.

"The previous site was not very mobile-friendly," he said. "We worked hard to make it mobile-friendly. That's a really



Westland's website has an updated look.

important feature."

Each department is still featured in the menu across the top of the home page, although the council has been moved into a new category called city government.

"There is service request link on just about every menu," Bourdeau said. "It allows you to do business with the city 24/7. You can set up an account. You can create a service request or ask a

question."

Part of the revamped website is the ability to track requests for service, he said.

Website visitors can also do searches on "how to do I" links. The website groups information by live, work or play.

"Under play, there are a lot of recreational opportunities in Westland," Bourdeau said. "You can filter the parks based on the amenities you are

looking for. Soon, we will have online reservations for parks."

For public safety, a new interactive and near-real time crime map has been developed, which will keep residents updated on incidents and allow police to collect tips and analyze crime trends faster.

"The most important part of the new and improved website is that residents will experience better customer service and user-friendliness and be able to conduct city business 24 hours a day from their home or mobile devices," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We are very excited for the website to launch and for residents to start taking advantage of its upgrades."

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Westland website offers residents crime mapping tool

By LeAnne Rogers
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When he was promoted to lead the Westland Police Department, Chief Jeff Jedrusik said one of his top priorities was to develop a proactive approach to fighting crime. Thanks to the city's revamped website, the public can now monitor where crimes are happening.

For many years, police departments have used the random patrols and rapid response method. Many departments across the country also use a technology-based approach similar to the Computer Statistics or CompStat method developed by the New York Police Department.

"CompStat is a management philosophy or organizational management tool for police departments," Jedrusik said. "The Westland Police Department is now using a similar advanced approach."

Officers are now using a Crime Mapping and Directive Patrols approach to proactively fighting crime.

"We are using CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System), reporting statistics to determine times, dates and locations of particular crimes," Jedrusik said. "We now daily direct, by full force, the appropriate method of enforcement to those locations at the calculated times and dates."

"This modern method of crime fighting has proven to be successful throughout the country," Jedrusik added.

Community involvement

The best part of this program, he said, is

that it allows for community involvement. Residents can monitor and be alerted to crimes in and around their neighborhood.

"Viewing crime data in near real-time will allow you to see what is going on when it is going on around you," Jedrusik said. "Knowledge is power, and arming our residents with the power to help protect themselves is a win-win situation for everyone involved. A knowledgeable, more aware resident is a key asset and partner for all law enforcement officials."

Residents will now be able to search the same databases used by the Westland Police Department to learn what is going on in their neighborhoods. Site users can search by crime types and date ranges and create custom geographic borders.

In addition to the research tools offered by the site, residents will be able to receive email crime alerts based on the location and types of crimes they specify, and trend reports on criminal activity.

"Public safety has always been a top priority for our community, and the new interactive crime map is another way to continue that commitment to our residents," Mayor William Wild said.

"This new feature will help our police officers better serve residents and keep neighborhoods safe."

Check out the crime map under the police department at www.cityofwestland.com.

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appear as a young version of the Apostle John.

"I came and was sitting the church watching when they asked if I'd be a young Peter, but they changed me to a young John," said Van Nispen, who's been in previous productions as the church. "I'm glad I get to represent Jesus and God and how he died for our sins."

That's a sentiment shared by Weathers' son Michael. He has been cast as Nathaniel, who in one scene is confronted by a Roman guard, played by Parker's son-in-law, Brian Wade, when he runs out and asks his friends if they met Jesus.

"I've had mainly small parts in the shows, but one year I was Jesus when he was 12 years old," he said. "This is kind of fun to do and great that I get to share the word of God."

The church has been doing Easter plays almost since the day Parker became pastor. He started staging them in 1997, and Wade estimates he's played a Roman guard



Pastor Wayne Parker has produced plays at Merriman Road since 1997.

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in 12 of them.

"I play the villain every single time," the Garden City resident said. "I've been involved in crucifying Jesus every single time. I've beaten him, I've whipped him and I've 'pounded' nails in his hands and feet. As Marcus, I see Nathaniel preaching the word of Jesus. This is the first play where I've had to stunt slap a child."

Glory to Jesus

Wade was in all of his high school musicals. When he found out they did musical productions at Merriman Road, he became involved. His first role was a Roman guard and he's "been doing it ever since." He jokes that he's played a

Roman guard so many times that his uniform has "blood" on it from previous shows.

"When I first started playing the role, I had a guilt about what I was doing, but I realized that the more the people saw how cruelly Jesus was treated, the more glory he gets," he said. "It's one of the few parts that the more cruel and mean you are, the more glory it brings to Jesus."

Weathers, a Livonia resident, has been directing the plays for more than seven years. He started out helping with the productions and then "inherited the job as director."

His goal is to not have anything go wrong during the production that will distract from the story. If it goes right, "God gets the glory," he said.

"The one thing I've learned is that every person is important in the production," he added. "The actors get the attention, but if the sound doesn't come on or the props don't come out ... My goal is that everything goes smoothly on Friday and Saturday."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Blue/Gold Star Banquet

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 396 is inviting Blue Star and Gold Star to attend a luncheon in their honor on Sunday, April 27.

The luncheon is for mothers of a son or daughter currently on active duty in the mil-

itary, or who have lost a child during their active duty. It will be held 1-3 p.m. at American Legion Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City.

The luncheon is free of charge; however, reservations are needed by April 21.

To reserve a spot, call Gail Truesdell at 734-895-9046.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, and its pasta dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for just \$6.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Lunch and lecture

The next installment of the Garden City Hos-

pital Healthy Aging, Healthy You Lunch and Lecture will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Community Room on the Lower Level of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

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Ladies Night Out

The Westland Veterans Association will present its third annual male dance review at a Ladies Night Out Saturday, April 26, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show is 8-11 p.m.

There will be new dancers and a new format, a cash bar and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Veterans Memo-

rial of Westland. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. There are a limited number of VIP tickets available at \$20 each. For tickets, call Connie at 734-578-4615.

Alumni Reunion

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association Annual all Class Reunion will be 5-10 p.m. Friday May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne.

Tickets are \$30 each before May 1 and \$35 after May 1. For more information, call Tillie VanSickle at 734-595-7806 or Sharon Scott at 734-7224651.

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again until 2015.

"The nice thing about teaching the information to all these people is that we will all be on the same page," Brindley said. "Wayne is such an histor-

ic community. The tree streets have historic homes, downtown has historic buildings. How we treat them affects the community going forward."

The workshop will let people know the best practices for historic preservation in Wayne, Brindley said.

"We want them to embrace it. People say any development is good development, but that's not true," she said. "There is the way a building is built, how it interacts with pedestrians and the buildings around it. There is so much to understand — it's not just

willy-nilly." Reserve a spot by contacting Cindy Schofield at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com. Seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

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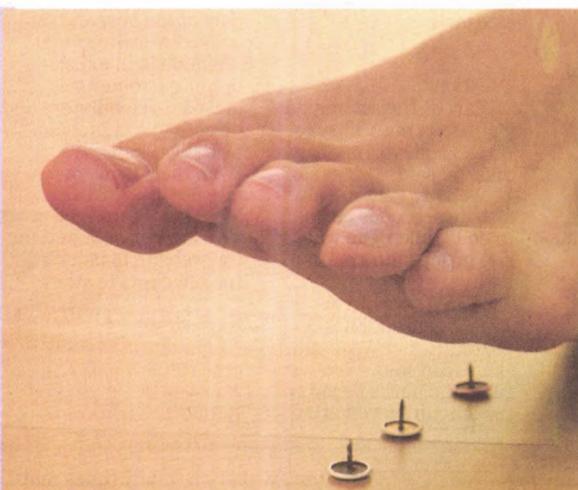
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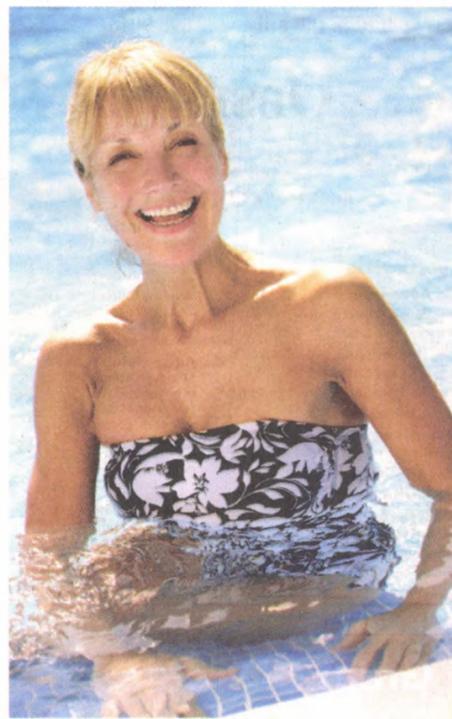
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High school welcomes vets to USO dance

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Michele Anderson isn't one to rest on her laurels.

A history teacher at John Glenn High School in Westland, she received state recognition for her and her students' work last year on a World War II veteran's oral history project and USO-style dance.

The last musical note hadn't even been played at the dance and Anderson was already looking forward to a second project for Korean War veterans. The culmination of that project will happen this week, when Korean War veterans will be invited to the high school for their own USO dance.

"Last year's event turned out to be such a great project with the students and veterans coming together. You could see the bond," Anderson has said.

The Remembering the Forgotten War USO dance will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the cafeteria of the high school, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. The free event is open to the public. WYCD

radio personality Linda Lee, a John Glenn graduate, will be the emcee.

The evening will include recognition of the Korean War veterans and defense workers, dance music performed by the high school band and choir, a performance by singer Matt Walch, Bob Hope and Elvis impersonators and an open dance floor. Last year's swing dancers have brushed up on their dance steps and will be back.

Last year's event attracted more than 600 people, and both projects have involved more than 400 students at the high school.

Students have been busy interviewing Korean veterans and videotaping their recollections of the war. The interviews are being cataloged. They will be sent to the Library of Congress to be part of the nation's permanent cultural record.

Students also have been researching the period, producing posters about the defense industry and businesses, as well as different Korean War veterans. The displays will line the hall-



Wayne resident Dottie Witt, a Korean War veteran, dressed as Rosie the Riveter for last year's USO dance at John Glenn High School. FILE PHOTO

way leading to the cafeteria as part of the welcome. Outside will be a display of military

vehicles provided by the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy.

Last year's project was funded by a more than \$6,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. This year's event is being supported by donations from VFW posts in Northville, Redford, Lincoln Park, Detroit and Carleton, and veterans from those posts will be among guests at the dance.

Anderson is in the process of seeking another grant to fund next year's project, which will honor Vietnam War veterans next school year.

Anderson has said that when asked why she decided to do the project she responded that "it needed to be done and it was fun." And she's already looking ahead to next year and beyond.

"If all goes well and the community continues to support the dance, I'll look at doing it another five years to talk to other veterans," she has said. "This is probably the last generation that will be able to say I spoke to those veterans."

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Wayne residents named to Schoolcraft Dean's List

Each semester Schoolcraft College recognizes students for high academic achievement by naming them to the Dean's List. The minimum requirements for recognition are completion of 12 or more credits during the semester and a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students from Wayne were named to the college's fall 2013 Dean's List:

Kathleen Ann Avery, Roseanna Blevins, Matthew Cipriani, Amy Lynn Craig, April Anne Dabelstein-Shepler, Jacob Michael Davis, David Draper, Krystin L. Fisher, Sarah Linda Gee, Ashley N. Gendron, Erin Nicole Gibbons, Tarikk Lee Grayer, Chester F. Hershey, Keshie R. Honeycutt, Matthew J. Horne, Jason Everett Lampton, Gary Clarence Neill.

Robin W. O'Harris, Catherine Annette Pike, Sarah Fern Price, Kristina Lynn Raines, Sheila Ann Rainey, Ashley Ann Schaefer, Jodie Schweiger, Thomas Shipley, Brian J. Sznyr, Dawn Lynn Tatarzyn, Mark Allen Waynick Jr. and Rebecca Sue Woody.

ACHIEVERS

Ashley M. Lynn of Garden City has been named to the President's List for fall semester at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Keith A. Pretty, president of the university.

To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Laura J. Rhodes of Garden City and **Thomas C. Sample** of Westland have been named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Northwood. The announcement was made by Dr. Lance B. Lewis, academic dean of the university.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, the students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Shantam Ravan of Westland received an honorable mention in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by

the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. A student in the Livonia Math/Science/Computer Program, she was among 10,000 students who competed in the two-part examination from topics in high school mathematics.

The highest 1,000 scores from Part I were invited to participate in Part II of the competition, where students worked on five challenging problems and wrote their solutions, providing full justification and proofs of their claims. The tests were hand graded by college professors and professional mathematicians. The top 100 students were honored at an awards banquet on March at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

Lori Osborne of Garden City was named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List at the University of Findlay. To earn this achieve-

ment, she had to attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Saginaw Valley State University were **Cassandra Ford**, **Josh Selinski**, **Alexa Slater** and **Bethany Thrun**, all of Garden City.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester grade point average of 3.4 or better.

John McNally of Garden City College was recently recognized for their academic excellence in the College of Engineering Science at University of Detroit Mercy's Honors Convocation on March 23. The Honors Program strives to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of its members by fostering a community of scholarly excellence, encouraging

exploration of the larger world beyond the classroom, and promoting compassionate service to society and persons in need.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has announced that **Christopher Preston II** of Garden City has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Preston was initiated at Eastern Michigan University.

Preston is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.



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Westland library hosts World Book Night event

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The William P. Faust Public Library is joining more than 6,000 libraries and book stores around the country in spreading the love of reading, person to person, on Wednesday, April 23.

The library is participating in World Book Night U.S., when more than a half million books will be given away.

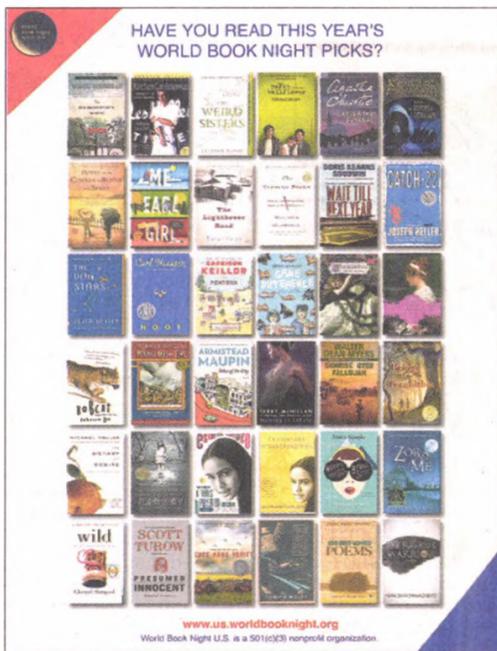
The Westland library is hosting a reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, where the local givers can meet the library staff and each other. The public is welcome to attend and find out more about World Book Night. Light refreshments will be available.

Book selection

Each year, 30-35 books are chosen by an independent panel of librarians and booksellers. The WBN picks are by a wide array of award-winning and bestselling adult and young adult authors, as well as classics, books in Spanish and books in large print. The authors waive their royalties and the publishers agree to pay the costs of producing the specially printed World Book Night U.S. editions.

"I can't imagine any greater compliment to a book — or an author — than to know his work has been selected to welcome people to the pleasures of reading," bestselling author Scott Turow said.

After the book titles are announced, members of the public apply to personally hand out 20 copies of a particular title in their community. World Book Night U.S. vets the applications, and the givers are chosen based on their ability to reach light and



non-readers.

The selected givers pick up the 20 copies of their book in the week before World Book Night, then on April 23 give their books to people who don't regularly read and/or people who don't normally have access to printed books, for reasons of means or geography. The volunteers will share the books in locations such as hospitals, mass transit, nursing homes, food pantries and underfunded schools. It's not a random giveaway, but a person-to-person, carefully planned outreach.

World Book Night takes place on April 23 — Shakespeare's birthday — and is in its third year in the U.S., after the UK launch in 2011. World Book Night's reach in the U.S. includes all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and overseas military bases.

Free eBook

This year, World Book Night is making a short, free original eBook available to everyone at its website on April 23.

This year's selections include *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman, *Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers, *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup, *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford in both regular and large print.

More information about World Book Night can be found online at www.us.worldbooknight.org.

The Westland library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123.

Motivational speaker Sheedy: Disability doesn't define my life

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Due to congenital birth defects, doctors told Marty Sheedy's parents that he wouldn't live past three years and if he did, he would never walk or have a productive life.

Now 27, Sheedy not only survived and thrived, but today he's a motivational speaker bringing attention to his condition and his success gaining mobility through what's known as a scissors gait.

Speaking at the Wayne Rotary Club, Sheedy said he had congenital defects, including arthrogryposis, which caused his hands and feet to turn inward and Prune Belly Syndrome, a lack of abdominal muscles.

"I was born at Hutzel Hospital and my condition was misdiagnosed," said Sheedy, a Wyandotte resident. "They weren't able to help me. Eventually, I found Shriners Hospital in Chicago and I was diagnosed (correctly)."

To be mobile, Sheedy walks with his legs crossed over in what is called scissors gait.

"My hips are dislocat-



Motivational speaker Marty Sheedy visits with Wayne Rotary President Trish Hampton.

ed. I would not have the mobility that I have with a hip replacement. I live with a disability but it does not define my life," Sheedy said. "Sure, I'm not able to ride a bike, climb a tree or jump a fence, but who does that?"

Helping others

Citing support from his family, Sheedy said about five years ago he got the idea for Project Scissor Gait.

"If my walk can help me, there are others in the world who could be helped," Sheedy said.

Because of the way the Shriners Hospital changed his life, Sheedy said he became a Mason and a Shriner.

"I traveled around the country talking about what they did for me.

The Shriners changed millions of lives," he said.

Through his non-profit foundation, Sheedy said he aids a national support group that provides medical equipment, education and community outreach for those with arthrogryposis.

"We all have a light inside of us. It shines brighter than the stars. We have to find that light and shine it on the world," he said.

With Rotary's motto of Service Above Self, Wayne Rotarian John VanStipdonk said Sheedy was a good speaker for the club.

"What incredible courage this young man must have. He mentioned something about the Shriners doing this since 1922, helping people," VanStipdonk said. "That's kind of an important year for Wayne Rotary. That's when we were founded. There is a lot of common ground."

Sheedy is the subject of an independent documentary film *Walk the Walk: The Motivational Life of Marty Sheedy*.

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Lawmakers holding district coffee hours

District coffee hours have been scheduled for Monday, April 14. Westland residents 6th Senate District, 11th and 16th House Districts and 12th Commission District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary.

The coffee hours will be 9-10 a.m. in the banquet room at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 Wayne Road, north of Ford Road, Westland.

Constituents who

cannot attend can reach the elected representatives by mail, phone or email:

» Sen. Glenn S. Anderson at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, 866-262-7306 or SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov.

» Rep. Robert Kosowski at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, 855-600-2625 or RobertKosowski@house.mi.gov.

» Rep. David Knezek at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909,

888-4KNEZEK or DavidKnezek@house.mi.gov.

» Commissioner Richard LeBlanc at 500 Griswold St., Seventh Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, 313-224-8855 or District12@waynecounty.com.

LeBlanc and Knezek will be co-hosting their normally scheduled coffee in Garden City from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

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Earth Day-inspired film series to premiere April 19

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Gina Adams-Levy is a woman on a mission. She's the founder of Peace, Love & Planet, which will celebrate Earth Day by launching the nationally recognized environmental film series *Be the Solution*. The films, shot locally using area teen actors, focus on raising awareness about Michigan's environmental issues to inspire teens to make eco-friendly choices. The premiere of the films will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville. The "Be the Solution" premiere will double as a benefit for PLP. The party will include a viewing of films, live entertainment, silent auction and hors d'oeuvres. Guests are

encouraged to reduce, reuse or recycle their wardrobe by coming dressed in "Trash with Class." Space is limited to 200 guests. To register, go to www.PeaceLoveandPlanet.org. "We wanted to jazz it up a bit and have a premiere," said Adams-Levy, who lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville address. "We anticipate about 120 as our goal." "We encourage kids to make eco-friendly choices," she said of PLP's programs in schools. The nonprofit emphasizes recycling, including cafeteria sorting "and highlight all the different materials we can recycle. That, of course, trickles down to the home as well." Her family is good about recycling and other eco-friendly practices. They'd lived in Colorado and found people

there were good about such things as reusable grocery shopping bags. Her daughter was in kindergarten a few years back, and Adams-Levy wanted to improve environmental awareness among her classmates. "People have just become so dependent on convenience," she said. She's found elementary-age kids are good about recycling, with it dropping off in middle school. Most of her work to date has been in the Farmington Public Schools, although they're reaching out to other nearby districts. A focus group with middle and high school students found they often didn't have access to recycling bins, a problem that was easy to solve. Doing that led to a spike in recycling, Adams-Levy said.

The film series includes a look at energy, transportation and handling waste, and incorporates humor. "Everybody's proud to be living in our beautiful state," she said. She's found in a community of some 400,000 even recycling trash or turning off lights and powering down electronics will help. "Sometimes global issues just seem too big for kids to understand," she added. "We're tackling a pretty big initiative." The films complement earth science curriculum and can be used in many ways: to launch a lesson plan; to celebrate holidays such as America Recycles Day (Nov. 15), Earth Hour (March 29), or Earth Day (April 22); or by PLP to introduce its programs. *Be the Solution* films are avail-

able on YouTube at Peaceluvplanet.com. PLP's mission is to nurture appreciation for nature and promote environmentally responsible choices resulting in healthy, sustainable communities. The nonprofit reaches over 7,000 Michigan children annually by conducting engaging programs and assisting schools and businesses implement sustainable waste reduction strategies. Due to budget constraints, environmental programming is unavailable at many schools. Sponsorship enables PLP to work with under-served schools throughout Michigan to help develop an understanding of "why" it's important to reduce consumption of resources. jcbrown@hometownlife.com

LPS expected to award contracts to demolish two school buildings

The Livonia school board will consider Monday approving bids totaling \$366,332 to demolish two elementary schools it closed eight years ago when it reorganized during its Legacy Initiative. Lisa Abbey, the district's director of business services, said Nankin Mills and Washington schools aren't needed given the district's current enrollment and would cost too much to bring up to code. Razing the buildings will save the district money in its general fund on utilities, maintenance and general liabil-

ity costs, Abbey said at the board's committee of the whole meeting this week. "Although they're not super-large," Abbey said of the expenses, "every penny counts." Both schools were built in 1957 and were K-6 schools until they closed in 2006. Administrators are recommending Ahern Contracting Inc. of Chesterfield be awarded the contract to tear down Nankin Mills at a cost of \$186,432 and International Construction Inc. of Shelby Township be awarded the contract to demolish Washington School at a

cost of \$179,900. The bids were the lowest of 10 submitted. The money for the demolition will come out of the district's voter-approved sinking fund, Abbey said. If the contracts are approved Monday, demolition will begin almost immediately on both schools, said Stacy Jenkins, administrator of district communications. The school sites will be leveled, seeded and left as green space following the demolition, which will take four to eight weeks. At least one playground structure



Nankin Mills school is at 8100 Hubbard, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. It is not part of the historic Nankin Mills properties just to the west.

and parking lot space will be left at each site, Abbey said. Nankin Mills is at 8100 Hubbard, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. The building is approximately 45,000 square feet and the site is about 7 acres. Washington is at 9449 Hix Road, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road, in Livonia. Washington is approximately 44,000

square feet and the site is about 13 acres. The district hasn't had long-term, viable leases or uses for the buildings in several years, Jenkins told neighborhood residents at community meetings held last fall. The board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the board room at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Tax Freedom Day in Michigan is April 17

Michigan's Tax Freedom Day, the day on which the state's residents have collectively earned enough income to pay off their total federal, state, and local tax bill, will arrive on April 17 this year, making it the 28th state to reach Tax Freedom Day. According to the annual report released by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, national Tax Freedom Day falls on April 21, three days later than last year. The states with the earliest Tax Freedom Days are Louisiana (March 30), Mississippi (April 2) and South Dakota (April 4). The latest dates fall in New Jersey (May 9), Connecticut (May 9) and New York (May 4).

Tax Freedom Day is a significant date for taxpayers and lawmakers because it represents how long Americans as a whole have to work in order to pay the nation's tax burden. "Arguments can be made for why the collective tax bill is too high or too low, but in order to have an honest discussion, it's important to understand where we stand," Tax Foundation Economist Kyle Pomerleau said. "Tax Freedom Day gives us a vivid representation of how much we pay for the goods and services provided by governments at all levels."

Historically, the date for Tax Freedom Day has fluctuated significantly. The latest-ever nationwide Tax Freedom Day was May 1, 2000 — meaning that Americans paid 33 percent of their total income in taxes. A century earlier, in 1900, Americans paid only 5.9 percent of their income in taxes, meaning Tax Freedom Day came on Jan. 22.

The study's key findings include: "The national Tax Freedom Day is three days later than last year due mainly to the continuing economic recovery, which will boost federal tax revenue collected through the corporate, payroll and individual income tax. Americans will spend more on taxes in 2014 than they will on food, clothing and housing combined. Americans will spend 42 days working to pay off income taxes, 15 days for excise taxes and 11 days for property taxes. Americans will pay \$3 trillion in federal taxes and \$1.5 trillion in state and local taxes, for a total bill of more than \$4.5 trillion, or 30.2 percent of the nation's income. If you include annual federal borrowing, which represents future taxes owed, Tax Freedom Day would occur on May 6, 15 days later.

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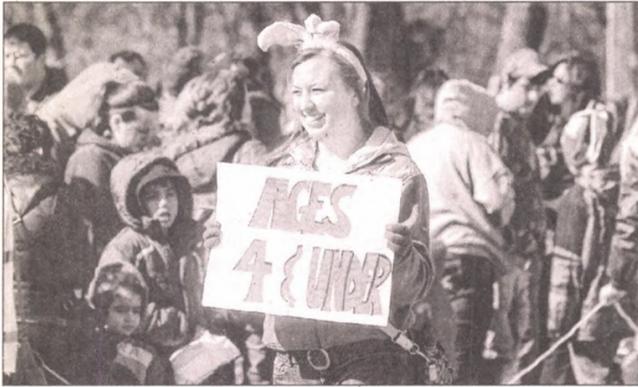
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Livonia resident and volunteer Emily Snitchler helped with crowd control at last year's annual Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills in Westland. FILE PHOTO

Wayne County celebrates 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop

On Friday, April 18, marshmallows will fall from the sky.

Join Wayne County Parks that day as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop. Marshmallows will be dropped at two Wayne County Parks locations: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9 a.m. and the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland at 11 a.m.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from the Easter Bunny's helicopter to children who scramble to collect these goodies and trade them in for a prize. Children will be divided into age groups - 4 years old and younger, 5-7 years old and 8-12 years

old - to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

There will be one colored marshmallow to be found for each of the age groups. The finder of the colored marshmallow will receive an extra special prize, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop.

"I am happy we can provide the opportunity for families to create special memories in our Wayne County Parks," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "It is a fun, friendly and free event for our residents and visitors."

Nankin Mills is at Hines Drive and Ann

Arbor Trail in Westland. The Marshmallow Drop is the first of many warm-weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 2014. For more information on Marshmallow Drop or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings, Taylor Ford, Co-Op Services Credit Union, Shore to Shore Federal Credit Union, KSP Insurance, UAW A1, N Zone Sports, Wayne County Community College and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

Colbeck files for re-election

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, has filed for re-election, submitting signatures to the Wayne County Clerk's office to have his name placed on the ballot for the 2014 election for the state Senate 7th District.

Colbeck was first elected in 2010. The new state Senate 7th District adds the communities of Livonia and Wayne to the current communities of Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"When I ran for the senate in 2010, our state was not in great shape," Colbeck said. "Michigan was the only state in the nation to have lost population during the 2010 census. Families were being split up as our youth were seeking employment and raising their families in other states."

"After only three years, I'm pleased to report that Michigan is coming back. Not only is our state growing again, we are well on our way to achieving my 2010 campaign goal of our state becoming the number one job-growth state in the nation after years of decline."

In a statement re-



Colbeck

leased after his filing, Colbeck pointed out Michigan has "added over 250,000

jobs since January 2011." According to Colbeck, Michigan now has the fourth-fastest private sector job growth ranking in the nation and ninth-fastest growth in per capita income.

Colbeck said more than 73,000 job openings have been posted at mitalentconnect.org, with more than 17,000 of them "within a short commute of our homes in the 7th Senate District."

In addition to a high unemployment rate, Michigan was left with crumbling and hazardous roads. After years of struggling to find federal funds to solve the safety and congestion issues at the Ford/I-275 interchange, Colbeck secured state funding last year to kick off a solution to this problem. Colbeck said he's focused much of his efforts on "finding long-term solutions to our state's ongoing road funding problems." He said he has developed a

plan to fully fund roads without raising taxes (a plan that can be found at "Road Funding Plan" at www.SenatorPatrick-Colbeck.com).

"We need to go beyond just the quick fixes that happen during election years and instead put in place a solution that will ensure Michigan has a system of quality roads that last," Colbeck said. "Road construction should not be a jobs program that places ever increasing burdens upon hard-working taxpayers for diminishing returns. I voted against taxes such as the senior pension tax and the Homestead Property Tax increase because the data clearly shows that we can fund our state's true priorities such as our roads without raising taxes."

If re-elected, Colbeck pledges to continue his track record of remaining true to his campaign commitments.

"Throughout my service tenure, I have been focused on solving problems not playing politics," Colbeck said. "The political environment can be difficult to navigate. I have chosen to chart my course by focusing on what is noble, true, excellent and praiseworthy."

ARTICLE IV. - WEEDS ¹⁷⁴¹

Notice To Cut Noxious Weeds

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed if said weeds reach the height of 8 inches between the dates of April 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for properties with parcel numbers 001 0001 000 000 through 084 9999 999 999.

Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in section 1-8 of the Westland City Code and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the city in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next county and school tax roll or the next general city tax roll.

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Wayne County holds hazardous waste collections

Wayne County's Department of Public Services will offer four countywide Household Hazardous Waste collections this year.

The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal. Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor-care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent

light bulbs, old computers and TVs.

Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted.

All waste must be from residential sources.

The collections are scheduled for:

» Saturday, May 3, at Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Hagerly Road in Belleville.

» Saturday, June 28, at

Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

» Saturday, Aug. 16, at Westland Shopping Center located on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in Westland.

The fall collection date will be announced later. The collections run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are open to Wayne County residents only.

For more information, contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.



WAYNE COUNTY PARKS MARSHMALLOW DROP

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Re-accreditation recommended for Livonia district

A six-member AdvancEd external review team presented Livonia Public Schools with a positive report Wednesday afternoon, recommending the district's accreditation be renewed.

Lead evaluator David Spellman described the team's observations and evaluations based on a three-day visit that entailed 196 interviews with staff, administrators, Board of Education members, parents, students and business and community leaders. The visits verified the approximate 1,000 documents as evidence the district submitted to AdvancEd prior to the on-site visit.

Overall, Spellman said the team was impressed by Livonia Public Schools' leadership, organizational structure, teaching and learning capacity and the way the district uses its resources.



AdvancEd lead evaluator David Spellman explains the findings of the External Review Team, as the Board of Education and administrators listen, during a special board meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a pretty outstanding school system," said Spellman, noting the team's assessment mirrored the self-assessment conducted by the district. "You were very insightful, to get the best view of your school district."

Spellman noted five particular strengths, the teams call Powerful Practices:

» The extensive involvement of all stake-

holders in the creation of the district's Shared Vision document. (This document can be viewed at livoniapublicschools.org.)

» The Board of Education operates within defined roles and responsibilities. The team was also impressed by the Board's Code of Ethics developed and signed by board members.

» District leadership effectively communi-

cates and involves all stakeholders. Spellman said LPS brings everyone in as partners.

» District-wide communication with families, in meaningful ways, with respect to their child's educational progress.

» District leadership communicates comprehensive information about the district and school effectiveness with its stakeholders.

"We feel that you're very transparent. You don't hide behind anything," said Spellman.

Two areas of improvement were noted by the team:

» The design and implementation of a research-based collaborative professional learning model across all schools.

» Plan and engage all professional and support staff in ongoing, job-embedded professional development.

"We understand that

time is a variable that is scarce for professional development," said Spellman.

Some overall observations Spellman shared with the board and administrators during a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon included the team-oriented focus that is present throughout the district.

"There's a real collaborative nature here and it's proactive, instead of reactive," said Spellman.

Other observations were that LPS has a high quality staff, at all levels and that there is "a real common sense of purpose" throughout the district. He noted that system improvements or new initiatives are carefully researched, designed, implemented and then evaluated.

"You use the word 'pilot' a lot," he said. "And, that's the way to go about innovation and

continuous improvement."

Superintendent Randy Liepa thanked the review team for taking the time to visit Livonia Public Schools and the staff members who worked hard to gather the evidence for the review.

"We cannot say thank you enough, to those who were involved," he said. "Great job, everybody. We are very, very proud of the reports and the progress we're making, but it's about continuous improvement, so, it's also taking this and seeing how we can take it to the next level."

Formerly known as North Central Association, AdvancEd is the national accreditation organization that evaluates a district's ability to meet rigorous standards that reflect the quality of education offered by the school system. The review process is held every five years.



The camps offer age-appropriate football instruction, technique training and skill competitions.

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The Detroit Lions, in cooperation with Observer & Eccentric Media, will award two scholarships to the following camps:

June 7-8, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 9 a.m. to noon (QWR Academy for ages 8-14).

June 12-13, Brighton Scranton Middle School, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for ages 6-14).

July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglenook Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth

ages 6-14).

The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions.

More than 30 camps are scheduled from June through August. For a complete list of summer camps and academies, visit DetroitLions.com/youthfootball.

To enter the O&E Media's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights Football Camp Contest, tell us in 50 words or less why you want to attend the camp.

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Deadline to enter is April 30.

April celebrates American art form — jazz

Jazz is the quintessential American music form and one of the hardest to define.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, jazz is "a type of music of black American origin characterized by improvisation, syncopation, and usually a regular or forceful rhythm, emerging at the beginning of the 20th century. Brass and woodwind instruments and piano are particularly associated with jazz, although guitar and occasionally violin are also used; styles include Dixieland, swing, bebop and free jazz."

April is Jazz Appreciation Month, sponsored by the Smithsonian (www.smithsonian-jazz.org). Some of the greatest jazz performers have their birthdays in April: Duke Ellington (April 29), Bessie Smith (April 15), Billie Holiday, Freddie Hubbard and Mongo Santamaria (April 7), Ella Fitzgerald (April 25), Johnny Dodds (April 12), Lionel Hampton and Tito Puente (April 20), Charles Mingus (April 22), Gerry Mulligan and Randy Weston (April 6), Shorty Rogers (April 14) and Herbie Hancock (April 12).

Mention "jazz" and New Orleans will probably come to mind first. Considered the birthplace of jazz, the city is filled with music and history. The Monterey Jazz Festival is the oldest continuously held jazz festival having started in 1958 in Monterey, Calif. Closer to home, the 35th annual Detroit Jazz Festival will be held Labor Day weekend (Aug. 29-Sept. 1). If you can't wait that long, check out up and coming jazz performers by attending a local high school concert.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you foster a love for jazz. Some DVDs you might want to watch include previous performers at the library: *The Sheila Landis Trio Performs a Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald*, *Sheila Landis Trio and Lynne LaPlante 7*. Other DVDs include *A Great Day in Harlem*, *Oscar Peterson, The Intimate Duke Ellington*, *Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Prima and the miniseries by Ken Burns, Jazz*.

Want to play jazz? The library has some help for you with the books, *Jazz Piano Cocktails* and *Luigi's Jazz Warm Up*.

If you would rather listen to some great jazz, you will be able to find the best-selling jazz album, *Kind of Blue* by Miles Davis, and others in the music section of the library.



Count Basie was a leading figure of the swing era in jazz and a representative of big band style.

If you are interested in the history and culture of jazz, you might find the following books of interest: Ted Golia's *The History of Jazz*, Burton Peretti's *The Creation of Jazz*, Gunther Schuller's *Early Jazz*, Krin Gabbard's *Hotter Than That*, Gene Lees' *Friends Along the Way*, Richard Williams' *The Blue Moment*, Terry Teachout's *Pops*, Tanya Lee Stone's *Up Close, Ella Fitzgerald*, Ben Ratliff's *Coltrane* and Brian Priestley's *Chasin' the Bird*.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20, for the Easter holiday. It will open at 9 a.m. Monday, April 21.

Highlighted Activities

Food for Fines, April 1-30 — Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Westland Public Library are partnering to alleviate hunger in southeast Michigan. Bring nonperishable, in-date goods to the Circulation Desk at the Westland Public Library and receive \$2 per item off of your fines (up to \$20 total, lost or damaged items not eligible). If you don't have fines but would like to donate, visit any of the service desks in the library or stop by Biggy Coffee on Ford Road or the Westland Friendship Center and deposit your items in one of their donation-only boxes. Suggested item lists and bags (limited quantity) will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Westland Writes ... Begins, April 1 — Help us celebrate National Poetry Month and local writers with your own written creations. Westland Writes ... is the library's sixth annual poetry and short story book collection with works by local poets and authors (previous books can be found in the library's collection). Each writer can submit up to two poems or one short story (maximum 2,500 words) for the book to an-

dy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. You don't have to live in Westland to participate. Submission deadline is Sunday, April 27. Each writer will receive a copy of the book at our Book Release Party on May 29.

Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 14 — The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the library. All interested donors may sign up by registering at the American Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Anyone over age 17 (16 with a permission slip) can donate blood. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Help for Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid or Health Care Marketplace Application, 6-8 p.m. April 15 and every Tuesday throughout May — Meet with a Health Care Navigator from Community Bridges for help filling out your Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid application or your Health Care Marketplace Application. You must schedule an appointment. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 734-326-6123 to schedule an appointment. You will need to bring the items with you listed on the Marketplace Application Checklist and bring your spouse/family if you're hoping to decide on a plan.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. April 16, grades 5 and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. April 16 — In *Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II*, Mitchell Zuckoff tells the story of the discovery of a place known by American soldiers as Shangri-La. For weeks in 1945, American planes would soar over the small village, which was situated high on a mountain that they could not climb for fear of hidden Japanese soldiers. One day, a cargo plane carrying 24 people crashed near the site of this village. The survivors headed toward Shangri-La in hopes of refuge from the Japanese soldiers. Zuckoff interviewed the survivors and relied on personal diaries, letters, photographs and films to recreate this story.

Tween Writing Workshop: Blackout Poetry, 6 p.m. April 16, Grades 5-8 — Do you like to write? If you're in grades 5-8, come to our tween writing work-

shop. Each month, we'll explore different genres, play writing games, and, of course, write. April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, we'll try our hand at something that's a bit out-of-the-box: blackout poetry. You'll be given a page of text on which you'll blackout, or create a design around, the existing words on the page to form a unique poem. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/kids/events or call the Youth Department.

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2 p.m. April 17 — Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions.

Open Mic, 7 p.m. April 17 — Adults and Teens Let your muse run wild coffee shop-style with singer-songwriter, Dave Boutette, as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome. See video from past Open Mics at www.youtube.com/user/WestlandPubLib

Parents in Action Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 17 — Starfish Family Services presents a two-hour class followed by a half hour of exercising in the Youth Activity Room. If you don't have children present, you will get some great ideas to try at home. Snack and free childcare provided. Register at westlandlibrary.org/kids/events or call the Youth Department.

No Friday Night Movie, April 18, but join us April 25 for a viewing of *The Wolf of Wall Street* at 7 p.m.

Ongoing Programs
Job Seekers and Health Care Help Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday: Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed. Throughout March, Eugenia Dillard, eligibility specialist, will be available each Tuesday and Friday to answer your Healthcare Marketplace questions.

Information Central was compiled by Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

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Two ex-police officers get probation in corruption case

Two former police detectives have been sentenced to probation after being found guilty in a Romulus police corruption case.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway sentenced Larry Droege to 18 months probation for misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Jeremy Channells was sentenced to three years probation. He was found guilty of two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. A jury found both

men guilty last month. They could have faced sentences of up to five years in prison.

The two men are the latest defendants to be convicted and sentenced in the case. Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre, the wife of former Romulus police chief Michael St. Andre, was sentenced to 7-20 years for acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and concealing stolen

property over \$20,000.

In addition to the St. Andres, Droege and Channells, former detective sergeant Richard Balzer and former detectives Richard Landry and Donald Hopkins were charged in the case that stemmed from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation

Unit.

Still awaiting trial are Michael St. Andre, Hopkins, Blazer and Landry. St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/

intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Balzar and Landry have been charged with conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Hopkins has been charged with all but the neglect of duty charge.

Their trials have been scheduled for July 7, and

if convicted, they could face up to 20 years in prison.

According to a Wayne County Prosecutor's Office press release, Michael St. Andre directed a probe of liquor license violations, prostitution and narcotics trafficking at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate, but during the investigation officers embezzled drug forfeiture money, solicited prostitutes and made false police reports.

Teaching kids about money

Last week, I participated in the Federal Reserve's Money Smart Week Program and gave a variety of seminars about how to raise financially aware kids. I was asked whether children should have to do something for their allowance or receive it as a matter of right. I was also asked if families should have formal meetings to discuss finances.

I wanted to discuss both questions for my column readers.

I believe kids should do something for their allowance. The reason children receive an allowance is to begin teaching them responsibility with money. What they need to know is that money doesn't grow on



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

trees and that one must earn it. If kids don't do something to earn their allowance, they should not get one.

Family meetings on finances, although helpful, may bore kids. Teaching kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money is something to do all the time, not just in a formal manner. It's like sports. If you are a Tigers fan, you don't talk about the Tigers only at the beginning of the season. Typically, you're talking about the Tigers all year long.

The same thing applies to personal finance. Parents should have casual conversations with their children about finances all of the time. It's not something that should only be brought up occasionally.

The more children are interested and involved, the better things will be for them. It is important to recognize that kids today are bombarded with messages to buy. Many of these messages target children and they are successful.

In addition, parents have to recognize that personal finance is not taught in the schools. It is the responsibility of parents to teach children how to spend and to understand the difference between wants and

needs.

The reality is, to be successful in America, you have to be able to take care of your financial affairs. The consequences are too great if you make a mistake.

If parents don't teach their children about money, who will do it —

the charge card companies? I recommend that parents teach their children — no matter what age — how to handle money. Research shows the more you make your kids aware of money and how it works, the more they will save.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are impor-

tant. Personal finance is just as important.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Women's health

Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout their life's journey at its Hats Off to Women's Health Event 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Community Room on the Lower Level of

Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

As caregivers, career women, volunteers and wives, women have the unique role of wearing many hats, often at the expense of their own health. These discussions will be led by board certified physi-

cians and other health care specialists. Hats Off to Women will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch.

The event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, call 734-458-4330 by May 21.

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GIRLS TRACK

Churchill makes it 10 titles in a row

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill just won't let go. The Chargers were expected to get a stiffer challenge in Friday's Public Schools of Livonia Girls Track Invitational, but when the final scores were all added up, it was Churchill for the 10th consecutive year scoring a team-high 90 points.

Host Franklin was runner-up with 71, while Stevenson and Clarenceville finished third and fourth with 53 and 42, respectively.

Churchill showed balance winning three of four relays (18 points) to go along with 21 points in the distance, 20 in the throws and 16 more in the sprint events.

Their best showing came in the 800-meter run as freshman Caroline George (2:33.7) led a one-two-three finish.

"The open 800, I knew we'd do well, but I didn't think we'd do that well," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "The throws we scored 20 points. John Filiatraut, our coach, does a great job with those girls."

Churchill's other individual firsts came from Gabby Carter in the discus (103 feet) and Kathleen George, Caroline's twin sister, in the 3,200 run (12:20.51).

The Chargers' Emma Rimatzki, Chanel Gardner, Odilichukwu Onwudiwe and Elyssa Hofmann teamed up for a first in the 400 relay (51.84), while George twins, along with Lombardo and Jenna Hickson, captured the 3,200 relay (10:07.52).

Churchill capped off the meet with a win in the 1,600 relay as Kourtney Strong, Natalie Spalla, Lombardo and Megan Gendjar took first in 4:23.86.

"The 4 x 200 team got disqualified, but the same group rebounded to win quite handily in the 4 x 100," Daugherty said. "A lot of good things today, but of

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

STEVENSON BOYS CAPTURE 9TH STRAIGHT CITY TITLE



Stevenson's Terry Buford-Pendergast and Nate Falzon garnered the top two places in the 110-meter hurdles. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spartans sparkle in field events; Franklin is runner-up

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nine and counting. The numbers added all up once again Thursday for the host Stevenson boys track team, which captured its ninth straight Livonia City championship with a team-best 113 points.

Franklin edged Churchill for second place, 67-65, while Clarenceville took fourth with 11.

Stevenson racked up 49 of its 113 points in the field events, including firsts from Ben Tabor, shot put (44 feet, 5.75 inches); Nick Hitchcock, discus (136-2); and Terry Buford-Pendergast, high jump (5-8).

Hurdler Nate Falzon also did his part sweeping the 110-meter highs (16.09) and 300 intermediate lows (42.62).

Senior Stephen Fenech also contributed a victory in the 3,200 run (10:10.21) and teamed up with Kevin Callow, Alex Oquist, Andrew Bambach and Zach Miastkowski for a first in the 3,200 relay (8:27.72).

"We took multiple places in multiple things," said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw, who has been along for

ride for all nine City titles. "When you can place three varsity guys in the top five it takes a lot of points and I think it adds up. That's what kind of happened a little bit today."

"Overall, obviously a good team win. Our throwing has been really good and we placed three guys in the pole vault at 12-plus feet. And our long jumpers have been coming around. The field events are probably our strongest area with the throws, vaults and the jumps."

Franklin, ironically, scored just one point in the field events, but got 30 in the sprint events and 17 more in the distance events led by junior Keenan Jones, who posted impressive wins in the 1,600 (4:32.19) and 800 (1:58.87).

Jones also anchored the Patriots to a first-place finish in the 1,600 relay (3:37.17).

"Keenan has been working really hard," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer said. "He came off one of his best times in the mile (1,600) in our last meet, and he was just really competitive today. He wanted to defend his

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Franklin's Alex Perelli won the 100 and 200 and took part in two first-place relays. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Westland John Glenn's Zack Craft is retired on this throw to Canton first baseman Jake Raymo (No. 17) for the final out of Wednesday's opener. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PREP BASEBALL

Glenn comes up firing blanks vs. Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Thanks to abysmal spring weather, high school baseball teams such as Canton and Westland John Glenn are slow to crank things up at the plate.

And on Wednesday, the pitchers definitely had the edge as visiting Canton swept a twinbill from KLA South Division opponent Westland John Glenn, 2-0 and 6-0.

The Chiefs (2-1), who lost 10-4 on Tuesday to

Livonia Stevenson in their season opener, were sparked by starting pitchers Brent Mattson (who threw 5½ scoreless innings in the opener) and lefty Nick Hazergian, the starter and winner in Game 2.

Hazergian also closed out the first game and pitched the first three innings of the nightcap, which was called after five innings due to darkness. Hazergian, Noah Spencer and Weston Price combined to no-hit the Rockets (1-2).

"Stevenson we had a rough game, but we came back strong," Hazergian said. "I'm proud of the way my team came back and performed today. I felt great."

"Obviously I started the no-hitter but I owe it to Noah Spencer and Weston Price, too. They kept it going. Kudos to them, too."

Canton coach Mark Blomshield said he knew Hazergian was throwing a no-hitter, but personal

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Stevenson takes out Franklin; Wayne romps

Katelyn Foster tallied a pair of second-half goals Wednesday to lift Livonia Stevenson to a 4-0 girls soccer victory at Livonia Franklin.

Stevenson, which improved to 4-1-2 overall, led 1-0 at halftime as 6-foot-2 senior Taylor McLaud got on the end of an Amy Freed corner kick with just over a minute left.

Foster then struck at the 54th and 57th minute marks assisted by Sarah Mulcahy and Maddy Caves to make it 3-0.

Emily Mulcahy then capped the scoring in the 65th minute when she hit a long drive past Franklin goalkeeper Katherine MacRae off an assist from McLaud.

MacRae made seven saves, while Stevenson's Rylee Jayson, who played the first 60 minutes, followed by Emily Kubeshesky, combined for two saves and the shutout.

"Stevenson came ready to play and took care of business," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski, whose team slipped to 2-1 overall. "For us it was a very good learning experience."

CHURCHILL 5, DEARBORN 0: Kelsey Parrinello had a goal and two assists leading Livonia Churchill (2-2) to a non-conference win Friday over the host Pioneers.

Lauren Wynns chipped in with a goal and assist, while Alexis Lubonja and freshman Sara Taylor also tallied goals. Kacie Murray contributed an assist.

Senior goalkeeper Christine Vakratsis, who notched the shutout, came up with a big first-half save to preserve a 2-0 lead. Sam Stern filled in for head coach Reid Friedrichs, who was serving a one-game red card suspension.

NORTHVILLE 2, STEVENSON 0: First-half goals by Jenna Baughman (fourth minute) and Gabby Mencotti (38th minute) gave the Mustangs (5-0, 2-0) the KLAAs Central Division victory Friday at Livonia Stevenson (4-2-2, 0-2).

Stevenson goalkeeper Rylee Jayson made seven saves in the setback.

WAYNE 5, LINCOLN PARK 0:

Victoria McKague and Crystal Fletcher each scored twice Friday to propel host Wayne Memorial (5-2) to a non-conference triumph over the Railsplitters.

Katie Kuder also added a goal, while Aimee Hutton contributed two assists for the Zebras, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first five minutes.

Gillian Abicht (assist), Marissa Sdao, Savannah Monette and Shaelyn Wojewski also stood out for Wayne.

"Our tempo in the first half was great," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "We made good decisions and exposed the weakness. The second half was a different story. The girls lost focus and it became a sloppy game."

FRANKLIN 1, CRESTWOOD 1: After trailing 1-0, Rachel Dudek's goal with four minutes left in the first half enabled Livonia Franklin (2-1-1) to earn a non-conference tie Friday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Goalkeeper Katherine MacRae made six saves for the Patriots, who were down to 12 players due to injuries.

LUTH. WESTLAND 8, HARPER WOODS 0: Samantha Benner scored four goals and Mara McMahon added two goals and one assist giving Lutheran High Westland (2-1) a non-conference win Friday over the host Pioneers (0-3).

Julia Yancy and Michelle Greening each added goal for the victorious Warriors, who outshot Harper Woods, 19-0.

Becca Gembarski also added an assist, while goalkeeper Lydia Cardenas got credit for the shutout.

WAYNE 6, THURSTON 1: On Wednesday, Aimee Hutton scored four goals, while Victoria McKague added a goal and three assists as host Wayne Memorial (4-2) routed Redford Thurston.

Amber Parrish also added a goal, while Savannah Monette contributed a pair of assists for the Zebras, who scored all six goals in the first half.

"My girls did a great job in the first half of controlling the pace of the game and finishing," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "Stephanie Worthington did a really good job playing midfield and defense. At halftime we had a really big lead and so I started placing players in unfamiliar positions to get them ready in case they need to fill a void during a player injury."

LADYWOOD 7, BISHOP FOLEY 3: Six different players scored goals Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood (6-1-2, 2-1-1) rolled past Catholic League Central Division foe Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Blazers, who enjoyed a 40-6 shot advantage, got first half goals from Emily Huddleston (from Conner Huggins); Jenna Urso (from Kennedy Bullard); Clare Kelley (from Urso) and Abby Pelon (unassisted free kick).

In the second half, Bullard scored from Marissa Ozog followed by Huggins' goal from Bullard at the 42nd and 53rd minutes, respectively.

Foley got on the board in the 60th minute on Rachel Sherman's free kick, but Kelley, who notched her first two varsity career goals, made it 7-1 just a minute later from Bri Rogers. Lori Stok (63rd minute) and Sherman (74th minute on a free kick) capped the scoring for the Ventures.

Goalkeeper Abbey Bernhard made 15 saves for Foley, while Whitney Bauriedl had two for the Blazers.

"We were sharp for 53 minutes, then seemed to lose focus after going up 6-0," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Give credit to Foley, they played hard until the end."



Stevenson's Alia Baserbie (left) tries to maintain control against Franklin's Micaela Pelle in Wednesday's match. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill drops KLAAs South Division double-header against Plymouth

Livonia Churchill ran into a buzzsaw in Wednesday's KLAAs South Division girls softball double-header in host Plymouth.

The Wildcats won the opener, 8-0, and completed the sweep with a 4-2 win in the nightcap to improve to 3-0 overall and 3-0 in the divi-

sion. Churchill (2-2, 2-2) could muster only five hits in Game One as Katie Shereda, who gave up all eight runs on 13 hits in six innings, took the loss.

Game Two was more competitive, but the Wildcats once again prevailed out-hitting the

Chargers, 13-11. Losing pitcher Mellanie Richardson and Shereda each collected two hits in the setback, while Rose Garvin and Lauren St. Pierre each added an RBI.

GARDEN CITY 6-7, STEVENSON 4-0: Under the lights Friday, the host Cougars won both ends of a double-header against visiting Livonia Stevenson (2-3) in a non-conference matchup.

Garden City won the opener, 6-4, as Erika Randall, while Natalie Reilly collected two hits. GC also won Game Two, 7-0.

FRANKLIN 15-17, WAYNE 0-0: On Wednesday, Livonia Franklin (2-3, 2-1) picked up its first two victories of the season at the expense of host Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-3) in KLAAs South Division double-header sweep.

Megan Chapman, Sarah Cramton and Colleen Mandrick each had a double and single as Franklin rolled to a 15-0 win in three innings. Danielle Hoskins, Lauren Michael and Becky Giacobbi also chipped in with two singles apiece.

Winning pitcher Courtney Garbarino allowed three hits and struck out six.

In Game Two, Alaina DeFrain got the victory with no runs on no hits over three innings. Brooke Garbarino and Giacobbi each collected two doubles and a single, while Chapman and Michael added two hits apiece.

CANTON 17-14, JOHN GLENN 0-2: In a KLAAs South Division double-header Wednesday, the visiting Chiefs (4-0, 4-0) rolled to a pair of mercy rule victories at Westland John Glenn (1-4, 0-4).

Canton took the opener 17-0 as Rockets' starter Lexi Lester suffered the loss. In the nightcap, losing pitcher Mackenzie Huren went 2-for-2 with a double, homer and two RBIs, but it wasn't enough Franklin defeats Wayne in doubleheader.

HURON VALLEY 10, PARKWAY 0: Junior Anne St. John went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two runs, while junior Jessie Strauch went 3-for-4 with a pair of homers and two RBIs as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0, 1-0) rolled to a MIAC White Division triumph at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (0-2, 0-2).

Winning pitcher Julie St. John, who allowed just two hits and struck out 10 in five innings, helped her own cause going 2-for-3 with a double and two runs. Senior Dayna Schroeder also homered.

"Julie pitched well for us," HVL coach Eric Ruth said. "We came out and hit the ball well right away in the first (five runs), which I was pleased with."

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course there's a lot more things we need to work on. We had a ton of different people score for us. It's early in the season, but so far it's been a really good day for us this early. I'm really proud of the kids. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors all scored points for us, and it was a really good team effort."

Franklin posted three firsts led by Sophia Modes, shot put (33-6); Sheila McKinley, pole vault (10-9); and Julie Wonch, 400 (1:01.54).

"We had some ups-and-downs on the track,

but we had a lot of kids step up today," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We didn't get a lot of first places, which is really what you got to do to win this meet. We got a young team and we're working hard. I'm pretty pleased with them."

"Even though we took second place, our 4 x 200 relay had a great day. Julie Wonch had her best day of the season in the high jump. Sophia Modes winning the shot put ... that was a big deal. And I was counting on Sheila (McKinley) to win the pole vault."

"We got a lot of thirds, fourths and fifths and I was real proud of our hurdlers,

but just not enough first or second places." Stevenson's lone firsts were recorded by Diane Senkowski in the long jump (16-3.25) and Lindsey Gallagher in the 1,600 (5:32.57).

But the individual star of the meet was Clarenceville senior Ayanna Buckley who figured in four firsts capturing high jump (5-4), 100 dash (12.81) and 200 (26.25).

She also anchored the first-place 4 x 200 relay (1:50.04) which also included Kamaaria Sanders, Kayla Dumas and Micah Willingham, the latter whom also won the 100 hurdles (17.62) and 300 hurdles (48.81).

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two titles. And he really wanted to achieve something in that last race as well, and did a nice anchor in the 4 x 400. He also ran one of his best 800s."

Another standout for the Patriots was senior sprinter Alex Perelli, who figured in four firsts. Perelli swept the 100- and 200 dashes in 11.31 and 23.25, respectively. He also teamed up with junior Nathan Rodgers, who also captured the individual 400 (53.07) for relay wins in the 4 x 200 (1:33.06) and 4 x 400.

But Franklin couldn't match Stevenson's overall balance.

"We can take some first places, and so can Churchill, but it's hard to beat their depth, especially in a meet that moves along nice, quick and efficient like this," Koelzer said. "They (Stevenson) get a lot of athletes out each year and I really got to admire that."

Churchill posted three firsts led by senior pole vaulter Jacob Hage, who bested a competitive field by clearing 14 feet.

Skakur Lockett added a win in the long jump (20-0.75), while the foursome of Paul Romain, Malik Johnson, Jamal Allen and Tim Dulin captured the 400 relay in 45.13.

"We made hay in the sprints today taking second, third and fifth in the 100 dash," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "The long jump we went one-two-three. I thought that was huge for us today. Those kids have been working real hard. We also took first, third



Churchill's Stephen Fedak was third in the pole vault, clearing 13 feet. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Franklin's Keenan Jones takes the early lead in the 1,600-meter run en route to a convincing first-place finish. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

well, and they did. All in all for our team this year I thought we came here and performed real well."

But Stevenson's 38-point margin was too tough to overcome.

"They've had a lot of depth here for the last four or five years," Austin said of the Spartans. "It really shows. Franklin did a real good job, too. They've been working really hard. It's beginning to show. Their sprint group did real well today and Keenan Jones did real well. Hats off to them."

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PREP BASEBALL

Youthful Spartans coming of age

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

At the rate the Garden City baseball team's spring was unfolding, it looked as though Livonia Stevenson's five freshmen players may graduate before the Cougars played their first game.

After enduring nine season-opening rain-outs, the host Cougars finally hit the diamond Wednesday afternoon, but it was the Spartans who sparked the brightest, winning 6-4.

Sophomore pitcher Nate Bunton earned his first prep victory for the Spartans by scattering six hits and three runs over 5.1 innings. Senior Mitch Deacon worked the final 1.2 frames to pick up a save.

Now 3-2, Stevenson's roster is loaded with nine players who are in ninth or 10th grade, but they're already starting to play like veterans in the eyes of coach Rick Berryman.

"I'm very proud of the progress these young kids are making," said Berryman. "Even though we've had very minimal time outside due to the weather, they're picking up the signs, minimizing mistakes and learning as we go."

"Obviously we had an advantage today, with this being our fifth game and Garden City playing its first. I thought they looked really good considering this was their first game of the season."

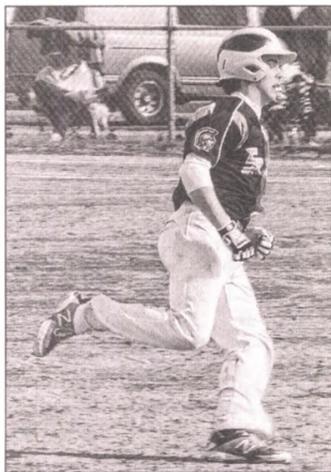
GC coach Steve Herman said his team played as he expected: a little tight early, but better as their minds and muscles loosened up.

"All my first-timers had the jitters early on, but once they got those out of their system they started to relax and just play ball," said Herman. "Obviously it makes a difference playing against a team that has already played four games. Like I told my guys, we'll look a lot better too by our fifth game."

GC senior southpaw Brad King was locked into a pitchers' duel with Bunton during the first three frames as



Livonia Stevenson sophomore pitcher Nate Bunton earned his first prep victory Wednesday by throwing 5.1 solid innings against Garden City. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT



Stevenson's Frank Carlin makes it safely to third base in Wednesday's non-conference game at Garden City.

Stevenson led 1-0. However, the Spartans erupted for a four-spot in the top of the fourth — all with two outs — when senior catcher Rodney Bies ripped an RBI single two batters before freshman second baseman Chris Tanderers unloaded a bases-loaded double that bumped the lead to 5-0. King, who was lifted

for sophomore Nick Montroy following Taynderers's jolt, was victimized by first-game wildness. "Brad would be the first to tell you he didn't pitch as well as he'd like," Herman said. "Four of the five runs he allowed reached by walks. He'll be fine once he starts throwing strikes."

The Spartans' big inning served as a wake-up call for the Cougars, who crept to within 5-2 in the bottom of the fourth on Jon Evans' two-out, two-run single that plated Jake Emerson and Chad Ford.

Stevenson bumped its advantage to 6-2 in the top of the fifth when junior Jack Ferguson drilled a one-out double, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on junior Gabe McBay's ground-out.

The feisty Cougars countered with a pair of runs late to make it 6-4 thanks to a two-out RBI single by sophomore Vinnie Bakerian in the fifth and an unearned run in the sixth, but Deacon managed to slam the door shut in the seventh when he got Jake Emerson to line out to left field with Bakerian at first and two outs.

Both teams' moods were tempered in the

moments following the game as Emerson dropped in the batter's box with an apparent leg injury that he suffered while making his final swing. After being looked at for a few minutes by the Garden City trainer, he managed to limp off the field unassisted.

Bies and Ferguson accounted for half of the Spartans' eight hits with two safeties each. Evans (3-for-3) and Bakerian (2-for-3) were the only Cougars with multiple hits.

"I liked the way we battled back," Herman said. "Unfortunately, the game was only seven innings. If it had been nine — who knows? — maybe we come back all the way."

Montroy was extra sharp in his high school debut, yielding three hits, one walk and one run in 3.1 innings. He struck out three and induced the Spartans to hit into five ground-ball outs.

PREP BASEBALL

Lutheran Westland's Williams throws no-hitter

HVL's Schaffer Ks 15, tosses 'no-no'

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland got an early season gem thrown Thursday by Jordan Williams.

The sophomore right-hander threw a no-hitter, fanned 12 and walked only three as the Warriors opened White Division play in the Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-

ence with a 2-0 victory at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Williams was coming off a 9-1 season as a freshman.

"Jordan was zoned in and pitched really well," said Lutheran High Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC White. "He kept the hitters off balance and hit his spots. He worked out of a jam in the third innings, but outside of that, nobody threatened."

PCA (1-1, 0-1) put two runners aboard in the bottom of the third inning, but Williams

got a slow grounder to third followed by a strikeout.

Mark Mika led Lutheran Westland's six-hit attack going 2-for-4 with a double and run scored. Cleveland Tarp also contributed an RBI double.

PCA starter Michael Slater, who worked the first five innings before giving way to Daniel Jipping, took the loss.

In a MIAC crossover Friday, Lutheran Westland fell 2-1 overall in a 15-0 setback to host Novi Franklin Road Christian.

EDSEL FORD 18, CLARENCEVILLE 8: On Thursday, host Dearborn Edsel Ford jumped out to a

9-1 lead after two innings and went to beat Livonia Clarenceville (0-4, 0-1) in a Western Wayne Athletic Association encounter.

Ryan Menifee went 2-for-2, including a double, and walked twice.

David Curvin reached base safely four times and Adam Sade went 2-for-4 with a double for the Trojans, who got out-hit 14-5.

Clarenceville starter Cameron MacIver took the loss.

"We grew up as a team," Clarenceville first-year coach Craig Cotter said. "We only struck out two times and were very patient at the plate. We have a lot of young guys and our future is bright."

HURON VALLEY 3, BAPTIST PARK 0: Ryan Schaffer was the difference Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0) opened its season with a victory at Taylor Baptist Park.

Schaffer, a senior, threw a no-hitter, walked just three and struck out 15 to outduel the Wildcats' Daniel Eubank, who gave up just five hits, walked none and also fanned 15.

Schaffer, meanwhile, went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and RBI.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Sellers' no-hitter bolsters Pats in 12-0 victory versus Trojans

Stevenson upends Shamorcks; Churchill prevails in 7th inning

Livonia Franklin is off to one of its best baseball starts in years as the Patriots got a no-hitter Friday from Hunter Sellers in a 12-0 non-conference victory Friday at home over winless Livonia Clarenceville.

Sellers, a junior right-hander, struck out eight and walked only one in the five-inning mercy as Franklin improved to 8-0-1 overall.

"It was only Hunter's second time on the mound, but he had very good control and hit his spots when he needed to," Franklin eighth-year coach Matt Four-

nier said. "I can't remember the last time we had one (a no-hitter). We haven't had one since I've been here."

Franklin, which collected a total of eight hits, scored four times in the first, four more in the second and four in the third.

C.J. Garrick went 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored, while Nick Curtis also chipped in with two hits. Andrew Montie also added an RBI single.

Clarenceville starter Ryan Menifee took the loss as the Trojans slipped to 0-5 overall.

STEVENSON 5, DETROIT CC 4: C.J. Weiss went 3-for-3 with a run scored and Billy Bonanno added two RBI Friday as Livonia Stevenson (4-2) upended Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-3) in a non-league encounter.

Jack Ferguson also scored two runs, while Rodney Bies added an RBI for the victorious Spartans, who held off a late CC rally in the seventh after jumping out to a 4-0 first-inning advantage.

Bies, who came on for starter Gabe McBay in the seventh, got the final two outs and the save.

McBay allowed just four hits, walked two and fanned three in 6 1/2 innings.

Tom Hartwig had an RBI, while Chad Monroe, Scott Toppi, John Luomola and Mike Hentze also scored runs for the Shamorcks.

CHURCHILL 6, DEARBORN 5: Mitch James' bases loaded RBI single in the bottom of the seventh Friday enabled host Livonia Churchill (2-3) to earn a non-conference win over the Pioneers (0-4).

Nick Misiak, who went 3-for-3 and scored three runs highlighted by a steal of home, doubled to open the inning. He took third on Jack Behen's sacrifice bunt to set up the game-winning hit by James after Dearborn intentionally walked the next two hitters.

Reliever Steven Szymanski, who gave up two runs on four hits over the final two innings, got the victory.

CRESTWOOD 15-9, JOHN GLENN 0-7: On Friday, host Westland John Glenn (1-4) dropped a non-

conference double-header against Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-1-1).

Kyle Smith took the loss in the opener as the Rockets fell in four innings, 15-0.

In Game Two, Crestwood pulled out a 9-7 win in six innings (darkness) as starter Ryan Wheeler suffered the loss.

Jacob Damian collected two hits in the setback.

FRANKLIN 14-9, WAYNE 5-1: Livonia Franklin (7-0-1, 3-0) continued its winning ways Wednesday by sweeping a KLA South Division double-header at Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-3).

In the opener, sophomore Joe Chinavare went 5-for-5, scored three runs and knocked in another as the Patriots collected 15 hits in a 14-5 win.

Nick Mardeuz (2-for-3, three RBI) and Ryan Prohaska (2-for-4) also got into the act.

Winning pitcher Adam Carver worked the first six innings scattering seven hits and two walks while striking out seven. Andrew Koslawkiewicz finished up.

Wayne starter Tyler Harnos, who took the loss, had two hits and scored twice.

In the nightcap, Prohaska went 2-for-3 with three RBI in a 9-1 Franklin win (five innings).

Mitchell Gonyaw also went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Hunter Sellers added two hits and an RBI.

Tyler Dewhirst, who worked the first 3 1/2 innings fanning five and walking two, got the victory. He allowed all four Wayne hits before giving way to reliever Andrew Montie.

PLYMOUTH 4-9, CHURCHILL 3-4: On Wednesday, the host Wildcats (5-1, 2-0) swept a pair of KLA South Division games from Livonia Churchill (1-3, 1-3).

Kevin Anthony pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the opener as Plymouth earned a 4-3 victory. He struck out eight and walked only three to outduel Churchill's Nick Misiak, who gave up four runs (two earned) on six hits in six innings of work.

Matt Busch went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, while Cameron Antess also had two hits for the victorious Wildcats.

Misiak contributed a 2-run triple in the first inning, while Mark Leja also went 2-for-3 for Churchill.

In Game Two, Cameron Stella pitched four innings of scoreless and hitless relief, walking three and fanning four, in a 9-4 Plymouth win.

Stella also went 2-for-3 with a triple, double and two runs scored. A.J. Convertino also collected two hits, while Andrew Hejka also reached base safely three times and scored three runs.

Derek Ebeling, the Plymouth starter, gave up four runs on two hits and four walks.

Losing Pitcher Rob Copciak allowed nine runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 1/2 innings. Connor Plawak came on for the final 2 1/2 to hold Plymouth scoreless.

Austin Hovermale had a 2-run double, while Misiak added an RBI.

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achievements do not supercede trying to develop a pitching staff behind his top two hurlers.

"We're just trying to establish a bullpen, we're trying to find a number three (starter), we're trying to find a closer," Blomshield said. "So, as soon as we jump out to a lead like that, what's more important is just to try to find the pieces of the puzzle versus personal achievements like a no-hitter."

"If Nick throws a no-hitter, that's great, we win. But ... we need to find additional pitching to back these guys up."

Rockets second-year coach Lawrence Scheffer tipped his cap to Mattson and Hazergian for keeping his players off balance.

"We'll get back at it tomorrow, working hard," Scheffer said. "We faced probably two of the better pitchers in the state of Michigan today. They're pretty good guys."

"It's only going to help us in the long run. We got a good bunch of young guys, that will work hard in practice and we're just going to grow as a team. So we're not going to hang our heads."

Canton got off to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning of Game 1 against John Glenn starting pitcher Brandon Smeltzer.

Robert Guajardo walked, moved to third on a base hit by Hazergian and scored on Jake Boucher's sacrifice fly to right field. Boucher also had a single and double.

The Chiefs tacked on another run in the fourth when Guajardo's sacrifice fly to center brought home Nick Schnur, who walked and then stole second and third base.

Mattson was tough to solve for the Rockets, giving up just two hits and striking out eight while nearly hitting 90 MPH on the radar gun. Blomshield said scouts from the Cleveland Indians of the American League were on hand to watch Mattson.

"We have two real good pitchers, D-I and D-II guys, and Brent was up to 88," Blomshield said.

The nightcap featured Hazergian against Brendan Wetmore and the Chiefs took a 3-0 lead in the second, helped along by some John Glenn miscues.

Starting off the inning with a line-drive double to right-center was Chris Ferrill, who went to third on a sacrifice bunt by James Hall. Ferrill then scored on a base hit by Tom Kiddle.

Scott Bazner followed with a single to advance Kiddle to second. Both moved up on a double steal and — on the same play — Bazner came around to score on the catcher's wild throw to make it 2-0.

Kiddle then scored on another John Glenn infield error to open up a three-run lead.

"We just have to work harder on our bunt defenses, and know our situations," Scheffer said. "That's going to come with time and practice and game experience with the young men that we have out here. But we're going to be all right."

The Chiefs made it a 5-0 game in the third, opening the frame with singles by Hazergian and Boucher.

Ferrill plated Hazergian on a sacrifice bunt, and Kiddle (2-for-2, one run, two RBI) drove a double into the right-center gap with two outs to score Boucher.

With darkness approaching, Canton made it 6-0 in the fourth as Schnur walked, stole second and eventually scored on another John Glenn error.

Conversely, Canton's pitchers kept the Rockets at bay.

Hazergian struck three batters but walked four before being replaced by sophomore Spencer to pitch the fourth.

The Rockets nearly recorded a hit in the third inning when Zack Croft's hot shot toward left field was snagged by diving third baseman Bazner, who got up and fired to first for the out.

"We're real comfortable with our defense," Blomshield noted. "We turned a couple nice double plays today, a diving stop at third, catcher (Nick Romanowski) threw some guys out."

"Defensively, we're much improved over last year just with the year of growth."

In the fourth, Spencer relieved Hazergian and set down the Rockets in order, notching a strikeout.

Price came in for the fifth and struck out the side, issuing a walk to Justin Benson.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Hawkins signs letter-of-intent with MU

Livonia Stevenson's Amanda Hawkins is among Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham's initial 2014 recruiting class that was announced on Wednesday.

Hawkins, a first-team All-Observer selection, is joined by junior college transfers Emily Johnson (Grandville), a 6-foot outside and middle hitter from Grand Rapids Community College, along with 5-8 setter Spencer Stokes (Clio) of Oakland Community College.

"I like our class so far," said Abraham, who guided the Crusaders to a 41-2 record last season and a No. 5 NA-IA final ranking. "We knew what our needs were and we started off by trying to fill those needs right away."

The 6-foot Hawkins, who holds the Spartans' single-season record for total blocks (222), helped Stevenson to a 41-14-2 overall record and a berth in the



Hawkins



Johnson



Stokes

state Class A quarterfinals as a senior.

She was also a part of Stevenson's three straight district titles and two Elite Eight appearances (2011 and 2013). Hawkins is a two-time All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection and three-time All-Region pick.

The academic scholar-athlete also played club volleyball in 2012 for USA High Performance.

"Amanda is a really strong, agile player with good footwork," Abraham

said. "Her best position right now in probably in the middle, but she also can hit outside as a left-side hitter. She has good all-around skills and hits a heavy ball. She has a real knack at the net for blocking. Her best attributes are attacking the ball for kills and blocking the opponents' best hitters."

Johnson was a member of Grand Rapids' 2012 NJCAA Division II national championship team. Last season, she helped the Raiders to a sixth-place finish at the Nationals en route to All-Region XII and All-MCCAA honors.

"Emily's a middle and right-side hitter who is a tall, lanky, athletic player," Abraham said. "She has good footwork and good arm action. We like that she plays with a lot of intensity and a will to win. She has a good game sense, the ability to be a terminating hitter and has experience at the college level."

Stokes, meanwhile, led OCC to the MCCAA championship as a sophomore as well as back-to-back NJCAA Division II District E championships in 2012 and 2013. She earned All-Region XII, All-MCCAA, All-Eastern Conference first-team honors and was named MVP in District E as a sophomore.

"In losing one of the nation's best setters in Evia Prieditis, we were elated to find a quality junior college transfer who led her team to a Final Four berth," Abraham said of Stokes. "She delivers the ball antenna-to-antenna, has great athletic ability and a great sense for the game. She picks up with the same style that Evia left off. Really has good control on the floor as a leader and is able to run multiple offenses and multiple sets. I think it will be an easy transition for us at the setter position."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU wins in 10th inning, takes split vs. Lourdes

It wasn't pretty Friday at Iltch Ballpark, but host Madonna University managed to split its double-header baseball with Lourdes University (Ohio).

In the opener, MU outlasted the Gray Wolves, 16-15, in 10 innings, as Taylor Grzelakowski scored the game-winning run on an error following Victor Barron's sacrifice bunt to first.

The Crusaders racked up 18 total hits led by Donny Holland (4-for-6, two RBI) and John Lauro (4-for-5, two RBI).

Dylan Cooper, the fourth MU pitcher, allowed one earned run in three innings of relief to pick up his first victory of the season. John Crooks went

2-for-4 and homered for Lourdes.

In Game Two, Kyle Vandecaveye (1-2) pitched a complete-game 7-hitter in a 9-4 Lourdes triumph.

Nick Toth clubbed a 2-run homer for the Gray Wolves, who improved to 8-20 overall and 5-12 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Ryan Lambrecht, who went 2-for-4, knocked in two runs for the Crusaders (18-17, 5-9), while Grzelakowski also had two RBI. Reliever Christian Holder (0-1) took the loss.

CONCORDIA 10-0, MADONNA 4-8: Senior right-hander Dane Staples stopped the bleeding Wednesday, tossing a complete-

game, four-hitter in the nightcap as Madonna University (17-16, 4-8) salvaged a split of its double-header against host Concordia University (13-21, 7-5).

The Canton High grad, a transfer from Spring Arbor, evened his record at 1-1 as he struck out four and walked only two in seven innings in an 8-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

John Lauro went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI to pace MU's 12-hit attack.

Other contributions for Madonna came from Livonia Churchill's Ben Matigian (2-for-4, two RBI); Ryan Lambrecht (3-for-4, two runs); and Shane Dokey (2-for-4, two runs).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 14
Churchill at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Churchill at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Allen Park at John Glenn (2), noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 14
Churchill at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Ferndale at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 14
S'field Christian at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Belleville at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 6 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

STEVENSON AT SALEM (CEP), 7 p.m.

Thurston at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Monday, April 14
Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Canton at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Oak. Christian at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
John Glenn at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Dexter April Showers Inv., 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, April 14
Churchill at Monroe, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Regina, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Tuesday, April 15
Farmington Invitational at Farm. Hills G.C., 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Churchill vs. Salem at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Monday, April 14
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)

Wednesday, April 16
Aquinas at Madonna, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

April 10 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Makayla Hines, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Kendall Payne (LF) def. Francesca Spallari, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Madison Eisenhower (LF) def. Floriana Bebrl, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Morgana Witherspoon (LF) def. Kiara Holmes, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Samantha Voss-Carla Yanez (LF) def. Leanna Carreon-Gifty Tawiah, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Stefani Hudycha-McWilliams (LF) def. Andrea Edwards-Sahley Ilonze, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kaitly Swenson-Snigda Thyagaraj (LF) def. Gema Gomez-Stella Blaiz, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Blake Newberry-Ashlee Mahoney (LF) def. Camille Hollins-Anna McInnes, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Franklin won by default.

Dual match records: Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

CANTON 6 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3

April 8 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Maddison Johnson (Canton) defeated Rylie Fallu, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Triveni Arivkar (LC) def. Maranda McMaster, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jasmine Najm-Henry (Canton) def. Madison White, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; **No. 4:** Abby Wampler (Canton) def. Kristen Reault, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Allison Hill-Angelica Zhou (LC) def. Madou-Stevenson, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jessica Banini-Maggie Trinka (LC) def. Distelarth-Cotham, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rivera-Pita (Canton) def. Lexi Fata-Kayla Gruch, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 4:** Tubaro-Dalton (Canton) def. Julia Marsh-Ashwanya Handa, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 5:** Karbon-Kalasky (Canton) def. Victoria Perez-Clara Bielawski, 6-0, 6-2.

Dual match records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

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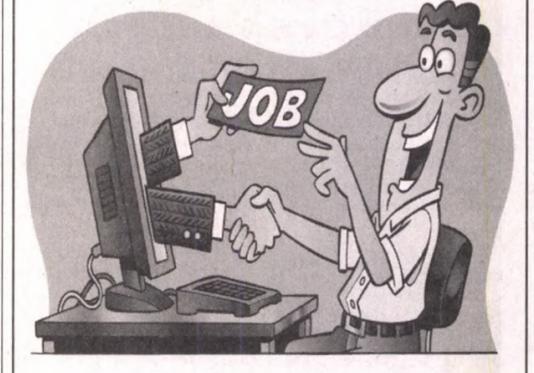
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Learn to paddle for health, cancer survivor support

The Motor City Dragons, a boat team that provides exercise opportunities, support and camaraderie for breast cancer survivors, will hold its training camp, Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4, at the Ford Yacht Club on Grosse Ile.

Csilla Gutay of Plymouth Township founded the team, which has approximately 60 members, both cancer survivors and supporters.

Dragon boating is a centuries-old sport from China. Twenty rowers, sitting side by side, paddle a long decorated boat, which also has a steerer, and a drummer to set the rowing pace. According to Gutay, the sport caught on with breast cancer patients after research in the 1990s showed that upper-body exercise is helpful, especially for those who had lymph nodes removed.

U.S. National Dragon Boat Team member Ellen Law, a steerer, will coach the sessions. One 90-minute session on Saturday costs \$35 and includes a

video review. Two paddle sessions on Saturday or Sunday cost \$55 and include the video review. A massage therapist and a yoga instructor will be on hand.

"People can then take what they learned and paddle in the two local Festivals in Windsor on July 12-13 or Lake Orion Aug 24, or perhaps they can join our team, Motor City Dragons," Gutay said, in an email.

The team also will hold a fundraiser 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 16-17, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 22216 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. A percentage of food and beverage sales will go toward the team, which is raising money for a boat and paddles. Visit the team's Facebook page to print a certificate that must be presented with purchase.

For more information, email Gutay at motorcitydragons@yahoo.com.



Team members paddle their dragon boat across the water at Green's Park in Lake Orion.

UPCOMING

Affordable Care Act

Learn about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the health insurance exchange or marketplace, and how Botsford Hospital assists patients with its financial resource programs, 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 14 and 21, in the hospital's community room, located in the Zieger Center, 28500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 248-442-7986.

Blood drive

Monaghan Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive April 21 at Monaghan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. All blood donors will receive a free gift certificate, for a dinner at the K of C Hall, compliments of Rose Catering. Call 734-591-3237 for an appointment.

Cancer screenings

Henry Ford Health System will offer free head and neck cancer screenings Wednesday, April 23, and Botsford Hospital and University of Michigan

Comprehensive Cancer Center will offer the screenings Saturday, April 26.

» 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

» 1-4 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard, Dearborn

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» 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the U-M Taubman Health Center, 1st Floor, Reception A, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor.

Head and neck cancer symptoms can be vague, but warning signs include hoarseness, persistent throat and ear pain for more than four weeks, mouth sores that won't heal and a lump in the neck. Make a screening appointment at Henry Ford by calling 313-916-3275 or visit www.headandneck.org. Call 248-471-8120 to register at Botsford. Call 800-865-1125 to register at U-M.

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Cooking class

Chef Rebecca and Denise Cykiert, a Botsford Hospital registered dietician, will demonstrate how to make healthy, light, and satisfying salads, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. They'll show how to use grains and proteins to create a variety of food combinations. Gluten-free recipes and vegetarian options will be included. Tickets are \$15 and include a \$5-off-\$50 coupon for Busch's, giveaways, recipes and samples. Call 734-779-6100 or stop

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Food cravings

Sandy Baumann, author of *Control Food Cravings*, will teach ways to cut cravings for potato chips, chocolate, sweet treats, ice cream, bread and more, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. She'll show how to break the craving cycle with "no willpower" lifestyle strategies and inexpensive supplements. Cost is \$32. Workbook fee is \$13, paid in class. Register by calling the Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by April 14. Non-YMCA members welcome.

Healthy aging

Aaron Ellenbogen, Garden City Hospital health expert and neurologist, will talk about what's normal and what's not in brain function as individuals age, at a lunch and lecture event, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Westland Mall Community Room, lower level, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. He'll also explain how to take better care of

the brain. The free event will include a Q&A lecture, lunch, health screening and prize drawings. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Hearing loss

Nan Asher will talk about lip reading skills at the Hearing Loss Association of America meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afcrack@comcast.net

Lupus

The Michigan Lupus Foundation annual symposium runs 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. It's aimed at individuals with lupus, fibromyalgia, chronic pain and autoimmune diseases. Cost is \$15 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. No charge for foundation members. RSVP to 800-705-6677 or email brittney@milupus.org.



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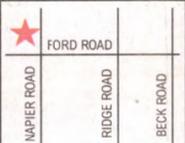


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Glory: Choir director says he lives to honor and praise God

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Folders, music and program plans — a complete road map for Holy Week worship services — have been stacked four inches high this month on Jerry Smith's desk at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Smith, 79, of Livonia, director of music ministry, has been in the thick of planning for one of his busiest weeks in the congregation.

"I'm bringing in a percussion ensemble for Palm Sunday. I'm bringing in a brass ensemble for Easter. We have contemporary services, so I'm bringing in more contemporary players for Easter morning. That's music arranging, contracts. It's all prep. And suddenly, it's Palm Sunday morning and it all has to click.

"I love the prep. I love it, working with musically-inclined people who want to be here. I have a choir of very

dedicated people."

As Smith works his way through Holy Week with his 50-voice church choir, he also heads into the home stretch for the annual Livonia Prayer Breakfast. It's set for 7 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam in Livonia. Tickets are available for the event through Friday, April 18 by mailing a check payable to the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast to Sally Butler, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Call 248-476-9427 for more information.

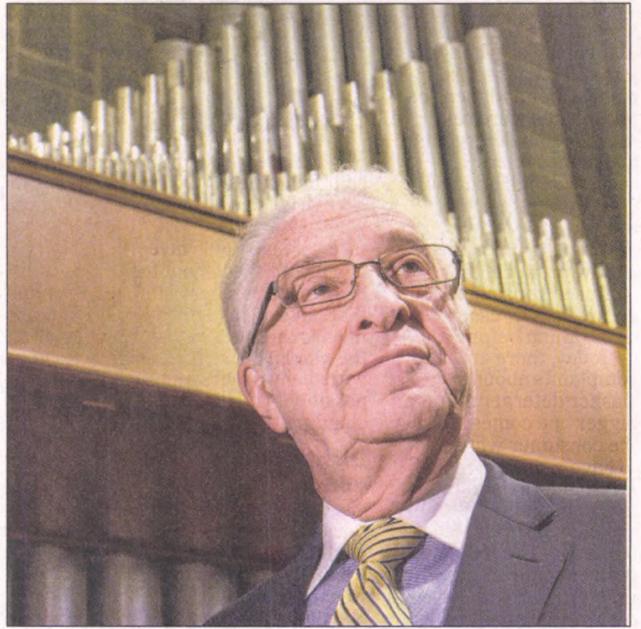
Apollo 16 astronaut, Gen. Charles Moss Duke, will be the guest speaker. Smith, who has lined up the prayer breakfast's musical performances for the past 20 years, has asked his sister-in-law, Debbie Hart, of Orlando, Fla., to sing *The Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*. His wife, Sharon, a pianist, also performs pre-breakfast music every

year.

Life philosophy

"Faith is important to me and sacred purposes in life are important to me," said Smith, explaining his longtime involvement with the annual breakfast. "I am a born-again Christian. I was raised in a Bible church by very devout parents. My sister and I are still very active in church work. To me, the purpose in life is to honor and praise God and it is my purpose in life. It really is."

His resume says it all. Before becoming music director at First Presbyterian of Plymouth, Smith, who holds a master of music degree and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan, spent 30 years directing choirs at Ward Presbyterian Church. He also worked at Trinity Baptist and Redford Baptist. At nearly the same time, from 1959-85, he was music director for Bentley High School in Livonia.



Jerry Smith, Ph.D., stands in front of the pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, where he is music director. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

nia. When the school closed, he developed the Creative Arts and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Churchill High School. He resigned from the school district three years

later, but continued on at Ward. "I had almost two full-time jobs at the same time and it was wonderful. It was excit-

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Livonia native will sing patriotic songs at local prayer breakfast

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Debbie Hart's "a belter." She sings high, medium and low, but prefers the medium range where she can sing out loud and proud.

"When I took voice, they train you to do more classical music. But I never lost who I wanted to be as far as my music is concerned. I took what they taught me and tweaked it to sing the way I wanted to," said Hart, a Florida resident who will return to her native Livonia to perform at its annual prayer breakfast on May 1.

Her brother-in-law, Jerry Smith, invited her to sing, knowing that she has belted out songs at political and patriotic rallies and often shows a



Debbie Hart, a former Livonia resident, will sing two patriotic songs at the annual Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

multi-media presentation while performing.

"When she sings, you are moved," said Smith, who is married to Hart's sister, Shar-

on. "She has this kind of voice that builds and has this rich quality."

Hart is one of four siblings who grew up in a musical family that lived in Livonia and Detroit before moving to Missouri during her sophomore year of high school.

"My mom played the piano and my dad sang. It was like the talent hour. We'd all be singing."

She started singing when she was 10 years old, first in church, and later at youth rallies and revivals. She studied music at Lincoln University in Missouri and at Owosso College in Michigan, but left school to marry and raise a family. She and her husband have four children and 15 grandchildren.

Her "day job" at the Timothy Plan, a Christian mutual fund, where she works with shareholders, has led to some of her performance opportunities.

"The Timothy Plan supports a lot of ministries through its funds. I've had the opportunity to sing at America-type events and rallies, get-out-the-vote type of things. I traveled to Israel with Mike Huckabee (former Arkansas governor) and was able to sing with Pat Boone," she said.

She also took a mission trip to Russia years ago and sang on street corners.

"I was there two months before communism fell in Russia. I'll never forget the people, reaching out to God, wanting the Word, but not

being able to get it."

Hart has three albums to her credit and will have her most recent CD on hand when she performs in Livonia next month.

She said that although she enjoyed listening to Barbra Streisand and Karen Carpenter while growing up, she preferred to sing sacred rather than secular music.

"I've always done gospel and patriotic music. I believe every opportunity that has been given to me, God has given to me," she said. "He always has opened doors and I've just walked through them. I'll keep singing until he tells me not to sing any more."

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Plastic-coated soap tablets cause dishwasher problems

For many years, the service technician hardly ever talked about detergent used in a dishwasher and then the phosphates were removed from detergents and homeowners searched high and low for a brand that could do the job. The manufacturers came up with all sorts of new products that confused consumers and created a new cash flow like nothing before.

Today, there are many complaints about dishwasher detergents, but a bigger one comes from the consumer who pays to have a service technician tell them their filter and pump assembly are plugged with pieces of plastic. The following is an example of how this problem is created. Anita sent me an email that is very educational.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

"I have enjoyed your column in the *Observer & Eccentric* for a number of years. Now it is my turn to ask a question. Have you been asked about the dishwasher soap tablets that have a plastic coating around them? Does the plastic cause issues with dishwashers and possibly bring harm by clogging the drain?"

Dishwasher's demise

"I had been using these handy plastic coated dishwasher soaps by Method and my dishwasher did not turn on one day. Upon further investigation, the water

was not draining and there was a bit of water on the bottom of the dishwasher. After checking the fuses and the outlet the dishwasher is connected to, I looked online about possible reasons. One of the common repairs was the food chopper and grinder getting clogged. I took it apart and there were a few surprises of broken glass and plastic. All in all there was not too much food or other items in the food grinder and chopper assembly.

"The next step we were going to do was check the water line and drain line, which has not been done yet. I wonder if the fuse was blown from the motor trying to pump out the water and could not, due to the clog from all the plastic coatings. Have you seen this

problem? My dishwasher is a KitchenAid Superbra Model KUDS01 and is 11 years old. This dishwasher replaced a KitchenAid that was over 25 years old. Typically we run the dishwasher every day. When we have a full house with guests, we run it twice a day for about five days. I typically use Ecover Tablet Dishwasher Soap (these do not have a plastic coating) however, for the last month or two before the dishwasher's demise I was using Method's plastic-coated dishwasher soap. Thank you for any help and feedback. I look forward to hearing back from you."

Eliminate food scraps

Thank you, Anita, for bringing this to our attention. Now I am going to

use my new phrase given to me by so many of the readers I meet. I am going to tell you like it is. Service technicians love the advertising that points out that you don't have to scrape dishes anymore. They have the chopper on top of the motor impellers which grinds the food. A service technician will look you right in the eye and tell you, "that is a joke." The dishwasher was never intended to replace the garbage disposer. I would ask you to remove food particles rinsing off the dishware.

The other main point is the plastic that coats some of these dishwasher tablets. I've heard of many complaints where the plastic coverings do not dissolve completely and they plug up everything, especially the tiny

holes that are in the spray arms. The common cause of this problem occurs when the hot water entering into the dishwasher is simply not hot enough. The temperature of water coming out of your faucet should be 150 degrees or higher. This temperature water will melt the plastic coatings plus also kill the bacteria in the dishwasher. Caution must be used with hot water especially when there are little children around. Stay tuned.

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

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, *Observer & Eccentric*, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

Carolyn Sohoza, president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), will talk about ways to attract wildlife and butterflies to the garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for SEMBA nonmembers. 734-223-5510; www.sembabutterfly.com

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends will offer spring wildflower tours

through Miller Woods, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4. Tours are free and typically last about 60 minutes. They leave every 30 minutes from the entrance on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road, between Ann Arbor Road and North Territorial, Plymouth Township. Dogs are not permitted and strollers are not recommended because of the terrain. Website for updates is millerwoods.com.

Heritage Park

» A naturalist will lead an exploration of the wetlands in the park 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. Participants, ages 6 and up, will learn to listen to and identify native frogs and toads. Youngsters will complete data sheets and will take part



It won't be long before the bloodroot is in bloom at Miller Woods in Plymouth Township. Spring wildflower tours run April 27 and May 4.

in seasonal Heritage Park Frog and Toad Surveys. Cost is \$5.

» Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 8:30-9:30 p.m. April 18, 9-10 p.m. May 16 and 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person.

Register for the programs at recreg.fhgov.com. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

JVS helps women enter work force

There is help and hope for women facing difficult circumstances who need to return to the job market.

The JVS Women to Work Program provides assistance and encouragement to women from all social and economic backgrounds in southeastern Michigan who must find employment following divorce or spousal death, disability or unemployment.

The five-week program, offered at no charge, helps women assess vocational interests, identify work-related skills, prepare resumes, develop interviewing and networking skills and launch a job search. The next session of the

JVS Women to Work Program begins with an informational meeting from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield.

For information or to register, contact Judy Richmond at jrichmond@jvsdet.org or 248-233-4232, or visit www.jvsdet.org/women.

JVS is an award-winning human service organization with four main locations in metropolitan Detroit. The agency provides counseling, training, support services and comprehensive programs to the frail elderly, at-risk youth, individuals with disabilities, unemployed workers, and people who are economically disadvantaged.

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1989

A 25th class reunion is planned for May 10 at Joy Manor in Westland.

For more information and tickets, contact Kelly at kelicamusic@yahoo.com or call at 734-377-1745.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1974

A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other

arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 10. Contact Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email beth.macdonald.sinacola@gmail.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to

midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the public to a Holy Week exhibit of a replica of the famous **SHROUD OF TURIN**

Sunday, April 13th thru Easter Sunday, April 20th

The exhibit of the replica of the purported burial cloth of Jesus Christ will open with a special presentation by Msgr. Todd Lajiness, Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, at 1:15 PM on Palm Sunday, April 13th, in the school cafeteria. Msgr. Lajiness will give a brief history of the shroud, an examination of the wounds, along with some contemporary debate points about its authenticity.

Please see the parish website for the complete exhibition schedule & map:
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The pain that comes with distending the joint is one reason to take out the fluid that accumulates in the knee. Another reason is that the knee joint is constructed so that one-half cc of fluid up to two cc of fluid provides the best lubrication for friction free movement. Any more fluid interferes, just as putting five quarts of oil into a car engine that calls for four quarts disrupts the motion of the pistons.

Furthermore, removing knee fluid allows the doctor to make a better diagnosis than possible by history, physical examination and x-rays. An analysis of the fluid will uncover whether the patient has osteoarthritis, an inflammatory condition, gout or infection. As each of these conditions has its own treatment and long-term outlook, it is important for the doctor to gain the information fluid analysis provides.

Finally, with the aspiration needle in the knee joint, the physician can undertake therapy. Most often that means injecting the joint with a steroid-cortisone type medication such as methylprednisolone. The cortisone group of medications dampens irritation, preventing return of joint fluid accumulation. Injecting into the joint also means that steroid does not enter the rest of the body, thereby sparing the patient from cortisone side effects.

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Rescues offer fundraisers, wildlife advice

Bowl for animals

The ninth annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue! is set for Aug. 9, but event sponsors Michelle Mullen and Aleta Sill of Aleta Sill's Bowling World plan to get a jump on the excitement.

They will launch the Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Pledge Drive with a "Yappy Hour" 6-8 p.m. May 1, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile in Farmington Hills.

The evening will include the Detroit Tiger Mascot, "PAWS," a demonstration of registration and online pledging, announcement of pledge incentives, raffles, prizes, appetizers and a cash bar, along with \$5 bowling.

The sponsors hope to raise \$50,000 this year for the Friends of the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

For more information, call Mullen at 248-217-8275.



Abandoned?

Each year, at the first signs of spring, the Michigan Humane Society Wildlife Department begins taking in healthy baby rabbits, birds, ducklings and other young animals that well-meaning finders believed were orphaned.

But for most of those wild babies, being alone for several hours was a normal part of their mother's protection. Many won't survive or thrive if taken from their mothers. MHS is asking the public to exercise caution before intervening with wildlife.

"Those who come across wild baby animals and instinctively want to help them do so out of compassion and kindness," said Dave Bjarne- sen, Michigan Humane Society wildlife technician. "However, unless they are at immediate risk, it is usually in the animals' best interest to not intervene or move them. When in doubt, those who find animals can call the MHS Wildlife Department first."

Although it may appear that baby animals are abandoned when they are without their parents, most of the time the mother is nearby. It is normal for many species to leave their young unattended for hours at a time. A doe may leave her fawn for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. Fawns do not carry a scent, so by watching her young from a distance, a doe helps keep her scent from attracting predators to them.

A duck may run in the opposite direction of her

ducklings in order to have a predator chase her instead of her young. She will return to them when the threat is gone.

Another often-misunderstood sight is when young birds, which typically do not fly as soon as they leave the nest, spend a few days on the ground to build up their flight muscles. During this time, they may appear to be injured.

If you find an injured wild animal or animals known to be orphaned, contact the DNR's Wildlife Department at 517-373-1263.

Questions? Call the MHS Wildlife Department at 248-852-7420, ext. 224. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Visit www.michiganhumane.org/wildlife for more tips on wildlife.

The Michigan Humane Society is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization in the state, with shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

CHOIR

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ing," said Smith recalling years spent at Ward and Bentley. He figures that over his nearly 30-year tenure at Bentley, he taught 1,700 students in Concert Choir alone. The elite singing group was known for its high standards, cross-country tours, awards and devoted students. Smith challenged his young singers to excel by requiring them to memorize all music, battle for chair positions — a process found mostly in orchestras and bands — and take on tour planning.

"I was in Men's Glee Club (at U-M) and it is student-run. The Men's Glee Club taught me that we had a spirit that was not to be denied and it was so much fun. I thought if I'd ever get to the point that I'd have my own music groups, I'd have student involvement. And I did.

"We aimed high. I was not going to be satisfied with an almost-good choir. I pushed them."

Thankful students

Concert Choir alumni gathered in Livonia five years ago to pay tribute to their former director, wish him a happy 75th birthday and celebrate with a musical reunion. More than 800 classmates attended the event.

"I started singing in grade school at Riley and the only thing I wanted to do was to be in his choir," said Terry Marecki, Livonia city clerk. She sang in Smith's Bentley and Ward church choirs.

"He was a huge part of my life. He set the standards high. You learned so much from him."

Marecki will introduce Smith when he is inducted into the 1835 Livonia City Hall of

ABOUT JERRY SMITH

» His wife, Sharon, is a former Bentley Concert Choir member. They started dating after she wrote him a letter while at college, and he responded. After three dates, he proposed and they married when she was a college sophomore.

» They have three children. His two daughters and their husbands sing in his choir at First Presbyterian. His son also sings and often joins in for special events and holidays.

» He still gets butterflies on Saturday night. But, by Sunday morning he is "geeked" and ready to lead the church choir. He brings doughnuts to church for his singers every Sunday.

» He loves to garden. When the couple lived in a house, Smith turned his yard into a showplace "sanctuary." Now they're living in a condo without much room for planting flowers and picking weeds. He applies his green thumb to flower boxes and hanging plants.

» He is a genealogy buff who traced his family tree to the 1300s.

Fame in the fall. Livonia resident Bill Joyner created the tribute 10 years ago.

Smith said the nomination is "cool," but also humbling.

"I feel very honored that I've had the opportunity of doing what I've done. I am here (First Presbyterian) because I was led here. I have a wonderful family. Ward Presbyterian means the world to me. Bentley High School — just saying the words is like YES! because I was there for 27 years," Smith said.

Oh, my papa: Salute your dad in O&E Media

Attention, all local sons and daughters. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15.

Celebrate your dad and show him how much you appreciate him by entering the first Observer & Eccentric Media "Dear Dad" Contest.

Bring your dad to the Spring Expo on Tuesday, April 29, in the Vis-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and enter to win.

You must enter the contest in person at the 2014 Spring Expo at which time you and your dad will have an impromptu photo shot

(which will also serve as the photo for the winning contestants). On the entry form you must answer the question, "Why is your dad worthy of a tribute?" The photos and responses will be uploaded on FB.com/OEHom- town and voted on by the public. The winners will have their photo tribute featured in a local print edition. Up to 13 winners are possible.

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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Seventeen Million dollars (\$17,000,000), in one or more series, to pay all or part of the cost to (i) acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the City's existing water and sewer system, consisting generally of lift stations, pumps and metering devices together with interests in land and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto and (ii) acquire sanitation totes (collectively, the "Project").

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BOND DETAILS

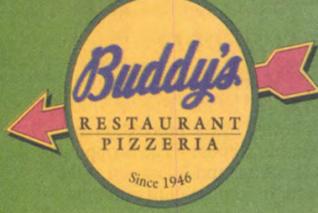
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RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATIONS OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Adults pay \$3; children 2-10 pay \$1.50
Contact: 734-425-4421
BREAKFAST, EASTER FAIR
Time/Date: Pancake breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m.; Easter activities, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free community breakfast; Easter Fair includes crafts, egg hunt, egg decorating, cookie decorating and more. Parents must accompany their children
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.com
EASTER WEEK
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Maundy

Thursday, April 17; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18; 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: A free Easter breakfast will be served from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD, "Come Follow Me"
Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655
EASTER WEEK
Time/Date: Prayer at 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Liturgy followed by adoration in the Day Chapel until prayer at midnight, Thursday, April 17; 8 a.m. prayer, reflective silence at noon, Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m., Liturgy of Good Friday, 3 p.m., and Liturgy of the Hours, 8:30 p.m., Friday, April 18; prayer at 8 a.m., blessing of food, 11 a.m., Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19; 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship, Sunday, April 20
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgcp parish.net

EASTER WEEK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 17, Maundy Thursday worship; 7 p.m. April 18, Good Friday worship; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, Easter Vigil; 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20, Easter worship
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Easter Sunday events include a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: 734-427-3660
EASTER WORSHIP
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20
Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Contact: 734-425-4421
EASTER WORSHIP
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 20
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 34175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Time/Date: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgcp parish.net
GOOD FRIDAY FILM
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 18
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, at Farmington Road, Westland
Details: A free special screening of the Mel Gibson movie, *The Passion of Christ*, will be presented in the church sanctuary to commemorate Good Friday. There will be a Q & A after about what guests saw, and refreshments will be served. Rated R, it is recommended for adults only.
Contact: 734-458-7301
LENTEN SERVICE
Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Worship followed by a light lunch
Contact: 734-522-6830 for additional information
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8 a.m. April 18
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: 39th Men's Good Friday Breakfast includes full breakfast and guest speaker, the Rev. Sunil Noah, founder of Emmanuel Bible School and pastor of Emmanuel Indian Fellowship. Tickets are \$6 for men, \$3 for boys, 10 and under
Contact: 734-459-3333
NEW DAWN CLUB
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16
Location: St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: New Dawn is a social club for widows and widowers that meets monthly at St. Edith Church in Livonia for companionship and at area restaurants for lunch or dinner. All faiths are

welcome.
Contact: Ann Lenehan at 734-495-0441
PASSOVER SEDER
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Canton
Details: Potluck seder; RSVP required
Contact: Michelle at 734-718-7029; betchaverim@yahoo.com
TRIVIA NIGHT
Time/Date: Doors open 6 p.m., game begins 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Cost is \$20 per team of up to four individuals and includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, six hot dogs and six chips per team. No registrations at the door; www.stsimonandjude.com/trivia.html
Contact: Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436; stsimonand-

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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES



St. John's Episcopal Church
 Woodward Avenue and Fisher Freeway
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 (313) 962-7358

Good Friday - April 18
 Noon to 3pm
Come for all or whatever portion of service you can. Music of John Stainer's The Crucifixion

Great Vigil of Easter - April 19
 6:00pm (in the Chapel)

Easter Day - April 20
 8am Holy Communion
 9:30am Brass Prelude
 10am Festive Holy Communion
Reception & egg hunt follows

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EASTER WEEK SERVICES
 Palm Sunday: 9:30AM
 Good Friday: 7PM
 Easter Sunday: 8AM & 11AM
 Easter Breakfast: 9:15AM



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/17 HOLY THURSDAY
 Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm
 Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 pm
 Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar and Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/18 GOOD FRIDAY
 Stations of the Cross 2 pm
 Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 pm
 No Confessions today.

4/19 HOLY SATURDAY
 Confessions 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Easter Vigil 10:30 pm

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY
 Confessions 9:15 am
 Mass of The Resurrection 10:00 am

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13
 8:30 and 11:00am - The Holy Communion with the Blessing and Distribution of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17
 12:10pm - The Holy Communion appropriately called The Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18
 12:00 Noon - 3:00pm
 Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20
 8:30 and 11:00am - The Easter Liturgy The Festival Choral Eucharist at both services.

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SERVICES
Palm Sunday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Communion Service
Good Friday, April 18, at 12:00 noon
Easter Sunday, April 20
 9:30 a.m. - "Son Rise" Easter Brunch
 10:00 a.m. - Program/Children's Pageant
 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 16360 Hubbard St., Livonia, MI
 734-421-8451



Our Holy Week Services are:
 4/17/14 Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm
 4/18/14 Good Friday, Noon - 3:00pm and 6:00pm
 4/19/14 Easter Eve Great Vigil, 8:30pm
 4/20/14 Easter Day, 9:00am

Saint John's Episcopal Church of Westland
 555 S. Wayne Rd,
 Westland, MI 48186



Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

***April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday**
 Low Mass 8:30am
 Sung Mass 10:30am

***April 17, 2014 Maundy Thursday**
 Sung Mass 7:00pm

***April 18, 2014 Good Friday**
 Stations of the Cross 12:00pm
 The Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00pm

***April 20, 2014 Easter (Pascha)**
 Sung Mass 8:30am
 Solemn High Mass 10:30am

Call for more information 734-721-5023 or stjohnschurchwestland@gmail.com

Newburg United Methodist Church
 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia www.newburgumc.org

Easter 2014: "Belief that Make Sense"

Easter Fair - 11:30am-2pm on Good Friday, April 18
 Join us for free lunch, games & activities! For all ages!

Good Friday - Tenebrae Contemplative Worship at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - "What Were You Expecting?"
 Sunrise Service at 7am at GreenMead (8 Mile at Newburgh Road)
 Festival Worship at 9:15am & 11:00am at Newburg UMC

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Good Friday
 April 18 at 12:30pm & 7:00pm Tenebrae

Family Easter Fair & Egg Hunt
 (free Pancake Breakfast 8:30am-10am)
 April 19 at 9:30am-11:30am

Easter Sunday
 April 20 at 6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am

Closed Captioning provided at 11:00am service on 2nd & 4th Sundays & on Easter Sunday at 11:00am.

HE IS RISEN



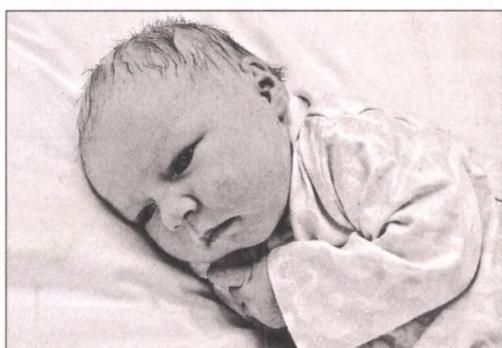
BIRTH

JORDAN ELLSWORTH PATTERSON

Jordan Ellsworth Patterson was born March 26, 2014, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Proud parents are Cassandra and Joseph Patterson of Holt.

Grandparents are Bob and Nancy Patterson of Westland and Annette and Richard Ott and John and Christi Hawkins, all of Delta Township.



Jordan Ellsworth Patterson

WEDDING

DOVE-ALLEN

Shelly Dove and Megan Allen were married March 12, 2014, in Kauai, Hawaii.

The Rev. Hans Peter officiated and Sarah Pernack served as an attendant.

Shelly, the daughter of Barbara Dove of Texas, and Megan, daughter of Cheryl Munro of Livonia, both work for the University of Michigan Medical Center.



Megan Allen and Shelly Dove

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Kauai. They plan to make their future home in Hawaii.

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NOWAK, JANE RUTH BLACK

Born to John and Jennie Ruth Black in Louisville Kentucky, Jane departed this life March 8th 2014. While her father lacked a high school education, he believed in the value of higher education and saw his daughter attain a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico and a master's degree from the University of Louisville, both in the area of nutrition. She put her education to work as a nutritionist, first with expectant and new mothers in New Mexico, and later with seniors and the low-income population of the Detroit Metropolitan area. During the war, Jane met and married Frank Hart Nowak (later known as Frank Joseph Nowak), and moved to Detroit, Michigan, eventually spending the majority of her years in Birmingham, Michigan before joining her son Jack in Oregon. Practicing her Christian faith, Jane loved easily, and leaves many friends behind. She was preceded in passing by her parents and husband, but is survived by her daughter Nancy Jane Guiley of Anchorage, Alaska, her son John Frank 'Jack' Nowak and his wife Heidi Marie Nowak of Keno, Oregon, several granddaughters and her recently born great-grandson. As Jane was always a champion of those less fortunate, please donate to your local food bank or homeless shelter in lieu of flowers.



PIERCE, CATHERINE E.

April 11, 2014. Age 90. Beloved wife of Harry R. Dear mother of Janet Harris (Lester Perzanowski) and Raymond Bynum (Mary). Also survived by five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation: Sunday 3-8 p.m. and Monday 9:30 a.m. until Funeral at 10:30 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia (E. of Newburgh). Memorials to Beaumont Foundation - Heart and Vascular Center. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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SNELL, ELLEN

When little Elen Rechnagel was trudging through South Dakota's winter snow to a one-room schoolhouse it is unlikely she ever imagined her life could be exciting. Born September 8, 1923, she was the only girl (four brothers) in the family of Hans Adolf and Mathilde Rechnagel. When Ellen was seven years old, the family moved to a small farm a few miles from Freeman S.D., where she completed her schooling through high school. Ellen dreamed of becoming a nurse, but at the time nursing was frowned on by many of the more conservative elders. So Ellen attended business college in Chillicothe, Missouri. Immediately after graduation she applied for a civil service job. It was the beginning of World War II, and the most exciting job was in Washington, D.C. By the time she arrived it was 1942. She was a secretary in the Navy Department. Her boss at one time was Gene Tunney, World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Shortly after her arrival in Washington, Ellen met black-haired, hazel-eyed PFC James Snell at a party. They were married in 1943 at a Lutheran church in Washington. After a short deployment elsewhere, James was stationed as a honor guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier and became a corporal. Ellen's Navy job ended with the arrival of their first baby, Karen. Ellen soon returned to work, this time with the Association of American Railroads, and sensitive position during the war. As Secretary, she knew when, where, how, and why of troop movements. Clearance for such a position entailed FBI checking you out almost from the date of your birth. She worked there until 1945 when her husband was discharged from the army. James Snell had been a carpenter in the greater Detroit Area before his induction in the army and he was anxious to get back to his trade. His job in Washington with Railway Express just didn't do it for him. They moved to Wayne, Michigan in 1947. Ellen again went job hunting and found a job as a secretary to the head of Radiology at the Wayne County General Hospital. She remained there for 27 years, until she retired in 1978. Between jobs, moving and taking care of life's necessities, Ellen and her husband were blessed with three other children-boys. They had ten grandchildren, five boys, five girls. There is one great-grandchild, a girl. Ellen lost her husband on April 22, 1984. Ellen had joined the Golden Hour Club in 1979, and is one of the original members of the Bingo Committee. She has served in the kitchen and as club secretary twice. Ellen has also been on the Commission on Aging for twenty years. She has been an avid traveler with the Golden Hour Club and on her own. Her travels included: Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, and Nova Scotia. She has also been in all fifty states and has traveled extensively in Canada. Ellen's hobbies included painting, crocheting, quilting, reading, and walking. She attended St. John Lutheran Church in Westland. Funeral services for Ellen were March 10th, 2014 from St. John Lutheran Church and she was interred at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uhthf.com

SONKE, MARIAN JOYCE

Passed away peacefully in Midland, Michigan on April 8, 2014 at age 93. She was born in Flint, Michigan December 27, 1920. Memorial Services for Marian will take place at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014 from the Ware-Smith-Woolover Funeral Home, 1200 W. Wheeler St. Pastor Brad VanderWaal will officiate. Marian's family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until time of service. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Delia Hill, Dow Gardens or The Midland Library.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

William Cary and Barbara (Lewis) Cary of Canton will mark their 50th anniversary April 18. The couple married in 1964 in Dearborn.

They have two children, Susan Rickert (JR) of South Lyon and Jennifer Ealovega (Alex) of Canton, and two grandchildren.

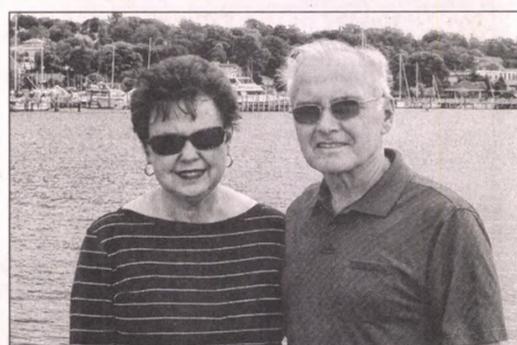
William was a general supervisor of mechanical maintenance engineering

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at the Ford Rouge Plant in Dearborn before retiring 23 years ago. He enjoys golf and wood working.

Barbara has been a stay-at-home mom and has volunteered at Botsford Hospital for approximately 35 years.

William and Barbara celebrated their anniversary with family and friends on April 5 at the Dearborn Inn, where they spent their wedding night 50 years ago.



Barbara and William Cary of Canton

RELIGION

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MAY COMMON GROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton
Details: Girl's night out with a God focus for women and girls, 13 and over. Includes teaching, outreach for homeless veterans, giveaways and party. Lifesavers, Rice Krispies Bars, packaged plastic utensils, Ritz snack mix, and easy-open cans of fish or meat will be collected at the event
Contact: 734-397-1777, Ext. 111; tam@connectionchurch.info

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire-

ment.com

» Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riverside-parkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575 for additional information

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

» Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-

.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
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» Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Friends of Unity
774 North Sheldon Road
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April 13 10AM Mindfulness and Holiness

April 18 1PM The Last Words of Jesus

April 20 10AM We Are Easter People
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290 Fairground, Plymouth, MI 48170,
dlchurch.org
Palm Sunday Services: April 11th - 13th
Theme - Zech 9:9,
"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee"
Friday, April 11th & 12th @ 7pm
Sunday, April 13th @ 11am: Communion
Service with guest speaker Paul Haataja of
Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church
Easter Services:
Wednesday, April 16th @ 7pm:
Service with guest speaker Matti Heikkinen
from Mokfjård, Sweden
Friday, April 18th @ 7pm:
Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 20th @ 11am:
Easter Music Program and Service

Easter in the Village
Franklin Community Church

10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Service
Trumpets, Handbells, and Chancel Choir

6:40 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service Outdoors
Holy Communion in Memorial Garden

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn
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Good Friday APRIL 18 Noon
Easter Saturday APRIL 19 5 p.m.
Easter Sunday APRIL 20 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

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Good Friday, April 18 at noon & 7 pm
Holy Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil at 7 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 & 11 am
Children's Egg Hunt at 10:20 am

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Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
9:00 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary Service - Dr. Norman Pritchard
7:30 PM Concert
G.F. Handel's Messiah (Parts II & III) - Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM Communion Service in the Sanctuary
Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
1:00 PM Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
Rev. Carol Tate
7:30 PM A Choral Meditation on the Passion of Christ
Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary Festival Service
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Easter Sunday Service Schedule
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Good Friday, April 18, 2014 - 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 20, 2014 - 2 services
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. - Breakfast - Open to Everyone

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Sunrise Service hosted by the youth group 7:30 am
Sunrise Breakfast 8:00 am
Traditional Service 9:30 am
Casual Service 11:15 am

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10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm
April 18th - Good Friday - 7pm
April 19th - Easter Vigil Schedule
Beginning at 5:30pm
A Light Supper
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Easter Egg Hunt
7pm - Easter Vigil Worship

April 20th - Easter Resurrection
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EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 20
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10:30 a.m. Worship for All Ages
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Maundy Thursday
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Easter Sunday April 20
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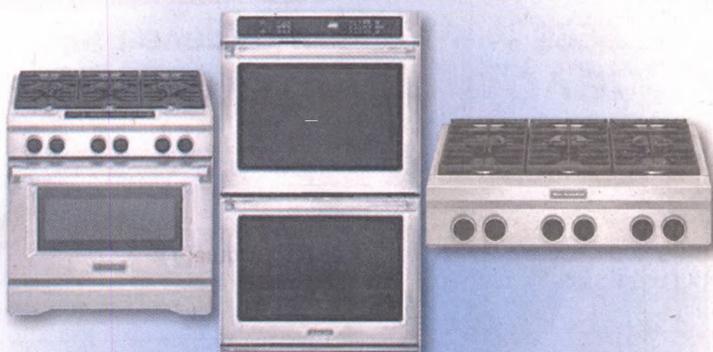
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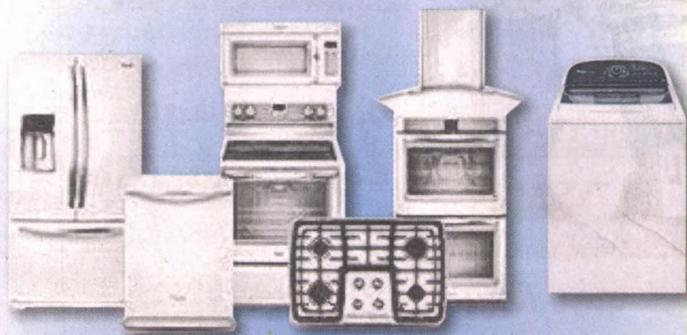
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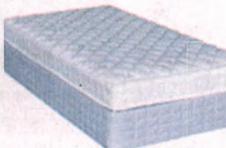
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Know your strengths and weaknesses

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

It's the dreaded interview question. "So, what would you say are your weaknesses?" You don't want to ignore the question all together, but you also don't want to reply back with, "Well, I tend to miss deadlines a lot." Instead, you try to come up with an answer that sounds like a weakness but is really a strength, such as, "Sometimes I just work too hard, I'm always coming in early and staying late."

While you may wish you wouldn't get asked such a question during an interview, it actually would benefit you to think about your weaknesses and strengths, before talking to a hiring manager. In fact, if you really want to get a leg up, you should be assessing your skills and limitations even earlier than that before you begin your job search.

"Knowing your strengths and weaknesses before the job search helps you hone in on the types of jobs that best match your qualities and abilities," says Neil Kokemuller, college marketing professor and former retail manager. "If you apply for jobs that don't match your abilities, you set yourself up for failure and waste time. As you get into the interview process, knowing your strengths and weaknesses is a huge factor in effectively selling yourself to a hiring manager."

How to identify your strengths and weaknesses

The idea of sitting down and coming up with the things you're good with and not so good at can seem daunting, but there are a few methods to try that can make the process a little easier.

Lea McLeod, who provides corporate coaching and career consulting services, suggests that you take assessments to help narrow in on your skills and strengths. "I personally like StrengthsFinder 2.0 as a very basic assessment of strengths," McLeod says. "There are numerous other assessments that can measure everything from how you manage conflict, to your learning style, to your team orientation."

Another way to evaluate your strengths and weaknesses is to ask others who you think will give you an honest, objective opinion. "Ask people you know personally to share what they see as your strong sides and your weak side," McLeod says. "Often others see perspectives we don't see in ourselves. Get feedback from your peers and or managers about what your strengths and weaknesses are in the workplace."

It's also helpful to think about what type of feedback you've received from managers during formal reviews. "Think back on past performance reviews," says Patricia Vargas, manager of Marketing Production at Halogen Software, a provider of talent management solutions. "What kind of feedback have you gotten from your managers and peers? Look for trends for example, repeat feedback that you're a great team player or very proactive. Take note of feedback you've received around both job-specific skills and soft skills."

Consider both hard and soft skills

When assessing your skills, don't just think about those technical skills you've acquired; also consider your soft skills abilities related to communication, leadership, collaboration,



before you search

creative problem-solving, etc. which can be just as important to employers.

"In general, you should have a sense for what your strengths are around dealing with tasks, processes, relationships and communication," McLeod says. "Those are the core components of getting work done in any workplace. On the technical side, if you are looking for a job with specific technical or hard skills, you should absolutely know where you stand on those. Many hard skills will be tested by employers in environments like engineering, software and public relations."

Why this will help your job search

"Once you've identified your strengths, it will help you evaluate what kind of jobs you're best suited for," Vargas says. "It will also help you sell yourself in a job interview. You want to be able to clearly articulate how you will bring value in a particular role."

Vargas notes that finding the right job fit is important, because you want to feel both comfortable and confident in the role. You don't want to start a new job, only to find that your skills aren't really up to par or

that you don't consider the company to be the right cultural fit.

But if you know going into the new job that your strengths align with your new position and you'll have the opportunity to grow in the areas where you need improvement, it'll be a win-win situation for both you and the employer. "You'll be engaged in your work and a valued contributor to the organization's success," Vargas says.

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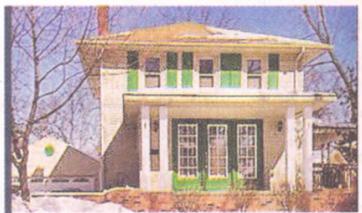
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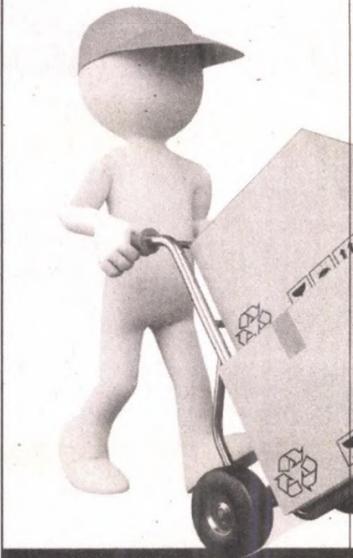
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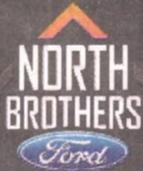
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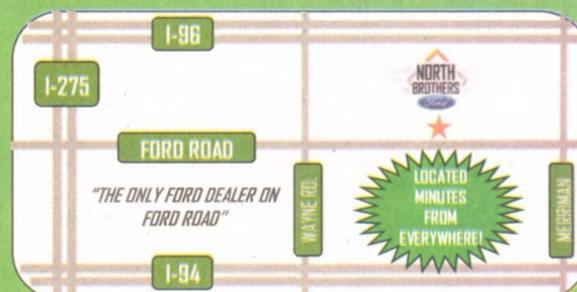
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