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City settles lawsuit with ex-library employee

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit alleging that a former Westland library employee was sexually harassed by a library board member and then fired after she complained has been settled without a trial, city officials and an attorney confirmed this week.

In another development, the board member, former President Michael Rintz, has quit his appointed post after Mayor William Wild asked for his resignation.

"I'll confirm that I asked him for his resignation, and he turned that in on April 16, effective the next day at noon," Wild said, adding that he appreciates Rintz's contributions to the library. Rintz hadn't returned a phone call placed to his office on Monday. He also didn't respond to calls when the lawsuit was filed in February of last year by former library administrative assistant Debbie Nogle.

Nogle, in a lawsuit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court by Ann Arbor attorney Nicholas Roumel, had sought a minimum of \$25,000 and other damages, a return to the job she lost in January of last year, and an end to alleged discriminatory practices. Roumel and others declined to discuss specific details of the settlement. However, Nogle will not be returning to the library, where she had worked about 19 months before she was fired.

Although the lawsuit didn't go to trial, Roumel viewed it as encouraging that Wayne

is coming together very well," Westland Historical Commission President Jo Johnson said. Stawasz spearheaded the event, aimed at educating residents about America's military history. Speakers dressed in period costumes will talk about the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World War II.

"We will have two or three representatives from each time period, and we will set up little camp sites with tents where they will talk about what life was like during those wars," Stawasz said.

Saxophonist Steven Thomas will entertain visitors with patriotic music, and veterans will have an opportunity to talk about their experiences and have their historical accounts videotaped and placed in the Westland Historical Museum's archives. To participate in the program, call (734) 326-1110 or send an e-mail to bethstawasz@yahoo.com.

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Diamonds in the rough



Six-year-old Eric Davis swings at a pitch during practice.



Seven-year-old Drake Kish tries to avoid the tag by his coach Jon Rhoades at home plate. The coach pitch Athletics team was practicing on one of the Marshall Fields diamonds in Westland.

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WYAA partners with schools to create Marshall Fields

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There may no longer be a Marshall Field's at Westland Shopping Center, but there's still a Marshall Fields in Westland.

That's what members of the Westland Youth Athletic Association call the six kid-sized baseball diamonds created behind Marshall Middle School through a cooperative effort between the organization and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"You don't understand how big this is for the organization until you see the fields," said Galen Huren, WYAA president.

"Our kids benefit from this, the community benefits from this," added school Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We have a great partnership."

Where there once were three unkept ballfields now

are groomed baseball fields scaled to meet the needs of the WYAA's T-ball and coach-pitched programs. The transformation has taken some four years and thousands of man-power hours to complete.

The fields had not been used since the district moved its ninth-graders to high schools. According to Baracy, "they hadn't been groomed for a lot of years."

"No competitive sports had been played there since we

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PLAY BALL!

What: Opening day of the baseball season for the Westland Youth Athletic Association which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

When: noon Saturday, May 3

Where: Marshall Fields, located behind Marshall Middle School at 35100 Bayview, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

Who: Participating will be the John Glenn High School JROTC

Color Guard, Karen Newman of the Detroit Red Wings singing the national anthem and state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc throwing the ceremonial first pitches. Radio Stations WYCD and WRIF also will be on hand, and the Texas Roadhouse mascot will be passing out peanuts to the children.

Information: Call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

Historical groups ready to celebrate Armed Forces Day

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will observe Armed Forces Day with a sprawling celebration featuring war-costumed speakers, a slide show detailing Michigan's role in the War of 1812, veterans describing their battlefield experiences and a cemetery ceremony honoring Civil War soldiers.

The event on Saturday, May 17, could mark one of the city's biggest Armed Forces Day celebrations in memory - a milestone sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Historical Society.

Commissioner Bethany Stawasz has unveiled the plans, starting with a noon ceremony honoring Civil War veterans buried at the historic Ganong Cemetery on Henry Ruff north of Van Born. Then, the event will move to the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Ford and Cherry Hill, for a 1-4 p.m. celebration.

Spectators are urged to park at John Glenn High School on Marquette and board shuttles that will take them to and from the historic village. The entire event will be free, although historians hope to raise money with a concession stand.

"It's a big event, and it seems like everything

is coming together very well," Westland Historical Commission President Jo Johnson said.

Stawasz spearheaded the event, aimed at educating residents about America's military history. Speakers dressed in period costumes will talk about the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World War II.

"We will have two or three representatives from each time period, and we will set up little camp sites with tents where they will talk about what life was like during those wars," Stawasz said.

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"Anybody who has served in any conflict can participate," Stawasz said.

Spectators also will have an opportunity to tour some of Westland's historic buildings, including the museum, the old Collins House and the restored 1800s-era Octagon House.

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Godbout enters race for seat on county commission



Godbout

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council President James Godbout, citing his legislative and budgetary experience, has announced he will campaign for the Wayne County Commission seat that veteran politician Kay Beard abruptly left in March for

health reasons.

Godbout, widely rumored as a potential candidate for the 12th District seat, confirmed his intentions by formally announcing he will seek a two-year term.

"The county is faced with the ever-changing challenges and needs leadership with a proven track record," Godbout, 53, said in

a statement he issued. "The residents of the 12th District deserve a commissioner that represents their interests while working with the 14 other commissioners to ensure the county is financially strong and providing quality services.

"I feel I am qualified to fill that role," he said, "and I look forward to serving this community as a

commissioner for all the people in the district."

Godbout became the latest candidate to announce he will campaign in the 12th District, a long-time Democratic stronghold that includes Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia. Beard's former legislative aide, Ronalee Bowman, confirmed in March she hopes to

win the seat.

Bowman became the interim appointee to Beard's seat in March. She said she moved into an apartment in the district before Beard stepped down.

Candidates will compete in partisan races in the Aug. 5 primary

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Coming Sunday in Health. Fibromyalgia event presents physicians treating the disorder. Image of a woman holding her head.

Schools of Choice plan for Webster proposed

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a step toward tackling a projected \$5.6 million budget shortfall, Livonia Public Schools may open Webster Elementary's academically talented program to nonresident pupils through Schools of Choice.

The move could bring in

\$150,000, Supt. Randy Liepa said Monday during the first look at the district's 2008-09 budget.

LPS could designate a number of students at each grade level. The students must be from Wayne County or a neighboring district such as Farmington or Clarenceville and would have to meet the

same academic requirements as LPS students to be qualified for the program.

Liepa said not many of the districts offer as extensive a program for academically talented students.

The students would be allowed to stay in the district through graduation. Parents would have to provide their students' transportation.

School board members would have to approve the idea.

LPS projects a loss of 400 students next year.

In presenting the budget, director of business services Lisa Levesque showed a projected \$2.2 million reduction in revenue, \$1.6 million

increase in costs and \$1.8 million in a carryover budget deficit from last year, adding up to \$5.6 million that must be made up to balance the budget by the end of June.

Liepa said that will be done through budget reductions; implementing ideas for revenue enhancement, such as advertising at athletic events; cost

containment, such as reducing the use of paper and printing or even sending out paperless progress reports; and taking money from the fund balance.

Budget talks will continue at school board committee meetings. A public hearing is planned for mid-May.

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GODBOUT

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in hopes of advancing to the November general election. Beard, 86, had served nearly 30 years as a Democrat commissioner before she stepped down.

Wayne County elections officials confirmed this week that three other Democratic hopefuls have entered the 12th District race. They are Joan Gebhardt of Livonia, a Schoolcraft College trustee and district staffer for state Rep. Andy Dillon, D-Redford; Hilliard Hampton, Inkster mayor; and Danny Wilson, a Westland resident who said he runs his wife's law office.

Gebhardt said she will soon issue a formal announcement. Hampton couldn't be reached for comment. Wilson, 56, said he will campaign on a platform of change and to help strengthen Michigan families, saying parents have lost some of their rights in a state he labeled overzealous on placing children in foster care.

"I can make changes, and that's obviously what we need in government," Wilson said. "But it's got to be whatever the citizens want to change."

Godbout, in announcing his candidacy, described himself as a lifelong Wayne County resident who has been active in the Westland community for 29 years, including eight years on the council. He is vice chair of the Nankin Transit Commission that provides bus transportation to seniors and disabled people in Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Wayne.

Godbout also serves on boards for the Westland Community Foundation, the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Governance Committee and the league's Energy and Technology Committee.

Godbout is a 1978 graduate of Lawrence Technological University and works as an account manager for Rockwell Automation in Troy. He is married and has an adult son.

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BASEBALL

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went to the middle school concept in 1994, there were no leagues, so the fields weren't maintained," he added.

"If you looked at them when we started, you'd think there was only two fields between Kmart and the school," said John Gelert. "There were trees growing through backstops."

"We knew they were there," added Joe Wilson, like Gelert a WYAA member. "I'd take my kid walking through there and he'd be climbing these jungles gyms and what it was a backstop."

WYAA officials credit Gelert and Wilson with the idea of turning the three school fields into a baseball complex for youngsters. The organization was looking for a place for its youngest players after playing on not so good school fields and in Hines Park where the leagues were at the mercy of the weather and fields weren't well maintained.

"We were running out of options and we needed something for these kids," said Huren. "We were looking for quality fields for these kids. They're our largest group, we have more than 700 children playing this year."

Work on the fields began in October 2004. Gelert and Wilson remember it well because of the snowfall.

"I remember taking the tractor out and raking the field in snow," said Wilson.

"You could have walked out and started shoveling snow," Gelert added.

By 2005, volunteers were in there working. The first year, they were able to use three fields, the next year five. By 2007, the sixth field came into play.

"No. 6 was a disaster," said Wilson. "The infield was as



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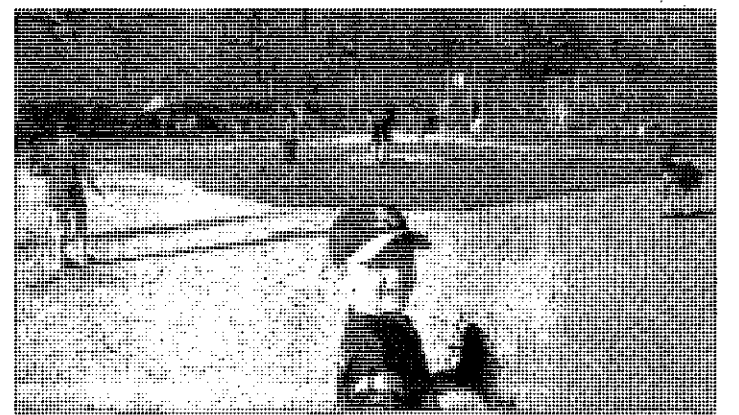
Seven-year-old Logan Swarthout, playing the pitcher's position, runs to get the ball after a hit.

hard as a rock the first year. They second year we dug it out. It was like breaking up a parking lot."

The WYAA believes the partnership has worked because the organization has delivered on its promises. They have raised the money to pay two-thirds of the cost of benches and the district installed them to WYAA specifications. The organization also provided two-thirds of the cost for the fencing and believes the effort elicited "a little extra" from the district.

"They put in trees to line the area, a walkway and permanent trash cans," said Huren. "Every time we show good faith, they respond."

"The one thing that keeps it going is that we're not falling back on our promises," added Gelert. "The schools keep coming and doing something for us."



Six-year-old Chad Stevens takes a look at the outfield as the Athletics coach pitch team practices at Marshall Fields.

Gelert and Wilson also get credit for setting up one of WYAA's biggest fund-raisers, the car raffle. Red Holman Pontiac has provided the vehicle for three years and the WYAA has covered the cost of the taxes to have attractive ticket prices. This year, the raffle will feature a two-year

lease. "Joe Wilson is the reason we were talking about this (Marshall Fields)," said baseball commissioner Jack Profit. "He talked John into it and they brought it to the board."

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LAWSUIT

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County Circuit Judge Robert J. Colombo Jr. had earlier refused a motion by the city's attorneys to dismiss the case. "I believe that was affirmation that the case was a strong case and helped lead to a resolution," Roumei said Tuesday during a telephone interview.

According to court documents, it wasn't the first time Nogle had alleged sexual harassment in the workplace. The documents indicate that she had complained on at least two other occasions before she was hired in Westland.

At first, the local lawsuit had named the library, Rintz and two library employees, Lisa Hausman and Marilyn Kwik, who were serving as acting co-directors after the board had fired Director John Patane. The suit alleged that Hausman and Kwik fired Nogle after she complained about Rintz to the board

attorney.

Roumei confirmed that Kwik was omitted from the lawsuit even before it was settled. He said she shouldn't have been named from the start.

Wild and library board President Daniel Bourdeau welcomed the lawsuit being settled and said the library, under the leadership of Director Cheryl Napsha, who was hired last year, has made positive strides.

"I'm very pleased, and I think that Cheryl Napsha is really starting to blossom in that role there," Wild said. "I expect good things to continue to happen at the library."

Wild said he hopes to appoint Rintz's board successor as early as this month.

Bourdeau said he has "never had more fun" as a board member and "never had more enthusiasm for the direction the library is headed in."

"I think Cheryl is just doing an absolutely phenomenal job," he said.

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Ice show

Sixty-five Westland's skaters will strut their stuff during three live performances of the 2008 Westland Figure Skating Ice Show at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N.

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Wildwood, just north of Ford. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 4. This year's theme is "Enchanted."

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. Presale and group rates are available. For more information call (734) 729-4560.

Kick-off party

Area skate boarders are invited to experience

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rates will be determined by the total number of entries. Food, beer and pop will be available for purchase. For more information, call (734) 226-0400.

Golf outing

The Westland Summer Festival will sponsor a golf outing with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Inkster Valley Golf Course, 2150 Middlebelt, Inkster. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The event is intended to raise money for this year's festival. Participants will get a hot dog lunch, and a buffet banquet and awards will follow at 4 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road.

Costs are \$80 for an individual entry, \$100 for a tee box sponsor, \$320 for a foursome entry, \$1,000 for a foursome entry and to put a sponsor's name on a refreshment cart, or \$2,000 for a foursome entry and to sponsor a logo on souvenirs. Those who can't attend still may make donations.

For more information call Tony Wager at (734) 637-7992 or Diane Fritz at (734) 595-4981.

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skatepark at a kick-off party noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Skate amid the sounds of a live band with good eats for only \$7, which also includes raffle drawings and cool prizes. Price includes park entry, one food ticket and one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

The Concrete Jungle is located just west of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Registration at the door is \$50 and begins at 5 p.m. Payout

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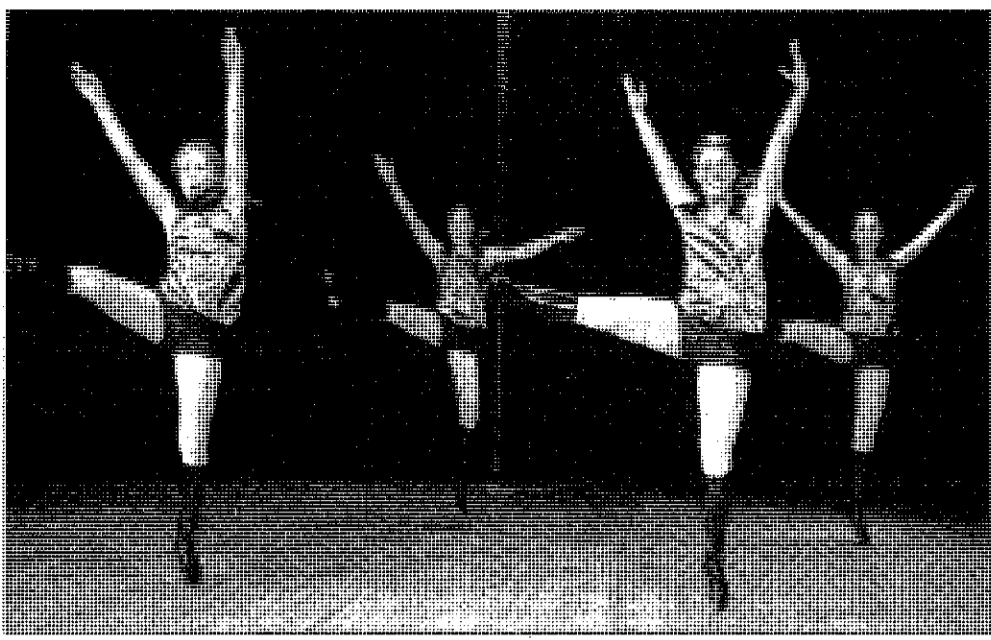
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Let there be dance

Amanda Cook, (from left), Anna Quillen, Ashley Hudy and Petra Radman, members of the John Glenn High School dance team, rehearse a number, "Kick Start My Heart," in preparation for this evening's dance recital. The team will perform at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and are available at the door. Also performing will be Megan Walker, Mallory Brosious, Chenise Burchart, Megan Daugherty, Courtney Dobos, Versala Harris, Megan Redmond, Brittney Johnson, Janae Pierce, Jeremy Estep and Cory McCoy. Teacher Sheri Grove revived the dance team at the school last year. Auditions are held twice a year, and the team does two recitals. The team's dance styles include tap, ballet, lyrical, jazz, and hip-hop.

City's Sheryl Curley wins chamber award

Sheryl Curley, confidential secretary to Westland Police Chief James Ridener, has been named Administrative Professional of the Year in a competition sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Ridener, in a letter nominating Curley, called her "an integral part of the efficient operation of the Westland Police Department."

Ridener said most people think of police departments as serving the community by sending patrol officers out in black-and-white cars to handle calls for help and other tasks.

"What most people never see is the internal workings of the police department and its 140 full-time, part-time and

temporary (employees) and volunteers that need assistance to complete their jobs for the citizens of Westland," he wrote in his nomination. "This is where Sheryl excels."

Curley has been in her position for more than five years and has worked for the city for 21 years in a variety of jobs.

"Sheryl is responsible for handling all correspondence that comes from all the divisions of the police department, and she makes sure they get to where they need to go," Ridener wrote, also noting that Curley handles "any correspondence that comes to the police department from other departments of the city and from outside the city."

"She always treats people with respect and always tries to

solve problems," the chief said.

Curley handles the police payroll and makes sure that City Hall gets the department's pay records in a timely manner. She also tracks the finances for the department's \$17 million budget and ensures that all bills submitted to the department are correct and paid on a timely basis.

She also handles telephone responsibilities and schedules meetings and other events for Ridener and his two deputy police chiefs.

"She does a remarkable job," Ridener said.

Summing up his nomination, the chief said that without Curley, "the internal operations of the police department would fall apart."

GEAR UP gears up to plant garden

The fund-raising efforts of a group of civic-minded Adams Middle School students has blossomed into a butterfly garden at Westland Historic Village Park.

On Global Youth Service Day Saturday, April 26, students in the lunchtime-leadership group GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) rolled up their sleeves and prepared the site for planting. The students also donated the nearly \$500 they raised from a school dance towards the purchase of plants for the garden.

"It is very commendable that these students not only took the initiative to give back

to their community, but that they also devised a plan to bring that idea to fruition," said Westland Mayor William Wild, whom the students invited in February to discuss possible projects.

Since then, the GEAR UP members have gone on to meet with a local master gardener Kim Peterson to learn more about butterflies and the types of plants that attract them.

"The students really wanted to do something for the community with the profits from the dance, and they decided that partnering with the Westland Historic Society to create a butterfly garden at the new park would be a fan-

tastic idea," said Katy Willens, GEAR UP coordinator and college prep assistant.

A federal grant program that requires that every dollar in federal spending is matched by a university, school or community contribution of time, effort, or money, GEAR UP aims to help students graduate from high school and prepare them for higher education. It began last year at Adams Middle School when the students in the class of 2012 were in the seventh grade.

The members of GEAR UP mapped out where each plant will go in the garden. The planting of the flowers is expected to take place at later this month.

Five bands perform today at Tri-High Ruckus

Twice a year, TV production students put on a rock show, letting local bands showcase their talents for friends and a crowd of about 500 people including alumni.

Today, Thursday, May 1, the Tri-High Ruckus will feature five bands — two each from Stevenson and Churchill and one from Franklin. They are Thoughts from a Padded Room, Life Without Us, One Remains, Rising Saint and Knockturne.

Five are heavy metal, and one plays music where you can understand the lyrics, as teacher John Boone put it.

It's not a battle of the bands. There's no winner and no payout. "It's a chance for them to perform in front of their friends," said Churchill stu-

dent Jessica Bostick, in charge of publicity for the event.

Each will play for a half hour, with 10-minute interludes of contests by students, including limbo, pie-eating, musical chairs and burping contest.

Students are in charge of all aspects, from watching audition tapes and booking the acts to setting up lights and audio, filming and editing footage for the district channel afterward. In the fall, students produce the Autumn Bash.

"The rock show is very exciting and it's great to see all the schools get together for the love of music," said Stevenson senior Anthony Dostal, the videographer.

The Ruckus runs 6:30 to 9:40 p.m. outdoors in the Churchill courtyard. If it

rains, the event will be moved inside.

Tickets are \$4 and the public is welcome.

Proceeds help buy equipment for the TV production class, which is open to students from all three high schools.

By Rebecca Jones

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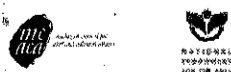
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Dining with the Stars: Ruth Spencer is May celebrity

Want to have lunch or dinner with Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4)? Then enter the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Dining with the Stars May contest.



Spencer

To enter, tell us in 100 words or less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Spencer. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by midnight Sunday, May 11.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride to Buddy's by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield, hair styling and makeover by Sebastian of I Design, make-up by Hiha of I Design and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to anchoring Local 4 News at 4 p.m. and 5

p.m., Spencer is an Emmy award-winning consumer investigator. With her "Ruth to the Rescue" reports, she has helped thousands of consumers find solutions to their complaints about a business, product or service.

Before heading up Local 4's consumer unit, Spencer was a general assignment reporter for WDIV. She moved to the Detroit area in 1990 to work at WDIV, and then met native Detroit and attorney Jerry Aaron. They married in Cranbrook's gardens in 1992. The couple has a daughter, Amy, born in 1995. The family also includes Chase, the family's Bouvier des Flandres dog, and Yoshie, their cat

from the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Spencer is involved with the American Heart Association. Her father died in 1999, due largely to heart disease, she says. Her husband survived a heart attack in 1996 when he was 49. Because of these events, Spencer says, she and her husband serve as co-chairs of the annual fund-raiser, The American Metro Detroit Heart Walk, the largest in the nation.

"I'd like to invite everyone to come walk with me each autumn and help raise money to continue the fight against heart disease and stroke," she says.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for Dining With The Stars and selects the top four to five letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

Schoolcraft College planning to build \$20M new facility

BY PAM FLEMING
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Schoolcraft College has plans to purchase 30 acres of land in Northville Township to construct a \$20-22 million state-of-the-art police and fire training facility.

The complex would be located north of Five Mile Road between Ridge and Napier roads.

Officials at the college, whose main campus is on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, have been looking at parcels on Glendale Avenue east of Farmington Road in Livonia and on some municipal property in Canton but found the township's property the most attractive.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College; John Walsh, executive director for development and government relations; and Jill O'Sullivan, vice president and chief financial officer, appeared before the Northville Township Board of Trustees last week to talk about the proposal.

"We believe the Northville Township parcel fits our needs the best," Walsh said.

The Public Safety Training Complex would be designed for pre-service and in-service training and education of public safety professionals at the local, state and federal level. It would include a 45,000-square-foot classroom building and a gun range. A 10,000-square-foot storage facility also would be built for police vehicles, fire trucks, emergency medical technology vehicles and related equipment.

A small, two-story residential building would be used by police trainees for barricaded gunman and hostage situation training. Fire department trainees would use this building for confined space training.

The complex would also include a precision driving course on 10 of the 30 acres that would feature a skid pad and

skid car.

"The only other such course we know of in the state is at the Michigan State Police headquarters in Lansing," Walsh said.

A five-story training tower for fire and police personnel is also planned. Other features include an open area for physical agility testing and training, a vehicle burn simulator, airplane fuselage, overturned tanker, rail car and mock school bus for training simulations and a trench rescue area.

"These are things we are investigating," Walsh said. "We'll begin with what we know is needed."

Walsh said college staff members plan to poll law enforcement and fire personnel in this area as well as state and federal agencies in Detroit and Lansing to see what their needs are. The facility could even be used to train people in the private sector as well, since many corporations now provide homeland security training for employees.

"We all are very excited about the prospect of working with Northville Township, because this is a needed facility," Walsh said. "We're planning for the future, and the investment we're making is for jobs that will stay in the area."

Currently, the college's instructors train police and fire students and provide a majority of in-service training to working public safety personnel at the college's Radcliff Center in Garden City. The college offers degrees in criminal justice, emergency medical technology, fire training and homeland security.

"We have more than 1,000 students in these study areas," Walsh said.

"Right now our police and fire training is scattered in several different communities," O'Sullivan said. "This facility would give us the ability to offer everything in one area."

Christopher Roosen, township trustee, said that township

leaders must identify the land as surplus before a sale can take place. If the township sells the parcel to the college, the college will bring utilities to the land.

The project would be completed in four-five phases. Phase one will include the driving course, fire tower, site work and related buildings. Phase two will be the construction of the classroom building and additional training pods.

As part of a statewide plan to speed up construction projects and create jobs for Michigan workers, Rep. Marc Coriveau, D-Northville, and Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, hope to use some state dollars for the project. The construction project could create about 240 local jobs.

"My No. 1 priority is to create more good-paying jobs now for our workers and get Michigan's economy back on track," Coriveau said. "This project has the added benefit of creating a better learning environment for our students, which will help build a strong workforce for Michigan and help attract 21st century job providers to our state."

The classroom building would be built using a mix of state, federal and local funding and is part of a plan to pump \$1.8 billion into the economy and help move Michigan forward.

"In this day and age, it's essential that we have a top-notch public safety team to respond to emergencies and disasters," said LeBlanc, a reserve police officer in Canton. "This investment will help ensure that the men and women who get their training at Schoolcraft College will be well prepared to protect our community. This plan not only gets our workers back on the job, it also invests in Michigan's safety and future."

Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, Ext. 105, or pfleming@gannett.com.

Woman may have been 'forced' into prostitution, attorney says

A Westland woman accused of charging the husband of a U.S. senator for sex may have been a victim herself.

According to Troy City Attorney Lori Grigg-Bluhm, the attorney for Alycia Martin, said in court that his client was "not doing it (prostitution) freely. Someone was forcing her to act as a prostitute."

That attorney, Frank Cusumano of Macomb, was not immediately able to be reached for comment.

Alycia Martin appeared Tuesday before 52-4 District Court Magistrate Clement Waldmann on a bench warrant after having missed an earlier pretrial hearing on



Martin

Stabenow.

Her previous \$100 bond was reinstated and the new pretrial date was set for 11 a.m. May 5 before District Court Judge William Bolle.

Athans had told police he met Martin through Craig's List and that he had paid \$150 for oral sex. He was not charged in the case because

prostitution charges, stemming from Feb. 26 incident at the Residence Inn in Troy with Thomas Athans, husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie

he agreed to testify against Martin.

Athans' attorney was not immediately available for comment.

"She turned herself in," Grigg-Bluhm said of Martin. "I know she had a previous opportunity to come forward (with information) at the time" of her arrest and arraignment.

If Martin "is willing to come forward with information, we'll take that into consideration," Grigg-Bluhm said.

"We're interested in keeping prostitution out of the city, not in going after" a victim, she added.

By Sandra Armbruster

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Best use of rebate checks – pay off your debts, invest

This week, the government started sending the rebate checks we have heard so much about. Approximately \$110 billion will be sent to taxpayers over the next few months. Approximately \$4 billion of that is coming to Michigan.

What should people do when they receive their rebate check?

The politically correct answer and what the government would hope that you do is spend it. After all, the purpose of the rebate is to stimulate the economy. The government hopes people will spend the checks on such things as going to dinner or going to the mall. Although that is what



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

the government would like you to do with the money, I'm not so sure that is the best course of action.

I believe you and I need to be a little more fiscally responsible with our rebate check.

Take a look at your individual situation to determine the right course of action. If you have high-interest rate debt such as charge cards, it's a no-brainer that the money should be used to pay off or pay down charge card debt. If you're

like most people, you have an outstanding balance on your charge card and the interest rate is 18.5 percent. By paying off your charge card, you're getting an 18.5-percent return on your money. In addition, it feels good to get rid of debt.

If you do not have outstanding debt, invest the check in a Roth IRA. A Roth allows your money to grow tax-free for retirement. The majority of Americans are not saving sufficient amounts for their future. A Roth IRA is a smart place for your rebate check.

Another option is to invest the money for your child's or grandchild's college education. The cost of college continues to outpace inflation

and when you couple that with the importance of a college education, investing for higher education should be a top priority. If you're saving for college, whether for a child or a grandchild located in Michigan or not, the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) is a great option to consider. You can

deduct your contribution in the MESP on your Michigan income tax.

Should we all do the patriotic thing and rush out and spend the rebate check? No. The bottom line is we should do what makes sense for our individual situation. After all, if we run into financial difficulties, we can't turn to the

government to bail us out.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon from to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Love of Lace XV
The Great Lakes Lace Group Inc. will present Love of Lace XV 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, in Livonia. The event is a day of lace making, with demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors and displays. Admission is free, public is welcome. For more information, go online to www.GLLGI.org.

It's Post Time!
The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan is presenting present Derby for Dreams charity fundraiser 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. Net proceeds of this event support HFH's programs and services for those in the bleeding

disorders community. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple and include an afternoon of thoroughbred horse racing projected on a big screen TV. A buffet of southern food and "Funny Money" to place one bet on each race are included. A cash bar will be offered. Each race is professionally called with a photo finish ending. As an added bonus, beginning at 5 p.m., the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby will be telecast live. Everyone is invited to Dress for the Derby! Ladies, a prize will be awarded for the best Derby hat! For more information, call Dawn Evans at (800) 482-3041 or register online at www.hfmich.org.

County auction
The next Wayne County equipment auction will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Martin's Towing, 17180 Dix-Toledo in Brownstown Township. Among the items available will be county dump trucks and tractors, about 75 former Sheriff's Office patrol cars, jewelry, laptop computers and cameras. There is a refundable \$200 deposit required to bid and a 7 percent buyer's fee.

Spring Festival
United Christian School will hold its Spring Festival 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, in the gymnasium of the school, 29205 Florence, at Middlebelt, Garden City. There will be a silent auction, candle making, carnival type games, hair braiding, face painting, country store, moonwalk and more. The public is welcome.

Gain inner peace
University of Detroit Mercy professor Mike Whitty will lead a talk and workshop to empower people to gain more inner peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road. He'll be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Peace regular monthly meeting. All meetings are open to the public. A builder of regional, community, and human unity, Whitty offers free talks on peace, spirituality, economics, politics, ecology and business. He is the National Chancellor of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, and a member of Peace Action of Michigan and the Gray Panthers. Donations are accepted by the Citizens for Peace for use of the church facilities. For additional information, contact Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers wel-

come. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

EDUCATION

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, has open enrollment for 2008-2009 school year. Openings for the 3- and 4-year-old programs are available. Potty training is not required. There is a certified teacher. The 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The 3-year-old program runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

YWCA preschool
The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2+ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

After school program
An after-school recreation, tutoring and scouting program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, is for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Volunteers needed in all areas - gym, game room, kitchen, tutoring, arts and crafts. High school students are perfect candidates for tutoring younger children. For information on participating or volunteering, call (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide



DAVID L. MALHALAB M NEWS SERVICE / MNS PHOTO

Comics galore

Mike Wooley (from left), Mike Rea and Richard Rea show Victoria Ramos, 5, of Garden City some of the thousands of comic books that A to Z Cards & Comics of Garden City, will be giving away 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, during the sixth Annual Free Comic Book Day. The Rea brothers also will be serving cake. Free Comic Book Day was created to bring in new customers to independent comic book stores worldwide. A to Z Cards & Comics is at 32647 Ford, east of Venoy in Garden City. For more information, call (734) 425 6780.



Go fly a kite

If you like flying kites, you won't want to miss the High Flying Kite and Music Festival 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Nankin Mills Park on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Sponsored by Wayne County Parks will feature continuous stunt kite demonstrations, an open flying field, free kite crafts and a moonwalk area for kids. The Classics Band will provide the music. The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit the Web site at www.waynecountypark.org.

respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice
Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing

and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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1991 Ford	4 Door	1FACP52U0MA176333
1998 Ford	4 Door	1FAPP52U1WG149896
2005 Ford	4 Door	1FAPP52335A286384
1996 Pontiac	4 Door	1G2NE52M2TC719228

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Kevin L. Buford
City of Westland
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
99-Approved minutes of 4/7/08.
-Approved req. North Bros. Ford to hold 5K Run/Walk 5/17 Marquette & Carlson Roads.
-Approved req. VFW 9886 to hold "Buddy Poppy" sales from 5/8-5/10 @ various intersections.
-Approved bid AT&T/Positron to install & 4 yr. maint. of E911 System; amt. \$241,775.72.
-Approved bid Red Holman GMC for SWAT Vehicle; amt \$114,113.00.
-Ad

Coaches become servers to help football boosters

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From the sidelines, they may call for a pitchout, but come May 20, John Glenn High School's football coaches will be calling out something else — food orders.

The coaches for the high school's freshman, junior varsity and varsity football programs, will be hustling food orders at the Westland Big Boy Restaurant on Wayne Road and Hunter as part of a Celebrity Server fund-raiser sponsored by the Football Boosters organization.

"It's geared toward the players and their friends and it's being strongly suggested that players bring their families," booster president James Speen said. "It's a chance for the boys to enjoy having the coaches wait

on them."

Like their players, the coaches will need some training and will be at the restaurant on May 19 for pointers. The next day they'll be back to hostess and server with the boosters getting 10 percent of all sales from 5-10 p.m. as well as the tips.

And they've also issued a challenge to teachers to do a similar event on Monday, June 2, at the restaurant.

"A lot of teachers are interested, so the students will vote on who will be there," Speen said.

HELPING THE PROGRAM

The Celebrity Server events are two of a slew of fund-raisers the booster club is holding this spring to raise money to benefit next year's football program. A nonprofit, the football boosters start the season with \$1,000 in the bank and end with the same

amount as seed money for the next year.

In between they do fund-raisers to generate an estimated \$20,000 that goes for such things as banquets for the football teams and cheerleading squads and requests from the coaches like paying for the portion of a five-man block sled. Currently on the program's wish list is a replacement of the cameras used to film the games and new headphones for the coaches on the sidelines, expenses that don't come out of the school district budget, Speen said.

"The district funds the cost of the uniforms and refurbishing, repairing and replacing helmets, but in these tight times, there's not a lot left to spend on the program," he added. "So the coaches look to the boosters to help."

The boosters sell advertising which raises a significant

amount of money, but not enough to cover all the costs. They tried a Dining to Donate last year and raised "a couple of hundred dollars" and have added more events this year.

The fund-raising kicked off in April with a Dining to Donate at Applebee's, followed by a similar event at Rocky's Coney and Grill last week. Next up is a bowling fund-raiser at Town-N-Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale on Friday, May 9.

The event starts at 7 p.m. and includes three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza per person and two pitchers of pop per lane for an advance ticket of \$10 or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available by calling Speen at (734) 722-5889 or Cheryl Kulikowski at (734) 326-0616.

TEAM BUILDING

According to Speen, the

coaches will be warming up at the bowling alley for the celebrity night.

"The coaches will be there bowling next to the kids," Speen said. "These things provide players and coaches with some team building."

The boosters also have an all-day Dining to Donate set up for Max & Erma's at Newburgh and Warren Road on Friday, May 16, and all day Thursday, July 17, at Ashley's on Wayne Road at the Westland Shopping Center. Coupons are needed for both events and can be printed off at football Web site at www.jghsrocketfootball.com.

"One of the things we're doing is that because we're a local high school, we're doing Dining to Donate with Westland businesses," Speen said. "It brings people in the door for these businesses

and helps us out at the same time."

Coming in August is the Varsity gold cards, an entertainment-style card that gets the purchaser discounts at merchants in the area. Those cards sell for \$20.

The boosters also are looking for more parents to get involved. According to Speen, parents who give one hour of service at a fund-raiser can get their child a ticket for the banquet.

The group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Room 136 at the high school. Information for players and about the fund-raisers as well as a calendar can be found at www.jghsrocketfootball.com.

The kids really appreciate what we do, which is kind of nice," Speen said.

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First autograph

As a 3-year-old, Kaden Dailide of Westland made a stir during the Detroit Tigers run for the world championship, wearing his tiger costume to the ballpark and asking for an autograph from Mags - Magglio Ordonez. Now age 5, the Littlest Tiger, as he was called in 2007, was at Fanatic U in Garden City on Tuesday to autograph a copy of the Detroit Tigers American League Champions book for Nita Hanchett. Like the superstars, Kaden autographed his picture that graced a full page in the souvenir magazine.

'Meet Your Best Friend' returns to zoo

The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo are hosting the 16th annual spring "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo," the largest off-site companion animal adoption event in the country, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4.

The event will take place at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. There is no charge for admission to the adoption event or for parking.

In celebration of Be Kind to Animals week, WXYZ-TV Action News anchor and author Robbie Timmons will make a special appearance 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3, autographing copies of her new book, *Tweety & the Goat*. All proceeds will benefit Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo.

Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption both days. Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 10 a.m.

"Puppy passes" are meant to prevent a "puppy rush" during general admittance and ensure that all adopters — and the adoptable animals — will have a wonderful experience. A "get acquainted" area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

The participating organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include Adopt-A-Pet, Alliance for Spay-Neuter & Pet Rescue, Animal Rescue Connection, Animal Welfare Society, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue, Battle Creek Animal Shelter, Detroit Animal Control, Faerie Tales Cat/Maine Coon Rescue, Feline Friends, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Home Fur-Ever, Homeward Bound Rescue, K-9 Stray Rescue, Last Chance for Animals, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Mid-Michigan Small Breed Rescue, Oakland County Animal Care Center, Precious Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.), REGAP, Roscommon County Animal Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, Second Chance Doves,

Tigerlily Cat Rescue and WAG Animal Rescue.

Last year, the spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo spring event found homes for 568 animals. Since the event inception in 1993, nearly 14,000 dogs, cats and rabbits have been placed into new homes.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, visitors should leave current companion animals at home.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is presented by Pedigree® Food for Dogs, and sponsored by VCA Animal Hospitals and PETCO.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is held outdoors under tents in the Detroit Zoo parking lot, located at 8450 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information or to donate to the welfare of homeless animals, call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers are dedicated group

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may have said it best about being a volunteer: "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

This week - April 27 to May 3 - is the week set aside by the nation to recognize people who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. National Volunteer Week celebrates America's proud legacy of volunteer service and the importance that Americans place on strengthening this country by helping others.

Statistics released by the U.S. Labor Department in advance of National Volunteer Week shows that an estimated 60.8 million Americans gave at least an hour of volunteer service between September 2006 and September 2007 and played a vital role in helping charitable organizations improve lives across this country and around the world.

Charities count on volunteers to help fulfill their mission. It's volunteers who operate the warming center for the homeless at the Full Gospel Temple in Westland and volunteers at the Good Hope Lutheran Church's food pantry and the Bolde Food Depot in Wayne who help get food to those in need.

This is the week set aside to say thank you to those many people who give of their time. It's also a good time to think about getting involved. Local community groups are always looking for volunteers.

If you're one of those people who doesn't think you have the time, consider this: If you have five minutes, you could place a friendly phone call to an elderly shut-in. If you have one hour, you could give blood. If you have five hours, you could clean up a city park. If you have five days, you could build homes for Habitat for Humanity or other housing groups. If you have one month, you could join a clean water project to dig a new well in India.

More than 25 percent of Americans volunteer and to them we offer a heartfelt thank you. To those who are considering it, this is a good week to get involved and become the volunteer we'll be honoring next year.

Long-term protection of our water must begin now

State lawmakers have hit a roadblock on important water use legislation currently being debated in Lansing. Lawmakers are trying to come up with new regulations for future large-scale groundwater withdrawals in Michigan.

Unfortunately, like just about every other issue to come before them, the Democrat-led state House and Republican-led state Senate can't agree on what those regulations should be. That is unfortunate, because if there was ever an issue that should be nonpartisan in this state, it is the protection of our water resources.

The two main differences between the House bill and the Senate bill are who would need a permit to withdraw groundwater and how much water users will be able to legally withdraw from the ground.

Under the Senate bill, users would only need a permit if their water withdrawals are more than two million gallons per day. The House bill would make users of one million gallons per day get a permit.

Under the Senate version, in cold water river systems, like the AuSable or Manistee watersheds, all water users (farmers, municipalities, commercial, industrial, etc.) would be allowed to withdraw up to 25 percent of the river's flow and eliminate 5 percent of the river's fish populations. The House version would only allow a 14-percent reduction in flow and 1-percent reduction in fish populations.

Not surprisingly, environmentalists (and fishing groups) are siding with the House version, while commercial interests, particularly the Michigan Farm Bureau, are supporting the Senate's version.

The main argument environmentalists have with the Senate version is that it makes too much water available with too little oversight. This is especially the case in the sensitive headwater areas of our state's cold water streams. Removing 25 percent of the flow, especially during low water summer months, could devastate these fisheries. It must be remembered that the fishing industry annually adds about \$7 billion to the state's economy and helps support 46,000 jobs.

Both sides are trying to agree on the terms of a so-called "Groundwater Assessment Tool" that would determine when users have an adverse impact on state water levels and other natural resources, especially fish populations. While most observers say what has been agreed upon so far is a great start, it's still an unproven science, and will probably need to be tweaked. The MDEQ is already short-handed. How will the agency be able to determine when there has been an adverse impact on one of the state's 11,000 inland streams?



5-1-08 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GEOFF BROOKS

LETTERS

Thanks for 40 years

After 40 years in business calling Westland our home, the Kwolek family and Planned Home Improvement continue to be impressed with the hometown spirit and pride. We want to thank the community for coming out to our 40th anniversary party held April 24 at Hawthorne Valley.

It was gratifying to have state Sen. Glenn Anderson presenting a proclamation from himself, the governor and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, to have Wayne County Commissioner Ronaele Bowman bring a proclamation from the Wayne County Commission.

As graduates of Churchill High School, we certainly appreciated the kind words of Livonia Schools Trustee Steve King acknowledging the importance of career and technical education offered by the school system we attended and from which we learned so much.

We were certainly impressed with Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover taking time to tape a segment for WLND. We can understand how WLND is a PHILLO winner for excellence in cable programming.

Also, thanks to Westland Chamber of Commerce President Brookellen Swope and Vice Chair Rebecca Kelly of Sharon's Heating and Cooling for helping us tell the story of our 40 years in Westland.

Over 40 years we have seen the Michigan economy rise and fall. We have gone through boom times and are now experiencing some tough times. But one thing has remained consistent, the spirit and positive attitude of the families who call Westland and western Wayne County home.

Thank you for helping Planned Home Improvement celebrate 40 years while calling Westland our hometown. We had a great party and look forward to our 50th.

Mike and Mark Kwolek
co-owners
Planned Home Improvement

Story missing facts

Have you been to a gold party? Or are you just friends with Dillon's? It's a great fun party!! Making money off "junk" in your jewelry box that has just been sitting there is great! I went to a gold party in December and made \$447 off kinked herringbone, mismatched earrings, rope chain missing a clasp since 1983 and so on. If it's broken or twisted, you won't miss it! It was fun fellowship with friends and not having to buy candles, purses or other things and leaving with cash was awesome.

I think your article made the gold party sound sleazy and it is not. Did you not read the *Free Press* article about "move over, Tupperware, the suburban house party has turned to gold."

Some of your facts are not correct. Many cities do not require fingerprinting, etc., like Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, South Lyon. Some do, but a lot don't. These gold parties are private home parties/sales and do not fall under

police jurisdiction/jewelry store rules.

What does Dillon's pay for 14K?: \$9 a gram? I doubt it! Did you know that a hostess can make 10 percent for hosting? Whenever you have a party, candle, etc., you get free stuff. With a gold party you get cash!

A gold party also makes a great combination party with Mary Kay, Beijo Purses, Silpada, Tupperware, Party Lite, Tastefully Simple, Arbonne and the list goes on as ladies will have new found wealth off their junk gold to treat them self to a new purse/piece of jewelry.

A gold party also makes an excellent fund-raiser. My daughter's preschool just hosted a party and 10 percent went to pay for new classrooms computers. I did not have to buy wrapping paper I didn't need or a \$15 Gordon food pie or take my kids to Chuckie Cheese so that 10 percent could go back to the school after I spend \$50 at Chuckie's! It's a win-win for all involved.

A baseball team recently hosted a gold party and 10 percent went to help pay for uniforms and the moms got an excellent rate on their gold. Poor Dillon's. I bet if I offered to host a party for them, they would jump. I think you need to redo your article in a positive light to balance the scales of what you did not correctly report.

"Siphoning money!" Sounds like someone is jealous. There are reputable gold parties and many of them are jewelers who are smart enough to cash in. "Authorities get a tip." Does Chief Ridener think this law applies to private home parties? And, many of these parties are being held by licensed jewelers. Did you think of that?

I am sorry to appear so upset but your article seems so biased without all the facts.

Kim Thorell

Grill owner a hard worker

I was amazed to read that the city of Plymouth was considering not issuing the Penn Grille a liquor license.

The reasons also came as a complete surprise. For years I had frequented Farwell and Friends on Middlebelt in Westland. Bill, the owner, operated a great restaurant bar. Always decorated for every holiday, great food and never any sign of a problem.

When he moved to the Penn Grille in Plymouth, we were disappointed. However, we decided to drive out and see the place. We thought it was a great venue and have been back many times. The place is always crowded, but never once have we ever seen an unruly customer. It looks like a 25- to 40-year-old crowd, well-dressed and well-behaved.

I cannot imagine a more hard-working or concerned owner than Bill.

John Pantalone
Westland

Education in crisis

Parents, beware; the "2X Formula" will not create more equitable funding

for our school districts and is only a bad Band-Aid on an infected wound that temporarily and artificially lets Gov. Granholm and the Legislature off the responsibility hook.

Watering down the K-12 School Aid budget will only further water down and dehydrate a broken public education system in Michigan.

Providing approximately \$90 more per student in lower-funded districts will not force the Legislature to make necessary, prudent and sweeping changes to our entire public education system - such as taking on the health care benefits and pensions of our aging teachers and their out-of-control unions - or consolidating the outrageous number of school districts in our state as compared to 49 states across America.

There are 13,700 school districts across the United States and Michigan "the distorted" has 858 of them. What a concept: Fewer but larger school districts with smaller schools (yup; high schools too) and smaller classrooms - and at a cost savings.

Proposal A may go down as the great education destabilizer (although the Headlee Amendment is its evil twin). It does not work and was only a popular move in a state with citizens more concerned about the belief they would be saving taxes on their property than caring about their children's education or Michigan's future.

Our biggest problem continues to be governors (including Gov. Granholm) and legislatures (yup, the Legislature Class of 2008) without the strength of character or courage of conviction to fix the most broken department in our state.

Our children are not a Democrat or Republican issue. Our children cross all political aisles and socioeconomic city/county lines.

It is not only Rep. Matthew Gillard's "2X Formula" that will fail them, it is Gov. Granholm, the entire Michigan Legislature, policy makers and "We the People" who tell and show our children every day of their school year that they don't matter and neither does their ability to become maximally productive taxpaying adults.

Marcie Lipsitt

Michigan Alliance for Special Education

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"I'll never see that big ol' grin that would light up my soul. He is gone, and the hole in my heart is so big, it will never be filled."

- James Sorensen talking about his son during the sentencing of Alexander Letkemann, who had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Daniel Sorensen

Global warming, soaring gas prices demand a new energy policy

Tuesday was Earth Day. All across Oakland County, students planted trees, sang songs about Mother Earth and studied the effects of global warming on the environment.

And many of us adults marked the occasion as well by pledging to reduce our "family carbon footprint" and make a conscious effort to be "more green."

These days, it's fashionable to be green. Heck, there is even a "Green Fair" scheduled for next month in Plymouth. We are being bombarded with "green" products whose makers boast they are more eco-friendly; we are hearing more

and more about alternative energy sources like biofuels and wind power; and the first battery-powered vehicle that can go further than 10 miles without a recharge seems right around the corner.

These are all great things, but I fear we are missing the big picture when it comes to caring for our environment and preserving our natural resources. It is great that so many individuals are making personal pledges to do their part to avoid the eco-disaster so many are predicting, but if there is a solution to be found, it must come on a much greater scale.

And that's the problem. It is going to take a government-backed, radical change in how we live our lives, and I just don't think there is the political will to promote such a massive undertaking.

In Michigan, our state political leaders have been wrangling for more than a year over a new energy policy. The sticking points have been what percentage of energy usage must come from alternative sources like wind power, and what year will the new mandates go into effect.

Right now, it looks like a compromise may call for a 10 percent use of alternative energy by the year 2020.

At the federal level, things are even worse. Heck, there is still a sizable force of bureaucrats who still are arguing against the notion that the burning of fossil fuels (read: oil) is a leading cause of global warming.

We simply must shed our dependence on fossil fuels. Not only will it help keep our planet alive for future generations, but it will go a long way toward making our world a safer place. I suspect our nation would be much less interested in dictating policy in the Middle East if we no longer needed its oil.

Even worse, the only solution found so far to effectively blend another fuel source with gasoline is to use corn-based ethanol. Only in America — the land of plenty — would we have the audacity to burn food to fuel our Hummers while more and more of the world's people literally are starving.

Earlier in the week, I was driving in Rochester Hills when I noticed a gas station selling regular unleaded for \$3.69 a gallon, and diesel for nearly a buck-a-gallon more. Ever-increasing gas and diesel prices have also resulted in skyrocketing food prices and surcharges on just about any service related to the transportation industry.

This country has led the world in so many technological advances, it seems almost absurd we have been unable to develop a new, efficient energy source. But have we really tried?

We simply must shed our dependence on fossil fuels. Not only will it help keep our planet alive for future generations, but it will go a long way toward making our world a safer place. I suspect our nation would be much less interested in dictating policy in the Middle East if we no longer needed its oil.

We as individuals cannot solve these issues. But maybe, just maybe, if we complain long and hard enough, and prove to our local, state and federal governments we are willing to make sacrifices to find a solution, the political rhetoric will go beyond tilting at windmills and burning food for fuel.

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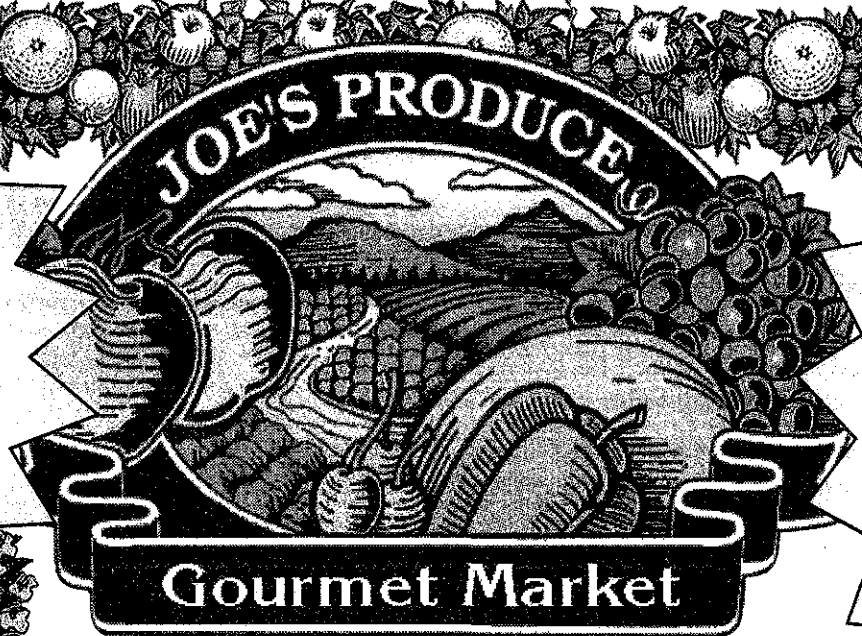
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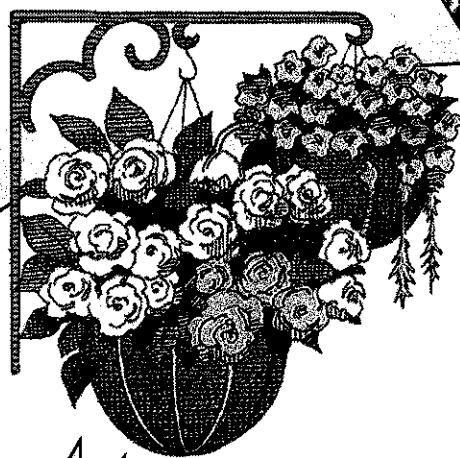
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38th Observerland

Stevenson looks to defend crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even though Livonia Stevenson captured last year's annual Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays, the team's head coach isn't ready to project the Spartans will enjoy back-to-back titles.

According to Scott Shaw, there are 16 other schools ready to compete 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Salem is hosting this year's event).

And any of them could end Stevenson's reign after one year. "I think the field is pretty wide open," he said. "Churchill, Canton, Northville, John Glenn and Plymouth all have had success this year. I haven't seen any results with (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) or any of the Farmington schools, but they also are strong in a number of events.

"... I think it will be very close with nobody really running away with the meet. Whoever can score in multiple events

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

What: 38th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

When: Saturday, May 3. Field events begin at 3:30 p.m.; running prelims at 6:30 p.m.; finals at 7 p.m.

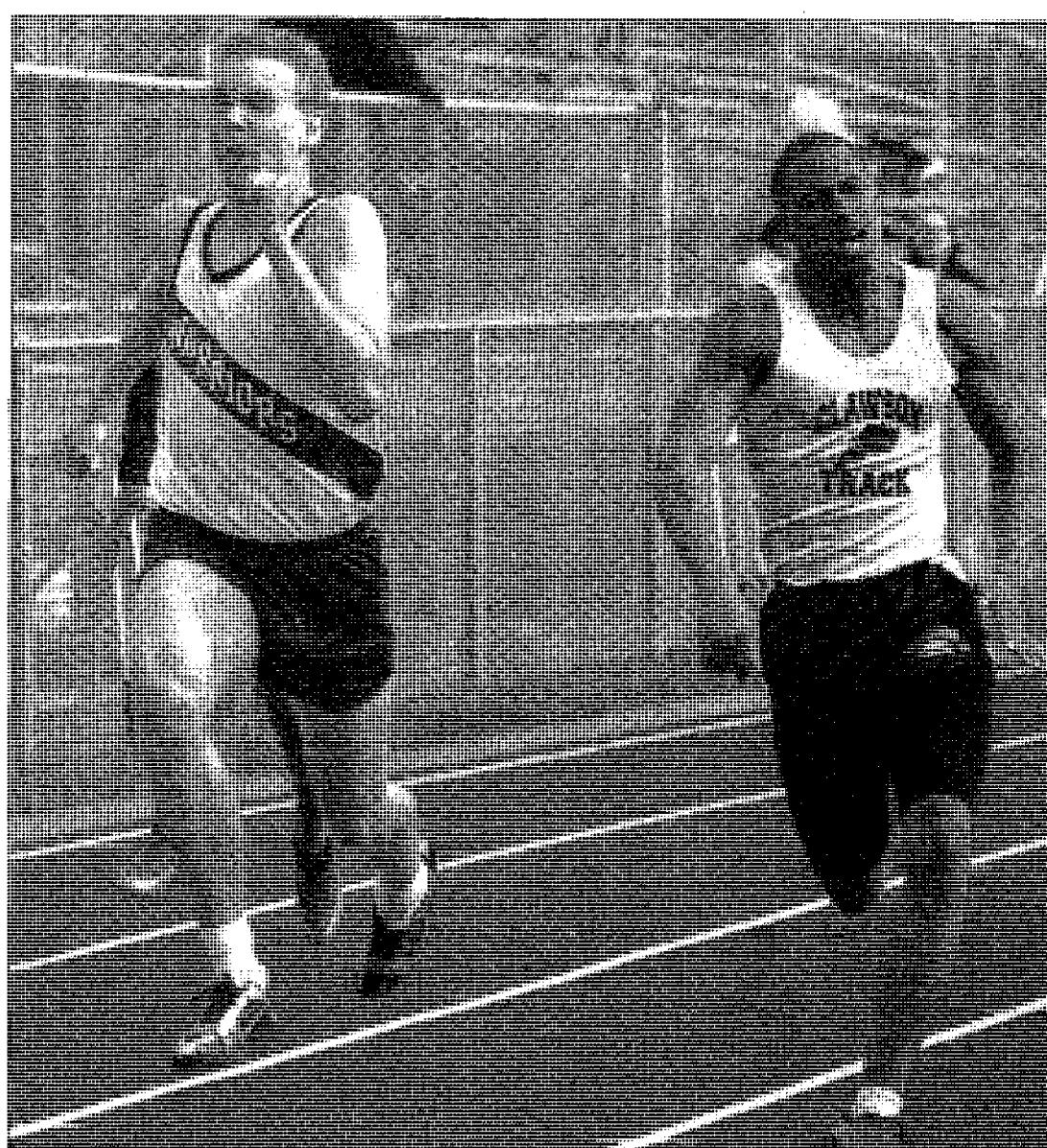
Where: Centennial Educational Park (Canton H.S.), 8415 Canton Center Road, just south of Joy Road.

Competing schools: Livonia Stevenson (defending champ), Salem (host), Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Northville Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Open events: 110-meter hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash.

Relays: pole vault, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, 6,400 meters (4 x 1,600), distance medley, 800, 3,200, spint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

Admission: \$5 (adults); \$3 (students).



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Sprint to the wire

Lutheran Westland's Kyle Kempf (left) wins edges Clawson's Dushawn Brandy at the wire in the 100-meter dash in Tuesday's Metro Conference dual meet. See a roundup of area boys track results on page B5.

Sidelines

Moccia All-Tourney

Western Michigan University freshman Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson), who finished with a 21-12 singles record this season, was named to the All-Tournament team following the Mid-American Conference women's tennis championships held last weekend in Buffalo, N.Y.

The No. 6 singles player went undefeated in MAC play for the 17-8 Broncos, who captured the regular season title, but lost 4-3 to the host Bulls in the conference finals.

WMU junior Ashley Moccia (Stevenson), who plays No. 5 singles and No. 2 doubles, took two-of-three matches in both doubles and singles at the MAC Tourney.

She finished 14-25 overall in singles and 14-9 mark with partner Noriko Saruta in doubles for the No. 60-ranked Broncos.

MU's Irwin hailed

Madonna University freshman Jess Irwin, who helped the Crusaders clinch the conference title on Sunday, was honored as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week and first-team All-WHAC joining teammates Cat Sidor, a sophomore first baseman from Livonia Churchill; Tedi Johnston, a sophomore shortstop from New Boston; and Danielle Richardson, a junior catcher from Canton.

Sophomore second baseman Brittany Scero was named honorable mention, while MU's Al White earned WHAC Coach of the Year honors for the fourth straight year. He guided the Crusaders to a 32-12-1 overall record and a 20-4 conference mark.

MU's Christina Finch (psychology), Liz Ballinger (mathematics) and Johnston (education) were named to the Academic All-WHAC squad, while Sidor was selected to the WHAC Champions of Character squad.

Patriots show their stuff in Truman Tournament triumph

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Franklin's softball team parlayed its Taylor Truman Tournament championship conquest over the weekend with a 7-3 triumph Monday at Canton.

The Patriots, 10-4 overall and 2-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, rode the five-hit pitching of Natalie Sanborn, who improved to 7-1 overall.

Junior catcher Brittany Taylor went 3-for-4 with a triple with three runs scored. Sanborn added two hits and two RBI, while Nicole Emery contributed a pair of doubles and one RBI.

"In the four innings that we got the lead-off batter on, we scored at least one run," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "I was pleased with our ability to advance runners in key situations."

Amanda Rysdorp clubbed a solo homer in the opening inning for the Chiefs (8-7, 2-3).

Losing pitcher Amy Dunleavy allowed 10 hits, walked two and struck out two in seven innings.

On Saturday, Franklin capped a 4-0 day by defeating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 10-1, in the championship game of the Truman Tournament as Brianna Taylor went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Nicole Emery went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Jessica Emery, Brittany Taylor and Jessica Stailey added two hits apiece.

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Music to her ears

Kent State's Henderson eyes NCAA berth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Nia Henderson hopes to make Des Moines, Iowa, her second home this year.

The Westland native and Churchill High grad, now a junior thrower from Kent State University, came off a fourth-place finish Saturday in the shot put at the prestigious Drake Relays with a toss of 52 feet, 10 inches, just shy of her personal best 53-8.

Henderson, who was recently named Mid-American Conference Field Athlete of the Week (April 21), would like nothing more than a return trip to the NCAA Championships, June 11-14, back in Des Moines.

"It's like NCAA week here," Henderson said just prior to her event on Friday. "It's a good experience, a high standard of athlete and a very competitive field."

Henderson is beginning to prove she belongs among the NCAA's elite.

On April 21 in Cincinnati, she captured the All-Ohio Championships in the discus with a regional qualifying mark of 156-2, not far off her personal best of 156-7. Henderson also qualified in the shot put with a mark of 50-7.25.

To automatically earn a spot in the NCAA Nationals, Henderson must finish in the top five at the NCAA Mid East Regional May 30-31 in Fayetteville, Ark.

"We really think she has a great chance," Kent State coach Bill Lawson said. "If she stays focused, Nia certainly has the potential."



KENT STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Churchill High grad Nia Henderson of Westland finished fourth last weekend in the shot put at the Drake Relays for the Kent State University women's track and field team.

Lawson did not recruit Henderson, but he counts himself as one of her biggest boosters.

"When I got here she was already on campus and my initial impression was that she leads by example," the KSU coach said. "She's quiet and just goes about her business. She's not there to put on a big show, but she not only has high expectations for herself, but she's very serious and expects the same from her teammates."

Henderson was a high achiever coming out of Churchill.

She was a state runner-up in both the shot put and discus at the state meet during her senior year. She holds Charger school records in both the shot put (43-7.25) and discus (140-7).

Lawson, meanwhile, likes the entire package Henderson brings each and every day to the track venue.

"She's just a nice person, a great young lady," he said. "She's very receptive to coaching. The most important thing is that she has that 'want to' factor. She wants to get it done. Nia is just starting to scratch the surface of what she's capable of. She's becoming more consistent with her throws and her results are improving each week."

"Nathan Fanger, our throwing events coach, is doing a great job coaching her. He's an eight-year veteran and a four-time MAC discus champion."

Henderson carries a 3.018 grade point average in business management and accounting.

But when she first stepped on to the Kent, Ohio campus, she had to give up one of her childhood loves — music — where she played in the high school orchestra and sang in choir.

She left her violin at home and only plays it occasionally at family gatherings or birthday parties.

"After the second week of school (college), I realized I didn't have the time," Henderson said. "I'm in retirement for now. I do miss it because it was a fun environment, a nice change from all the other classes in school."

"It's a job being a student-athlete. You

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Senior Day a success as MU decks Cards

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASEBALL

One of the most-successful senior classes to play baseball at Madonna University went out in style Saturday as the Crusaders routed Concordia University in a "Senior Day" doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark.

After pummeling the Cardinals 11-2 in the opener, Madonna's 10 seniors - including Livonia Churchill alum Dave Herrick, Westland John Glenn product Will Kennedy and Canton's Carl McDevitt - celebrated with their parents during special ceremonies.

Then, MU mercied the Cards, 12-1 in 4 1/4 innings to improve to 32-12 overall and 19-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"It felt really good," said Herrick about the Senior Day sweep. "Senior Day only comes around once in a career, so it was really good to go out like this."

Madonna's seniors have plenty to celebrate besides two lopsided victories. The Crusaders Friday clinched the outright championship of the WHAC for the third time in the last four years and are preparing for this week's conference tournament at Madonna.

Herrick and Kennedy have enjoyed all three titles and so have West Bloomfield alum Mike Cauzillo, Ryan Baldoni, John McCracken and Eric Wendling.

"It's a real good accomplishment to win three out of four conference championships," noted Herrick, actually a fifth-year player due to major injuries during his college career. "We're all proud of ourselves."

Other MU seniors include Levi Cheshire (Troy), Pat Kenny and Richard Lindquist.

Madonna head coach Greg

Haeger tipped the bill of his cap to the seniors and their collective success.

"These five kids have had three championships in four years, a runner-up in the other year and I think five years ago they were runner-up," Haeger said. "So the past five years we've been there (WHAC final), or won it."

"They're hard-working kids, they've got a lot of pride and they play the game real hard. They've been coachable, which is very important as well."

But Saturday's nearly perfect home sendoff isn't the end as far as the group playing at Ilitch Ballpark.

Madonna is hosting the WHAC tournament, which begins Thursday and continues through Saturday. For opening day, the Crusaders are slated to play 1 p.m. against the winner of the 10 a.m. game (Indiana Tech-Concordia) as well as 4 p.m. against the loser of the early contest.

This week's tournament will determine which WHAC team will have an elevated seed in the NAIA Region VIII tourney, Haeger said.

"So it's very important to us," he added. "We knocked out one of our five goals we talk about every year... and goal number two is coming up with the conference tournament."

Herrick and Kennedy have enjoyed all three titles and so have West Bloomfield alum Mike Cauzillo, Ryan Baldoni, John McCracken and Eric Wendling.

"We got the ball up in the wind today and got a ton of extra-base hits," Haeger said.

Madonna head coach Greg

"And we made a lot of very good plays in the field" for much of the twinbill.

Making several diving or sliding catches was junior outfielder Zack McMillin, who Haeger said "can really go get the ball."

But Madonna's offense was the biggest reason for the double drubbing of Concordia.

In the opener, with Wendling giving up just one earned run in seven frames, MU collected 12 hits - including a double and two singles by junior first-baseman Kevin Zerbo (Farmington) and a 2-for-3 game by junior outfielder Scott Boyer.

The second game featured more of the same, with outfielder Cauzillo (2-for-2, two runs, one RBI) and Canton alum Shawn Little (2-for-2, two runs, two RBI) doing much of the damage.

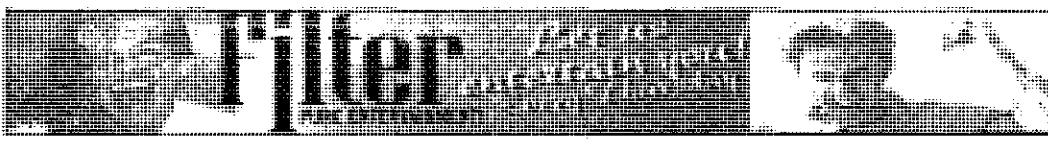
Little, an impressive freshman outfielder, hammered a triple to deep center to score Cauzillo in the third.

Another big hit in that inning was delivered two batters later by sophomore infielder Drew Fry. In a pinch-hitting appearance, Fry smacked a towering three-run homer to left-center to plate Fry and freshman pinch-runner Mike Ganser to make it 11-1 and enough of a cushion for the game to end after Bardoni pitched a perfect fifth.

Earning the victory was the starting pitcher, Lindquist. He gave up one run in 3 1/2 innings of work. Junior Sean Maher recorded the final two outs of the fourth.

Concordia first baseman Adam Goodwin went 2-for-2 and scored his team's lone run in the second, on a single by catcher Tim McEvoy. Also getting a hit for the Cards was Livonia Stevenson grad Tony Pounders.

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Crusaders celebrate another WHAC title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is plenty to be happy about these days if your name is Al White.

The veteran Madonna University softball coach recently collected the 300th victory of his Crusaders career. But that's just part of the fun:

■ On Sunday, MU swept host Concordia, 5-0 and 6-0, to clinch outright the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship.

■ Monday, for good measure, Madonna earned 8-0 and 12-0 victories over visiting Cornerstone, to finish the regular season with a record of 32-12-1 overall and 20-4 in the conference. The win total is the most the Crusaders have ever earned in WHAC play.

■ Madonna will now host the WHAC tournament, which began with games on Wednesday, which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

■ White and seven of his players — including outstanding freshman pitcher Jessica Irwin, Livonia Churchill alum Cat Sidor and Canton product Brittney Scero — won various conference awards announced Tuesday.

Of course, the main thing White and his players are focusing on is the conference tourney. The winner moves on to be a top seed in next week's NIAA Region VIII tournament.

"I think that is the biggest thing — going into the tournament on a positive note," White said, during the aftermath of Sunday's conference clinching sweep. "The kids are going to be loose, that's for sure."

Having the tourney on home turf will be convenient if nothing else, he noted.

"The best thing is that we don't have to be on the road in the hotel rooms," he continued. "But really, the kids played hard. No one gave us a chance at the beginning of the year with the team we had."

"We didn't know what to expect but our freshmen came through huge, especially in the circle."

White had a productive first-year group that included Garden City's Ashley Shay (an outfielder), pitcher Michelle Henning, infielder Kelly Lesko and utility player Tara LaMilza.

FRESHMAN PHENOM

But the player he really was talking about was Irwin, who recently set a new MU strikeout record and went 3-0 with a save during the clinching week with an 0.72 earned-run-average to finish the regular season with a record of 19-5.

Irwin struck out 213 and had a sensational 1.20 ERA.

"She is unbelievable," White said. "That is why we went after her so hard on the recruiting trail."

"There were some bigger schools after her and thank goodness she decided to come to Madonna. She is a special talent."

The pitcher herself put her personal milestones way on the back burner.

"Obviously it was three big wins for us and setting a record is always cool," Irwin said. "But it's more important that we won the WHAC as a team."

The Crusaders did just that with their sweep of the host Cardinals (2-30, 1-23) on Sunday.

Irwin fanned 14 batters and gave up just one hit in the opener, with Scero (2-for-4, one RBI) and Christina Finch (2-for-3, one RBI) leading the offensive charge.

Game 2, started by Henning, gave MU the undisputed title, and so it was no surprise to see the Crusaders come out and score a first-inning run.

Scero (2-for-4, two runs, one RBI) singled and Sidor walked. After Tedi Johnston singled, a Concordia misplay enabled Scero to trot home.

That's how it stayed until the five-run sixth, a rally featuring a two-run double by LaMilza plus run-scoring safeties by Sidor and Scero.

MORE ON MONDAY

The regular season wrapped up with another twinbill rout of a conference opponent, this

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

time Cornerstone (18-26, 11-13).

A four-run first set the tone for the 8-0 win in Game 1, with big days at the plate by Johnston (3-for-4),

Sidor (2-for-4), Scero (2-for-4, two runs), Shay (2-for-2) and Danielle Richardson (2-for-3).

Irwin, again, did the honors on the mound. She struck out eight in a five-inning one-hitter.

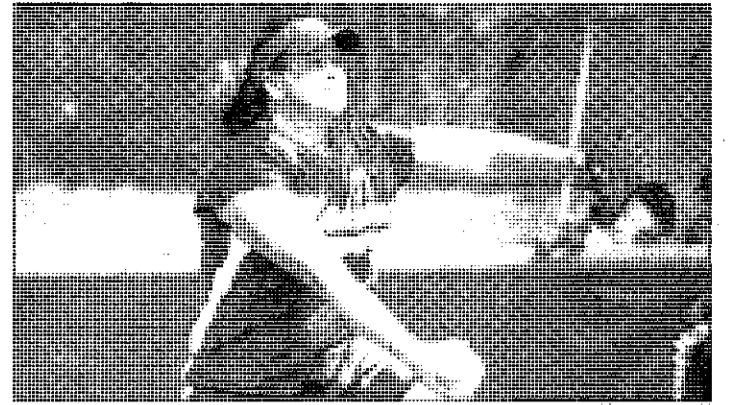
Wrapping up the double-header nicely was the 12-0 nightcap, which got started with a nine-run bottom of the first for Madonna.

Richardson (2-for-2, two runs, three RBI) and LaMilza homered while Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western)

went 2-for-3 with two runs. Sidor went 1-for-3 and scored twice while driving in three.

The late-season explosion enabled Sidor to finish with a team-leading .404 average along with 39 RBI.

Also at or above the .300 mark were Richardson (.368), Shay (.346), Johnston (.338), Scero (.336), LaMilza (.317), Smiley (.314), Lesko (.310) and Finch (.300).



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Crusaders freshman pitcher Jessica Irwin, shown here in an early season game for Madonna University, shattered the school's strikeout record while going 19-5 with an amazing 1.20 earned-run average.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, May 1
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
(all double-headers unless noted)
Southgate at Wayne, 10 a.m.
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.
Farmington Invitational, TBA.
(Lutheran Westland Tournament)
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, noon.
PCA vs. Inter-City at Huron Valley, noon.
Championship & Consolation, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 1
Willow Run at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
(all double-headers unless noted)
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.
Michigan Stars Tournament, TBA.
(Lutheran Westland Tournament)
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, noon.
PCA vs. Inter-City at Huron Valley, noon.
Championship & Consolation, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 4
Michigan Stars Tournament, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, May 1
Luth. Westland at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.

John Glenn at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Rochester Adams at Churchill, 6 p.m.
N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Ladywood vs. Marian at Seaholm, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, May 1
Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Tory Clark Invitational at Adrian, 9 a.m.
Woodhaven Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.
Stafford Relays at W.L. Western, 10 a.m.
Observerland Relays at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Hawthorne Valley C.C., 2:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Salem

at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Bay Pointe C.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Wayne, at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, May 2
Stevenson at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Grosse Ile at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8 a.m.
Fenton Invitational, 9 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers except where noted)
Thursday-Sunday, May 1-4
WHAC Tournament, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all DHS) Thursday-Friday, May 1-2
WHAC Tournament, TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.

Stevenson earns division win vs. W.L. Northern, 6-2

Livonia Stevenson took advantage of six Walled Lake Northern errors Monday en route to a 6-2 girls softball victory.

Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson allowed just four hits, walked three and struck out six to pick up the win as the visiting Spartans improved to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Emily Hollandsworth and Kathleen Hoehn each went 2-for-3 for the victorious Spartans, who scored three times in the second inning and put the game away with one in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Hollandsworth had a pair of stolen bases and scored one run, while Hoehn had a stolen base and scored twice.

Mackensy Lakian had an RBI triple in the fifth inning for the Knights (7-5, 3-2).

Losing pitcher Deanna Wagner also went all seven innings, allowing nine hits. She walked one and struck out eight.

W.L. CENTRAL 12, CHURCHILL 1: Kristy Hardy was a one-woman wrecking crew, pitching and hitting Walled Lake Central (8-3, 3-2) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Monday at Livonia Churchill (5-10, 2-3).

Hardy allowed just one Churchill hit - to Emily McShane - while walking two and striking out 11 in the six-inning mercy. She also collected three hits.

Freshman pitcher Natalie Hiser suffered the loss.

PLYMOUTH 16, WAYNE 1: The Wildcats (10-6, 3-2) scored seven runs in the second inning while coasting to a WLAA-Western Division triumph Monday over visiting Wayne Memorial (4-12, 0-5).

Catcher Erin Rodes clubbed a solo homer, walked three times and scored four runs.

Beth Heldmeyer added three RBI, while Gina Giordano, Amanda Burnard and Jill Brennan knocked in three apiece.

Freshman hurler Lauren Smith notched the victory in relief of starter Ally Ciotti.

Smith improved to 2-0 with 3.1 innings of two-hit pitching. She struck out four and walked one.

SALEM 17, JOHN GLENN 1: In a WLAA-Lakes Division game interrupted by rain three times Monday, the visiting Rocks (10-4, 4-1) collected 13 hits in a five-inning mercy of Westland John Glenn (0-9, 0-5).

Freshman hurlers Briana Lee (three innings) and Heidi Schmidt (two) combined on a one-hitter for

PREP SOFTBALL

Salem. Emily Cox led the Rocks with five hits, while Lee, Meade, Mary Johnson and Schmidt also had multiple hits.

Stacey Truskowski collected Glenn's lone hit, while starting pitcher Brittany Holbrook walked nine and struck out three.

HURON VALLEY 16, MELVINDALE ACADEMY 15: On Monday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-6) rallied for nine runs during the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to beat Melvindale Academy for Business & Technology.

Huron Valley out-hit the Gators, 16-4, as sophomore Claire Wood and winning pitcher Anna Schaffer each went 4-for-5 with a triple apiece.

Wood scored four runs and knocked in another, while Schaffer had four RBI and three runs.

Schaffer worked the final three innings in relief of starter Christina Gutierrez.

CLARENCEVILLE 15, PLY. CHRISTIAN 0: On Monday, host Livonia Clarenceville (5-9) cruised to a three-inning mercy triumph with an 11-hit attack against Plymouth Christian Academy.

Senior Sarah Beattie had two hits and three RBI, while sophomore Val Schoacki and junior Charmaine McQueen each added two hits and two RBI apiece.

Senior Chelsea Lawler walked three times and scored three runs, while freshman Kellie Ankiel recorded her first varsity hit, walked and knocked in a pair of runs.

Schoacki (5-5) allowed two hits and two walks during her three-inning stint.

Tess Hale and Andrea Carr collected hits for the Eagles.

YPSILANTI 11-11, WAYNE 2-9: In a non-league twinbill Saturday, visiting Ypsilanti (4-9) came away with the sweep over Wayne Memorial (4-11).

Anna Inoue went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs as the Phoenix took the opener, 11-2.

Winning pitcher Ashley Fulks went the distance for Ypsi, allowing 10 hits and walking three.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn was the victim of six errors.

Megan Zuccaro went 3-for-4 in the losing effort, while Heather Henning added two hits and scored a run.

Henning went 3-for-4 in the nightcap and Kathy Harris scored three times, but it wasn't enough as the Zebras fell, 11-9.

Ashley Ringel also went 2-for-4 and scored two runs for Wayne. Krohn, the losing pitcher, allowed six walks and struck out five.

Erika Moran went 3-for-3 and scored three runs for the Phoenix. Christina Smith also knocked in three runs and Masako Inoue doubled three times.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 166 WAYNE MEMORIAL 176 April 28 at The Woodlands

Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 36 (medalist); Dan Tamariglio, 42; D.J. Loney and Travis Jozefczak, 44 each; Connor Monroe, 45; Josh Duprie, 51.

Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 42; Andrew Morton and Gary Neill, 44 each; Jack Zimmerman, 46; Kevin Erdmann, 48; Ryan Raymor, 60.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 Western Lakes Activities Association; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-4 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 163 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 167 April 28 at Fox Creek

Stevenson scorers: Christian Debay, 39 (medalist); Drew Mossiano, 40; Tim Misk and Adam Giordano, 42 each; Tom Cullum, 44; Dan Dufour, 46.

Western scorers: Justin Zabokiewicz, 40; Sean Armstrong, 41; Ben Robertson, 42; J.R. Lowe, 44; Brad Stone, 46; Blake Hunter, 48.

Stevenson's dual match record: 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 162 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 168 April 28 at Brentwood C.C.

Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38 (co-medalist); Justin Adams, 39; Tony Semonick,

40; Dan Ostrosky, 45; Chris Grund, 47; Tyler Miller, 52.

Northern scorers: Jason Lemanski, 38 (co-medalist); Greg Smith and Adam Schmalz, 43 each; Joe Parker, 44; Adam Bozinowski, 47; K.C. Rakko, 49.

Dual match records: Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA; Northern, 1-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 156 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 164 April 28 at Whispering Willows

Northville scorers: Wes Gates, 37 (medalist); Dan Kozurski, 38; Trevor Griff, 40; Tim Kelly, 41; Alex Burnstein, 42; Steve Brown, 47.

Churchill scorers: Josh Proben, 40; Dan Bostick and Erik Newman, 41 each; Kevin Robinson, 42; Matt Charney, 44; Brian Bint, 45.

Dual match records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155 WAYNE MEMORIAL 194 April 25 at The Woodlands

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 36 (medalist); Josh Proben, 38; Dan Bostick, 39; Thomas Wagner, 42; Matt Charney and Ryan Cloch, 45.

Wayne scorers: Kevin Erdmann, 47; Jacob Smith, 48; Gary Neill, 49; Jack Zimmerman, 50; Ryan Raymor, 52; Andrew Morton, 55.

Dual match records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

CANTON 5, WAYNE MEMORIAL 3 April 29 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Jessica Novack (WM) defeated Janelle Burdiss, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Morgan Greig (WM) def. Janelle Karinemi, 6-3, 6-2;

No. 3: Vicki Chen (C) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-1, 2-1 (default); No. 4: Megan Levine (C) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Madelynne Bevil-Kara Windsor (WM) def. Katie Schwenn-Gunjan Malhotra, 6-1, 3-0 (default); No. 2: Jessica Reed-Kathleen Marcinkowski (C) def. Jessica Gregg-Kelsi Thomas, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Rachel Youseff-Katie Noetzel (C) def. Melinda Powers-Alicia Evans, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Kayla Davis-Paige Babala (C) def. Klara Patterson-Felicia Sparks, 6-1, 6-1.

Wayne's dual match record: 0-10 overall, 0-7 Western Lakes Activities Association.

NORTHVILLE 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1 April 28 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Joanne Weber, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Emily Wisniewski, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Jessica Yu (N) def. Emma Stack, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Chelsea Jenkins (N) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Maciulli-Abby Grajek (N) def. Michelle Thompson-Angela Tomassini, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Valerie Juan-Maudie Smith, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Breanna Connett-Sarah Koupal (N) def. Jessica Jajko-Stephanie Belcher, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Veronica Juan-Caiti Darish (N) def. Angela Browning-Lauren Pennington, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match records: Northville, 8-1 overall, 8-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; WLAA; Franklin, 2-6 overall, 2-6 WLAA.

PATRIOTS

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Sanborn allowed just one hit, walked three and struck out six.

Franklin reached the final with a 1-0 victory over

Truman as Sanborn tossed a two-hitter, walked two and struck out three.

The Patriots collected just one hit, a first-inning RBI single by Brianna Taylor to score twin sister Brittany, who walked, stoled second and went to third on Sanborn's infield groundout.

In the opener, Franklin mercied Ypsilanti Lincoln, 12-1, as Jessica Emery went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Sanborn, Stailey, Brittany and Brianna Taylor all went 2-for-4 with an RBI each.

Winning pitcher Alecia Geraghty (3-3) allowed just two hits and walked only two in five innings.

Franklin then took three innings to mercy Dearborn, 20-0, as Brianna Taylor went 4-for-5 with three RBI, while Jessica Emery added two singles and three RBI. Chelsea Williams also chipped in with two singles and two RBI.

Sanborn got the victory, allowing two hits and a walk.

HENDERSON

FROM PAGE B1

have to devote a lot of your time to practice and workouts. Practice time takes a lot of time. We work a lot on technique and studying film."

Henderson also competes in the weight throw, but counts the shot put as her favorite.

"I'm just more comfortable with the shot put than the discus," she said. "But I enjoy in competing in track and field, seeing the improvement

to now and seeing how much work and dedication it takes."

All the hard work and in dedication hopefully will lead to a trip to Des Moines. It would also be string music to another member of the family.

"My biggest support is my mom (Bettina Turner),"

Henderson said. "She always has something to say. I talk to her all the time. She gives me motivational things and some ideas what I need to do because she's been around so long."

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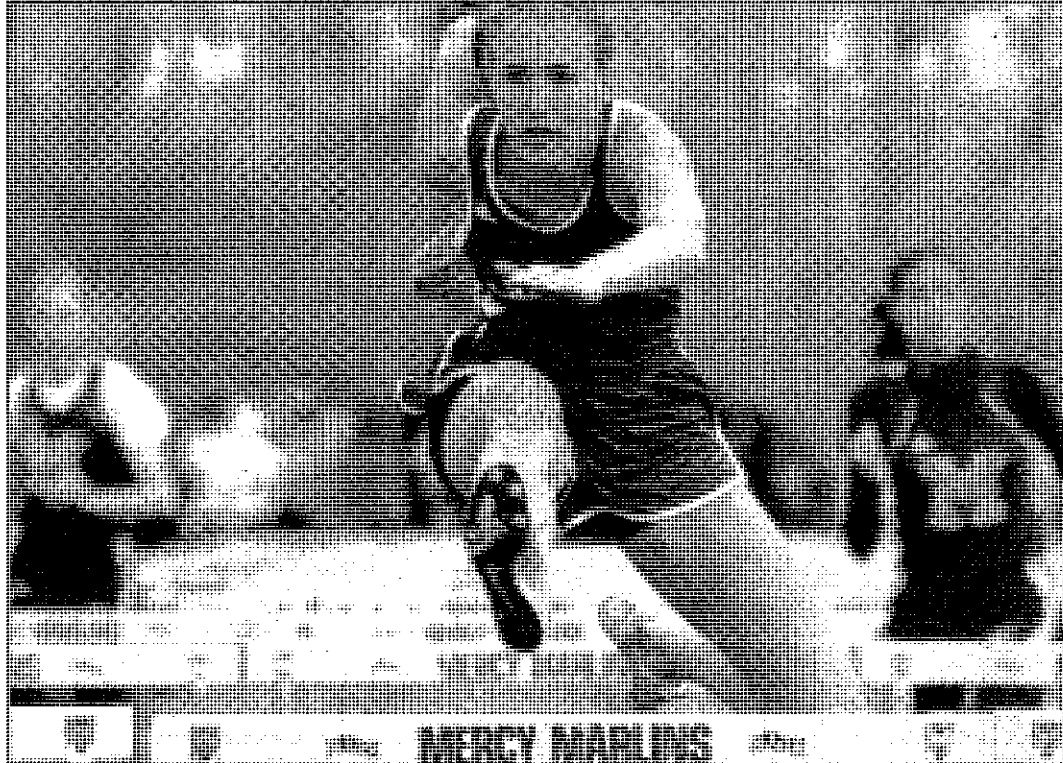
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LUTHERAN WESTLAND 109 CLAWSON 27
April 29 at Lutheran Westland
Shot put: 1. Frankie Cain (LW), 41 feet, 1.75 inches; 2. Troy Golze (LW), 37-2.75; 3. Ryan Richter (LW), 35-0.25.
Discus: 1. Cain (LW), 117-6; 2. Joe Krueger (LW), 112-2; 3. Richter (LW), 105-11.
High jump: 1. Kyle Kempf (LW), 5-8; 2. Zach Robinson (LW), 5-4.
Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 19-3.5; 3. Garrett Wilson (LW), 16-8.75.
Pole vault: 1. Paul Rilett (LW), 10-0; 2. Brad LaRose (LW), 9-6; 3. Justin Palka (LW), 9-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Rilett (LW), 17.6; 2. Zach Musial (LW), 18.9; 3. Bob Schwartz (LW), 19.7.
300 hurdles: 1. Rilett (LW), 46.3; 2. Schwartz (LW), 48.3; 3. Musial (LW), 54.3.
100 dash: 1. Kempf (LW), 11.5; 3. Robinson (LW), 12.34.
200: 1. Kempf (LW), 23.8.
400: 1. Forsight (C), 54.8; 2. Mike Greening (LW), 56.3; 3. Aaron O'Donnell (LW), 1:04.3.
800: 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:05.9; 2. Dave Moldenhauer (LW), 2:18.9; 3. Paul Bealfield (LW), 2:23.47.
1,600: 1. Josh Rice (LW), 5:04.9.
3,200: 1. Jim Rockrohr (LW), 10:56.6.
400 relay: 1. Clawson, 48.4; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Greening, Haller, Palka, Schwartz), 1:41.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Palka, Greening, Moldenhauer), no time available; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Moldenhauer, Bealfield, Lyle, Rockrohr), 9:26.7.
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 6-0 overall, 3-0 Metro Conference.
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 83 BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 45
April 29 at Cranreville
Shot put: 1. Taylor Hall (Cville), 40 feet; 2. Andrew Jasmer (Cville), 38-1.
Discus: 1. Joe Haapala (Cville), 115-9; 2. Jasmer (Cville), 107-9.
High jump: 1. Joey King (Cville), 5-8; 2. Joey Nelson (Cville), 5-2.
Long jump: 1. Darryl Whitaker (Cville), 17-10; 2. Adrian Meyers (Cville), 17-1; 3. Nelson (Cville), 16-6.5.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Pepaj (Cville), 16.0; 2. Nelson (Cville), 19.0.
300 hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (Cville), 46.7; 2. Pepaj (Cville), 48.0.
100 dash: 1. Levonte Brooks (Cville), 12.1; 3. Moses Hobson (Cville), 12.5.
200: 1. Brooks (Cville), 25.2; 2. Aaron McCullar (Cville), 25.8; 3. Adrian Myers (Cville), 26.1.
400: 1. Ryan Glass (Cville), 56.4; 3. Christian Gates (Cville), 59.6.
800: 1. Hyun Ahn (Cranbrook), 2:21.3.
1,600: 1. Nick Anderson (Cranbrook), 4:50.6.
3,200: 1. Anderson (Cranbrook), 10:52.6; 2. Matt Parent (Cville), 11:29.6.
400 relay: 1. Cranbrook (Jamel Hagood, Reggie Hammond, Young Kwon, Larry Sanders), 50.5; 2. Clarenceville, 50.6; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hobson, Brooks, McCullar, King), 1:40.1; 2. Cranbrook, 1:44.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hobson, Whitaker, Watts, Glass), 4:03.2; 2. Cranbrook, 4:06.7; **3,200 relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Ahn, Anderson, Grant Drzyzga, Daniel Suber), 9:29.7; 2. Clarenceville, 11:32.4.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 8-1 overall, 1-0 Metro Conference.
37TH ANNUAL WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL
April 26 at W. Bloomfield

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Ann Arbor Pioneer (A) and Northville, 60 points each; 3. West Bloomfield, 48; 4. Warren DeLaSalle, 38; 5. Pinckney, 29; 6. Rochester Adams, 28; 7. Birmingham Brother Rice, 26; 8. Lake Orion, 25; 9. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 24; 10. Livonia Churchill, 23; 11. Monroe, 21; 12. White Lake Lakeland, 16; 13. (tie) Rochester, 14; Clarkston, 14; 15. (tie) Southfield, 10; Madison Heights Madison, 10; 17. (tie) Pontiac Northern, 8; Oak Park, 8; 19. Royal Oak, 6; 20. Auburn Hills Avondale, 5; 21. (tie) Waterford Mott, 2; Ann Arbor Pioneer 'B', 2; 23. Birmingham Groves, 1; 24. (tie) Waterford Kettering, 0; Farmington, 0; Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 0; Detroit Cody, 0.
LONG JUMP: 1. Michael Joiner-Hill (U-D Jesuit) 21-6; 2. Ali Krasta (Northville) 20-7.3; Eric Thompson (Clarkston) 20-5.4; Jordan Johnson (Oak Park) 19-8.75; 5. Jerry Macon (Southfield) 19-4.5; 6. Sean Staples (Lakeland) 19-2.75.
POLE VAULT: 1. Joe Tesner (Churchill) 14-6; 2. Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0; 3. Justin Amara-Parent (Lakeland) 13-0; 4. Tyioer Grob (Pinckney) 12-5; 5. Justin Trombley (Lakeland) 11-1; 6. Eric Franceseni (Northville) 11-0.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Ryan Aaron (Madison) 6-4; 2. (tie) Antwan Credit (West Bloomfield) 6-1; Dave Brown (Northville) 6-1; Alex Hare (Lake Orion) 6-1; 5. Scott Lavalley (Lake Orion) 6-1; 6. Eric Franceseni (Northville) 5-11.
SHOT PUT: 1. Mat Wilkinson (DeLaSalle) 50-7.5; 2. A.J. Palko (Lake Orion) 48-1; 3. Phil Nahimiak (DeLaSalle) 47-3; 4. Matt Bowman (West Bloomfield) 46-9.75; 5. Tony Credit (West Bloomfield) 45-10; 6. Andrew Gorley (Northville) 45-9.
DISCUS: 1. Phil Narhimak (DeLaSalle) 149-0; 2. Andrew Garley (Northville) 144-3; 3. Matt Bowman (West Bloomfield) 140-6; 4. Matt Wilkinson (DeLaSalle) 140-2.5; Rob Reynolds (Adams) 138-6; 6. Derek Stolar (Monroe) 135-5.
300-METER HURDLES: 1. Kurt Reichenbach (Pinckney) 38-9; 2. Cavan Corcoran (Northville) 39-3; 3. Imani DuPerry (Brother Rice) 40-11; 4. Dennis Forston (Pioneer 'A') 40-2; 5. Evan Gerish (Northville) 40-4; 6. Nick Cooper (Avondale) 41-5.
3,200 RELAY: 1. Adams (Alex Lindsay, Mike Reimann, Tim Huer, Joe Reynolds) 8:01.5; 2. Pioneer 'A', 8:05.0; 3. Royal Oak, 8:12.0; 4. Pinckney, 8:16.0; 5. Pioneer 'B', 8:18.0; 6. Lake Orion, 8:19.0.
SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Northville, 1:00.2; 2. Lakeland, 1:02.8; 3. West Bloomfield, 1:05.6; 4. U-D Jesuit, 1:07.5; 5. Pontiac Northern, 1:06.0; 6. Groves, 1:07.7.
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Adams (Alex Lindsay, Julian Bronson, Loren Bronson, Joe Reynolds) 3:37.0; 2. Pioneer (A), 3:37.3; 3. Lake Orion, 3:43.8; 4. Churchill, 3:43.9; 5. Clarkston, 3:44.5; 6. Pontiac Northern, 3:44.6.
100 DASH: 1. James Smith (Pioneer A) 10-9; 2. Kevin Davis (West Bloomfield) 11-1; 3. Jarius Sanders (Rochester) 11-2; 4. Bruce McNorton (Avondale) 11-3; 5. M. Hargrow (Pioneer A) 11-3; 6. Devon Herron (Pontiac Northern) 11-5.
1,600: 1. Justin Heck (Monroe) 4:21.5; 2. Brian Hankins (Pinckney) 4:27.0; 3. Dan Culbertson (Pioneer A) 4:29.0; 4. Phil Fattore (U-D Jesuit) 4:30.9; 5. Greg Baede (DeLaSalle) 4:31.6; 6. Ryan Ziolko (Lake Orion) 4:32.8.
110 HURDLES: 1. Imani DuPerry (Brother Rice) 14-6; 2. Cavan Corcoran (Northville) 14-6; 3. Evan Gerish (Northville) 15-1; 4. Nickolas Rippon (Lake Orion) 15-4; 5. M. Kazani (Brother Rice) 15-4; 6. M. Gawecki (Lakeland) 15-6.
800 RELAY: 1. Pioneer 'A' (Paris Horgrow, Chris Forston, James Wade, Jeremiah L'Etendre) 3:20.2; 2. Southfield, 1:31.0; 3. West Bloomfield, 1:31.1; 4. Rochester, 1:31.2; 5. Pontiac Northern, 1:32.1; 6. Mott, 1:33.0.
400 RELAY: 1. Pioneer 'A' (Kevin Sherman, Paris Horgrow, Brandis Yarrington, James Smith) 42.9; 2. West Bloomfield, 43.5; 3. Clarkston, 44.0; 4. Rochester, 44.2; 5. Pontiac Northern, 44.6; 6. Mott, 44.8.
3,200: 1. Justin Heck (Monroe) 9:32.0; 2. Michael Murphy (Brother Rice) 9:38.0; 3. Ben Miller (DeLaSalle) 9:39.0; 4. James Pierson (U-D Jesuit) 9:41.0; 5. Matt Wines (Pinckney) 9:46.0; 6. Mike Katsferas (Pinckney) 9:47.0.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Pioneer (A) 3:25.7; 2. Northville, 3:32.2; 3. Adams, 3:34.5; 4. Oak Park, 3:35.5; 5. U-D Jesuit, 3:35.6; 6. W. Bloomfield, 3:36.1.
RAIDER RELAYS RESULTS
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
April 25 at North Farmington
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Holly, 56 points; 2. (tie) Salem and Ypsilanti, 52 each; 4. Livonia Franklin, 51; 5. Westland John Glenn, 47; 6. Oxford, 31; 7. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 28; 8. Farmington Harrison, 27; 9. Rochester Stoney Creek, 24; 10. North Farmington, 15; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 7; 13. Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, 2.
6,400-meter relay: 1. Salem (Craig Cowing, Jason Smith, Matt Devey, Kevin DeBear), 19:03.4; 2. Franklin, 19:48.3; 3. Holly, 19:54.1; 4. Oxford, 19:56.5; Country Day, 20:00.3; 6. N. Farmington, 20:02.5.
Shuttle hurdles: 1. Harrison (Lukwago, Kenton Janzen, Parker, Bryan Janzen), 1:03.8; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:05.3; 3. Franklin, 1:05.4; 4. Salem, 1:07.6; 5. Oxford, 1:08.7; 6. N. Farmington, 1:09.9.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn (JaJuan Marks, Keshawn Martin, Corey Davis, Larry Dawkins), 1:31.2; 2. Oxford, 1:32.4; 3. Ypsilanti, 1:32.6; 4. Franklin, 1:32.6; 5. Holly, 1:33; 6. Harrison, 1:33.
Raider Relay: 1. Stoney Creek (McGehee, Skienski, Hoyer, Edwards), 5:55.8; 2. Holly, 5:59.1; 3. Salem, 6:09.2; 4. N. Farmington, 6:11; 5. Oxford, 6:20.3; 6. Franklin, 6:24.8.
Sprint medley: 1. Ypsilanti (Patterson, Lynch, Long, Backey), 3:46.2; 2. Harrison, 3:55.3; 3. John Glenn, 3:55.3; 4. N. Farmington, 3:56.6; 5. Stoney Creek, 3:57.1; 6. Franklin, 3:57.8.
Distance medley: 1. Salem (Basonese, Zack Gaskell, Mike Charara, DeBear), 11:17; 2. Franklin, 11:32.5; 3. Wayne, 11:42.7; 4. Edsel Ford, 11:46.6; 5. N. Farmington, 11:46.6; 6. Oxford, 11:48.8.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 43.1; 2. Ypsilanti, 43.5; 3. Franklin, 43.9; 4. Country Day, 44.3; 5. Harrison, 44.5; 6. Holly, 44.7.
1,600 relay: 1. Ypsilanti (Patterson, Moore, Searcy, Backey), 3:28.7; 2. Holly, 3:29.8; 3. Stoney Creek, 3:30.3; 4. Oxford, 3:31; 5. Harrison, 3:33.9; 6. Country Day, 3:35; 4.
Pole vault: 1. Oxford (Jickling, Westmoreland, Musselman), 32-6; 2. Franklin, 32-0; 3. Salem, 31-6; 4. Holly, 29-0; 5. N. Farmington, 28-0; 6. Ypsilanti, 26-6.
Shot put: 1. Holly (Jensen, Converse, Geumer), 131-1; 2. Salem, 123-8.75; 3. Franklin, 1209.5; 4. John Glenn, 121-6.25; 5. Stoney Creek, 119-10.75; 6. Country Day, 115-10.
Discus: 1. John Glenn (T.J. Arancibia, James Kelly, Zach Bozigan), 396-6; 2. Holly, 370-0; 3. Country Day, 361-5; 4. Stoney Creek, 339-0; 5. Salem, 333-0; 6. Wayne, 326-10.
High jump: 1. Ypsilanti (Gordon, Backey, Atkins), 18-2; 2. Holly, 18-0; 3. Salem, 17-8; 4. Country Day, 17-6; 5. L'Anse Creuse North, 16-10; 6. Harrison, 16-7.
Long jump: 1. Country Day (Fowler, Ede, Demens), 60-11.5; 2. Ypsilanti, 58-7; 3. John Glenn, 57-7.5; 4. Harrison, 57-4; 5. Franklin, 56-1.5; 6. Holly, 55-1.5.
300-METER HURDLES: 1. Leslie Arrizguo (West Bloomfield) 46.3; 2. Autumn Touchstone (Clarkston) 47.0; 3. Andrea Pawlowski (Pinckney) 48.5; 4. Sam Eiler (Brighton) 48.6; 5. Jacylyn Konopka (Northville) 48.7; 6. (tie) Bianca Croyle (Groves) 50.4; Kristyn Wade (Lakeland) 50.4.
3,200 RELAY: 1. Waterford Mott (Alyssa Osika, Holly Looperrider, Asia Rawls, Shannon Osika) 9:45.0; 2. Brighton, 9:58.0; 3. Adams, 9:59.0; 4. Northville, 10:03.0; 5. Rochester, 10:11.0; 6. Monroe, 10:13.0.
SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Cody, 1:06.5; 2. Brighton, 1:07.1; 3. Northville, 1:08.7; 4. Pontiac Northern, 1:11.5; 5. Adams, 1:11.5; 6. Churchill, 1:12.4.
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Monroe, 4:19; 2. Waterford Mott, 4:23.8; 3. Northville, 4:25.3; 4. Pinckney, 4:29.3; 5. Brighton, 4:29.5; 6. Adams, 4:21.2; 100 DASH: 1. Cody, 11.0; 2. Ashley Keyes (Rochester) 12.8; 3. K. Flowers (Cody) 13.0; 4. K. Hatcher (Monroe) 13.0; 5. S. Parker (Pontiac Northern) 13.1; 6. Joylisa Davis (Lahser) 13.3.
1,600: 1. Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 5:09.6; 2. Lindsey Hagan (Northville) 5:10.2; 3. Lindsey Gakenheimer (Monroe) 5:14.4; 4. Sara Kroll (Churchill) 5:16.0; 5. Tiffany Abrahamian (Rochester) 5:19.8; 6. Sam Scipio (West Bloomfield) 5:27.1.
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800 RELAY: 1. Cody, 1:47.0; 2. Pontiac Northern, 1:48.0; 3. Southfield, 1:48.1; 4. Brighton, 1:49.0; 5. Waterford Mott, 1:50.0; 6. Lake Orion, 1:51.0.
400 RELAY: 1. West Bloomfield (Brandi Patton, Sharaun Whitaker, Rachael Armstrong, Leslie Arrizguo) 50.6; 2. Cody, 50.9; 3. Brighton, 51.3; 4. Pontiac Northern, 52.8; 5. Rochester, 53.1; 6. Lake Orion, 53.1.
3,200: 1. Shannon Osika (Mott) 10:52.0; 2. Megan Goethals (Rochester) 10:59.0; 3. Cally Macumber (Adams) 11:16.0; 4. Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 11:20.0; 5. Lindsey Hilton (Adams) 11:26.0; 6. Erin LaFave (Lahser) 11:36.0.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Mott (Holly Coopererider, Porchea High, Shannon Osika, Asia Rawls), 4:09.5; 2. Northville, 4:13.7; 3. West Bloomfield, 4:16.1; 4. Adams, 4:16.3; 5. Churchill, 4:18.3; 6. Pinckney, 4:19.0.
DUAL MEET RESULTS
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 104, CLAWSON 30
April 29 at Lutheran Westland
Shot put: 1. Olivia Rork (LW), 32 feet, 4 inches; **discus:** 1. Zerilli (Clawson), 85-5; **high jump:** 1. Emilie Freeman (LW), 4-6; **long jump:** 1.



Ladywood's Megan Yanik clears a hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the 100-meter hurdles during Tuesday's Catholic League Central Division meet at Farmington Hills Mercy.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

Livonia Churchill, 36; 7. Rochester Adams, 33; 8. Rochester, 28; 9. Pontiac Northern, 26; 10. Monroe, 25; 11. Clarkston, 16; 12. Waterford Kettering, 15; 13. Pinckney, 11; 14. Lake Orion, 10; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 9; 6. Farmington, 8; 17. Southfield, 6; 18. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3; 19. Birmingham Groves, 0.5; 20. (tie) Madison Heights Madison, 0; Royal Oak, 0; Oak Park, 0.
LONG JUMP: 1. Asia Rawls (Mott) 17-2; 2. Ashley Keyes (Rochester) 17-0.5; 3. Lisa Galasso (Lake Orion) 16-6; 4. Shelleye Richardson (West Bloomfield) 16-5; 5. Sharaun Whitaker (West Bloomfield) 16-1; 6. Joylisa Davis (Lahser) 16-1.
POLE VAULT: 1. Amy Reynolds (Northville) 10-0; 2. Eren Ural (Churchill) 9-0; 3. (tie) Paige Locher (Lakeland) 8-6; Jamie Marihugh (Churchill) 8-6; 5. Alica Dimavro (Churchill) 8-0; 6. Natalie Zidzik (Brighton) 7-6.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Brianna Jenkins (Northville) 5-4; 2. Stephanie Thorstad (Clarkston) 5-2; 3. Emelle McConney (West Bloomfield) 5-1; 4. Shavonne Moore (Pontiac Northern) 5-0; 5. Erika Clifford (Brighton) 4-11; 6. Janny Lane (Brighton) 4-11.
SHOT PUT: 1. Angela Scarber (Kettering) 38-1; 2. Taylor Gunn (West Bloomfield) 36-2.5; 3. Breanne Ulzo (Lakeland) 34-0; 4. McKenzie Harper (Monroe) 33-6.5; 5. Danya Bergman (Brighton) 33-6; 6. Chae Small (Monroe) 33-3.5.
DISCUS: 1. Danya Bergman (Brighton) 100-5; 2. Alina Bradford-Petrus (Farmington) 99-5; 3. Tasha Ford (West Bloomfield) 97-5; 4. Angela Bursay (Pontiac Northern) 97-3; 5. Angela Scarber (Kettering) 96-2; 6. Rachael Harris (Adams) 93-7.
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800 RELAY: 1. Cody, 1:47.0; 2. Pontiac Northern, 1:48.0; 3. Southfield, 1:48.1; 4. Brighton, 1:49.0; 5. Waterford Mott, 1:50.0; 6. Lake Orion, 1:51.0.
400 RELAY: 1. West Bloomfield (Brandi Patton, Sharaun Whitaker, Rachael Armstrong, Leslie Arrizguo) 50.6; 2. Cody, 50.9; 3. Brighton, 51.3; 4. Pontiac Northern, 52.8; 5. Rochester, 53.1; 6. Lake Orion, 53.1.
3,200: 1. Shannon Osika (Mott) 10:52.0; 2. Megan Goethals (Rochester) 10:59.0; 3. Cally Macumber (Adams) 11:16.0; 4. Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 11:20.0; 5. Lindsey Hilton (Adams) 11:26.0; 6. Erin LaFave (Lahser) 11:36.0.
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Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 6-0 overall, 3-0 Metro Conference.
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 83 BLOOMFIELD HILLS KINGSWOOD 41
April 29 at Clarenceville
Shot put: 1. Alicia Hargrove (Cville), 24 feet, 1 inch.
Discus: 1. Ashley Hall (Cville), 86-11; 2. Ashley Devon (Cville), 62-0; 3. Turner (Cville), 57-6.
High jump: 1. Stephanie Lozano (Cville), 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Aneta Elliott (Cville), 13-6; 2. Ashley Shows (Cville), 9-11; 3. Kamai Sanders (Cville), 9-10.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Lozano (Cville), 20-47; 2. Jennifer Baumgardner (Cville), 21.2.
300 hurdles: 1. Lozano (Cville), 59-77; 2. Baumgardner (Cville), 110-7.
100 dash: 1. Staten (Cranbrook), 13.52; 2. Elliott (Cville), 14.21; 3. Hargrove (Cville), 14.65.
200: 1. Brushell Brown (Cville), 30.26.
400: 1. Elliott (Cville), 1:10.7; 3. Clark (Cville), 1:17.6.
800: 1. Zikanova (Cranbrook), 2:51.7; 2. Shelby Dermire (Cville), 2:54.2.
1,600: 1. Dermire (Cville), 6:18.3.
3,200: 1. Dermire (Cville), 12:47.0; 2. Tara Hernes (Cville), 15:36.0.
400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Chantice Fields, Sanders, Hargrove, Brown), 58-44; **800 relay:** 1. Cranbrook, 2:06.03; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Brown, Jillian Burhop, Clark, Lozano), 5:06.0; 2. Cranbrook, 5:12.04.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 4-3 overall, 1-0 Metro Conference.
FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 71 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 57
April 29 at Mercy
Shot put: 1. Bridget Mollay (LL), 32-0; 2. Natalie Roxas (M), 30-9; 3. Asia Hany (M), 28-10.
Discus: 1. Mollay (LL), 97-10; 2. Roxas (M), 84-7; 3. Michal Gholston (M), 81-7.
High jump: 1. (tie) Shannon Hogg (LL) and Abbey Lovat (M), 5-0 each; 3. Martelika King (M), 4-10.
Long jump: 1. King (M), 14-2.5; 2. Victoria Johnson (M), 14-1; 3. Lisa Achaon (LL), 13-8.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Mercy (Katie Clark, Katie Patterson, Marion Rodriguez, Jennifer Martin), 10:45.5; 2. Ladywood, 10:48.7.
100 hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik (LL), 17.6; 2. Allison Spitzley (LL), 19.5; 3. Erin Keith (M), 20.7.
100 dash: 1. Ashley Terry (M), 13.7; 2. Katie Morosso (LL), 13.9; 3. Cydney Henry (M), 14.1.
800 relay: 1. Ladywood 1:54.2; 2. Mercy, 1:54.4.
1,600: 1. Patterson (M), 5:56.2; 2. Martin (M), 6:00.2; 3. Emily Bambach (LL), 6:00.7.
400 relay: 1. Mercy (Henry, Timmie Mackie, King, Ashley Terry), 55.7; 2. Ladywood, disqualified.
400: 1. Megan Vitale (L), 1:04.7; 2. Kaitlyn Jefferson (M), 1:07.6; 3. Caitlin Blue (M), 1:09.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Cathy Wojtanowski (LL), 54.4; 2. Meghan Clarke (L), 55.4; 3. Erin Keith (M), 58.2.
800: 1. Clark (M), 2:33.9; 2. Siobhan Aldridge (LL), 2:38.2; 3. Rodriguez (M), 2:43.5.
200: 1. Vitale (L), 29.3; 2. Timmie Mackie (M), 29.8; 3. King (M), 30.4.
3,200: 1. Patterson (M), 12:45.1; 2. Julia Kenney (LL), 12:59.6; 3. Wojtanowski (LL), 13:18.
1,600 relay: 1. Mercy (Clark, Blue, Jefferson, Rodriguez), 4:33.2; 2. Ladywood, 4:34.1.
Dual meet records: Mercy, 2-2 overall, 1-1 Catholic League (Central Division); Ladywood, 1-1 overall, 1-1 Catholic League (Central Division).



Blazers rule tourney
 The Livonia Ladywood varsity girls tennis team took first place overall in the Noland Classic Tournament at Monroe High School recently. The Blazers placed first or second at seven of the eight flights. The Ladywood players and coach are (bottom row, from left) Kimmy Ervin, Stephanie Petrusha, Christina Kobrossi, Kelly Dwight, (middle row, from left) Kaitlin Deisenroth, Caroline Ryan, Lindsey Petrusha, Alaina Vince, Kirsten Fisher, (top row, from left) Lauren Gaffney, coach Dave Guziatke, Sabrina DeAngelis, Madeleine Durany and Gabriela Granados. The Blazers also took second place in a tournament at Riverview High School.

MU will launch athletic Hall of Fame induction

The Madonna University athletic department unveiled plans Tuesday to solicit nominations for its first full Hall of Fame class, to be inducted in January 2009.
 Nominations may be submitted in one of four categories; student-athlete, coach, team and meritorious service.
 No more than four total inductions will take place in a given year, with all nominations being thoroughly screened to meet the criteria for ballot placement set forth by the Hall of Fame committee.
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 The PDF nomination ballot is downloadable via the MU

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Mack's 2 goals lift Churchill into 1st place on Lakes side

The logjam atop the Lakes Division girls soccer race in the Western Lakes Activities Association thinned out considerably Monday night.

State-ranked Livonia Churchill, rated No. 2 in Division 1, sits atop of the heap along with a 4-1 record following a 2-0 win at Walled Lake Central.

Callie Mack scored both goals in the victory as the Chargers improved to 8-1-1 overall.

Julianne Puroll set up the first goal in the 18th minute. Her shot then rang off the post and was scored by Mack in the 69th minute put the game away.

Central (4-3-2, 2-2-1) put just one shot on goal against Churchill junior goalkeeper Stefanie Turner.

"They (Central) played a 4-5-1 and I thought we dominated play and were all over them," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

After one round through the six-team division, Churchill leads with a 4-1 mark followed by Salem and Walled Lake Northern, 3-2 each; Central and Livonia Stevenson, 2-2-1 each.

W.L. NORTHERN 2, STEVENSON 1: Goals by Christy Naife and Riley Wood carried Walled Lake Northern (5-2-2, 3-2) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Monday at Livonia Stevenson (5-4-1, 2-2-1).

Naife's goal came in the 30th minute off an assist from Wood, but Stevenson's Renee Boudreau tied it at the 45-minute mark when she knocked in her own rebound following the initial save by Northern keeper Paje O'Shea.

Wood then tallied the game-winner with seven minutes left after Spartan keeper Michelle

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Krawczyk made the first save. "Our midfielders did not want to play the first half," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "The second half I took out the starters and switched our personnel 100 percent. I hope it was a wake-up call that we need to play better and with a lot more heart. The big question is: 'How will we react to this?'"

"I thought Renee (Boudreau) was all over the place and out-worked everybody."

SALEM 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Eight different players scored Monday as the host Rocks (5-4-2, 3-2) downed Westland John Glenn (1-9, 0-5) in a WLAA-Lakes Division mercy.

Goal scorers for the Rocks included Kristina Klusek, Lindsay Newton, Cally Brooks, Tori Kaye, Lindsay Roy, Stephanie Tankersley, Abbi Gaier and Sara O'Leary.

Rachel Gizicki chipped in with two assists for the Rockets, who led 4-0 at halftime and ended the game with 30 minutes left.

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: In a WLAA-Western Division game Monday, the Wildcats (2-5-2, 2-3) rolled to the mercy-rule win as eight different players scored at Wayne Memorial (0-10, 0-5).

Goal scorers for Plymouth included Alyssa Deykes, Kelly Dobbs, Megan Quinlan, Jennifer Babcock, McKenzie Hengesh, Jenna Livingston, Katie Moss and Meeghan Hughes.

Freshman keeper Marissa Williams earned the shutout.

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0: Sophomore Jessikah McClendon scored four goals and Tracy Rymph added two Monday as the Chiefs (6-3-2, 4-0-1) rolled to a WLAA-Western Division mercy-rule triumph at Livonia Franklin (1-8, 1-4).

Alyssa Cottrell and Melanie Pickert also scored for Canton, which is tied for the divisional lead with Northville, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 1.

Warriors boot C'ville; Blazers blank Nouvel

Goals by Miranda Kasprovicz and Sam Terranella carried Lutheran High Westland to a 2-1 Metro Conference girls soccer victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

The Warriors are now 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the Metro, while Clarenceville falls to 3-4-1 overall and 1-3-1 in the conference.

Clarenceville cut the deficit to one with only six minutes remaining on a goal by Ashley Welch, but couldn't convert the equalizer.

Kristen Jolly played the first 60 minutes in goal for the Trojans before moving out on to the field. She was replaced by Katelyn Quirk.

Chelsea Kyles got the shut-out in goal for the Warriors. **LADYWOOD 1, NOUVEL 0:** On Tuesday, Alison Szczyпка's goal in the 47th minute off an assist from Lauren

Billotto enabled host Livonia Ladywood (4-3-3) to earn a non-league win over Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central (6-2).

Goalkeeper Michele Ring, who came up with a key save early, posted her fourth shutout of the year. She made four stops.

Courtney Neiderquell had nine saves for the Panthers, who were ranked honorable mention in Division 3.

"We played well and we really didn't know what to expect," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "They (Nouvel) came in fired up."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, SUMMIT 0: Miranda Kasprovicz scored a hat trick Monday as host Lutheran High Westland (4-5) posted the make-up game win over Romulus Summit Academy.

Hannah Mielke also scored twice for the Warriors, who led 4-0 at halftime. Danielle Voetberg tallied the other goal.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles made four saves to earn the shutout.



Lutheran Westland's Sarah Frusti (left) and Clarenceville's Teresa Parent track down the loose ball during Tuesday's Metro Conference matchup.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Officials honored

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will stage its 29th annual Officials Awards and Alumni banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel.

Honored for 45 years of service is Livonia's Lyle Beardslee.

Earning their 20-year award are Westland's Steven Engbretson, Gary Gaspar and William Strang, along with Livonia's Charles Uhlinger, Jr.

Wolves triumph

The WaCo Wolves, 13-and-under baseball team base out of Livonia won back-to-back tournament titles to start the season.

The host Wolves defeated the Lenawee Diamond Dogs, 6-3, to capture the Great Lakes Shootout, April 18-20, in Ann Arbor as Dimitrius Bryant pitched a complete-game three-hitter and struck out nine.

Other wins came against the Oakland Whitecaps, 6-1; Clarkston River Dogs, 12-3; Springfield Ohio) Thunder, 13-1; Detroit Eagles, 4-2; and

Livonia Travel Red, 4-1

On April 11-13, the Wolves won the USSSA Early Bird Tournament hosted by Kent State University as Jared Terrill threw a complete-game three-hitter and struck out five in a 12-0 victory over Tri-Way (Ohio). The Wolves also defeated the Northern Ohio Sluggers, 9-0; and the Nordonia (Ohio) Thunder, 6-5 (with three runs in the bottom of the seventh).

Other team members include: Anthony Kirvan, Jamar Eiland, Jimmy Scott, Jacob McCullough, Cody Cowart, Dominic Etue, Justin Williams, Joel Trudell and Daniel Cameron.

The coaching staff includes Bill Hardin, Art Cameron, Dave Cowart and Adam Bryant.

FHS baseball alums

Livonia Franklin will stage an alumni baseball for all former Patriot varsity players beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at the school's field.

The cost is \$20 and each player will receive a T-shirt.

You must reserve a spot by Wednesday, May 7 by calling Franklin varsity coach Matt

Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

Churchill pom, cheer

Livonia Churchill will stage its fall 2008 pom pon tryouts beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, May 5 at the school's gymnasium. Please dress ready to participate.

For more information, e-mail Vicki Middleton at coachvickie@cs.com.

Fall 2008 sideline cheer-leading tryouts will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, May 12 at the Churchill gymnasium. Please dress ready to participate.

For more information, e-mail Heidi Richardson at hrichard@livonia.k12.mi.us.

WYAA girls fast-pitch

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is seeking girls ages 10-16 to play fast-pitch softball Western Wayne County League, which begins in June.

Openings remain for all age groups including 12-, 14- and 16-and-under.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours or leave a message during non-business hours at (734) 421-0640.

18-and-over baseball

Those 18-and-over interested in forming a summer baseball league, approximately four-to-five teams for a 12-to-15 game season at Carleton-Airport's Kurtansky Field, should contact Jason Baas at (734) 652-8586; or e-mail jbaas28@hotmail.com.

Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSAA format).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Top-ranked Lake Orion tops Glenn

Westland John Glenn emerged from Saturday's Roosevelt Invitational baseball tournament with one victory in three games at Wyandotte's Memorial Park.

The Rockets (9-7) fell to Flat Rock-Woodhaven in the opener, 9-8, as Steve Stove and Justin Smith delivered key RBI singles in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Glenn led 7-1 after four innings before the Warriors scored five in the fifth and three in the sixth to pin the loss on reliever Mike Johnson.

Jon Gillis, the starting pitcher, gave up four runs on six hits over the first five innings. Jake Sperry also went a third of an

inning. Kevin LaFave had an RBI double and RBI single for the Rockets. Andrew DeLuca doubled and scored on a bases-loaded walk to Jace Paciocco in the first inning.

Gillis reached base on an error and scored on a bases loaded walk to DeLuca in the sixth after Woodhaven sent 10 men to the plate in the fifth getting RBI singles from Smith, Randy Tulock and Troy Rankle.

Glenn bounced back in the second game to beat Temperance-Bedford, 8-4, as DeLuca tossed a complete-game, four-hitter, fanning nine and walking only three.

Kevin LaFave had an RBI single and Ryan Lopez scored on a passed ball. Glenn added

another run in the third on back-to-back doubles by DeLuca and Paciocco.

The Rockets blew it open in the sixth with five runs keyed by RBI singles by Nate Bovia and Kyle Acuna. Both Acuna and Steven Wakeford scored on wild pitches.

In the final game, defending Division 1 state champion Lake Orion downed the Rockets in seven innings, 13-3.

Stephen Hickson was the losing pitcher. He allowed nine runs on nine hits in 4.1 innings. Johnson and LaFave finished up.

Paciocco went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Hickson had an RBI and Jerome Scales doubled home Paciocco.

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Churchill tops Vikings to take divisional lead, 9-4

After starting out the season 0-3, Livonia Churchill's baseball team is beginning to hit stride.

Shea Dwyer pitched a complete-game Monday as the Chargers improved to 10-7 overall and 4-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 9-4 win at Walled Lake Central.

Dwyer scattered nine hits and three walks over seven innings. He struck out three as Churchill won its sixth straight.

Josh Payzant went 2-for-3 with three RBI for the victorious Chargers, who jumped out to a 7-2 lead after three innings.

Steve Jones and Devin Moynihan also chipped with two hits and two runs apiece as Churchill took over sole possession of first in the Lakes Division.

Losing pitcher Spencer Hartley gave up five runs on three hits and three walks over 2.1 innings.

The Vikings (9-6, 2-3) were led by Cory Davis, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

On Saturday, Churchill swept a twinbill against host North Farmington, 14-8 and 16-0.

Jones went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Ricky Scully added a double and solo homer for the Chargers.

Winning pitcher Josh Matigan went the first five innings, allowing six runs on 12 hits. Vinny Carozza finished up.

North's Brian Noble, who lasted four innings, took the loss. Alex

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Manion went 3-for-5.

In the nightcap, Payzant was the winning pitcher and clubbed a pair of homers in a five-inning mercy. He had a 3-run homer in third inning and a solo blast in the fifth going 3-for-4 with five RBI.

Payzant struck out seven and allowed just two hits and two walks over five innings.

Drew Servalish also chipped in with three hits, two runs and two RBI, while Andy Szymanski added two hits, two runs and two RBI.

Starter Jarrett Levine went 2.2 innings and took the loss for the Raiders (8-6).

WYANDOTTE 4, JOHN GLENN 2: Winning pitcher Ronnie Zimmers tossed a three-hitter, fanning 11 and not walking a batter Tuesday as Wyandotte Roosevelt (11-4) earned a non-league win at Westland John Glenn (9-9).

Zimmers also knocked in the game-winning run to break a 2-all deadlock in the top of the seventh off Glenn reliever Steve Hickson, who pitched the final four innings and suffered the loss.

Hickson allowed just three hits and did not allow a walk while fanning three after taking over for starter Mike Johnson, who gave up two runs on one hit and three walks. He struck out four in three innings of work.

Kevin LaFave knocked in both runs for Glenn.

FRANKLIN 6, CANTON 4: Senior right-hander Jesse Carpenter ran his record to 5-0 Monday with a complete-game, six-hitter

as host Livonia Franklin (9-8, 3-2) downed the Chiefs (7-6, 1-4) in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Carpenter struck out nine, walked three and allowed just two earned runs in seven innings.

Sophomore catcher Wayne Hawkins went 3-for-3 with a walk and two RBI, while Derek LeBlanc contributed a two-run double in the second inning.

Losing pitcher Ben Vaughn gave up four runs in 3.1 innings before giving way to Erik Wright.

Ryan Neu, Seth Tschetter and Nick Tomilenko each collected two hits for Canton.

SALEM 10, JOHN GLENN 0: Joe Posler's two-out 3-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning Monday catapulted the host Rocks (8-5, 3-2) to the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (9-8, 3-2).

Kyle Powell also added a solo homer in the fourth for Salem.

The Rocks used three pitchers with Justin Horger going 1.2 innings in relief for the win and Matt Wester earning the save.

Losing pitcher Chris Kangas went the first 5.2 innings, allowing eight runs on four hits and three walks.

Kevin LaFave went 2-for-4 with three RBI and Robert Fraser contributed a pinch-hit homer in the seventh for the Rockets.

Each team committed three errors. **PLYMOUTH 5, WAYNE 3:** Derek Harvey homer and Ronnie Goble knocked in two runs Monday as the Wildcats (9-5, 3-2) to a WLAA-Western Division triumph over host Wayne Memorial (7-12, 0-5).

Winning pitcher Garrett Rebain went all seven innings, limiting the Zebras to three hits and two walks.

Losing pitcher Jon Bryant gave up just five earned runs on four hits and five walks in going the distance.

Center fielder Zeb Hancock went 2-for-2 in the loss.

W.I. NORTHERN 7, STEVENSON 0: Andy Tinkey's one-hitter Monday carried Walled Lake Northern (9-5, 3-2) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over host Livonia Stevenson (3-11, 0-5).

Tinkey struck out 11 and walked four in his seven-inning stint. He also went 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBI.

Matt Janas went 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI, while Russ VanMaele went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Danny Trusell also knocked in two runs and scored twice.

Sam Vomastek had the lone hit for the Spartans in the third inning.

WAYNE 11-11, YPSILANTI 0-12: Rodney Manning pitched his third complete game of the season while allowing just two hits as Wayne Memorial (7-10) took the opener, 11-0, before settling for a split with the visiting Phoenix.

Manning (3-0) struck out five in five innings.

Stefan Harrison collected three hits, while Tim Siegfried and Zeb Hancock added two each for the victorious Zebras.

Ypsilanti held off Wayne in the nightcap, 12-11, despite three hits from Jon Bryant and a 3-run homer from Eric Robertson.

Hancock and Siegfried each added two hits for the Zebras.

Freshman Shane Kommer, the Wayne starter, was charged with the loss. Brent Patterson's fine relief effort enabled the Zebras to fight back from a 7-0 deficit.

HARRISON 5-14, STEVENSON 4-4: In a non-league twinbill Saturday, visiting Farmington Hills Harrison (9-7) earned the sweep over Livonia Stevenson (3-10).

The Hawks scored three times in the top of the sixth inning to win the opener, 5-4, as Steve Pelletier went 2-for-4 with two RBI including the game-winner.

Justin Young and Michael Robinson also chipped in with two hits and one RBI each.

Josh Strautz went 3-for-4 with a run for the Spartans, while Zeb Bacigal went 2-for-3 with a triple and RBI. Sam Vomastek and Grant Campbell also chipped in with a hit and RBI each.

Kyle Sutton was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Michael Rubenstein, going the final 2.1 innings, allowing one runs on two hits.

Stevenson starter Dave Niesyto allowed five runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks over 4.2 innings.

In the nightcap, homers by Craig Sacha (four RBI) and Ethan Simmons (two RBI) carried the Hawks to a 14-4 triumph. Chris Scriven and Pelletier added two hits and two runs each.

Jeff Sorenson went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI for the Spartans.

Losing pitcher Jon Saaman, in relief of starter Josh Strautz, gave up seven runs (two earned) on four hits and a walk in two innings.

Pitcher Kyle Sutton allowed one run over the final 3.1 innings in relief of Simmons to pick up the win for Harrison.

CANTON 12, WAYNE 2: In a five-inning mercy Friday, the host Chiefs (7-5, 1-3) downed Wayne Memorial (7-9, 0-4) as Nick Tomilenko clubbed a 3-run homer while Ryan Neu and Ben Vaughn each added two hits and two RBI.

Alex Dixon also contributed two hits, including a double for the Chiefs, who scored five times in the four and six in the fifth inning.

Winning pitcher Kevin Delapaz (2-0) gave up three hits in four innings while fanning nine.

Dominik Corredino doubled for Wayne, while Manning and Schmitt scored the only runs.

9-2 Lutheran Westland cruises to easy victory over Hamtramck

Lutheran High Westland needed only five innings Monday to earn a 15-4 Metro Conference baseball win over visiting Hamtramck.

The victory improves the Warriors' overall record to 11-2 and 5-1 in the Metro, one game behind first-place Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Pitchers Sam Ahlsmeyer and Micah Hausch combined on a four-hitter. They struck out six and walked five.

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Ahlsmeyer and Hausch both went 3-for-4 with an RBI apiece. Dan Abbott contributed a double, triple and four RBI, while Ryan Baglow went 2-for-2 with a triple and RBI. The loss drops Hamtramck to 1-9 overall and 0-6 in the conference.

On Saturday, host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (5-6) and the Warriors divided a non-

conference double-header.

In the opener, pitcher A.J. Garza-Hall scattered seven hits and two walks over seven innings in a 7-6 triumph over the Warriors.

Austin Baglow, in relief, took the loss. Hausch started and was relieved by Ryan Rakovalis.

Rob Wright led the Cougars with two hits, while Ryan Baglow doubled twice and knocked in two runs for the Warriors. Adam Zehel

also went 2-for-4 in the setback.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 13, CLARENCEVILLE 6: David Baum pitched an eight-hitter Monday as Plymouth Christian Academy got past host Livonia Clarenceville (1-3) in a non-conference game.

The Eagles, leading 7-6, broke open a close game with six runs in the top of the six.

Tyler Hendrickson led Clarenceville going 3-for-4 with three RBI and a stolen base. John McAlpine went 2-for-3 with an RBI double and stolen base, while Matt

Kurziel contributed an RBI single. Jacob Bibik was the losing pitcher.

FERDIALE 15-14, CLARENCEVILLE 0-4: In a non-league double-header Saturday, the host Eagles (6-4) swept Livonia Clarenceville (1-12).

Tyler Hendrickson took the loss in the opener, which lasted four innings, 15-0. Ferndale's Mike Murphy earned the victory. In the nightcap, Ferndale won on a five-inning mercy, 14-4, as Sedric Dunbar was the winning pitcher and Chris Drain took the loss.

Hendrickson went 3-for-3 with

a double and three RBI, while Matt Kurziel contributed an RBI single.

CRANBROOK 13, CLARENCEVILLE 0: In a five-inning mercy Friday, host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook disposed of Livonia Clarenceville (1-0, 1-4) as Xander Streck went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI.

Adam Rosenfield also went 2-for-2 with a triple for the Cranes.

Winning pitcher Matthew Broder no-hit the Trojans, who made a total of five errors, over five innings.

Mike Schiffman was the losing pitcher.

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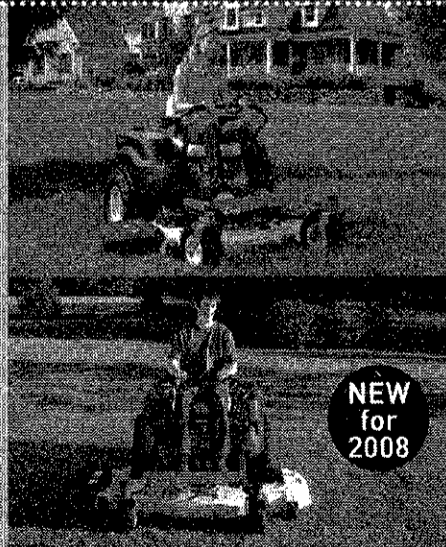
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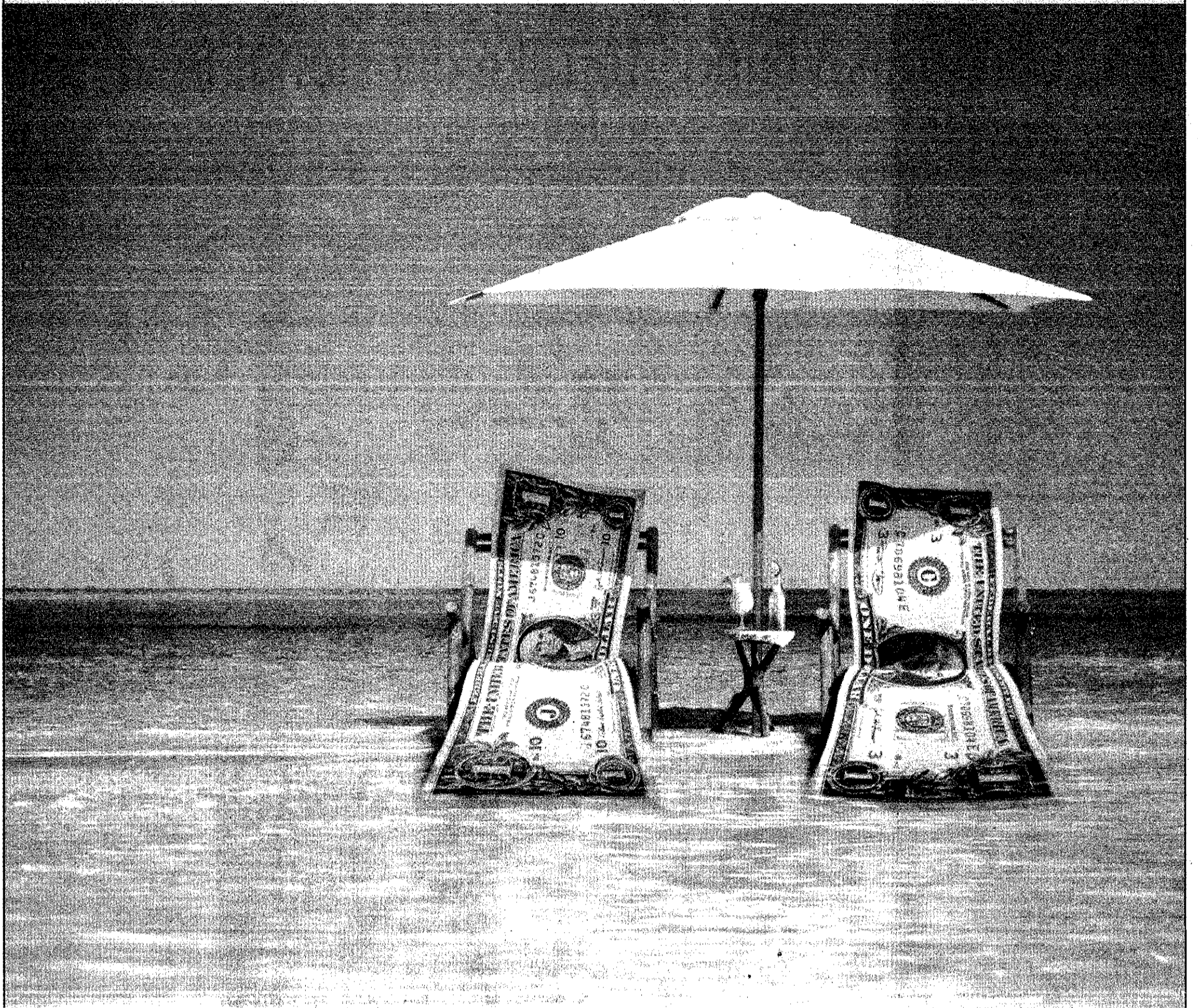
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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

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A NEW NOTEBOOK REVIEWED

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Priced at \$749.99 and available exclusively at Best Buy, the T-1628 weighs about 5.5 pounds. It's fairly compact thanks to its 14.1-inch screen, which I found to be an ideal size.

Actually, it's the silver version of the notebook that sells at Best Buy. You can get a Garnet Red version (under the name T-6828) from Costco and the Pacific Blue T-1623 from Fry's and Newegg.

All the models come with a dual-core processor, 3GB of RAM (more than enough to keep Windows Vista running smoothly), and a 250GB hard drive (very spacious for a budget notebook).

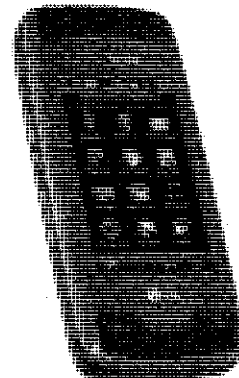
Also included: a DVD burner that can burn labels right onto special discs, a built-in Webcam, and an HDMI port for connecting the system to an HDTV or an HDMI-equipped monitor.

The T-1628 isn't perfect: I found the screen a bit dim and battery life just average, and the built-in speakers sounded pretty crummy.

But those gripes aside, I think Gateway has engineered a feature-packed and affordable winner. Give it a look if you're shopping for a new PC.

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Enter the Tech Savvy 200th Anniversary Contest and you could win Verizon's way-cool LG Voyager phone.



Stacy Sloan (center), director of Mirepoix's culinary education and graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, discusses cooking techniques with Hollie Sediak (left) and Ann Holwey. Mirepoix is the new cooking school at Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

Cooking classes kick up a notch in popularity



Don Blevins Sr. listens to instruction at one of Mirepoix's cooking classes.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
& STAFF WRITER

WHAT THEY'VE GOT COOKING

- Mirepoix offers hands-on classes upstairs at the Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 541-1414, ext. 640. For more information on classes visit www.mirepoixcookingsschool.com.
- Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers hands-on classes through its Continuing Education program, but many have a pre-requisite of a Skills Development class or the instructor's approval. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu for information.
- The Community House is located at 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, Call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Other markets, kitchen and catering facilities also offer cooking classes, and are excellent sources of recipes and seminars, including:

- 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners, 4303 Delemere Court, Royal Oak (248) 549-5222, twonunique.com, www.purefood2u.com
- Busch's, several locations, visit www.buschs.com.
- Whole Foods Markets, several locations, visit www.wholefoods-markets.com.

The Food Network didn't just turn Emeril Lagasse, Bobby Flay and Giada De Laurentiis into household names and celebrity chefs.

The network turned TV fans into wannabe chefs with the swashbuckling style of an Iron Chef, or the cloying sweetness of Paula Dean, warming up friends with tastes of Southern pecan pie.

It also provided some of the impetus and inspiration for home chefs, too, who have plenty of options these days in learning more about food at local cooking schools, which range from the high tech kitchen at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to simple demonstrations in homes and smaller kitchen facilities.

"People are more interested in cooking," said Stacy Sloan, Mirepoix's director of culinary education at Mirepoix, the new cooking school at Holiday Market in Royal Oak and a graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary arts program. "They know more about it, and they want to do more of it."

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER

For instance, Schoolcraft offers not only grilling classes with a master chef, Jeff Gabriel, but an advanced class, too. Chef Shaw Loving instructs a class on Soul Food Recipes and another on Family-style Entrees. Chef Marcus Haight has one on Gourmet Burgers.

Mirepoix offers many Schoolcraft graduates instructing classes, along with restaurateurs and chefs from local eateries who offer a glimpse into their favorite dishes.

Tapas with the Chefs of Sangria is a class scheduled on June 10, for example. There's a range of classes covering everything from Asian Noodles to Vegetarian Grilling.

Michele Bialo, program manager for Continuing Education and Professional Development at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, thinks the popularity of culinary classes stem from the talents of the instructors.

"I think the (continuing ed) classes are popular because we have wonderful, talented chefs who teach here (in the culinary arts program) and others who teach and work outside of Schoolcraft, and they are highly regarded in the field. People in these classes can come in and see the kitchen."

All the classes, the hands-on and lectures, are popular, Bialo said. "The hands-on classes are smaller, so there can be one-on-one instruction."

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Community House in Birmingham offers continuing education classes all year long. The kitchen there doesn't have the space for hands-on classes, but the classes are inexpensive when compared to other facilities.

"We have instructors who have a passion for what they are doing. The classes are mostly demonstration classes, but we try to involve the students as much as we can," said Judy Dimmer, program director at the Community House in Birmingham.

"Some of the cooks teach classes about foods from their native countries, from southern Italy, Thailand and France,"

Please see **CLASSES, D2**

Women's show features food, health tips



Carolyn Hack

The Michigan International Women's Show takes center stage at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi May 1 - 4.

"More than 400 exhibitors will display cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, health screenings, fashion and accessories, arts and crafts and more," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows.

Food and fashion will also take center stage at the show with makeovers, cooking demonstrations and entertainment.

On Saturday, Jon and Kate Gosselin, from the TLC and Discovery Health reality show *Jon and Kate Plus 8* will tell about raising their eight children, three-year-old sextuplets and seven-year-old twins, and how they carry out regular life events.

On Sunday, Jason Earles, who plays Miley Cyrus' older brother Jackson Stewart on the Disney Channel Original Series *Hannah Montana*, will answer questions and sign autographs. Shelley Kincaid, "The Garage Sale Lady" and

MEET BAKING INSTRUCTOR AT SHOW

Carolyn Hack began baking as a child on her family's farm in New Jersey and now brings her passion and years of experience to bear as a National Baking Class Instructor for the King Arthur Flour Co. of Norwich, Vermont. Hack has a background in theatrical design, working in theater for about 25 years and teaching high school and college students around the country. While her professional life has been dominated by the arts, Carolyn's home life has always involved lots of cooking and baking.

As a young girl, Carolyn baked a cake for her five siblings every day one summer, learning through trial and error the art of baking. Hack enjoys baking pies, pastries and bread in her masonry oven during most of the year, and recently has been teaching her four children to bake.

Hack worked in theater in Seattle for 10 years before moving back to the East Coast. Carolyn now lives on a small farm in Thetford Center, Vermont. When she's not baking bread, she spends her time making fine art paintings as artist Carolyn Enz.

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ACCENTS

GREEN FAIR IS THIS WEEKEND

The Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) will promote local food and Michigan farmers at the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth on May 3 and 4.

"We want to increase our visibility to consumers and friends of Michigan farmers markets," said Dru Montri, MIFMA association manager. "As we get into the market season, we're promoting not just Michigan farmers markets, but Michigan farmers, too."

The Green Street Fair, presented by Whole Foods Market, was created to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. This free event will showcase local and national businesses and mix companies, non-profit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment.

For MIFMA, the emphasis is about being green and more; it's about farmers, public health, supporting Michigan's communities and economy and making "local food" a household term for consumers.

MIFMA's mission and vision are to advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products and to place farmers markets at the forefront of the local food movement, ensuring that residents have access to healthy, locally grown food and that Michigan farmers markets receive policy support.

"We really hope to do that at the fair and to spread the word about everything that Michigan farmers markets can do for our state," said Montri.

Visit www.greenstreetfair.com, call (734) 259-2983 or email info@greenstreetfair.com.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER HOLDS SHRED DAY

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 4th Annual Community Shred Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 3 in the parking lot of New Liberty Bank located at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth residents may bring any paper products to the New Liberty Bank parking lot and watch as they are shredded. All residents are asked to limit their items to one or two boxes, and remove all large clips. Staples and paperclips do not need to be removed. Assistance will be available for those who need help.

Call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 with any questions.

Trivento is wine of the winds

Concha y Toro, one of the big name wine producers in Chile, wanted to produce and market Argentine wines to the world. In 1996, they started a new winery near Mendoza, Argentina, to do just that.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

They hired veteran Argentine winemaker, Federico Galdeano to craft wines at Trivento Bodegas y Vinedos. Concha y Toro wanted to produce a new range of wines from Argentina, using its own technology and expertise in international marketing. The choice to establish a winery in Argentina meant planting or purchasing vineyards in the best possible wine growing regions and selecting premium grape varieties for each region. Today Trivento boasts 1,300 acres of vineyards planted in three of the best areas -- Maipu, Tupungato and Rivadavia.

HIGH-TECH
"Deciding when to harvest is crucial," says Galdeano. "Grape maturity deter-

mines aroma, alcohol content, tannins, acidity, balance and the very particular personality of Argentine wines."

Today, Trivento has a high tech winery set on a 37-acre site that makes use of the latest winemaking technology, allowing it to produce more than 3 million cases of wine annually. Imagine a bottling line that can fill and label 4,500 bottles an hour. Now imagine two running simultaneously. That's high-tech. Trivento is translated as "three winds" that rush through the vineyards, creating a unique character in the fruit.

"The icy polar wind invades the vineyard in winter and forces the sap deep within the vines," said Silvina Barros, Trivento brand manager. "Pruning begins to encourage renewed growth. The Zonda wind sweeps down off the Andes from the west. Its warmth wakens the dormant sap to supply new, spring growth. The fresh, humid Sudestada wind blows from the east in summer. It refreshes our grapes from the searing sun."

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WHAT TO BUY FROM TRIVENTO

Trivento 2007 Select Torrontes (\$10) is a citrusy white wine with attractive peach flavors and a fresh, crisp finish. Lovely as an aperitif or for warm weather sipping.

Trivento 2005 Select Chardonnay (\$10) boasts apple and peach aromas and flavors with a balanced touch of oak.

Trivento 2006 Golden Reserve Chardonnay (\$20) is barrel fermented to achieve a full mouthfeel and balanced oak impression. Look for a June release.

Trivento 2005 Select Syrah (\$10) is a good example of syrah from a cool region. It shows a big, rich fruit impression with balanced tannins and an attractive, meaty finish.

Trivento 2005 Select Cabernet Sauvignon (\$10) has attractive black fruit and dark cherry flavors with notes of cocoa and tobacco. Excellent value.

Trivento 2005 Select Malbec (\$10) is a great introduction to malbec, the great Argentine red variety. A big, solid black fruit impression leads to great structure with spice and pepper notes.

Trivento 2006 Amado Sur (\$15) is a blend of malbec, syrah and bonardo in a wine that has a full body with great red and black fruit flavors. June release.

Trivento 2005 Golden Reserve Malbec (\$20) is produced from 70-year-old vines and aged 12 months in 50 percent new French oak. It has spice, red fruit, and balanced oak with a smooth palate impression.

Trivento 2005 Eolo (\$75) is a tribute to the God of the Winds. It's a blend of malbec with 10 percent syrah and the best of the best from Trivento with incredible strength, flavor and finish. Outstanding.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Healthy Eating Made Easy

Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods May 1 and May 15 is vegan; June, barbecue; July, summer seasoned; located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com.

Green Street Fair

Inaugural fair to promote benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services of companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers, May 3-4, downtown Plymouth, visit www.greenstreetfair.com.

Macro Val's Annual Spring Fling- Pot Luck Mini Health Fair

Fair features potluck, guests are asked to bring vegan, macrobiotic, sugar-free, dairy-free, wheat-free, no white rice or bread, bring enough for 10 people, noon-7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, \$12 without dish; \$6 with dish to share, Val Wilson will bring desserts, so make dish a main course, Val will premiere new show, "Healthy Cooking with Macro Val," also lectures on feng shui, Qi Gong and acupuncture, Hometown Novi Club House, 13 Mile and Novi Road, Novi, www.macroval.com for details.

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Dimuner said, rattling off the homelands of some of the instructors.

"So many times you go to one of these restaurants, and you'll get an Americanized version of the food from that country. But it's a real treat to learn about the food and the history of the region."

The Community House also offers daytime (including lunch-time) classes aimed at retirees and baby boomers who want classes at those times. These classes are popular.

Some of the classes offered there this summer include: Italian Minute Meals with Agata Titocci; Eastern Market Tour with Freeman E. Gunnell; Healthy but Yummy; and Salads and Vinaigrettes.

Holiday Market in Royal Oak started instructional classes five years ago. "We had enough success with it to build this facility," said Sloan, referring to Mirepoix, which opened in early February, upstairs on the second floor and part of the market's 8,000-square-foot expansion.

Sloan wants Mirepoix's pro-

gram to offer professional culinary education for the person who longs to cook like a professional, but doesn't have the time to invest in pursuing a culinary degree.

"I'm not recipe driven, I'm technique driven," Sloan said. "I'm into proper cooking technique. We want you to know how hot a hot sauté pan should be and when the oil in it reaches just the right temperature for sauteing."

The classes welcome couples or groups of friends who want to spend time together. Another new trend has evolved from those classes, too. Cooking parties represents a new wave of entertainment for co-workers, friends and family members. Sloan said the classes are a good way to get shoppers into the store and provide a source of entertainment and socialization among friends.

All students do pay class fees, and the school takes care of the produce and meats, and will even clean up.

"We want people to understand proper technique," said Sloan. "If you learn basic techniques, you can do anything."

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Bake bread, brownies

Before baking or cooking, you should always wash your hands. Assemble two large mixing bowls, two mixing spoons, a tablespoon, 1-cup dry measure, 1-cup liquid measure, baking sheet, plastic wrap, sharp knife, a clean work surface, clean-kitchen towel, King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour, Red Star active dry yeast, sugar, salt and oil.

BASIC BREAD

Makes 2 loaves.

2 cups warm water, 115-120 degrees
1 tablespoon sugar
1 packet Red Star active dry yeast
5½ to 6 cups King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon salt
Oil

Open and empty a 2-pound bag of King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour into a bowl and set it aside.

Pour warm water into the other large mixing bowl. Add the sugar and stir to dissolve. Add yeast and stir. Stir in two cups of flour (remember to fluff the flour with a spoon, sprinkle it into the measuring cup, and lightly sweep off the top when measuring the flour).

Add one more cup of flour and the salt and stir. Add 2 to 2½ cups flour and stir well. When the dough starts to pull away from the sides of the bowl, and you can lift the dough completely with the spoon, your dough is ready to knead. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface.

Fold the far edge of the dough over on itself toward you. Gently press into the dough with the heels of your hands and push away. Turn the dough one quarter of the way around. Repeat this motion — fold, push, turn — for about 5 minutes, sprinkling your hands or the kneading surface with just enough flour to prevent sticking. Let the dough rest while you scrape out the mixing bowl. Pour a little oil into the mixing bowl and smear it around to grease the inside of the bowl.

Knead the dough for a few more minutes until it is springy and smooth.

Put the dough into the oiled bowl and turn the dough over once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and a clean towel, and set the dough in a warm place to rise for 1½ to 2 hours.

Punch down the dough and turn it out onto a clean work surface. Cut the dough in half, and shape into two loaves. Oil a baking sheet, and place the two



KING ARTHUR FLOUR

Basic sweet bread dough can make a variety of baked goods.

loaves on it. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and a clean towel and let rise 25 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Carefully remove the plastic wrap and slash the tops of the loaves with a sharp knife. Brush the loaves with cold water. Bake loaves for 24 to 40 minutes until the crust is golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Let bread cool on a rack.

Note: To add delicious whole grain goodness to your bread, substitute 2 cups King Arthur traditional whole wheat or 100 percent white whole wheat flour for 2 cups King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour. Recipe from *The King Arthur Flour Co.*

BASIC SWEET BREAD DOUGH

Yield: 2 loaves

This soft and pliable dough is suitable for all sorts of shapes, from braids to cinnamon rolls to monkey bread. Soft dough is the secret to soft, tender bread.

¾ cup (6 ounces) warm water, 115-120 degrees

2 teaspoons sugar

1 tablespoon Red Star active dry yeast

¾ cup (2 ounces) King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour

¾ cup (6 ounces) plain low-fat Stonyfield Farm yogurt

¾ cup (1 stick, 4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

¾ cup (3½ ounces) sugar

2 teaspoons salt

2 teaspoons vanilla or other flavoring,

or 2 teaspoons citrus zest

4½ to 5½ cups (19 to 23¼ ounces)

King Arthur all-purpose flour (or

substitute

up to 2 cups all-natural King Arthur white whole wheat flour)

1 egg and 1 tablespoon water (for egg wash)

In a small bowl, combine the warm water and 2 teaspoons sugar. Stir to dissolve. Stir in the yeast and ¼ cup flour. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside until bubbly and active, about 10 to 15 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine the yogurt, butter, eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla, and yeast mixture. Add the flour 1 cup at a time, mixing until the dough comes away cleanly from the sides of the bowl. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and, adding only enough flour to keep the dough from sticking to your hands or the work surface, knead the dough about 5 minutes, until soft and pliable but not sticky. Let the dough rest while you clean and grease the bowl. Finish kneading the dough until it's smooth, supple and springy.

Place the dough in a greased bowl, turn to coat all surfaces, cover with plastic wrap and a clean towel, and let sit in a warm place for about 1½ hours, or until doubled.

Gently deflate the dough and divide it in half. Cover with plastic wrap and let rest on a lightly floured surface for 15 minutes. Form the dough into desired shapes. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F. Brush loaves with egg wash and bake until golden brown, about 30 to 40 minutes, to an internal temperature of 190°F. Remove the bread from the oven, and let it cool on a rack.

Adapted from *The King Arthur Flour Baker's Companion*.

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author of *The Garage Sale Decorator's Bible*, will make home decorating projects, reveal tips and ideas and teach you how to find and revitalize treasures as seen on her *Trash to Treasures* TV show and appearances on HGTV, DIY and Discovery Channel.

There's plenty of cooking demonstrations, too.

Cooking Light magazine's executive chef Billy Strykowski will create his low calorie, full-flavored recipes and share his passion for food and entertaining on *Cooking Light Day* (Friday). A free magazine will be given to the first 1,000 showgoers that day.

On Saturday and Sunday, King Arthur Flour Company's National Baking Class instructor Carolyn Hack will demonstrate the basics of working with yeast and yeast dough, shaping techniques for mock braid and cinnamon rolls and have free recipe booklets along with samples to try.

The Michigan Chapter of the National MS Society will sponsor Plates & Palates chef Bill Pikarski preparing selections that appear in his *Cooks & Cars - Recipes by Design* cookbook (Saturday only). Century Grille executive chef George Hamiel will feature menopause cooking during his "Hot Flash" presentation (Sunday only).

Chicken and dumplings, sandwich and snack wraps and healthy meals will be demonstrated on the KSI Kitchen & Bath Cooking Stage. *Dumplings N'More* author Anne Grimes, Aussie in the Kitchen chef Paul Penney and Taste of Detroit Chef Showcase from Pi, Sea Grille and Il Posto restaurants will present recipes, tips and techniques.

Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show features firefighters modeling the latest in men's clothing from Macy's on Friday and Saturday. Additional spring fashion shows will run during the show.

Attendees of all ages will have the opportunity to make

a craft project for free using recycled materials at the Recycling for Learning and Fun Arts & Scraps Pavilion.

Specialists will explain the latest developments in plastic surgery, weight loss, vein therapy and provide answers to other health related questions at the Ask the Doctors and Doctor's In segments sponsored by Detroit Medical Center.

Other features will include Do It Herself Spotlight Stage, Thursday's Nurses Day with special savings and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association and Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day with a lookalike contest.

Rock Financial Showplace is located on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Draperies splash with color, style

Question: "I like to sew as a hobby, and I'm wondering what are the new trends in window treatments and fabric colors? Can a casual sewer, like me, pull a custom drapery look together without it looking homemade?"

Answer: The last year or two has brought some real changes to window treatment designs. It's a refreshing change. As a designer, I'm enjoying working with clients who love new, rich fabrics and colors and are willing to try out some of the new design trends in window treatments.

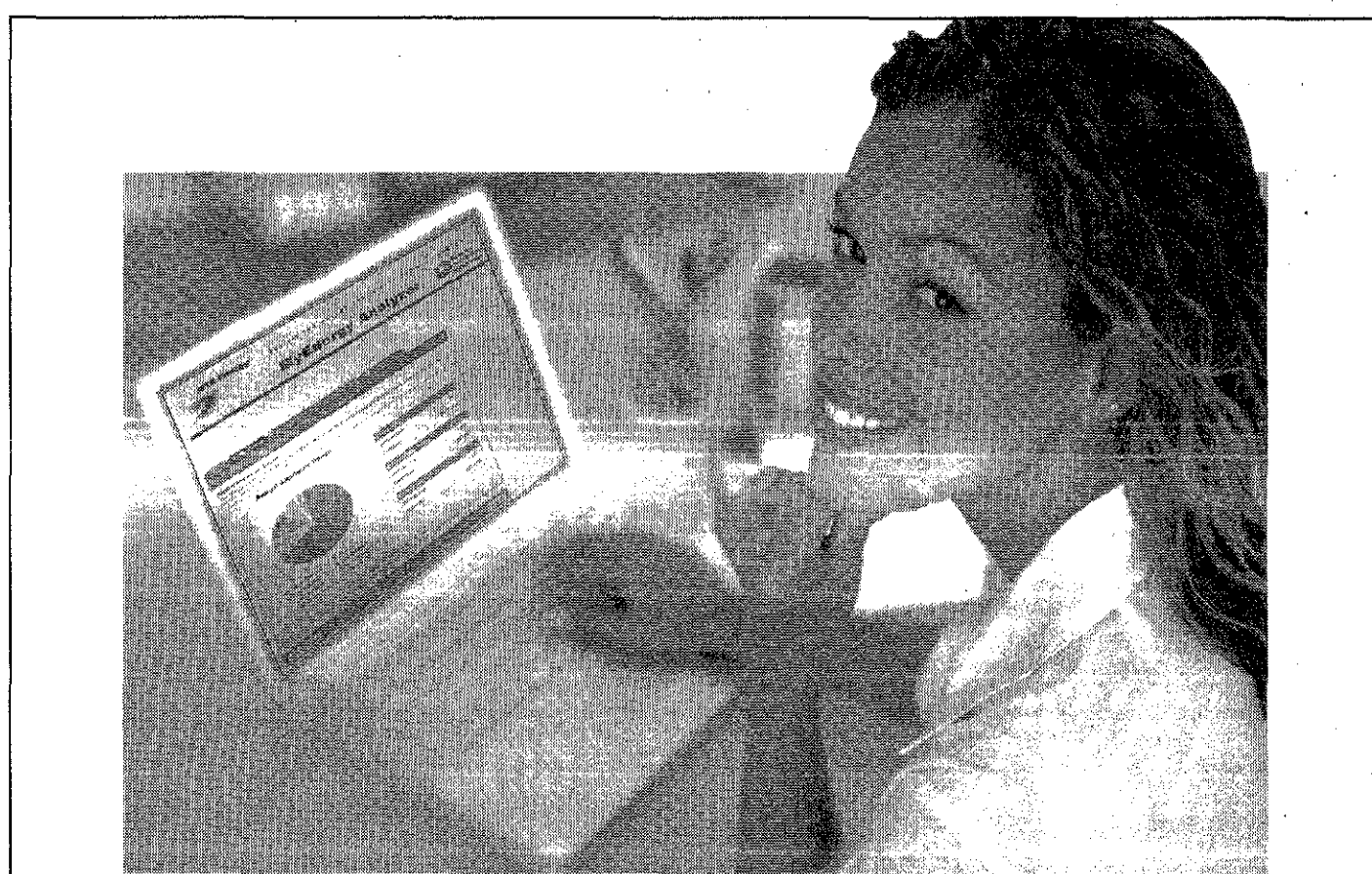
First of all, the color palette has changed a bit. Blue has made a huge splash in the fashion market in the last year and now fabric companies are finally coming out with some new designs that work with the new palette. This is not the navy blue of years past, but a soft, spa-like blue color that's easy on the eyes, but very revitalizing at the same time. We also are seeing a resurgence of gray tones. The grays are warm gray, with a hint of beige or taupe in them. They work very nicely with an existing palette without feeling cold. Not only are the colors new, but the styles have changed as well. I did not design a terribly "fussy" window treatment at all in 2007. The styles are simpler and cleaner. Pinch pleated side panels (either fixed panels or traversing) hung from a beautiful rod are stunning. The fabric can be solid, textural, or with beautiful stripes and paisleys. Since many windows are not requiring fabric valances, your money is better spent on gorgeous drapery hardware, rings, and rods.

Another beautiful and simple look is a treatment that hangs down from metal medallions with softy draped pleats and barely puddles on the floor. This style gives a casual and elegant feel to a room. Take your time to look through interior design magazines and other publications. Just make sure they are not 5 years old! You will get inspired by what you see. As someone who likes to sew as a hobby, these simple treatments could definitely be created in your own home. Buy a good pattern, always use lining, and stay within your skill level. Quality, decorative hardware will also show your finished project in its best light. Take your time when selecting the fabric and try to think outside the box with color trends. You have the perfect opportunity to be a little daring and creative!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.



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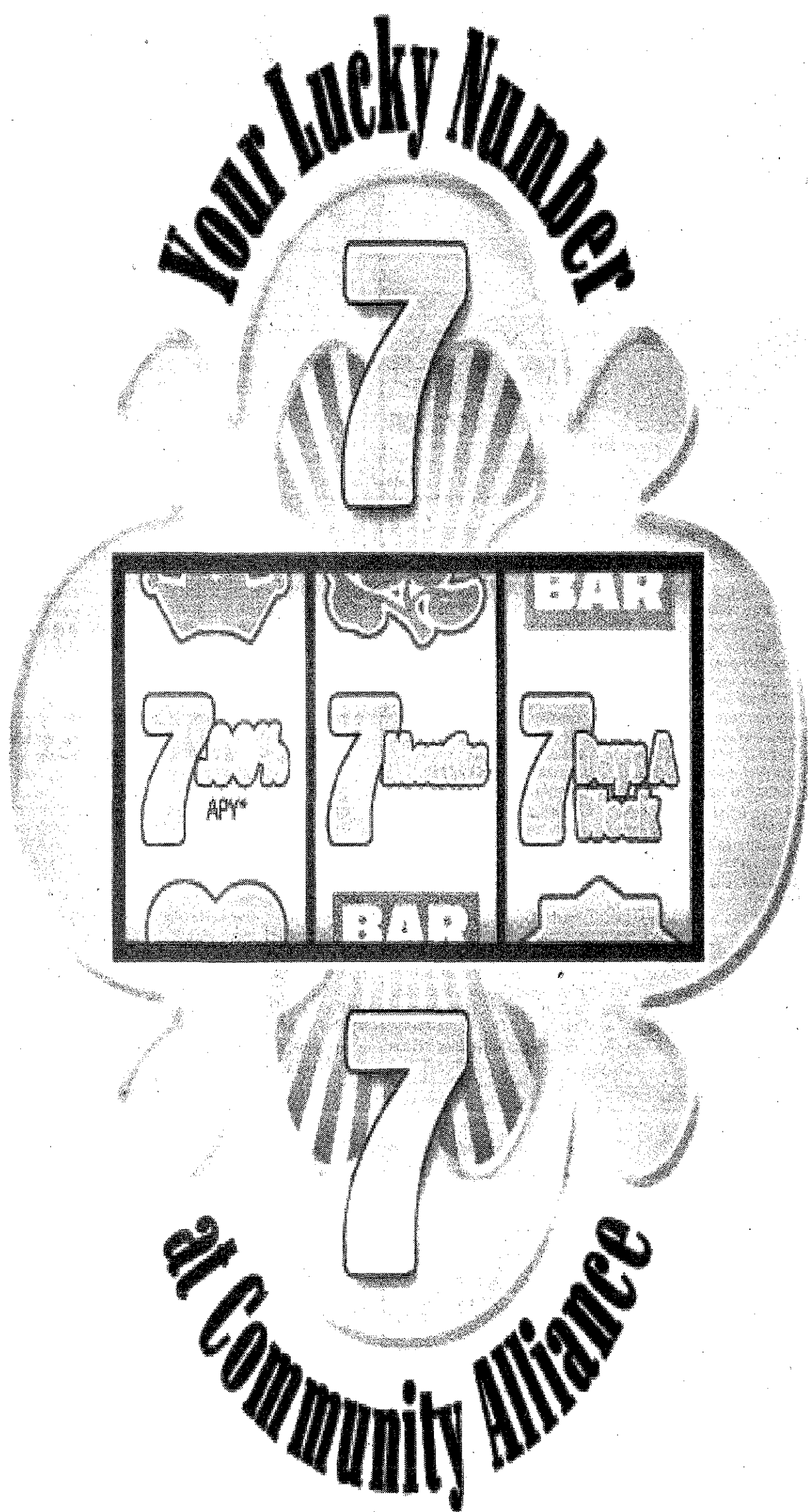
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GARDEN CALENDAR

- If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk at kabramcz@hometownlife.com.
- The Community House**
A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.
- Pruning Roses**
How to Plant Roses, slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration, 1 p.m. May 4, 11 a.m. May 5, Success with Climbing Roses, 1 p.m. May 11, 11 a.m. May 12; Seven Steps to Success with Roses, 11 a.m. May 19; Dr. Griffith Buck's Roses from Iowa, 1 p.m. May 25, 11 a.m. May 26; Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Rd., Belleville, (734) 461-1230, www.GreatLakesRoses.com.
- Southern Michigan Daylily Society**
Hybridizing Spiders and Unusual Forms Daylily Flowers with Dan Bachman from Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, Ohio, 7 p.m. May 2; Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills.
- 28th Annual Spring Plant Sale**
Nearly 25,000 pots of high-quality perennials, annuals, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, and other plant varieties, free demonstrations Saturday and Sunday, sale is May 2-4, University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.
- mbgna.umich.edu**, (734) 647-7600.
- Garden Center Sale**
Oakland Schools Technical Campus (Southwest), 9 a.m.-noon, May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 1000 Beck Rd., Wixom, (248) 668-5673.
- Farmers Market**
The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market opens Saturday, May 3 at the corner of East Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street. The market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, May 3 through Oct. 25 with only Michigan-grown (or made) products. Opening day festivities include free donuts and tote bags, while supplies last, music, hands-on children's activities and a drawing for a gift certificate. For more information about the market, visit www.DowntownRochesterMI.com or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.
- Swap Meet**
9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 3, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Rd., Plymouth, if interested in renting a table, contact Anita Laich at (734) 425-1685 for more information.
- Farmington Garden Club**
Pauline Flynn, accredited judge and the club's artistic crafts chairman, gives a demonstration, of the construction, planting and care of a living wreath, noon Monday, May 5, at the visitors center in Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 mile road. Guests and new members are welcome, (248) 626-6322, www.Farmingtongardenclub.com.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MAY

Pizza and movie night

For adults with developmental disabilities 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. To reserve a spot contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 or elc-ed@aroumdetroit.biz.

Bucket fillers

Author Carol McCloud visits 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Elementary age, parents welcome to learn how to carry an invisible bucket to be filled with kindness. Admission \$2 or one canned good. To RSVP, send e-mail to jackie@lahtinen.org. For more information, visit www.staidanlivonia.org.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend the special Mass 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the people attending.

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716.

Holocaust Memorial Convocation

1 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the auditorium at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A highlight of the afternoon

will be the kindling of candles by Holocaust survivors and their families in memory of the 6 million who perished, and in memory of Israel's victims of terrorism. No charge. The community is invited. For more information, call (248) 553-2400 or visit www.holocaustcenter.org.

Polish Constitution Day

Include a posthumous presentation of the Fidelitas Medal in recognition of the late Msgr. Zdzislaw Peszkowski, professor emeritus of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and St. Mary's Preparatory, following the 1 p.m. mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. For information, call (248) 682-1885.

Ladies night out

Deadline is Monday, May 5, for tickets to Ladies Night Out with Teresa Tomeo, well-known syndicated talk-show host and author, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Tickets \$20, includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. All area women are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Cinco de Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don

Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Rummage sale

1-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit <http://fpcbirmingham.org/RummageSale>, or send e-mail to fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com.

Father Kern award dinner

In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

Holy Ghost Outpouring

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge), Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwineglory.org.

Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Single mom's luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile. The lunch is free of charge, but reservations required. Call (734) 427-8743 to leave your name. Free children's activities and baby-sitting will be provided along with a special music presentation, a small gift, and a short message of encouragement for single moms.

Choir concert

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A freewill offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

Spring rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.



Commemoration

The Rev. Antoine Adam of St. Vartan's Armenian Catholic congregation (Detroit), celebrated a "Mass for the Martyrs of the Turkish Genocide of the Armenians," Sunday, April 27, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church of Livonia at the request of the Mardin Club, which include survivors of the conflict.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible School

Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday wor-

ship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in 81xmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is

7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to coranne@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

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BIRDIE CASSIDY
Age 85, Farmington Hills, MI, passed April 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

DENNIS L. HASSELL
Age 69, Southfield, MI, passed April 25, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI

DONALD J. DOERR
August 21, 1940-April 27, 2008. born in Detroit. Died in Livonia, MI. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI

MARSHA MILLER ADAMUSIK
Age 58, went to be with her Lord suddenly on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at her home in Canton, Michigan. Marsha was born and raised in Tusculumbia. She was born to her loving parents, Raymond "Ray" Chapman Miller and Betty M. Miller, on March 15, 1950. She was a 1968 graduate of Deshler High School. Marsha was a cheerleader and was on the Miss Friendliness Court her senior year. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fourth Street Church of Christ in Tusculumbia. She was always loving and friendly and she never met a stranger. She loved her family and had a good relationship with them. She talked with her mom almost every night. All of her life she loved any animal. She was preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents, and her father, Ray Miller on April 9, 2007. Marsha is survived by her husband, Don Adamusik of Canton, Michigan; mother, Betty Miller of Florence, Alabama; uncle and aunt, Herschel and Pat Miller of Florence, Alabama; brothers, Larry Miller of Grady, Arkansas and Michael R. Miller of Tusculumbia, Alabama; nieces and nephews, Carla and Brad Miller; great niece, Taylor Miller; first cousins, Bobby Dennis and wife, Susan. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The Miller family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to their church families and especially to Glenn and Evelyn Sherrod for their longtime friendship. The grave side service will be Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 11:00 AM at Greenview Memorial Park with Rev. Donnie McDaniel officiating. There is no planned visitation. Elkins Funeral Home is assisting the family. Expressions of sympathy may also be made in loving memory of Marsha Miller Adamusik to Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ, 1207 Sherrod Ave., Florence, Alabama 35630 and Underwood Baptist Church, 5091 Hwy 157, Florence, Alabama 35630.

JANET STINSON-SAGOVAC
Age 77, of Key Biscayne, Florida, and formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away on April 24, 2008. Janet is survived by loving husband John, sister Jean, children Karen, Keith, & Glenn, & three lovely granddaughters. The family requests memorial donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society (michiganhumane.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). A memorial service celebrating Janet's life is planned for Monday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m., at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

EDWARD A. BUNDOFF
Of Commerce Twp. passed away on April 27, 2008. Arrangements by Swansons Funeral Home of Flint. Memorial service to be held in June at Ford UAW, Local 182 in Livonia, and the Veteran's Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

PHYLLIS M. GRAMLICH
Age 90 of Redford, died April 29, 2008 at Medifodge of Monroe. Funeral services were at 10am from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maybee with Fr. Robert Bauer officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Born April 26, 1918 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Phyllis was the daughter of Harry & Reva (Wysell) Kingin. She married Donald H. Gramlich on August 10, 1955. He preceded her in death January 5, 2005. Phyllis was the Switchboard Operator and Secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals in Redford Township for 25 years, retiring August of 1980. A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford, Phyllis enjoyed animals, especially dogs. She also enjoyed reading and traveling. Phyllis is survived by a sister Sybil Reaside of Redford as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be made to The Humane Society of Michigan, St. Jude's Children's Research or The American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at: www.allfore.com

JOHN E. SCHWOCHOW
Age 57, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 22, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI

LOUIS A. MORTON
Age 83, April 26, 2008 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Beloved husband of the late Janet E. Morton. Loving father of Kenneth (Elke) & Craig (Karen) Morton. Dear grandfather of Lydia, Micah, Moriah & Jeremiah. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with funeral service to follow on Friday at 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

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green picks

These eco-chic picks are inspired by the Green Street Fair, taking over downtown Plymouth May 3-4.



Face It!
A Perfect World face moisturizer from Origins

Wear It!
Organic cotton

Wash It!
Natural body soap from Boh Bon Soap Company.

Kick It!
EcoSneaks from Simple Shoes

Wane It!
BIG Shampoo from Lush

Tote It!
Recycled newspaper purses

Accessorize It!



Earrings made from recycled albums @ www.rewarevintage.com

Baby It!
happygreenbee organic clothing

Eat It!
Chicken Burritos at Chipotle

Drink It!
Not Quite Pale Ale from Magic Hat Brewing Company

Do It! (YOURSELF)

For tips, visit www.handmadedetroit.com



Drive It!
A Bosch clean diesel vehicle

Understand It!
Your carbon footprint



Handmade Detroit's Stephanie Tardy of Pleasant Ridge, Carey Gustafson of Ferndale, Amy Cronkite of Oak Park (left to right, back row), Bethany Nixon of Pontiac and Lish Dorset of Plymouth, will offer demonstrations at The Green Street Fair in Plymouth May 3-5.

Handmade Detroit hosts Swap-O-Rama during Green Fair

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
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As the 'green' movement blooms this spring, Handmade Detroit is helping others get in style for the season.

The organization, made up of young local indie crafters, has long been reusing, recycling and renewing everyday items into fabulous new finds.

This weekend, they'll share the art of Do-It-Yourself as they host a Swap-O-Rama-Rama and recycled craft market during the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth May 3-4.

According to Alicia "Lish" Dorset, co-founder of Handmade Detroit, they'll teach festivalgoers how to refashion clothing into unique new pieces at their Green Street Fair booth.

Swap-O-Rama-Rama was launched in 2005 by Wendy Tremayne, a musician and creative crafter in Manhattan. The concept brings people together to swap and remake clothing with the help of facilitators, workshops and sewing stations stocked with supplies.

Handmade Detroit hosts the Detroit Urban Craft Fair each year, as well as Sunday Crafternoons at Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale.

Mandi Buckland, organizer of the Green Street Fair, brought Handmade Detroit and Swap-O-Rama-Rama together for the first time. Dorset, 27, said the marriage is a perfect fit.

"It goes right back to our whole idea, the DIY spirit," said Dorset, who graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham and now resides in Plymouth. "So

many of our vendors use recycled components in their finished products so that is really important to us."

Handmade Detroit has spent months collecting clothing and accessories, and they encourage would-be swappers to bring more. Whether festivalgoers bring items or not, they'll be able to choose any used clothing they want from the swap pile for free, then get to work.

Janome has donated four sewing machines for use during the swap, and Handmade Detroit volunteers will man the sewing stations, demonstrating projects such as altering T-shirts or making tote bags out of scraps.

"We'll have some accessory ideas, headbands, cuffs and belts," Dorset said. "We'll definitely have a project for parents and kids to do together — a no-sew pillow they can take home and put on their bed."

Handmade Detroit also will teach basic mending techniques to give old clothing new purpose.

Visitors can sit down and complete a project right there, or pick out something to work on at home. Dorset is hoping the swap will inspire people to look at discards in a fresh way.

"Maybe they'll turn a pair of jeans into a skirt and they'll realize how much they enjoy it and it will become a second business or a new hobby," she said. "I think everybody is trying to be a little bit greener this year, and giving things a second life, turning clothing into something else, is an easy way to do it."

For more information, visit www.handmadedetroit.com or www.greenstreetfair.com.

Recycle records into retro bowls



Turn old records into kitschy bowls with help from Handmade Detroit.

Do you have a collection of scratched records in your attic? Dust off a few of those LPs and in just minutes you can repurpose them into record bowls.

Record bowls aren't just fun, they're functional. Use one as a change dish or to hold odds and ends, or use a few together at your next party as a great conversation starter and to hold chips, popcorn and cookies.

RECIPE FOR RECORD BOWLS

- A scratched 12" record
- An oven safe bowl with a flat bottom or a circular cookie tin 9 inches or less in diameter
- An oven mitt
- Oven mitts

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Turn your bowl upside down (if you are using a cookie tin leave it right side up). Place your record on your bowl or tin and center it. Then simply put both on the top rack in your oven and leave it for 2-4 minutes depending on how thick your record is. As the record softens it will warp, wave and form around your bowl or tin. Remove the record and bowl or tin using your oven mitts and leave it to cool for 10 minutes. Ta-da! Your new record bowl is ready to use. Don't put anything liquid or damp in it and the bowl and record label will last for years. Just wipe your bowl with a damp rag when you'd like to clean it.

After you've made your first bowl, you will undoubtedly want more. Try making smaller bowls from 45s to use as candy dishes or use colored vinyl for extra fun.

Source: Handmade Detroit, www.handmadedetroit.com

Male bridesmaids are all the rage in new film

BY STEPHANIE A. CASOLA
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When Jennifer McGowan married her husband Robert — a Farmington Hills native — the two carefully chose a small, but significant wedding party. It just happened to include a "Best Woman" on the groom's side and a male participant on the bride's side.

The couple, now residing in Houston, Texas, wed in 2001 and despite pleas from confused family members they never strayed from their intentions. And so when the big day came Jennifer's former college roommate Kyle Reynolds took his rightful place right on the bride's side.

A new romantic comedy written by Birmingham native Adam Szykiel, Sony Pictures' *Made of Honor*, pits Patrick Dempsey's character Tom in a similar position, supporting his best friend Hannah (Michelle Monaghan) on her big day. But on screen, Tom realizes too late he's fallen in love with his longtime pal and the plot gets a little sticky.

For McGowan, fielding questions from curious wedding attendants came with the territory. She realized it was an unusual move, and still is. "I don't know of anyone else who's done it," she said. Though family members suggested that the McGowans take a more traditional stand in choosing the wedding party, the couple didn't budge. "We've asked our dearest friends to stand up for us," McGowan said.

Reynolds was recognized in the ceremony program as "male bridesmaid." He did accompany the bride on a Bachelorette night on the town. And he was invited to a Bridesmaids breakfast on the morning of the wedding. But he didn't attend the wedding shower and, on the big day, he wore a tuxedo that matched the groomsmen. "The hardest part was convincing family members it was O.K.," said McGowan.

The couple recently had their first child, Fynn, in February. So, she said, they'll likely have to wait to see *Made of Honor* on DVD. But the film's premise has definitely made them laugh. *Made of Honor* opens May 2 in metro Detroit area theaters. It is rated PG-13.

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