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Eight months after resigning from the Wayne-Westland school board, Frederick Weaver was back in the board room Monday evening to be honored by his former colleagues for his dedication and service to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Weaver, who resigned from the board after moving to Midland, received an Award of Service from board President Martha Pitsenbarger. He thanked the administration and residents "for the opportunity to serve the district.

"It's a joy to be with you," Weaver said. "This plaque means a lot to me.



There were times we argued and had disagreements and even though I was right and you were wrong, those arguments brought us to a higher purpose."

Fred Weaver

Weaver served on the school board for eight years, including three years as president during which he started the board's Project 180 initiative "to reach out to families in the community." He also was active in the PTA and was PTA president at Madison Elementary School in Westland.

"Project 180 is his legacy and it carries on, now through the Family Resource Center," Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Pitsenbarger lauded Weaver for his work in enriching the lives of Wayne-Westland students. "He brought a lot of good ideas to us while he was on the board, I'm glad we were able to honor him," she

W-W chief takes voluntary wage freeze

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The top three administrators in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will take a voluntary wage freeze for 2009-2010.

The wage freeze is part of several contracts, including those for Superintendent Greg Baracy and **Deputy Superintendents Charlotte** Sherman and Gary Martin, that were approved by the Wayne-Westland school board at its meeting Monday

evening. Baracy will continue to receive his base salary of \$176,611 for one year under the terms of a contract that will expire on June 30, 2013. In succeeding years, he will receive

the same increase that members of the Wavne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association received in their contract that was approved by the board last month.

"After 12 years as superintendent, Dr. Baracy continues to exhibit a high energy level when dealing with all aspects of school district operations," said board President Martha Pitsenbarger, reading from a prepared statement. "Despite Michigan's many challenges and ailing economy, he and his staff have found extraordinary ways to contain costs and preserve educational programs."

Baracy will continue to receive compensation for having a doctoral

degree, meeting merit pay goals and an additional 2 percent of his base salary quarterly in recognition of an added workload in overseeing the district bond issues and sinking fund. The district also will continue to make contributions to a retirement savings plan on his behalf and provide \$5,200 for the purchase of life insurance policy.

Baracy returned five of his paid vacation days to the district. He will

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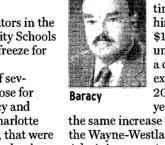
Fire official pleads no contest in crash case

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Westland Fire Marshal Chris Szpara pleaded no contest Tuesday to a charge of leaving the scene of a property damage accident, amid allegations he crashed a city car into another vehicle while pulling away from a Taco Bell restaurant about 3 a.m. March 24.

Szpara, 37, was told by Wayne 29th District Judge Laura Mack that he could face penalties ranging up to 90 days in jail, a \$100 fine, court costs and six points on his driving record.

Mack didn't set a sentencing date when Szpara appeared before her Tuesday afternoon with defense attorney Gregory Demopoulos. She said she would first refer the case to the court's probation department for a presentencing investigation. Szpara, dressed in a black suit, pleaded no contest amid statements by Demopoulos that there is the potential for a civil claim by occupants in the other vehicle.



Date change

The regular meeting of the Westland Planning Commission has been changed because of the Tuesday, May 5, school election.

The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the council chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. The meeting is open to the public.

Garage sale

It's become a rite of spring — the twice annual Westland Community Garage Sale.

Browse an eclectic mix of items, including clothing, books, knickknacks, and more 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at booths set up in the parking lot west of Westland City Hall. The event is sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 722-7620. Westland City Hall is at 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Mullen wears his Sunday best to become cereal mogul Will Keith Kellogg as part of Hamilton Elementary fifth-graders' wax museum.

History comes to life at Hamilton Museum

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's the simple things in life that excite Karen Dodds, like her fifthgrade students pretending they're someone else.

Not just anybody, but very famous people.

Welcome to Hamilton Elementary School's version of Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.

"I'm so happy I could cry," Dodds said. "I've always wanted to do this."

Push a "button" and Teddy Roosevelt talked about his life as a Rough Rider and U.S. President. Skip over to Will Keith Kellogg and hear how the cereal mogul got his

start in business.

Around the cafeteria and along the walls outside it stood such famous people as Queen Elizabeth II, Mr. Hockey Gordie Howe, founding father Alexander Hamilton, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, First Lady Jaqueline Kennedy and notorious Revolutionary War general Benedict Arnold.

The classes started working on the project in late January. They made a list of their top five choices and every students got someone from their picks. The students had to write their speech, submit a reference list with at least five resources and create their own costume. According to Dodds, the project

encompassed social studies, writing and reading.

Benedict Arnold was Tommy Erdman's third choice and he was glad he got him.

"I knew he was a traitor and stuff like that," he said. "I read two books about him and went on the Internet. I wrote my speech in one night and memorized it the same night."

Tommy provide a close look at Arnold's life from his being a "very smart, but reckless child," and a wealthy drug store owner to his involvement in the Continental Army and his loss of faith in the **Revolutionary War.**

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While a no contest plea is not a guilty plea, it is treated similarly in court.

Westland police have said that no one was injured and that people in the other car initially left the scene but then returned.

Szpara. free on a \$200 personal bond, is accused of hitting another vehicle while driving away from the Taco Bell near Merriman and Cherry Hill. According to police, he left the scene and was stopped in neighboring Wayne, where police turned him over to a Westland command officer who gave him a ride to a relative's house.

Critics have alleged that Szpara was given special treatment because he is a city official and

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Food program in need of volunteers

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland-based program that provides government food to low-income families has found itself in need of volunteers.

People willing to bag and distribute food are being sought to work from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the city's Dorsey Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy, said Bob Patterson, who oversees the federal commodities program.

The program doesn't offer any pay, but officials said a lunch is provided to the volunteers.

Joanne Inglis, the city's housing and community development director, said demand

Patterson said the number of food items being distributed to lowincome families has increased, making it difficult for volunteers to get the commodities bagged and distributed on the days they're aiven out.

has increased slightly during the economic downturn, "but it's not up as much as we would expect."

However, Patterson said the number of food items being distributed to low-income families has increased, making it difficult for volunteers to get the commodities bagged and distributed on the days they're given out.

Federal commodities also are distributed at locations such as churches and senior residences, but Patterson said Westland's need for volunteers

has emerged at the Dorsev Center location, which typically serves 100-140 local families living north of Michigan Avenue.

"In the last few months we've been getting eight different food items to distribute," creating a large amount of work for volunteers, Patterson said. To help, call (734) 595-0288. Patterson can be reached at Ext. 223, or his assistant, Deb Richardson, can be reached at Ext. 221.

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LOCAL NEWS

Attorney Spence seeks to make positive change

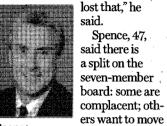
BY KAREN SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Roger Spence said he is running for Livonia school board because he wants to help make changes for the better and his experience as an attorney will help him to do that.

"We used to be the district that was looked at, and I think we've

Spence, 47,

forward



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He said his values and professional skills will help him to be a positive influence. "I spend my days negotiating. I've honed those skills over the years," he said, adding the board needs to work together as a group.

The first in his blue-collar family to graduate from college, Spence said he holds fast to the values he was taught growing up: hard work, honesty, integrity and dedication. He said he answers his own phone at his Livonia law office and returns every call.

Spence is concerned about the district's finances. "We have to quit operating under a deficit budget," he said. For the past eight to 10 years, the district has used fund equity, or its savings

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ROGER SPENCE

Age: 47 Profession: Attorney Education: B.A. in social sciences, pre-law at Michigan State University; law degree from Detroit College of Law Family: Married to Lindsay; two

children, ages 6 and 8 Years living in district: 17

account, to help balance its budget. This year, the board expects to use \$2.8 million in fund equity to help pay for its \$157 million in general fund expenses, leaving about \$5.3 million (3.5 percent) in reserve. "That's our safety net," he said of fund equity.

Spence said administrators and department heads should take voluntary pay cuts. He said the district needs to cut back on consulting and legal fees. Instead of hiring an energy auditor, for example, the board should have asked students first to brainstorm ways the district could save on energy. Students in various grades could have competed to see who could save the most energy, with the winning grade at each school earning a pizza party, he said.

He opposes selling vacant school buildings or privatizing services to raise or save money. He said the district may need the schools in the future and would lose control with privatization. He said he would like to see the

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vacant schools occupied by the district or leased to other companies to cut down on vandalism.

Spence said he is adamantly opposed to a new construction bond to pay for school renovations and new technology. "I don't think at this time the board should come forth and seek a bond or a millage," he said. However, he does support a renewal of the sinking fund to pay for ongoing repairs.

He said the Legacy Initiative, in which several schools were closed and grades were reconfigured, is in the past and needs to be objectively evaluated. "We are not going to turn back the clock," he said. "Let's make it better."

He said the fifth- and sixthgraders now attending former junior high schools may have some answers for how to make students in their buildings feel less socially isolated. "There are some bright young men and women," he said.

Like the other two candidates, Daniel Lessard and Colleen Burton, Spence said communication needs to improve. He said there's a communication problem between the board and administrators and, to an even stronger degree, the board and the community.

He said the board needs to go directly to the source for input, including teachers and parents. His ideas include suggestion boxes and surveys.

Spence said his professional experience, which includes being a business person, sets him apart from the competition and qualifies him for the job. "I'm an attorney and I have to deal with people problems," he said.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia school district voters will choose among three candidates to fill two seats on the school board May 5. The candidates are incumbent Daniel Lessard and newcomers Colleen Burton and Roger Spence. Incumbent Cynthia Markarian, currently board president, is not seeking re-election.

War re-enactment

The Westland Historic Commission will present its second annual Armed Services Dav celebration noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Scenes from five wars will be

re-enacted, and special events will include a weapons demonstration and a power-point presentation of "Marines on the Great Lakes." The public is invited.

Golf outing

Join Mayor William Wild and his Wild's Walkers as they tee up to support the American Cancer Society on Saturday, May 16. The Wild's Walkers are holding a golf outing at the Westland Municipal Golf Course. The event is \$30 and includes lunch and golf. Tee times begin at 10 a.m., and golfers may schedule a tee time of their choice by calling (734) 721-6660. The Westland Municipal Golf Course is at 500 Merriman, just south of Cherry Hill.

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benefits that WWCOAA members receive and will be reimbursed, using rates recognized by the IRS, for use of his per-

ness in excess of 50 miles. "The give-back of vacation days and freezing wages is appropriate," he said. "It's a sign of good will to the community and a recognition of the issues this school district is facing.'

The vote came after the board gave Baracy an "outstanding evaluation" of his performance in eight areas, including curriculum and instruction, business and finance, intergovernmental relations, professional leadership and personal qualities. Baracy's contract, as well as

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Garage sale

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Food pickup

Westland residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their surplus food commodities on 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

improvements at schools in the district, became the focal point of supporters of the district's teachers following a four-day strike who claimed his compensation was out of line with larger school districts like Plymouth-Canton's here newly hired Superintendent Craig Fiegel received a starting salary of \$195,000.

In his 12th year, Baracy is the district's longest serving superintendent. According to Pitsenbarger, the board recognized Baracy's "great leadership during these difficult times.

"Dr. Baracy has been very, very dedicated to the students for the 12 years he has been superintendent," she said. "We didn't ask him to take the pay freeze, he offered, showing that he is very aware of what is facing this state."

According to Baracy, both Sherman and Martin decided to follow his lead in taking pay freezes for 2009-2010. The salaries for the two deputy superintendents will remain at \$145.345.

Trustee William Gabriel

The pick-up time and location for Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call the church at (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The May distribution will include a frozen 4-ounce can of orange juice, UHT shelf milk (if available), rice cereal, green beans, sliced potatoes, vegetable soup, and possible additional items.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services which determines food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution. For more information, the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

praised the work of Martin, head of Administrative and Business Services, and Sherman, who's in charge of **Educational Services.**

"I want to thank them for their service," he said. "I worked along side them this year and I learned a lot. They're hard workers, very dedicated workers."

The school board also approved a four-year agreement with the Wayne-Westland **Educational Secretaries** Association. According to Kelly Bohl, executive director in human resources, the salary schedule increases follow that of the teachers' agreement. Under the new contract, secretaries will work the Friday before Labor Day in make it easier for parents to register their children for school. The contract also eliminates longevity and includes "some. adjustments" to co-pays for health care, Bohl said.

All of the contracts were approved by unanimously by the school board.

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now receive 37 vacation days, 12 paid holidays and three personal days each year. He also will receive the same health care package and long-term disability and life insurance

sonal vehicle for district busi-

The seats are for four years.



LOCAL NEWS

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W-W promotes district to Realtors

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cases filled with books were moved aside to make room for tables and chairs as the Wayne-Westland Community Schools showed off one of its new elementary school libraries to the area Realtors.

Realtors from throughout the area heard about new programs and new investments as part of the district's Realtors Luncheon, held Thursday at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland.

"I hope you have a sense of our passion to help our students succeed and to give the options," said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

The district holds the luncheon annually to provide Realtors with information about the district to provide families considering moving to the area. Packets given out were filled with a district map, the annual report and the results of state standardized tests administered last fall.

In the past, the luncheons have been held in the library of John Glenn High School, the new gymnasium at Wayne Memorial High School and at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center.

The message to Realtors this year is that while the state economy is faltering, with prudent budgeting and leadership, Wayne-Westland has been able to preserve its academic programs and even expand them.

"A lot can be done without spending a lot of money," said Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman. Examples are the addition of an Advanced Placement Biology

ed for alcohol. Westland Police

couple of beers" but, according

Chief James Ridener has said

Szpara admitted having "a

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class in the high schools and the new emergency medical technician class that being offered is fall at the Ford Center. The former was requested by students and the district responded, the latter was added with the help of the Westland Fire Department.

"Students will work in ambulances and do internships," said Sherman. "The class is for seniors only and when they're 18 they can take a test to be an EMT and have a job their first year out of school. We already have two classes."

Also highlighted:

• The receipt of two Michigan Association of School Boards 2009 Excellence in Education Awards, including one for the Freaky Friday program in which parents spend a day in class with their sixthgraders.

• The selection of Jane LaPorte as Wayne County RESA's Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year for out-Wayne County.

• The receipt of two Excellence in Financial Reporting awards by Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin and his staff. It's the ninth consecutive year the business department has received the awards.

• The six awards, including three first-place honors, received the student designed Hydrovolt Innovative Design Vehicle.

• The construction of new media centers at four more elementary schools this year, using voter-approved Sinking Fund money.

"Without the courage and guidance to the school board, we wouldn't have this media

to the command officer, didn't

Szpara was driving a city-

center," Baracy said. "This library integrates media with the curriculum. Our staff works with students to learn how to do research, use digital equipment, do PowerPoint presentations. They offer a very engaging media curriculum."

When questioned about declining enrollment, Baracy told the Realtors that school districts around the state have been affected by the loss of 60,000 families who have left Michigan because of the sour economy.

"Will we be one of those schools? Yes, because it's part of the times," he said. "I don't see them moving back, so we have to re-invent, redefine and restructure our schools. You can't operate schools at 30 percent capacity."

For Realtors like Judy and Doug Courtney of Remerica Hometown, the lunch provides much-needed information to share with clients.

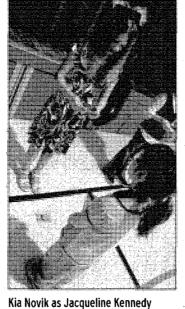
"I think they do a tremendous job," said Judy Courtney. "I've been coming every year since they started these and they always have something unique. We would have no way of knowing about these things."

"When you have a buyer come in, when you have affordable housing, they always ask what the school dislike is like," added Doug Courtney. "They do an excellent job here."

Realtor Noel Derr of Century 21 Dynamic calls the luncheons "fabulous and wonderful."

"It makes us advocate more for the schools," said Derr. "I feel I'm successful because I get a lot of families to move here because of the school district."

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reads to kindergartner Gracie Russell.

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Arnold, he said was "always a lied to and passed up for n promotion, the generals took h credit for his successes," leading to his decision to betray

the United States. "Benedict Arnold died in 1801 as a famous traitor, but he would have liked to be known as a man who gave so much, but received so little from his country," Tommy

said. Jacob Flores was Teddy Roosevelt, a subject he knows well. He's done two other reports on him. His speech was filled with information about his life and the firsts done by the country's 26th President.

"He was the first president to fly in a plane, he commanded the first voluntary calvary regiment and was the first American to win the Nobel Prize," said Jacob, Jacob Flores wore a teddy bear on his hat for his role as Teddy Roosevelt, who lent his nickname to the popular stuffed toy. adding that Roosevelt may never have become president had he not spent time in the and his brother created flak cereal. After C.W. Post copic their process, Kellogg struc

Dakota Territory. Using a paint brush pen loaned to her, Jessica Boyd posed as painter Claude Monet.

"Me and my family like him, we have two of his paintings at our house," she said, adding that a book from the school library helped provide material for her speech about the founder of French impressionist painting.

Andrew Mullen wore a white shirt and tie and had his hair neatly combed to play Will Keith Kellogg, an industrialist and food manufacturer who with his brother John found a way to make flake cereal.

According to Andrew, Kellogg dropped out of school and sold brooms until he and his brother created flake cereal. After C.W. Post copied their process, Kellogg struck off on his own to form the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company.

PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"It took a long time to find out about him, I hardly knew anything about him," Andrew said. "All I knew was the cereal. I like his Frosted Flakes."

The classes did a daytime presentation of the wax museum for other students in the school, then did a reprise for their parents in the evening.

A smiling Dodds listened as students talked to museum guests.

"I'm glad we could put a Hamilton School spin on this," she said.

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him to receive counseling and warned other fire administration officials not to drive city cars for personal use.

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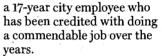
Hill. The case was handled by Mack after Westland 18th

on Merriman south of Cherry

District Judges Sandra Ference Cicirelli and Mark McConnell recused themselves and asked a court administrator to assign it to another court.

Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas also removed his office from the case and had an independent attorney, James Nellis, handle the matter.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Mayor William Wild have said actions such as Szpara's won't be tolerated. Szpara has otherwise drawn praise as



Reddy placed Szpara on a 90-day, unpaid suspension after the accident, ordered



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PUBLIC SAFETY

2 men face trial for home invasion

Two Westland men will be facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after police captured them following an April 14 home invasion on Badelt Street, southeast of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt.

Police received a call about 10:40 a.m. involving a breakin that was in progress and responded quickly to the scene. A door had been kicked in, and the house had been ransacked, police said.

Police stopped a getaway vehicle near the scene and arrested one of the suspects. A second suspect was captured while fleeing on foot.

Police credited the quick response of an alert neighbor with helping them capture the two suspects.

Items stolen from truck

2 A 56-year-old man reported that golfing supplies, a laptop computer and clothing were taken from his 2007 Ford pickup while he was inside the Ram's Horn restaurant, on the east side of Wayne Road south of Warren, between 11:30 a.m. and noon April 22. The victim told police that someone had pried open the driver-side door of his truck.

Apartment break-in

A 25-year-old woman told police that her apartment at Hunter's West, on Hunter south of Warren and west of Wayne, was broken into between 1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. April 21. She told authorities that a television, a laptop computer and costume jewelry had been taken during the incident.

A police report indicated that the intruder may have gained access through an unlocked bedroom window.

Stranger takes wallet

An 89-year-old woman who lives at Colonial Village Apartments, on the west side of Wayne Road north of Central City Parkway, told police that her wallet was stolen by someone who knocked on her door and asked to use her telephone about 7:30 p.m. April 20. The victim told police that she had left the kitchen, where her phone is located, to give the visitor some privacy.

The woman said she didn't recognize the man from the apartment complex.

Electronics taken

A 24-year-old woman reported that an intruder forced open a bedroom window of her Wilderness Park apartment, northwest of Warren and Central City Parkway, between 1-3 p.m. April 20. She told police that missing items included a PlayStation gaming system, video games, a laptop computer, a digital camera, a camcorder and a wedding band.

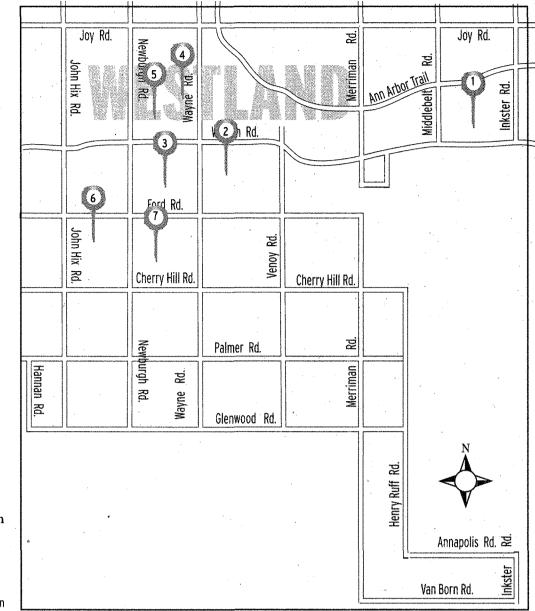
Tools taken from truck 6 A 38-year-old man told police that miscellaneous tools were stolen from the bed of his 2005 Chevy Silverado truck while it was parked outside Strykers, a bar on Ford east of Hix, between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. April 18.

Shoes, cell taken from

locker

A John Glenn High School baseball team member told police that his locker inside the school on Marquette west of Wayne had been rummaged between 5-7 p.m. April 21. The student reported that his shoes and cell phone had been taken.

- By Darrell Clem



Southfield duo face trial for alleged home invasion

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Southfield pair will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations they were involved in a Westland home invasion in an attempt to recoup money for a marijuana debt. Delmartianna Roberts, 21, and Deon Elmore, 35, were ordered to stand trial on charges of first-degree home invasion, unarmed robbery, larceny in a building and misdemeanor assault after they appeared last Thursday for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

Their hearing ended with

18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli ruling that they should face trial for an incident that Westland police said happened about 10 a.m. April 8 at Birch Hill Apartments, on Cherry Hill east of Venoy.

According to police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik, the pair went to the apartment complex to try to collect a marijuana debt from relatives of a man who wasn't there but who allegedly owed money. Roberts and Elmore are accused of forcing their way in when the door was opened.

The pair was accused of taking a video gaming system, a cell phone and other items after they found that "they couldn't get any money" from the residents, described by Wojcik as a man and woman in their early 20s.

Roberts and Elmore, jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond, could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison, if they are convicted, police said. No guns were involved in what police described as a home invasion.

An investigation led police to Southfield, where the pair was arrested. Not-guilty pleas have been placed in their court files as they await proceedings in Wayne County Circuit Court.

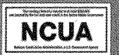
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COUNTY NEWS

Win lunch with Fox 2's Deena and Jay at Buddy's

The winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Fox 2 News Weekend co-anchors Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with the Fox 2 personalities at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to her weekend role. Centofanti is also the Fox 2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie,



Centofanti Towers

born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year.

"I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin (Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6.

When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jav & Bill show.

Buddy's Pizza will make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in recognition of this month's "dining stars."

Dining with the Stars is sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer \mathfrak{S} Eccentric Newspapers.

Taxpayers responsible for knowing when tax is due

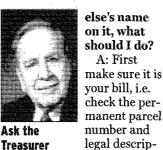
Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions. Important Tax Information

about Real Property:

Know when tax bills are due and to whom they are payable. Do not assume that the seller will pay the taxes in the year of sale. If you do not receive a summer and/or winter tax bill, call the city, township or village treasurer where the property is located and request a tax bill. At the same time, check to make sure the treasurer has your correct mailing name and address. Do not send a check in the mail and assume that the check reached the treasurer.

Q: My bill has someone



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change and the taxpayer information hasn't been updated. If this is the case, you may pay on the bill you received. Contact your local assessor's office and make sure there is a Transfer Affidavit on file. Again, please note it is the taxpayer's responsibility to pay the taxes by the due date. For further assistance, call Tax Information at (313) 224-5990.

Q: If I can't pay my tax bill on time will it affect my credit rating? A: No, we do not report

anything concerning your

payment habits to the Credit Bureau.

Q: Why do I have interest and penalty on my delinquent taxes?

A: By State law, interest and penalty result when real property taxes are paid late. In order to avoid interest and penalty being added to your taxes, pay current taxes before. the last day in February.

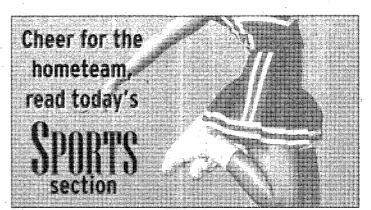
Q: I did not receive a current property tax bill. Will the county waive the interest and penalty on my delinquent taxes?

A: Failure to receive a tax bill will not waive interest and penalty. There is no provision for waiving delinquent interest and penalty. State law holds the taxpayer responsible to know that taxes are paid on time (whether or not taxpayer has received a tax bill).

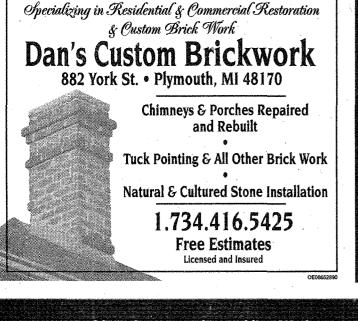
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Contact your local treasurer if you do not receive your current tax bills. The summer bill is mailed in July and the winter bill is mailed in December. The deadline to pay current taxes is the last day in February.







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Gail Reeves and Ann Hart, both of Westland, search through the books.

Bookstock brings out bargain hunters

Jodi Goodman, one of three co-chairs of Bookstock, said she can tell attendance is up this year at the annual used book and media sale going on through Sunday at Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

"I haven't had time to shop myself," she said. "It's bad for me. good for the sale."

The weeklong sale benefits about a dozen literacy and education programs in metropolitan Detroit, raising more than \$350,000 in the six years since its inception.

But there are still plenty of books and other media materials to choose from, Goodman said.

"We're still restocking," she said, adding that the economy may be one reason attendance is up. "I think people are looking for value in everything they do.



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Volunteer Adam Blanck brings out another load of books for the sale. His mom, Bookstock co-chair Roz Blanck, tells Adam where the books belong. Adam, 22, has helped out at Bookstock for seven years.

Diana and Jim Tarcha of Livonia found a stack of children's books for 3-year-old grandson Tyler Tarcha.

"The price is right!" Jim said. Goodman said. Everything will be half off Bookstock prices on Sunday, the last day of the sale,

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Laurel Park Place is at Six Mile and Newburgh, east of I-275. For more information, call (248) 645-7840, Ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.

Super deal!

Saturday is Free Comic Book Day

BY ALEX LUNDBERG **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Comic book stores all over the country will throw open their doors Saturday and do what almost no retailers ever do: give their products away. Saturday is Free Comic Book Day and the promoters both nationally and locally are hoping for one outcome only.

Best. Promotion. Ever. Scott Lovejoy is the creative director of Back to the Past, 27462 Schoolcraft, a comic book shop that has been in the same strip mall for 17 years. He said the promotion is a national affair.

"It's a promotion put on by he publishers and distributors of comic books," he said. "It's a grassroots effort, going on since 2001."

ers at a significant discount, low enough to qualify as a marketing expense, in an effort to expand business outside of a comic shop's regular clientele.

"We're going to have about 40 titles to give away," Lovejoy said. "We're trying to engage the general public as well as the comic book fanboys. Hopefully, we can spark some new readers."

Participating shops will offer selections from the two major companies DC (Superman, Batman) and Marvel (Spider Man, X-Men) as well as smaller press titles from smaller publishers like Image, Dark Horse, Dynamite and Devil's Due. He said all genres of comics - from standard superhero titles to horror, sci-fi, romance and many others - will be available. All the publishers are doing is providing the comics, it's the stores that call the shots on

Free Comic Book Day. "The format is up to the individual retailers." Lovejoy said. "Some give out one free comic, some give out several. We're going to give one free comic to everyone that comes through the door and anyone who makes a purchase over \$1, on anything, will get two more comics free."

Also participating are A to Z Cards and Comics at 32647 Ford, Garden City, and Comics Archives Inc. at 25650 Plymouth Road in Redford. For more information about Free Comic Book Day, go online to www.freecomicbookday.com (which includes a promotional video by "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" star Hugh Jackman. There is also a set of homegrown videos about the promotion at www.backtothepast.biz.

New events planned for Cruisin' Michigan

Cruisers, take heart. The chance to show off your ride along Michigan Avenue is just three months away.

Sponsored by Village Ford, the second annual Cruisin' Michigan is planned for Saturday, June 27. Organizers already have commitments from 10,000 cruisers who plan to participate and there's plenty of new things that have been added to make the event bigger and better.

According to Don Nicholson of Don Nicholson Enterprises, activities and events are planned for all along the Cruisin' Michigan route that stretched from Newburgh Road in Wayne to Miller Road in Dearborn. The lineup includes:

• The Dearborn Animal Shelter's Adopt a Pet at Fairlane Ford which will hos a display with several car clubs and serve hot dogs to the visitors. • Demmer Lincoln Mercury's car show and display at its west Dearborn location. • Harley's Dearborn Deli's Bikini Car Wash with all proceeds going to the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

The Vet Fest will be the end of the first Bike Ride for the Homeless Veterans starting in Taylor.

· Emergency vehicle display at the Dearborn Heights Justice Center.

• The City of Inkster's Inkster Jazz Festival. Inkster Road will be closed for a weekend of good music. There will be two stages with continuous music all weekend long

• Wayne's Jack Demmer Ford's car show and display at the Michigan Avenue and Newburgh.

"More exciting things along the cruise will be posted as soon as we get the information," Nicholson said.

The Cruisin' Michigan is just one of several cruise events Don Nicholson Enterprises is working This year's Cruise and Car Show events start in June with the City of Westland Golf Course Scramble and Cruise on June 27. The scramble will help raise money to rebuild and add golf cart paths at the Westland Municipal Golf Course. Two days later is the first show of the Don Nicholson's Charity Car Show Series will help raise money for the Western Wayne Skill Center

in Livonia. The center teaches special needs young adults how to work and live in our communities. Join the Six Foot Poles for the car show and night of entertainment.

The Don Nicholson Enterprises commitment to raising money for charities is gets going at the Cruisin' Michigan Charity Kick-Off on July 10 at the Dearborn Glass Academy. There will be food from tacos to sushi and entertainment by singer, songwriter and pianist Nicole Barron. Tickets can be purchased through the Wayne and Dearborn Heights Rotary clubs, the Wayne-Westland Corps and Dearborn Heights Citadel of the Salvation Army, First Step and the Dearborn Animal Shelter

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• The third annual Vet Fest, a fund-raiser for the Veterans Haven in Wayne.

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Nicholson also has five charity car shows in the series that will benefit the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Inkster Motor Patrol, Community Living Services, Wayne County Community College and the Wayne Rotary Scholarship Fund.

For detailed information on all of the events, go online to www.DonNicholson.net for links to all of the events.

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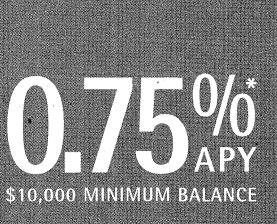
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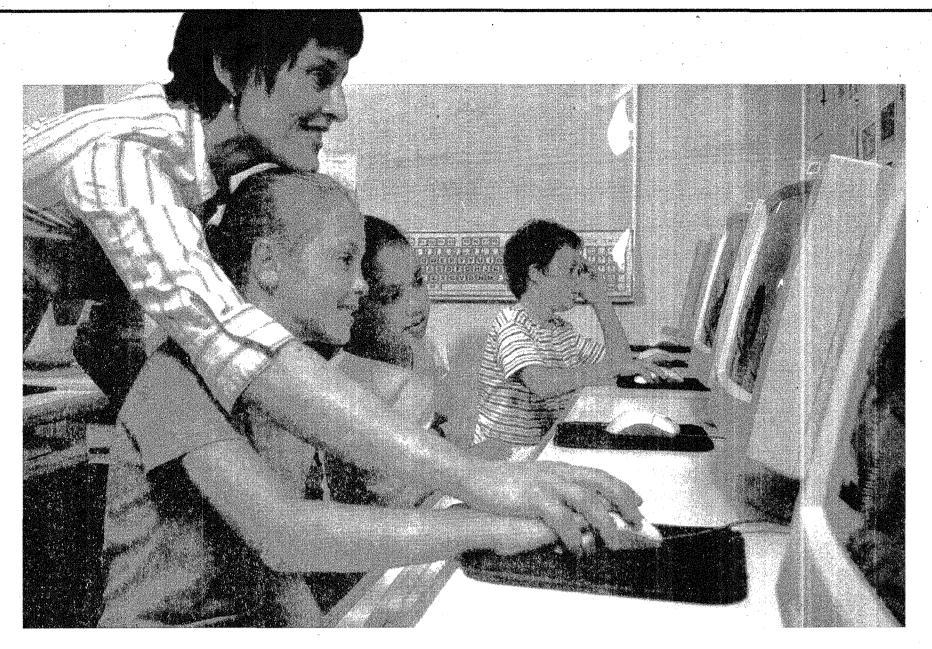
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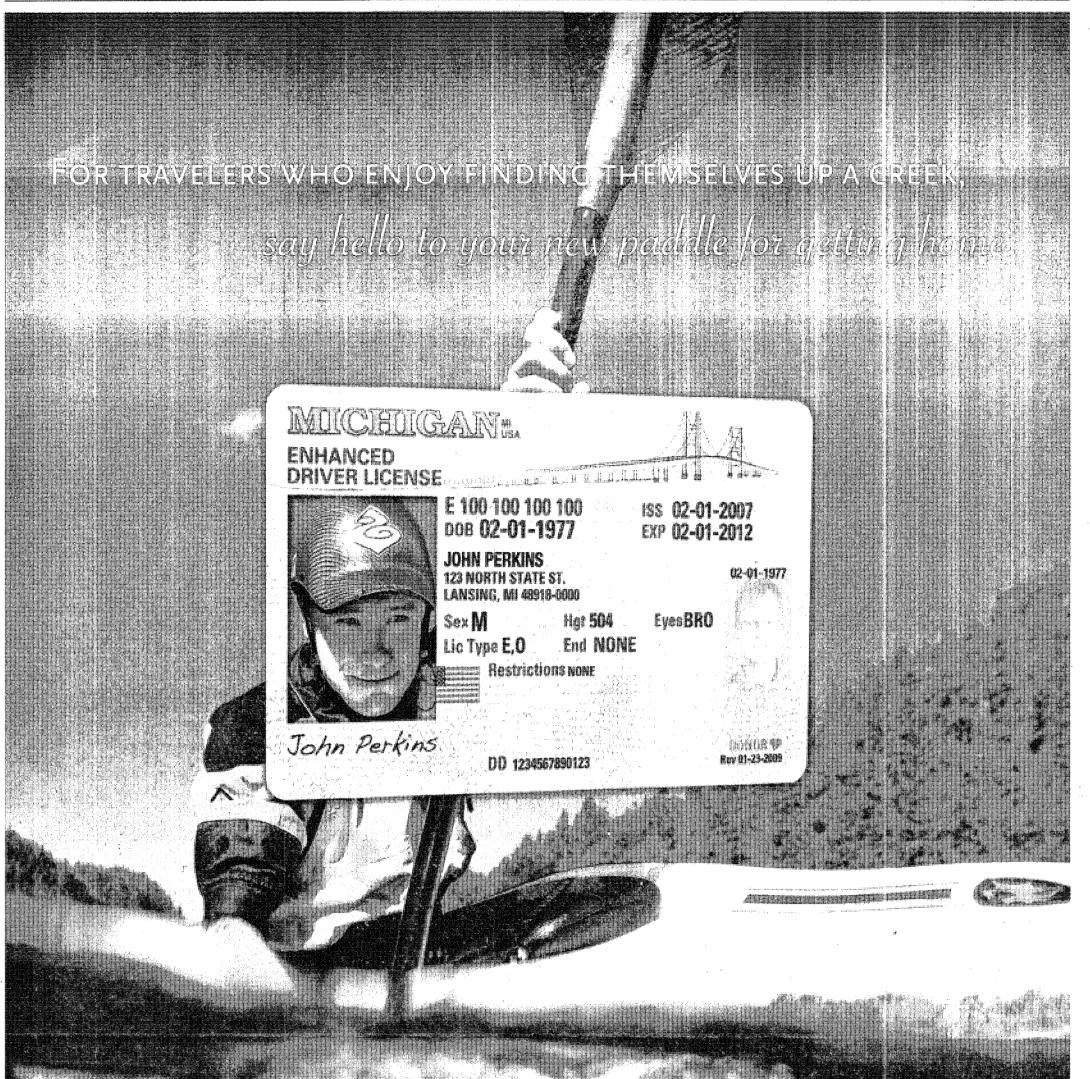
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Who's No. 1? According to patient Kimberly Lambert, joined by Heather Eckhart and Jeff Troop, it's the Detroit Tigers.

WCRC clients catch baseball fever

Clients in the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center's Rehab Department caught baseball fever by celebrating Opening Day of the 2009 season.

Although they didn't have box seats at Comerica Park, they did have front row seats in front of a huge TV along with the popcorn, soda pop and more baseball spirit than a filled bleacher section.

The WCRC Tiger fans watched every pitch as the team bested the Texas Rangers 15-2. With arms waving, smiles and cheers, the party goers felt like they were at the ballpark.

Yogi Berra once said, "Baseball is 90 percent mental, the other half is physical," and the WCRC clients know that. Usually, they're exerting all their energy on stationary bicycles, lifting weights, climbing stairs and often Wii bowling , golf and tennis as they work their way back home.



Patient Donald Peterson (from left), Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center employees Gani Villaroman, Heather Eckhart, Jennifer Still and Lori Heavener, and patient Valentine Dabich get in the baseball spirit by watching the Detroit Tigers at the Rehab Party.

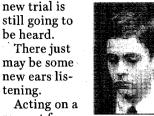
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Appeals court delays Orlewicz hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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tening. Acting on a request from Orlewicz Wayne County

Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, the Michigan Court of Appeals has intervened in Orlewicz's case. The request came after Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow closed hearings in February to listen to testimony about Orlewicz's mental state. The higher court has

told Morrow to stop holding closed hearings and has asked the judge to explain the reasoning behind hearing testimony and arguments behind closed doors in February.

That closed hearing, which featured testimony from a doctor who interviewed Orlewicz before the first trial, was requested by Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, who said afterward the doctor's testimony may not be heard in a potential new trial.

"There's no reason to taint a jury panel, which is what happened the first time," she said at the time.

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, was convicted last spring of killing and beheading of Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, then trying to

hide the victim's identity by burning his fingers and his body and disposing of the head in the Rouge River.

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The crime was carried out in the garage at the Canton Township home of Orlewicz's grandfather. Orlewicz was convicted in large measure due to the testimony of Alexander Letkemann, a Westland teenager who admitted to helping dispose of the body and testified that Orlewicz planned the murder. Orlewicz testified the killing was done in self-defense.

Morrow got the case when original trial Judge Annette Berry was disqualified over strong language she used in sentencing Orlewicz following his conviction.

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McCotter staff holds local office hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in May.

The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Office hours for Tuesday, May 5, are 9-10 a.m. at

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.

The Thursday, May 7, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the

Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center. 9-10 a.m.

The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

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OUR VIEWS Burton, Spence best for LPS

The Livonia Public Schools district has declining enrollment, a dwindling fund equity and aging school buildings.

It needs leaders who think critically and creatively.

That is why we're endorsing newcomers Colleen Burton and Roger Spence for the two school board seats that will be filled in the May 5 election.

Burton and Spence aren't afraid to question or challenge recommendations by the administration.

It's not that we think Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa and his staff are doing things wrong. It's just that hard economic times require a hard look at the way things have always been done and are being done.

The third candidate, incumbent Daniel Lessard, has been on the board for 12 years. As newcomers, Burton and Spence can offer a fresh perspective.

Both Burton and Spence have a history of questioning board decisions. Burton fought against the closure of Marshall Elementary School and fought for the addition of varsity sports like bowling and ice skating. Spence is former president of Citizens for Livonia's Future II. He resigned from the organization to run for the board.

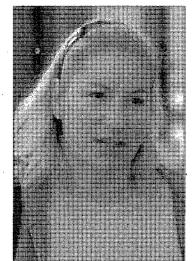
They also have creative ideas for how to solve some of the school district's problems.

For example, Burton believes the social isolation some children have reported feeling when they move from the district's K-4 schools to its larger 5-6 buildings can be eliminated by keeping more children from the same K-4 schools together in a classroom. She said it's a free and doable solution to an unintended consequence of the Legacy Initiative.

Spence proposes having students brainstorm ways the district can save on energy costs as part of a class project — perhaps even including contests among grades in a school before spending money on an outside company to do an energy audit of the district.

Besides thinking critically and creatively, Burton also works positively toward solutions to problems even when she doesn't get her way. Instead of pulling her children out of the school district when the board decided to close Marshall anyway, she worked on a committee to help Marshall merge with Cass Elementary so the transition would be as painless as possible for students.

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"Not well in Michigan. I can't see anything that looks positive. It seems he's not doing enough for the unions and Michigan workers." Lori Moline

Letter was on the mark

Observer, "Put blame on Congress."

for the people, not for self-gain.

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Thank you for printing the letter from Paul

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as the media is finally letting us in on the Chris

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Congress wants everyone accountable by

themselves. We the people have to wake up, get

off our rumps and vote for a Congress that will

Kathy Williams

Westland

work for us, not a few special interest groups.

Solarz of Westland in the Thursday, April 2,

Dearborn Heights

"I think he's doing good. I think the thing he's doing that's important is he wants to bring the troops home." **Helen Benchick Garden City**



"I guess he's doing OK. I like what he's doing to get the economy going." **Jacoquilin Robinson** Westland

"He's doing well. He's trying to make the world a better place and give people money to get us out of the recession." **Ron Beauregard** Garden City

ETTERS

COMMUNITY VOICE

Barack Obama has been president for just over three months. How well do you think he is doing? We asked this question at the Garden City post office and the William P. Faust Library in Westland.

What do you think?

Mail comments to the Westland Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate. in the last side. The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat; you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd."

"Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity." The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America. The government keeps pushing us toward socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs, such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops, welfare, medicine, drugs, etc., while we continually lose our freedoms - just a little at a time. One should always remember: There is no such thing as a free lunch! Also, a politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself. Also, if you see that all of this wonderful government "help" is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to tell this story to your friends. If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life

then you will probably will not, but God help us when the gate slams shut!

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have." - Thomas Jefferson **Phil Solarz** Westland

A free press

I was saddened to learn of the difficult economic challenges the Observer is facing. I worry about the rapid decline of the newspaper industry in America, as our newspapers are like a very fine thread that link people and communities together. My day is not complete without a paper, whether I am at home or in a faraway town and it has been that way since I was about 9 years old.

Newspapers do what television news cannot,

Both Burton and Spence will have a learning curve if elected to the board. Spence in particular has not been as active in the school district as Burton.

But from what we've seen so far from Burton and Spence, it won't be long before they're both up to speed.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Sonic will attract people

Sonic will bring a lot of folks to the area. If you don't think so, check out the one down river (Southgate). It's always packed and mostly families in those cars. The food is good too!

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Just what city needs

Yesiree, just what this city needs. Another fast food place to go hand and hand with our other key anchor businesses - check cashing, nail manicuring, and cell phone stores.

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Join the discussion

Did the Lions get it right with No. 1 draft choice Matthew Stafford?

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Advertising Susan Rosiek **Executive Editor**

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I had this story e-mailed to me, the author is

A chemistry professor in a large college had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the professor noticed one young man, an exchange student, who kept rubbing his back, and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting those who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence.

with its sound bites and few resources for local investigative reporting. A free press is a cornerstone of a free society. Like them or not, newspaper reporters serve as the unofficial community watchdogs that keep our elected leaders in check and expose the private sector scoundrels that live among us.

It was newspapers, not television, that uncovered many of the scandals of our generation, from Watergate to the Kwame Kilpatrick mess.

If our local and regional papers disappear, we will have no political commentary except for the remaining trash-talking handful of Internet bloggers that hide behind pseudonyms and slur whomever they happened to be ticked at on that particular day.

Please join me in supporting the Observer & Eccentric and its advertisers as well as other local and regional newspapers and keep this 250-year American tradition of a free press alive!

> **Bob Doroshewitz** Plymouth Township



MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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PRETTY IN PLAID BIRMINGHAM - Jen

Lancaster fans are invited to break out their favorite 80s fashion for a "Pretty in Plaid" event at Borders in Birmingham 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. The New York Times bestselling author, who began her literary career as a blogger at www.jennsylvania.com, will sign copies of "Pretty in Plaid: A Life, A Witch, and a Wardrobe, or the Wonder Years Before the Condescending, Egomaniacal, Self-Centered Smart-Ass Phase."

The book is for anyone who has ever found themselves defending the merits of neon tights or a navy blue pantsuit; decided that blue mascara and pastel eye shadow make a winning combination; or that a poncho is a fashion statement.

"What I love about 80's style is no other decade has been as iconic in terms of fashion and its direct relationship to pop culture," Lancaster said. "Even in my rural high school, kids defined exactly who they were sartorially. We had the Madonna wanna-bes, the Flashdancers, the Breakdancers, the Headbangers, the Stray Cats Rockabilly Boys, etc. And a little later, once I hit college, we had the Miami Vice Dudes, the Junior Stockbrokers, and the Heathers."

Borders is located at 34300 Woodward Ave. Call (248) 203-0005.

4TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SHOW NOVI — The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will come to Rock Financial Showplace in Novi today through May 3. The event includes shopping, makeovers, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, giveaways and more. Highlights include Justin Martin from "High School Musical 3: Senior Year"; beach vol-leyball star Gabrielle Reece; Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney; and Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strynkowski. 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 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9, adults; \$5, youth 6-12; and free, children 5 and under. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to "Ladies Home Journal," are \$8 online; \$7 at Kroger. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www. InternationalWomenShow.

com.

CONSIGNMENT SALE NORTHVILLE Consignment Clothiers of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 2. The entire store will be on sale for 25 percent off. Astute Artistry will be do makeup applications, brow shaping, lash application, airbrush foundation and threading for small fees. Specialist Kristine Rondeau RN, BSN (Youthology) will perform and consult on Botox injections (\$10 a

6 p.m. The party also includes free chair massages, gift certificate drawings, appetizers and special racks of clothing put out just for the sale. Consignment Clothiers is located at 42937 W 7 Mile Road in Highland Lakes Plaza. Call (248) 347-4570.

unit) from 11 a.m.-

MR. SONG IN SOUTHFIELD

SOUTHFIELD -- Centro **Properties Group announced** a 5.018-square-foot lease has been executed with Mr. Song Millinery at Southfield Plaza. on Southfield Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Southfield, Mr. Song Millinery is an exclusive ladies custom hat designer and manufacturer, offering unique style and exceptional quality. Mr. Song Millinery has been operating for 26 years in Detroit and has been steadily expanding over the past decade through a boutique network of fine retailers. Mr. Song's designs are seen in more than 500 boutiques nationwide and in many countries around the globe. Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, chose to wear a Luke Song original design during the historical 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Mr. Song Millinery is projected to open at Southfield Plaza in the fall of 2009.

Southfield Plaza was built in 1970 and renovated in 2002. It is home to such retailers as Bath & Body Works, Boston Market, Footlocker, GNC and Payless Shoes.

DINO THE TAILOR

custom alterations, customs suits and shirts, tuxedo rental

and wedding parties. More than 40 years ago Kosins Clothing Store on Griswald in Detroit heard about a man in Greece who made custom clothes for movie stars like Antoni Queen (Zorba the Greek). That man was Dino Mitropoulos. Kosins brought Dino to Detroit, and he worked as master tailor at Kosins until the store closed in 1994. Then, "Dino The Tailor" opened in Birmingham.

Dino has made custom clothes for Mohammed Ali, Billy Simms, and Tiger Woods and his wife Elin. From movie stars and rock stars, politicians and pageant winners, businessmen and socialites, Dino's done them all.

Dino the Tailor is located at 725 S. Adams Rd. Suite 188 in the Adams Square. Dino is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 248-645-2700.

DERBY DAY FASHION BIRMINGHAM – Molly

McDonald is sponsoring a Derby Day Race fashion event at Toast restaurant in Birmingham on May 2. Event includes a red carpet fashion show, raffle and silent auction of fashionable items including a hat by Mr. Song Millinery. All proceeds benefit the Pink Fund, providing financial aid to women and men afflicted with breast cancer. Visit thepinkfund.org.

BACKSTAGE BEAUTY EVENT

TROY — Dior celebrity makeup artist Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists will visit Macy's Somerset 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 6-9. with Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists

Visit cosmetics on the first floor 1st floor to learn backstage beauty secrets to create your own flawless look. Call (248) 816-4120 to book an appointment. Space is limited.

CALLING ALL HATS

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Detroit-based World Medical Relief is throwing a fashionable garden party Saturday May 9 on the Terrace at the Edsel and Eleanor House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Put on your best hat and



Book signing

A scene from "20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit." Authors will sign and discuss the book May 13 at the Detroit Historical Museum. Call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Mil Hurley, advanced master gardener and television show host of Pointes of Horticulture at Grosse Pointe's ŴMTV Channel 5, will emcee.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by calling (313) 866-5333.

SNOW GEAR SALE

BIRMINGHAM — Don Thomas Sporthaus, the Midwest's premier ski shop, is currently holding their annual end-of-season sale event. The sale concludes on Sunday, May 3. All items will be reduced a minimum of 40 percent from suggested retail prices.

Following the sale, Don Thomas Sporthaus employees will take summer vacation and return to re-open the shop in mid-August. Snowboard prices have

been marked down 40 percent; skis are reduced by 40 to 50 percent; and other gear and apparel are reduced 40 to 70 percent. Don Thomas Sporthaus offers a variety of equipment, fashion-forward apparel and accessories for the winter season, including from sought after manufacturers such as K2, North Face, Obermeyer and Tecnica.

Don Thomas Sporthaus is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 220-1999 or visit www.donthomassporthaus.com.

RETAIL IN DETROIT

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society continues its Author Series with the new Arcadia Publishing title "20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit" 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at the Detroit Historical Museum. The book, coauthored by Michael Hauser and Marianne Weldon, features more than 200 rarely seen images and chronicles the glory days of downtown Detroit retailing on Woodward Avenue.

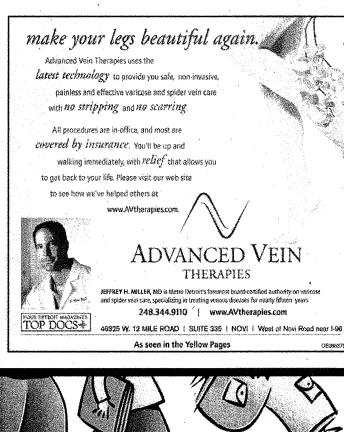
The program includes the sale of rare and historic images depicting downtown's historic landmarks and events, as well as a book signing and discussion by Hauser. Proceeds will benefit educational programming at the Detroit Historical Museum. The cost is \$10 or free for DHS members. Call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical. org.

FASHIONISTAS FUND RAISER

ANN ARBOR - Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's spring fundraiser, Fashionistas 2009, will provide guests with an evening of exciting spring fashions and an a chic way to support Girl Scouting 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Alicia Smith, morning news anchor for WXYZ TV is celebrity emcee for the fashion show and dinner. More than 40 baskets will be raffled off, filled with jewelry, golf items, gift certificates, tickets to the University of Michigan home opener and two one-week stays in a condo in the ski resort community of Winter Park, Colo. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$360 for a table of ten. Call (734) 971-8800 or visit www. gshom.org.

BIRMINGHAM — Dino the Tailor celebrates 15 years in Birmingham by offering 20 percent off any alterations during the month of May. Dino's professional services include

spring outfit for Big Hats and High Tea" on the shores of Lake St. Clair. The event will feature High Tea, champagne, silent auction and boutique. Diana Lewis of





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Expanded Green Street Fair set for this weekend

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One might think it would be tough to top a first-time, twoday festival that drew some 90,000 visitors and promoted a cause that has since grown into a huge mainstream hit. But Dianne Quinn and

Raychel Rork are gonna try. The organizers of

Plymouth's Green Street Fair are bringing back an expanded version of the fair that blew into town last year and became such a big success. The fair, now a three-day event, runs May 1-3 in downtown Plymouth.

"It was super busy, so we felt like we could expand both the size and the length for our second year," said Rork, the daughter half of the motherdaughter organizing team. "It's a lot easier for people coming from all over to set up these great displays."

The event brings together companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers.



Great weather drew some 90,000 visitors to last year's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth, prompting organizers to add a third day to this year's fair.

Attendees are, obviously, encouraged to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. It showcases local and

national businesses displaying, demonstrating and selling on-site.

According to Rork, this year's fair will feature a few

new things, among them: • A "green" magician performing a green Earth magic show in Kellogg Park;

• A "Recycling 101" area --

GREEN STREET FAIR

- What: Green Street Fair
- When: Friday-Sunday, May 1-3
- Where: Downtown Plymouth
 Why: Bring together companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers to encourage folks to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services.

• **Details**: A full schedule and more information is available at www.greenstreetfair.com.

an interactive display teaching the basics regarding what should or shouldn't be put in recycling bins;

• Organic cooking demonstrations by the Art Institute of Michigan focusing on organic ingredients; and

• A petting farm in Kellogg Park, with "lots of cute little farm animals, something new for the Park, I think," Rork said.

Other highlights include a "Green Speaker" series in The Gathering, where speakers will hold forth on a wide range of topics, and The Eco-Beats Stage; featuring local and regional entertainment including The Saints, Four Finger Five, Zooropa: A U2 Tribute, Luke Winslow-King, Orpheum Bell, Bump, The Macpodz and Serena Ryder.

The "Fort Box" will encourage youngsters to build, hang out and devise secret handshakes in this cardboard box clubhouse in Kellogg Park.

Rork thinks the expanded schedule and the additions to the attractions will draw an even larger crowd than last year's fair.

"It's taken off since last year," she said. "It has really become more mainstream to see eco-friendly products in stores you're already shopping in. This makes it much more fun, to bring this information together in one place. You can learn a lot and you can really enjoy yourself, too. It's going to be really fun."

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Cox: Cut taxes for all businesses, all residents

BY KAREN SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The state should not pick and choose which industries it gives tax breaks to but cut taxes for all businesses to help turn the economy around, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox recently told about 130 business leaders in Livonia.

Cox, who's formed a committee to explore a run for governor next year, said cutting the new \$2.6 billion Michigan Business Tax in half and repealing the \$700 million increase in personal income taxes signed into law in 2007 are two things the state can do right away to encourage job growth.

"Let's tell businesses this is the place to come," Cox said at a breakfast meeting of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

A Republican and Livonia resident, Cox said Michigan has the third worst tax structure in the United States, according to a recent Tax Foundation study. If the state were to cut the business tax in half and repeal the personal tax increase, it would move to seventh best.

"Michigan used to be the draw for the whole U.S.," Cox said, telling how his father immigrated nearly 60 years ago from Scotland to Detroit, the economic dynamo of the time. "It wasn't that long ago. Well, times have changed, but we haven't."

Cox said offering tax credits to select industries like film and renewable energy, though helpful, isn't the answer. He said no governor has a crystal ball to predict economic winners and losers.

"Warren Buffett — he still gets it wrong," he said of one of the world's most famous investors and businessmen. "Who says the governor of Michigan gets all the right picks?"

By giving across-the-board tax breaks, all businesses have the opportunity to compete and flourish, he said.

Cox said a different fiscal policy by itself won't save the state, but it'll help it improve more quickly. Michigan's biggest competition isn't other countries but other states, he said.

He said to make up for the lost tax revenue, the state could cut an estimated \$187 million by changing pensions for new teachers and health insurance for state employees.

Many in the audience agreed with Cox.

"I liked what he said about not picking winners and losers," said Steve Saules, a commercial lender with Key Bank, adding that he would support Cox if he were to run for governor. "That resonated with me."

Satish Jasti, founder, president and CEO of Lotus Bank, said Cox has good ideas for the economy.

"We all knew that," he said of the way tax cuts work to spur economic growth, "but nobody's done anything." Kathy Jones, sales director

of the Italian American Club in Livonia, said she thinks Cox's plan will work.

She said she will vote for him for governor if he runs.

"He should have run a long time ago," she said.

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Spartans eye Observerland Track Relays 3-peat

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Gentlemen, start your hamstrings! The 39th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays – which is the equivalent to auto racing's Indy 500 when it comes to seizing the area's track and field bragging rights - will unfold Saturday afternoon at Livonia Churchill High School.

All indicators point to a fast and furious competition that may come down to the final lap of the final race.

"We lost a lot off last year's team (to graduation), but the guys have been stepping up and running well lately," said Scott Shaw, whose Livonia Stevenson squad will be defending its 2008 and 2007 titles. "Salem is looking good. They beat us in a dual meet earlier this year. They don't have a lot of superstars, but they don't have any weak spots. Northville, Churchill and CC (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) should all be right there, too."

Salem coach Kyle Meteyer said he's anxious to see how his team performs while carrying higher expectations than normal into this year's event.

"This is a very important meet for us; I know the guys are fired up," said Meteyer, who has led the Rocks to a 4-0 dual-meet record following Tuesday's emphatic victory over Northville. "I told the guys tonight that from here on out - starting with Observerland - the meets just keep getting bigger and bigger.

"I think a lot of teams have a shot at winning. Stevenson is coming on strong, Plymouth has a lot of depth and CC is always strong, especially in the field events. We're looking forward to Saturday."

This year's Observerland field includes 18 teams that will compete in three open events - the 110-meter hurdles, 1,600-meter run and the 100-meter dash - and 13 relays.

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OBSERVELAND RELAYS

What: 39th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. When: Saturday, May 2. Field events begin at 3:30 p.m. with exception of pole vault (2:30 p.m.); running event prelims at 6:30 p.m.; finals at 7 p.m. Where: Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia (between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road).

Competing schools: Livonia Churchill (host), Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson (defending champion), Livonia Clarenceville, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Plymouth Christian Academy, 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.

Relay events: shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, 6,400 (4 x 1,600), distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400.1.600.

Admission: \$5 adults and students (children under-5 and seniors 62and-over free).

The specialist

Seahawks sign U-M long snapper Griffin

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Sean Griffin was always an avid watcher of the NFL Draft, but last weekend he viewed it with a little more scrutiny and anticipation.

The Livonia native didn't hear his named called, but his phone was ringing off the hook immediately after South Carolina kicker Ryan Succup's name came up on the draft board – the final pick among 227 players.

Michigan's long snapper the past two years, the former walk-on Griffin got plenty of offers before agreeing to terms to sign as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks.

The Detroit Catholic Central High grad was one of only two long snappers invited to the NFL Combine in February. The other was Hawaii's Jake Ingram, who went sixth round to the New England.

Griffin got interest from a number of teams, including Chicago, Jacksonville, Detroit and Kansas City, before settling



teams, but Seattle was his best opportunity. "It's a really specialized position. A majority are exclusively long snappers. It's an important skill. The most remarkable thing is Sean's consistency — the

"We heard from several

operation time when he snaps the ball to the field goal kicker punter is remarkably fast and accurate.'

Scott, meanwhile, has represented several well-known NFL specialists, including Mike Vanderjagt, Steve Christie, Lawrence Types and current Seattle punter Jon Ryan.

"He will have to go in and compete, but he has a real opportunity to be the guy there," Scott said. "We felt his best options were there. The guy they drafted last year (Tyler Schmitt of San Diego State) in the sixth round had back surgery and the veteran they had was not re-signed. I've also had a 20-year rela-



GAME WRAPS

KLAA softball

NOVI 3, STEVENSON 2:

Livonia Stevenson (6-3, 3-2) came out on the short end of KLAA Central Division girls softball setback Monday to host Wildcats (2-8, 2-4).

Novi pitcher Rebecca Richter scattered eight hits and did not allow a walk to earn the victory.

Losing pitcher Laura Deacon gave up two earned runs on just five hits. She walked two and struck out six in six innings.

Kristin Blonde had an, **RBI** triple for the Wildcats, who erased a 2-0 firstinning deficit with two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Shelbie Wilson went 2for-4 and scored a run for the Spartans.

The Spartans committed three errors, while Novi had two.

FRANKLIN 13, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Franklin (7-2, 5-0) pounded out 13 hits and senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn threw a no-hitter Monday in a KLAA South Division triumph over host Westland John Glenn (0-7, 0-5).

Sanborn struck out six and walked three in the five-inning mercy.

Offensive leaders for the Patriots included Jessica Emery, who went 2-for-2 with two walks, two RBI and three runs; Katie Neu, 2-for-2 and a run; and Sanborn, who was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Glenn starter Allison Murphy went the first four innings before giving way to Brandi Holbrook. The two combined for eight walks. PLYMOUTH 9, CHURCHILL 0:

On Monday, Lauren Smith tossed a complete-game four-hitter as the host Wildcats (9-3, 5-1) downed

on Seattle.

It didn't hurt that Mike DeBord is the Seahawks tight end coach and was Michigan's special teams coach when Griffin was there.

"He called me right away," Griffin said. "It's a good opportunity. We'll see how it goes.'

Of the 30 long snappers in the NFL last year, only nine were drafted, while the other 21 were free agents.

"We were a little disappointed Sean did not get drafted because we felt he was the most consistent," said Tim Fleiszer, one of Griffin's agents from Gil Scott Sports Management (based in Toronto).

tionship with their special teams coach Bruce DeHaven and they know what type of players we've had."

Friends, family and former U-M and CC teammates helped celebrate Griffin's signing Sunday night at a gathering held at Doc's Sports Retreat.

Among those in attendance was Griffin's former high school coach Tom Mach.

"In all the years with us, he never had a bad snap, and Sean was one of the hardest workers we've ever had at CC," Mach said. "He was always working as hard as he possibly could to make himself better,

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Laker qualifies

Grand Valley State University sophomore Megan Maceratini ran an outdoor personal best of 16 minutes, 58 seconds in the 5-kilometer run to take first place among a field of 26 in the Gina Relays held last Friday at Hillsdale College. Maceratini also earned the automatic qualifying time for the upcoming NCAA Division II Nationals. She is studying pre-nursing at GVSU.

Crusaders win WHAC outright

BY BRAD EMONS

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Crusaders did it the hard way Saturday afternoon.

After blowing leads of 5-2 and 8-5

COLLEGE BASEBALL

in the opener, the Madonna University baseball

team rebounded from a heartbreaking extra-inning 9-8 setback to win the nightcap of a doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark, 10-3, and earn its fourth

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Madonna women league champions

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Battle Creek's Bailey Park is Madonna University's next destination on the road to the NAIA National Women's Softball Championships.

The Crusaders, 47-9 overall, will be the top seed starting Thursday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs after capturing the regular season title over the weekend.

The Crusaders needed a split Saturday at home in a doubleheader against Aquinas College to get a share of the title and they got it with a 3-1 victory in the opener at MU's

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

University Field.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin fanned 16 and allowed just two hits and two walks.

MU scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) led off with a single, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Danielle Richardson and a walk to Ashley Shay to load the bases.

Tori Turner's one-out looper eluded the glove of Aquinas second baseman Jacki Plough and the Crusaders went up 2-0 on the error.

Aquinas got a run back in the top

of the fifth on a single by Courtney Miles, a one-out hit batter (Kelcie Laleman) and a fielder's choice on an MU infield throwing error.

The Crusaders put the game away in the bottom of the fifth on backto-back triples by Brittney Scero (Canton) and Sidor.

The Saints, however, stayed in the WHAC hunt for first place by beating the Crusaders in the nightcap, 5-1, as winning pitcher Alyssa Fleser (15-4) scattered six hits and two walks.

MU starter Hallie Minch (Garden City) was lifted with one out and a runner on in the fifth for Irwin, who

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Churchill (9-3, 4-3) in a KLAA South Division game.

Stacey Klonowski delivered the big blow for the winners with a tworun homer to right field. Amanda Burnard (2-for-3; triple) and Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4) also contributed for Plymouth.

Churchill pitcher Natalie Hiser gave up only six hits and two walks, but errors contributed to the Chargers' demise.

Sister act state champs

It was a highly productive weekend for sisters Cassandra Skinner, Natalia Skinner and Ashlyn Nightengale at the **USA Gymnastics Trampoline** and Tumbling state championships held last weekend in Wyoming's For The Kidz facility.

Cassandra Skinner, competing in Level 10, won the tumbling and double-mini state titles.

Natalia Skinner added firsts in the Level 6 trampoline and double-mini, while finishing sixth in the Level 5 tumbling.

Ashlyn Nightengale won the Level 4 double-mini and added a first in the Level 1 trampoline.

All three advance to the **USA Gymnastics Region IV** Championships, May 15-17, in Grand Rapids.



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whether it was drilling or just being conscientious. He was very level-headed.

"And he always came back to see and talk to all of our coaches. He was very happy to be at U-M and we're all very proud of him."

The 6-foot-2, 242-pound Griffin, who reports Thursday to Seattle's mini-camp, began snapping as a third-grader on the St. Michael's grade school team. He later became CC's snapper and also played tight end and defensive end for the Shamrocks.

He attended Schoolcraft College for a year (2004) before getting an offer to walkon at U-M by coach Lloyd Carr. He backed up former CC player Joe Sgroi and David Booth at U-M during his first two years before getting his chance in 2007, where he excelled for the Wolverines.

After Griffin graduated in December from U-M with a degree as a movement science major in the school's Division of Kinesiology, he began his NFL quest by participating

in the Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Game in El Paso. That was followed by the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. He also showed the NFL scouts his abilities at U-M's pro day.

"I was the first specialist (along with Ingram) to get invited to the combine, it was cool," Griffin said. "It was big honor to get invited and I got to be around the top players. It was worth all the stress and anxiety.'

Griffin said he also had civil conversations at the combine with two of Michigan's hated rivals from Ohio State, Beanie Wells and Alex Boone.

"I got to know those guys a little bit. There was a lot of kidding round," Griffin said. Now it's all up to Griffin, who reports to Seattle's minicamp Thursday.

"It's practice, perfect your trade, a lot of repetition, do it with a tight spiral," Griffin said. "The only reason I stuck with it was because my freshman coach at CC - Aaron Babicz --- said I had a great chance to get a scholarship. He said I had a chance to play in college. But now when we talk, we're kind goofing around. If I had told him back then I'd have a chance at the NFL, he'd laugh at it."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 30 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Hingswood at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 Novi at Churchill (2), 4 p.m. Northville at Franklin (2), 4 p.m. Stevenson at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. South Luca at Muse (2), 4 p.m.

South Lyon at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

(all double-headers unless noted)

Redford Union at Clarenceville, 10 a.m Andover at Wayne, 11 a.m. John Glenn at Howell Shelander, TBA.

(North Farmington Invitational)

Stevenson vs. Country Day, 11 a.m.

(Lutheran Westland Tourney)

Inter-City at Luth. Westland, noon. Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, noon. Finals and consolation, 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, April 30

Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 Novi at Churchill (2), 4 p.m. Northville at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.

South Lyon at Wayne (2), 4 p.m. Ladywood at Warren Regina (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 Salem Invitational, 9 a.m

Mich. Stars Classic at Liberty Park, 9 a.m. Jackson N'west Invitational, 9 a.m.

Inter-City at Luth. Westfand, noon. Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, noon. Finals and consolation, 2:30 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, April 30 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m

Kingswood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

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Stevenson vs. N. Farmin

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m. Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Crestwood, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 11 a.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Thurday, Maril 20 Thursday, April 30 Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m. **Saturday, May 2** Stevenson Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Adrian Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Observerland Boys Relays at Churchill 3 p.m. (field events); 6:30 p.m. (finals). **GIRLS TENNIS** Thursday, April 30 Wayne at Churchill, 4 p.m. Clarenceville vs. Annapolis at Livonia's Rotary Park, 4:30 p.m Friday, May 1 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8:30 a.m. Monroe Invitational, 4 p.m. BOYS GOLF Friday, May 1 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hill G.C., 3 p.m. Franklin vs. John Glenn, Wayne vs. Canton at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Novi at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Friday, May 1 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 6 p.m. COLLEGE BASEBALL Thurday, Caril 20 Redford Union at Clarenceville (2), 10 a.m. (Lutheran Westland Tourney) Thursday, April 30 (WHAC Playoffs at MU's Ilitch Ballpark) COLLEGE SOFTBALL Thursday, April 30 (WHAC Playoffs at Battle Creek) Madonna vs. Siena Heights, 10 a.m. TBA – time to be announced.



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Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title in five years.

MU, which improved to 35-8 overall and 14-6 in the WHAC, locked up the top seed for the upcoming WHAC playoffs, which start at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ilitch Ballpark. The Crusaders will face either No. 4 seed Davenport or No. 5 Corcordia.

Zach Flavin went 3-for-3 with two RBI to lead MU to the WHAC clinching victory.

The Canton High connection of Shawn Little and Matt Kay also contributed to the win for the Crusaders, who built a 9-1 advantage through three innings.

Kay went 2-for-3, including his ninth homer of the season, while Little added two hits and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Keegan Bolton (2-0) went all five innings (the game was shortened by darkness), allowing six hits and a walk while fanning three. In between games, the

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couldn't hold MU's lead as Aquinas tallied two runs and added three more in the top of the seventh.

Irwin (27-7) gave up one four runs (only one earned) on six hits in 2²/₃ innings, while Minch allowed one unearned run on three hits in 41/3 innings. The two combined for nine strikeouts.

Megann Lohman went 2for-3 with two RBI for the Saints, while Plough, Ashley Aspinall and Logan Marsh added two hits apiece.

Turner went 2-for-3 for MU. "They're a good team, too.

We knew that," MU coach Al White said of Aquinas. "I'm second-guessing myself. I should have stayed with Minch. She was pitching a good game, too. But I thought they started to get on her like the last game when they got four runs. Irwin is getting stronger and stronger, but maybe she's not quite ready for

Crusaders honored their senior class of Ryan Morrow, Aaron Hacias, Kevin Zerbo, Jeff Sonnenberg and Scott Boyer after second-place Aquinas (24-18, 12-8) rallied for two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to send the game into extra innings at 8-8. The first game was inter-

rupted by rain for 59 minutes.

Jon Morse went 3-for-6 with a homer and three RBI to lead the Saints, while Adam Farrell went 2-for-4 with a homer.

Morrow went 2-for-5 with his first homer of the season and three RBI. Zerbo clubbed his 12th of the year, while Kay also went yard.

Losing pitcher Trent Pohl (2-3) gave up one runs on three hits in $2^{2/3}$ innings.

Winning pitcher Cory Garneau, a lefty, shut the Crusaders down during the final 3²/₃ innings allowing just two hits while fanning four.

The 13th-ranked Crusaders play their final regular season game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ilitch Ballpark against No. 21ranked Spring Arbor (25-8).

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a doubleheader. It's tough to come back and pitch the second game."

The split left MU's final WHAC record at 25-3, while Aquinas stayed in the hunt at 21-3 with four games to make up.

On Sunday, Aquinas won its first game at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 8-6, but the Saints gave MU the outright title when they fell to the Wolves, 5-4.

Davenport then defeated the Saints Monday in a twinbill, 10-1 and 9-0, as Aquinas remains as the second seed for the upcoming WHAC playoffs at 34-12 overall and 22-6 in the conference.

The WHAC playoff champion advances to the 32-team national tourney later this month in Decatur, Ala.

"We stepped up our schedule this year and that's why we're ranked 16th," said White, whose team opens WHAC action 10 a.m. Thursday against Siena Heights. ^{*}We've played four of the top 10 teams in the nation."

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excelled in the 1.600- and 3,200-meter runs this season. I like our chances of doing well this year," Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said. "It should be a pretty wide open meet with a lot of teams in the hunt at the end." **Farmington and Farmington** Hills Harrison are always competitive in the 100-meter dash, the sprint relays and the field events. "You need a lot of depth to do well, particlarly in the distances," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "That puts us in a bit of a tough position. We'll try to do well and not wear anyone out, because our priority is the dual meet (Tuesday) and the (OAA) league meet the following Friday.

One person's view of Tiger's impact on golf

By David Graham

As golf fans, we have all seen it and all have been part of it. Isn't it amazing how Tiger Woods creates interest in golf tournaments?

When he is in a tournament, galleries grow dramatically and TV ratings sky rocket. Why is that? In my humble opinion, there are a number of reasons for this extraordinary popularity:

He is a great player. He has extraordinary power. Beyond that, he has such extraordinary touch around the greens. He can shape shots, too. Stuck behind a tree? No problem ---just draw the ball around the tree and leave it below the hole for a very and so fit; you could easily envision him as a star NFL Defensive halfback or an NBA point guard. • He is handsome and has a stunningly beautiful wife and two

weren't a great golfer, he is so strong

healthy kids are the All American family. He looks so strong you aren't surprised when you read about his workout regimen. So the guy looks like a stud and truly is dressed for success on the course. His clothes complement his physique, and he is simply the total package. No surprise that women, young and old are absolutely drawn to him. But the fact is guys are drawn to him, too. I have seen more men in their Sunday red shirts and Tiger Nike golf caps

Bayhill on the 18th green the last two years in a row. How about the putt on 18 to force the playoff with **Rocco Mediate at Torrey Pines South** at last year's U.S. Open? And how cool are those fist pumps he employs after dropping yet another great putt?

• When Tiger returned to his first tournament this spring in Arizona following knee surgery and an extended period of rehabilitation, there were a couple of schools of thought on how he would perform. One group said it would be a long time before he would get his tournament game back while another seemed to think that he would turn it on immediately and



makeable birdie putt.

• His creativity is legendary.At the Buick Open years ago when Fluff Cowan was still his caddie, we watched in awe as he put on a virtual clinic practicing out of a sand bunker. Fluff would drop two balls in the bunker; Tiger would hit each ball, with the first coming out low and with a lot of spin. The second would be high and soft and both would land next to the hole. Over and over they practiced this drill, alternating between the two types of shots. Oh yeah, the whole time he held his left arm behind his back and was making the shot just gripping the club in his right hand.

• He is a great athlete. If he

because it is Tiger cool.

· He has succeeded in making thoughtful comments about the stuff he knows about, golf. He avoids controversy. He could have acted sooner in support of Fuzzy Zoeller years back when Fuzzy made his unfortunate comments regarding the Masters'Champions dinner menu. But time has helped us forget his oversight.

• He seizes the moment better than anyone before him. He just seems to thrive under pressure and seek out those opportunities when he has to perform when everything is on the line. We all have watched in awe as he has rolled in putts to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational at

pick up where he had left off: Winning. I was honestly split in my view. I did not think he would win the WGC event in Arizona however I also felt that if he had, I would not have been surprised. The mystique and legend simply grows bigger with each championship won.

Will he break Jack Nicklaus' record for major championships? In my mind, the only question is when And that is why Tiger has had such an impact on the game of golf.

David Grabam is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan and lifelong fan of the game of golf.

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RELAYS

"It takes a lot to win Observerland," said Churchill coach Rick Austin, whose team is led by school-record pole vaulter Derik Peterman (15-9). "This year's will be interesting. Both Stevenson and Salem have a lot of depth. We lost to Plymouth by four (in a dual meet) and they have some good middle distance and distance runners. They also have decent speed in the sprint events."

The teams that have shone in the previous Observerland competitions have been the ones that have displayed the most depth. However, it doesn't hurt to have a superstar or two - someone who can churn out points in multiple events like Plymouth's Elmar Engholm, a Swedish exchange student who has

"We'll go there to do some nice things, challenge ourselves in a few areas and see what we've got."

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 99 April 28 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Deon Clemons (LC), 47 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Bryan Bartig (LC), 42-7; 3. Paulin Chateau (LC), 40-9.5. Discus: 1. Puter

Discus: 1. Ryan Hall (LC), 122-11; 2. Brandon Dare (LC), 121-3: 3. Chateau (LC), 105-7.

High jump: 1. Matt Mills (WM), 5-8; 2. Mike

Appel (LC), 5-8; 3. Terrance Winston (WM), 5-8. Long jump: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 20-0; 2. Josh Dillard (LC), 19-4.75; 3. Richard Haley (WM), 19-3.5.

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-6; 2. Chris Barnard (LC), 11-11; 3. Joe Marlow (LC),

110-meter hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 14.27; 2. Peterman (LC), 14.8; 3. Appel (LC), 17.4. 300 hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 39.28; 2. Jan Guerin (LC), 44.21; 3. Marshall Fry (LC), 45.16.

100 dash 1 Powell (WM) 11 02-2 Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.18; 3. Dillard (LC), 11.87. 200: 1. Clayborn (WM), 22.18; 2. Tevin Hines

(WM), 23.37; 3. Mike Safford (WM), 23.5. 400: 1. Mike Schmidt (LC), 52.8; 2. Chris

DeNapoli (LC), 53.46; 3. Hines (WM), 54.12. 800: 1. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:11.15; 2. Ryan Keeling (LC), 2:13.6; 3. Mark Freyberg (LC),

2.18 2 **1,600:** 1. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:42.9; 2. Tom Windle (LC), 4:51.4; 3. Josh Andaloro (LC), 4:51.7. **3,200:** 1. Windle (LC), 10:40.0; 2. Quinn Osgood (LC), 10:44.0; 3. Andaloro (LC), 10:54.0.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Travis Tomey, Scott Coppola, Devon Easterling), Tony Frezzell), 43.08; 2. Wayne, 45.42; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Travis Tomey, Scott Coppola, Devon Easterling), Tony Frezzell), 1:32.0; 2. Wayne, 1:34.98; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Tomey, Coppola, Easterling, Frezzell), 3:40.9; 2. Wayne, 3:52.9; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Wise, Keeling,

Windle, Waterbury), 9:07.0. Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 overall 3-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 99

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April 28 at Stevenson

Shot put: 1. Jon Aneed (LS), 42 feet, 4.75 inches; 2. Andrew Nelson (LS), 41-3.75. Discus: 1. Aneed (LS), 125-7.

High jump: 1. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-6; 2. Stephen Pollard (LS), 5-6.

Long jump: 1. David Simor (LS), 21-5; 2. Will Burek (LS), 20-1.5; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 19-9.75.

Pole vault: 1. Jon Gudeman (LS), 12-10. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Will Burek (LS), 15-79. **300 hurdles:** 1. Burek (LS), 41. 34; 3. Brendan O'Hara (LS), 43.98.

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10.88; 2. Austin White (LS), 11.27.

200: 1. White (LS), 23.35; 3. Alex Law (LS),

24.09 **400:** 1. Sergison (LS), 51.12; 2. Matt Williams (LS), 52.34; 3. Pollard (LS), 54.01.

800: 1. Dan Egner (N), 2:05.21; 2. Jordan Burger (LS), 2:08.92; 3. Brian Fenech (LS), 1.600: 1. Mike Blaszczyk (N), 4:36.39; 2.

Shawn Howse (LS), 4:38:31. 3,200: 1. Blaszczyk (N), 9:53:86; 2. Howse

(LS), 9:54.57

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 108.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 23.5

April 28 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 33 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 32-1; 3. Sarah Meador (LC), 27-3.5. Discus: 1. Getchen (LC), 98-11; 2. Byron (LC),

93-1; 3. Allison Bartig (LC), 85-6. High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 4-6; 2. Frances Jackson (WM), 4-4: 3. (tie) Lalita

Hayes (WM) and Chrissy Maleske (LC), 4-4 each. Long jump: 1, Meah Long (WM), 15-1.25; 2. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 15-0; 3. McDonnell (LC), 14-7.

Pole vault: 1. Eren Ural (LC), 8-0; 2. DiMauro 3. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 7-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.24; 2. Jessica Raisanen (LC), 19.14; 3. Alex Herten (LC), 19.81.

300 hurdles: 1. Esper (LC), 52.81; 2. J Raisanen (LC), 55.12; 3. Herten (LC), 56.37

100 dash: 1. Rochelle Woods (WM), 12.72; 2. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 12.91; 3. Long (WM), 13.03. 200: 1. Woods (WM), 27.28; 2. Samar Aoude (LC), 27.56; 3. Megan Kelly (LC), 27.88. 400: 1. Aoude (LC), 1:02.75; 2. Woods (WM),

400 relay: 1. Stevenson (White, Jon Pauley, Simor, Anagnostou), 44.3; 2. Novi, 46.28; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (White, Simor, Sergison Anagnostou), 1:31.91; 2. Novi, 1:38.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Simor, Garrett Balint, Pollard, Williams), 3:38.21; 2. Novi, 3:44.68; 3.200 relay: 1 Stevenson (Fenech Adam Dabkowski, Travis Gosselin, Eric Plisko), 8:25.67: 2. Novi. 8:26.2.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA Central Division

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72

CANTON 65 April 28 at Franklin Shot put: 1. Nate Coleman (LF), 45-11.5; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 44-8.5; 3. Jay Woolfork (LF) 43-6.5. Discus: 1, Jason Foster (C), 140-2; 2

McAuliffe (LF), 136-3; 3. Coleman (LF), 122-2. High jump: 1. Zach Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 2. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-9; 3. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-9

Long jump: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 20-8.5; 2. Adam Payne (C), 19-0:5; 3. Nick Alaniva (C), 18-6.75

Pole vault: 1. Beadle (LF), 12-6; 2. Eddie Koelzer (C), 12-0; 3. Alaniva (C), 11-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Cameron Wludyka

(LF), 16.24; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 16.37; 3. Brandon Tower (LF), 17.84. **300 hurdles:** 1. Hassanien (C), 40.29; 2. Hyatt Ali (C), 43.11; 3. Włudyka (LF), 44.31.

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegele (LF), 11.36; 2. Tino Benavides (LF), 12.04; 3, Chris VanTuvi (LF), 12.1. **200:** 1. Voegele (LF), 23.59; 2. I. Cadet (LF), 23.61; 3. Richard Duncan (LF), 24.2.

400: 1. Mike Beasley (LF), 52.72; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.04; 3. VanTuyl (LF), 53.62.

800: 1. Josh Hurst (C), 2:02.5; 2. Keith Zech (C), 2:03.96; 3. Ryan Tarhanich (LF), 2:06.72. **1,600:** 1. Spreitzer (C), 4:47.27; 2. Miles Felton (C), 4:52.83; 3. Josh*Osinski (C), 4:55.79.

3,200: 1. Osinski (C), 10:38.83; 2. Austin Jones (LF), 10:45.72; 3. Greg Reed (C), 10:50.84

400 relay: 1. Duncan, I. Cadet, Mike Baumgardner, Voegele), 44.4; 2. Canton, 46.48; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Beasley, Voegele, 1. Cadet, Duncan), 1:433.99; 2. Canton, 1:35.93; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:34.29; 2. Franklin,

3:38.78; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 8:30.15; 2. Franklin, 9:11.73 Franklin's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division. PLYMOUTH 90

JOHN GLENN 47 April 28 at Plymouth Shot put: 1. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 40 feet, 7 inches; 2. Kyle Brindza (P), 38-3; 3. Treavir Smith (JG), 37-7.75.

Discus: 1. Arancibia (WJG), 137-5; 2. Keith Choma (P), 137-5; 3. Kyle Brindza (P), 135-9. Long jump: 1. Dante Fox (P), 19-5; 2. Matt Roberson (P), 19-4; 3. Bonner (WJG), 18-11. High jump: 1. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 5-11; 2

Kyren Boyd (JG), 5-5; 3. Johnson (WJG), 5-3. Pole vault: 1. Grant Senkbeil (P), 10-0; 2. Dan Conklin (P), 8-6; 3. Andy Bihn (P), 8-0. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Ken

Lomske, Derek Lax, Justin Heck, Matt Neumann), 8:42: 2, John Glenn, 9:08.6. 110 high hurdles: 1. Brandon Piligian (P), 16.06; 2. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 16.86; 3. Pierre Cole (WJG), 19.11.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Pole vault: 2. Blackstone (LS), 9-6; 3. Lisa

300-meter hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck

100 dash: 2. Stephanie Matter (LS), 13.8.

400: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 1:03.2; 3. Haley Babcock (LS), 1:08.3.

800: 1. Calka (LS), 2:20.5; 3. Katie Glynn

3,200: 2. Victoria Saferian (LS), 13:04.7.

400 relay: 2. Stevenson, 55.5; 800 relay

. Stevenson, 1:56.8; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson

Stevenson's dual meet record: 2-2 overall,

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 85 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 50

April 28 at Lutheran High Westland

Shot put: 1. Becca Refenes (LW), 34 feet.

(Allison Gudeman, Stephanie Batshon

Adamcheck, Calka), 4:16.2; 3,200 relay: 2.

(LS), 2:41.3. 1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:12.1.

Stevenson, 11:07.2.

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Long jump: 2. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-3; 3. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 15-0.25.

Black (LS) 8-6

(LS), 46.3

Scales, Boyd, Ayler), 44.4. 400 dash: 1. Warren Buzzard (P): 52.23: 2. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 53.73; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P) 5412 300 hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 43.71; 2.

Pavan (WJG), 44.91; 3. Brandon Piligian (P), 46.98 **800 run:** 1. Justin Heck (P), 2:11.39; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:13.56; 3. Ken Lomske (P),

100 dash: 1. Jeremy Langford (JG), 10.94: 2

Ayler (WJG), 11.14; 3. Kryen Boyd (WJG); 11.49

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (William Askew, Vic Hicks, Billy Smith, Adam Adabiyaebola), 1:37.19;

2. John Glenn, 1:46.70. 1,600 run: 1. Jimmy Eiben (P), 4:55.26; 2.

Matt Neumann (P), 4:56.14; 3. Stephen Balaze

400 relay: 1, John Glenn (Langford, Jerome

2:13.87 200 dash: 1. Langford (WJG), 23.23; 2. Ayler

(JG), 23.62; 3. Dante Fox (P), 24.05. 3,200 run: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:13.44; 2.

Derek Lax (P), 10:21.89; 3. Matt Neumann (P), 10:44.38 **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Ken Lomske, Vic Hicks, Warren Buzzard, Jalen Woolridge),

3:39.98; 2. John Glenn, 3:45.83. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0

overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South. LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 79 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 57 April 28 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: 1. Taylor Hall (C'ville), 41-feet 4 inches: 2. Joe Krueger (LW), 37-10; 3. Joe Haapala (C'ville), 36-11

Discus: 1. Krueger (LW), 124-6; 2. Haapala (C'ville), 124-4; 3. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville), 122-11 High jump: 1. Jamie Stewart (C'ville), 6-7; 2. Tony Lawson (C'ville), 5-10; 3. Patton (C'ville)

Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-10; 2. Stewart (C'ville), 18-7.25; 3. Lawson (C'ville),

Pole vault: 1. Justin Palka (LW), 10-6; 2. Brad LaRose (LW), 10-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Zach Musial (LW),

17.0; 2. Ben Watts (C'ville), 17.6; 3. Bob Schwartz (LW), 18.1

300 hurdies: 1. Watts (C'ville), 44.3; 2. Josh Andrzejewski (LW), 45.4; 3. Brown (C'ville), 46.4. 100 dash: 1. Todd McCullar (C'ville), 11.7; 2. Levonte' Brooks (C'ville), 11.8; 3. Kelly (C'ville), 11.9.

200: 1. Stewart (C'ville), 23.7; 2. Kelly (C'ville), 24.3; 3. McCullar (C'ville), 24.5.

400: 1. Stewart (C'ville), 53.8; 2. Justin Palka (LW), 55.4; 3. Smith (C'ville), 56.4. 800: 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:17.5; 2. Dushkaj (C'ville), 2:20.0; 3. Phil Strachan (C'ville), 2:24.0.

1,600: 1. Lyle (LW), 5:14.0; 2. Dave Moldenhauer (LW), 5:15.3; 3. Dushkaj (C'ville), 5:15.4

3,200: 1. Moldenhauer (LW), 11:37.3; 2. King (C'ville), 11:51.0; 3. Alex Kemp (LW), 12:02.6 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville, 46.2; 800

relay: 1. Clarenceville, 1:35.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Justin Palka, Andrzejewski, Schwartz, Lyle), 3:48.3; **3,200 relay:** 1. Clarenceville, 9:16.0. Dual mee't records: Clarenceville, 5-2

overall, 2-1 Metro Conference: Lutheran Westland, 2-1 overall, 2-1 Metro.

inches; 3. Mary Burgdick (LL), 25-8.5.

Wojarnowski (LL), 90-7.

Chantal Singer (LL), 4-6.

Wojnarowski (LL), 52.69

Soronen (LL), 6:08.72.

(LL), 13:25.0

egan Vitale (LL), 28.3. **400**: 1. Vitale (LL), 1:03.38.

16.83;

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Shot put: 1. Brigid Molloy (LL), 34 feet, 8

High jump: 1. Shannon Hogg (LL), 5-0; 3.

Long jump: 1. Alyssa Achacon (LL), 14-2; 2. Katie Folk (LL), 13-5; 3. Haley Giordano (LL),

100-meter hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik (LL).

200 dash: 1, Katie Morasso (LL), 27.49; 3.

800: 2. Margaret Wojtanowski (LL), 2:37.46. 1,600: 1. Julia Kenney (LL), 5:39.9; 3. Kelsey

3,200; 1. Kenney (LL), 12:19.6; 3. Soronen

800 relay: 1. Ladywood (Vitale, Morasso,

Wojnarowski, Yanik); 1:50.63; **1,600 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Morasso, Vitale, Clark, Yanik);

83; 3. Meghan Clarke (LL), 18.74. **300 hurdles:** 1. Yanik (LL), 48.16; 3.

Discus: 1. Molloy (LL), 92-3; 2. Teresa

No. 1 Marian burns Blazers, 3-0

The state's No. 1-ranked girls soccer team in Division 2, Bloomfield Hills Marian, cruised to a 3-0 Catholic League Central Division triumph Monday over host Livonia Ladywood. Goals by Stephanie Pilarski

(12th minute), Elizabeth Doman (32nd) and Elizabeth Tresnak (62nd minute) propelled the Mustangs, now 8-1-1

overall and 6-0 in the division, to the victory. Marian goalkeepers Marisa Opie and Mackenzie Larson combined for five saves en

route to the shutout. Michele Ring had four stops for the Blazers, who slipped to 5-3-2 overall and 3-3-1 in the

Central. CHURCHILL 8, FRANKLIN 0: On

Tuesday, Livonia Churchill (6-1, 4-1) exploded for seven second-half goals to beat visiting Livonia Franklin (1-7-1, 1-4) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Callie Mack led the way with three goals and one assist, while Bailey Brandon added two goals and four assists.

Other Churchill point producers included Darcy DeRoo (two goals, one assist): Melissa Roe (goal): Stefanie Turner (assist) and Nicole Marlow (assist)

"The first 40 minutes we were

Livonia Stevenson captured

three singles and one doubles

flight Saturday en route to the

Noland Classic invitational

team field with 19 points

and Monroe St. Mary

Airport (6).

followed by the host Trojans

(15), Adrian (14), Plymouth

Catholic Central (13 each);

Southgate (8) Brownstown

Woodhaven (7) and Carleton

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5

CANTON 4

April 27 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Katlyn Foster (LC) defeated Janelle Burdiss, 6-2, 1-6, 6-0; No. 2: Vicki Chen

Kristi Fata (LC) def. Rachel Youseff, 6-1, 7-6. No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC)

def. Paige Babala-Kavia Davis, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2:

Noetzel-Jackiyn Hollingsworth, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; No. 3: Katéyn Montgomery-Taylor Eppler, 6-1, 7-6; No.

Courtney Bennett-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Katie

(Canton) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (Canton) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:**

hosted by Monroe.

girls tennis tournament title

The Spartans led the eight-

GIRLS SOCCER

well organized and playing well, calm and composed," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "The first 10 minutes of the second half they (Churchill) found their rhythm and did not recover from their change." On Friday, Franklin tied visiting

Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 1-1, as Ally Mesa scored for the Patriots.

LUTH. WESTLAND 8, HAMTRAMCK 0: Allyson Yankee notched a hat trick Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-3-1, 2-2) downed the Cosmos (1-3 Metro Conference) in an eight-goal mercy.

Hannah Mielke and Kelsey Kruger each had a goal and assist, while Miranda Kasprowicz, Sarah Frusti and Danielle Voetberg also tallied goals.

Taylor Wiemer also collected a pair of assists

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: In a KLAA South Division game Tuesday, the host Wildcats (4-2, 3-2) invoked the eight-goal mercy rule against visiting Wayne Memorial (1-8-1, 1-4). Meanwhile, on Monday, the host

Zebras and Livonia Clarenceville (1-5-1) battled to a scoreless draw.

NORTHVILLE 2, STEVENSON 0: Secondhalf goals by Jenni Borawski and Jeanette Dolmetsch carried the Mustangs (4-0-2) to a KLAA Central Division win Monday at Livonia Stevenson (4-5, 3-2).

Stacey Clough picked up her first assist and goalkeeper Katherine

Stevenson netters get gold at Noland Classic

Stevenson singles winners

included Carli Marschner (No.

2), Gabrielle Sabatini (No. 3)

and Laura Gumpper (No. 4).

Michelle Stewart of Monroe

CC, 7-5, 6-0, in the finals,

while Sabatini toppled Izzy

Kuelling of Airport, 6-3, 6-

Schatzle of Monroe, 6-0, 6-2.

team of Christine Steinmeyer

and Danielle Jagodzinski also

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

Stevenson's dual match record: 3-5 overall,

PLYMOUTH 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3

April 27 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Chelsea Craig, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Jessice Bracey, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Sarah Mitchell

(P) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Gina Matar (P) def. Rebecca Fenner, 7-5, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Katie Binger-Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Crystal Henderson-Jennifer

Vanhoof-Bethany Haller (Salem) def. Andrea Burford-Michele DeBeaudry, 6-4, 6-1.

2-4 KLAA South Division.

The Spartans' No. 2 doubles

4. Gumpper downed Erin

Marschner defeated

- all going 3-0 on the day -

Jansen posted the shutout. Northville's first goal came midway through the second half off a corner kick.

"We failed to follow are marks as well as we need to off Northville's corners, and it caught up to us." Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. They're a dangerous team off set plays, particularly corners, and we need to mark up better." LADYWOOD 3, N.D. PREP 1: Alexa

Hyman scored what proved to be the

game-winning goal on a breakaway

in the 28th minute to break a 1-1 tie

and give Livonia Ladywood (5-2-2,

3-2-1) the Catholic League Central

Division win Saturday at Pontiac

Notre Dame Prep (6-3-1, 2-3-1).

Sydney DeLosh assisted on

Hyman's game-winner after Notre

Dame Prep Celia Horak scored off

a corner kick in the 23rd minute to

Ladywood's Alessia Vagnini

opened the scored when she hit a

in the seventh minute.

shot from 18 yards out from Hyman

Kelly Capoccia completed the

scoring for the Blazers in the 65th

Ladywood keeper Michele Ring

"We finally put a complete game

Shingledecker said. "We made some

Ring stepped up and made some big

minute from freshman Emily

made 10 saves in the victory.

together," Ladywood coach Ken

changes to our formation and it

seems to help our overall shape

won a gold medal with a 7-5,

Stevenson doubles teams

Martinez (No. 3) and Simona

Enea and Kelsey Futrell (No.

said Stevenson coach Kathy

Ladd, whose team placed in

six of eight flights. "There were

some tough matches and a lot

No. 1 doubles: Kristi Walker-Val Rose (LC) def. Kara Windsor-Madelynn Bevill, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Nikki

Kelsi Thomas, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Allison Gale-Jessica

McClain (LC) def. Xiyan Wang-Cailee Parendo, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Caitlin Griffith-Maria Paul (LC) def.

Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; No.

5: Shreeea Handa-Lauren Patia (LC) def. Victoria

Dual match records: Churchill, 5-0 overall;

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5

SOUTH LYON 4

4-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-3

No. 1 singles: Erin Hawkins (SL) defeated

Baker-Samantha Collins, 6-0, 6-0,

KLAA South

Fata-Courtney Bennett (LC) def. Nancy Watson-

of good play."

4) each added bronze medalist.

"The girls were very excited to take home nine medals,"

6-2 win over Adrian's Sam

Stevens and Levi Frank.

Calla Miller and Melissa

saves when we needed her to."

tie it.

Chrzasz.

1:04.34; 3. Kelly (LC), 1:04.74. 800: 1. Maddy Jiga (LC), 2:48.72; 2. Judy

Wesley (LC), 2:56.09; 3. Holland Boertje (WM),

1.600: 1. J. Raisanen (LC), 5:59.0: 2. Alexis Hickson (LC), 6:15.0; 3. Jiga (LC), 6:28.0. 3,200: 1. Alexis Hickson (LC), 13:21.0; 2

Katie Conklin (LC), 14:26.0; 3. Erika First (LC), 15:02.0

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Lauren Stoltman, Heinzelman, Meghan Catalano, Courtney Simpson), 53.56; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Aoude, Heinzelman, Simpson, Chloe Taylor), 1:50.47; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Esper, Taylor, Catalano, McDonnell), 4:37.25; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Hickson, Jiga, First, Judy Wesley), 11:51.0.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-4 **KLAA South**

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 90 **CANTON 42**

April 28 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Savannah Haig (LF), 32 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Nicole Price (LF), 29-10; 3. Brittany Milican (LF), 27-9

Discus: 1. Haig (LF), 102-0; 2. Milican (LF), 80-3; 3. Jill Hakala (C), 77-8. High jump: 1, Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-10; 2.

Emily Quint (LF), 4-9; 3. Meghan Powers (LF),

Long jump: 1. Hollaway (LF), 14-6.25; 2. Lu (C), 14-5; 3. PhayIn Winans (C), 14-1.5. Pole vault: 1. Quint (LF), 10-6; 2. Powers

(LF), 9-0; 3, Meghan Lark (LF), 7-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 17.2; 2. Jen Mueller (LF), 17.3; 3. Quint (LF), 7.4. 300 hurdles: 1. Scott (LF), 50.3; 2. Shannon

Niznik (LF), 51.5; 3. Megan Howard (C), 55.9 **100 dash:** 1. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 13.3; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 13.6; 3. Corinne Haro (LF), 13.7.

200: 1. Chinavare (LF), 28.2; 2. Scott (LF), 28.5; 3. Banks (C), 28.8.

400: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04.3; 2. Cathy Huang C), 1:05.8; 3. Schmidt (C), 1:06.3. 800: 1. Mallory Church (LF), 2:38.7; 2. Bianca

Kubicki (C), 2:40.3: 3. Lizzie Gatzek (C), 2:41.2. 1,600: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:34.6; 2.

Sara Thomas (C), 5:51.1: 3, Kubicki, 5:51.8,

3,200: 1. Thomas (C), 12:31.1; 2. Brittany Dilley (LF), 13:22.8; 3. Catharine Studzinski (LF),

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Haro, Mueller, Quint. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Haro, Muelier, Guint, Chinavare), 53.1; 2. Canton (Lindsey Schmidt, Marina Milad, Huang, Swanberg), 54.2; 800 relay: double disqualification; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:29.6; 2. Franklin, 4:48.7; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton (Thomas, Gatzek, Swanberg, Kubicki), 10;23.2; 2. Franklin, 10:35.4.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-0 overall 4-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

NOVI 89 **LIVONIA STEVENSON 48** April 28 at Stevenson Discus: 1. Becky Holubka (LS), 91 feet, 3 inches: 2. Julia Sawecki (LS), 76-4

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4.75 inches; 2. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 25-4.5; 3. Paige Davis (C'ville), 23-8.5 Discus: 1. Refenes (LW), 97-9; 2. Shirkey (LW), 79-0: 3. Davis (C'ville), 71-2.

High jump: 1. Emilee Freeman (LW), 5-0; 2. Rachael Storck (LW), 4-8; 3. Stephanie Lozano (C'ville), 4-4.

Long jump: 1. Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 13-10.75; 2. Murphy (C'ville), 11-9.25. Pole vault: 1. Storck (LW), 7-0; 2. LaRose

(LW), 5-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Storck (LW), 17.8; 2. Lozano (C'ville), 18.88; 3. Jacqui Schwartz (LW), 19.3

300 hurdles: 1. Storck (LW), 54.4; 2. Lozano (C'ville), 55.6; 3. Amanda Terranella (LW), 56.2. **100 dash**: 1. Elliott (C'ville), 13.55; 2. Freeman (LW), 14.0; 3, Murphy (C'ville), 14.9.

200: 1. Katey Ramthun (LW), 29.3; 2. Brushell Brown (C'ville), 30,2; 3, Kamai Sanders (C'ville), 31.9

400: 1. Ramthun (LW), 1:04.8; 2. Elliott (C'ville), 1:05.4; 3. Jillian Burhop (C'ville), 1:13.1 800: 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:41; 2. Rice (LW), 2:49; 3. Alexa Bean (C'ville), 2:52.7. 1,600: 1. Zehel (LW), 5:51.0; 2. Sarah Maynard (LW), 6:10; 3. Lyle (LW), 6:21

3,200: 1. Maynard (LW), 13:34.7; 2. Shelby Dermyre (C'ville), 14:10; 3. Maynard (LW), 14:22 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Brown.

Sanders, Thania Cooper, Evangela Daniels), 58.1: 2. Lutheran Westland, 59.5: 800 relay: 1 Clarenceville (Brown, Sanders, Cooper, Elliott), 1:57.1; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:57.2; **1,600 relay:** ran Westland, 4:31; 2. Clarenceville, 5:01; **3,200 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Marlene Azar, Bean, Jacquline Pozniak, Dermyre), 11:22;

Lutheran Westland, 11:36. Dual meet records: Lutheran Westland, 3-0 overall, 3-0 Metro Conference; Clarenceville, 4-2 overall, 1-2 Metro

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 81 **BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 47** April 28 at Ladywood

4:15.1 Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 1-1 Catholic League (Central Division). DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

CHARGER INVITATIONAL April 25 at D.H. Crestwood TEAM STANDINGS: 4. Livonia Ladywood,

78 points Ladywood 1sts: 800-meter relay (Katie Morasso, Teresa Wojnarowski, Megan Vitale Megan Yanik), 1:51.71; 2nds: Vitale, 200 (27.56); Yanik, 300 hurdles (50.11); Julia Kenney, 3,200 (12:49.0); Brigid Molloy, shot put (35 feet, 4 inches); **3rds:** Yanik, 100 hurdles (17.86); Kenney, 1,600 (5:38.0); 3,200 relay (Margaret Wojtanowski, Kelsey Soronen, Morgan Zuziak, Kenney), 10:57.0; 4ths: Shannon Hogg, high jump (5-0); Wojnarowski, discus (94-10); 6ths: Molloy, discus (89-6); **7ths:** Alyssa Achacon, long jump (13-11); 8ths: Kenney, 800 (2:47.0): Soronen, 3,200 (13:49.0); 400 relay (Maureen Murphy, Haley Giordano, Lauren Micallef, Achacon), 56.78.

RAIDER RELAYS

April 24 at North Farmington GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 51; 2. Oxford, 49; 3. North Farmington, 47; 4. Farmington Harrison, 39; 5. Ypsilanti, 35; 6. Westland John Glenn, 34; 7 Hartland, 33: 8. Rochester Stoney Creek, 30: 9 Holly, 27; 10. Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 21: 11. Birmingham Marian, 20: 12. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 15; 13. Troy Athens, 2; 14. Garden City, Wayne Memorial, O.

John Glenn 2nds: Long jump relay (Chanel Payne, 16 feet, 9 inches: Aubrie Scott, 15-5; Shaunte Roberts, 12-6), 44-10; 400-meter relay (Roberts: Scott, Stephanie Brown, Payne), 50.7 3rds: pole vault (Jaimie Medel and Jenn Drum, 6-0 each: shot put (Rvan Anderson, 32-4.5; Cassie Sanders, 26-4.5; Erika Bonarek, 24-5), 83-1.5: 4ths: 800 relay (Payne, Roberts, Brown Scott), 1:49.9; 5ths: discus relay (Anderson, 83-5; Alyssa Long, 66-11; Sanders, 64-1), 213-0.

def. Caitlin Griffith-Maria Paul, 6-3, 6-4; No. 5: Shreea Handa-Lauren Patla (LC) def. Michelle Nagy-Jordan Boeve, 6-2, 6-1.

Churchill's dual match record: 6-0 overall; 5-0 KLAA South Division WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 6 WAYNE MEMORIAL 3

April 27 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: 1. Morgan Greig (WM) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Halie Baker (WJG) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3; Louissa Villaroman (WJG) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Jamatha Johnson (WJG) def. Jessica Gush

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Kara Windsor-Madelynn Bevill, 6-1, 6-3: No. 2: Desiree Clennev-Brooke Zywick (WJĠ) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyan Wang, 6-1: 6-0: No. 3: Alicia Evans-Kelsi Thomas (WM) def. Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Nehm Bernard-Katy Harris (WJG) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5: Ashlee Szabo-Zoie Smallwood (WM) def. Montana Graszak-Kyrah Moorhead, 6-1, 6-1.

Dual match records: Glenn, 1-4 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-4 KLAA South.

SALEM 7 LIVONIA STEVENSON 2 April 27 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (Salem) defeated

Paige McNamara, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Carli Marschne (LS) def. Mallory Roin, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3; Anna Norman (Salem) def. Gabrielle Sabatini, 6-3, 7-5; No. 4: Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Morgan Spencer

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Roid (Salem) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Dwight, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 2:** Kerry MacDonald-Alex Lamb (Salem) def. Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Kayla Zabowski-Victoria Brotz (Salem) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1: No. 4: Ashley Davis-Katie Fletcher (Salem) def. na Enea-Kelsey Futrell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Emma Lindsey Fenner (LF) def. Radhika Patel-Julia Fratila, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); No. 3: Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Claire Marchesano-Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Annie McLeod-Kate Zurenko, 6-4, 6-2; No 5: Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-2 overall 3-2 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2-5 overall, 2-3 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL O April 24 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Katlyn Foster (LC) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Kelly Houghan (LC) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: Kristi Fata (LC) def. Jessica Gush, 7-5, 6-1

Paige McNamara, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Carli Marschner (LS) def. Maegan Penkevich, 6-2, 6-3: No. 3: Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Emily Rosochacki 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Jessica Bemiss, 6-3, 6-2 No. 1 doubles: Sally Barens-Leah McGuire (SL)

def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Christine Steinmever-Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Patty McAllister-Brittany Johnson, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Stephanie Mushina-Andrea Cogo (SL) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Simona Enea-Keisev Futrell (LS) def. Maia Clark-Janelle Matuch, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; No. 5: Emily Bohn-Annemarie Pavlock (SL) def. Michele DeBeaudry Andrea Burford, 6-1, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual match record: 2-4 overall. 2-3 KLAA Central Division

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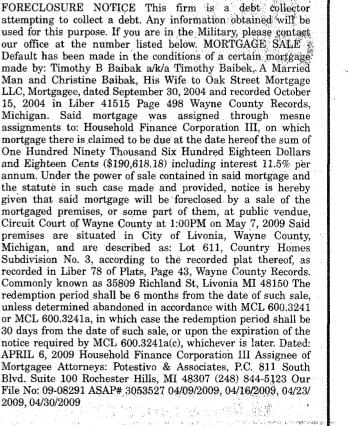
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BOYS GOLF PESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS GARDEN CITY 162 WAYNE MEMORIAL 174 April 28 at The Woodlands Garden City scorers: Ronald Pummill and

Nick Walker, 40 each; Matt Wilson and John Selinski, 41 each; Jared Cusamano and R.J. Wright, 43 each. Wayne scorers: Kevin Sample, 38

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(medalist); Sean Stewart, 41; Jacob Smith, 45; Shane Schoolev, 50.

Dual match records: Garden City, 5-0

overall; Wayne, 1-3 overall. WAYNE MEMORIAL 177 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 177 April 27 at The Woodlands (Wayne wins on 5th score tiebreaker)

Wayne scorers: Sean Stewart, 43; Kevin Sample, 44; Jacob Smith and Gary Neill, 45 each; Zachary Williams, 52; Jarrett Williamson,

Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 39 (medalist); Tim Boes, 41; Josh DuPrie, 48; Conner Monroe, 49; Joey Wakeford, 54; Brian Fawley, 55. Dual match records: Wayne, 1-2 overall

1-2 KLAA South Division; Glenn, 2-3 overall, 0-3 **KLAA South** LIVONIA STEVENSON 155

SALEM 166 April 27 at Fox Hills G.C. Stevenson scorers: Christian Debay, 36 (medalist); Drew Mossoian, 39; Adam Giordano and Tim Milsk, 40 each; Dan Dufour and Tom Cullum 42 each. Salem scorers: Aaron Thompson, 39;

Brandon Duprey, 40; Tommy Hollins, 43; Adam Powers and Josh Perrin, 44 each; Eric Dunrey,

Stevenson's dual match record: 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central. CANTON 151

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 161 April 27 at Hilltop G.C. Canton scorers: Dominic Bonell, 35

(medalist): Bredan Muir, 37: Andrew Rickerman, 39; Zach Conrad, 40; Jeremy Lindibauer, 42; Zach Guy, 59

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 38; Matt Charnley, 39; Adam Yarber, 41; Dan Bostick, 43; Erik Newman, 50; Alex Clos, 52.

Dual match records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South. PLYMOUTH 156

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 169 April 24 at The Woodlands Plymouth scorers: James Bryans, 37 (medalist); Trevor Bidwell, 39; Andrew Ornmayer and Ryan Baner, 40 each; Zach Vojeck, 46; Trevor Bergquist, 49.

Slenn scorers: Andy Myers, 38; Josh uuPrie, 43; Conner Monroe and Brian Fawley, 44 each; Brandon Phillippi, 47. Glenn's dual match record: 2-2 overall, 0-2

KLAA South Division. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 161

WAYNE MEMORIAL 187

April 24 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Greg VanGorp, 39 (medalist); Ryan Cioch, 40; Dan Bostick and Matt Charnley, 41 each; Erik Newman, 42; Kevin Robinson, 44. Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 44; Kevin Sample, 45; Sean Stewart, 50; Jarret Williamson, 55; Corey Robbins, 62.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-1 KLAA South

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 154 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 167 April 23 at The Woodlands

Churchill scorers: Erik Newman, 37; Kevin Robinson, 38; Matt Charnley, 39; Adam Yarber, 40; Dan Bostick, 42; Chris Thiele, 45.

Gienn scorers: Andy Myers, 34 (medalist); Brian Fawley, 42; Josh DuPrie, 45; Conner Travis Jozefczak, 52; Tim Boes, 53. Dual match records: Churchill, 1-0 overall.

1-0 KLAA South Division; Glenn, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South MASON INVITATIONAL

April 25 at Eldorado TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Battle Creek Lakeview 321; 2. Milford, 323; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 334; 4. Owosso, 336; 5. Mason, 337 (15 schools). Medalist: Chris Cunningham (Milford), 75.

Medanst, Chris Cummignam (Mintold), 75. Stevenson scorers: 6. Drew Mossoian, 80; 17. Tom Cullum, 84; 19. (tie) Christian Debay and Adam Giordano, 19 each; 29. Dan Dufour, 87. FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL

BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT Anril 21 at Huron Meadows

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington, 299 strokes; 2. Bay City Western, 312; 3. Salem, 314; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 322; 5. (tie) Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day and North Farmington, 323 each; 11. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central, 331 each; 23. Wayne Memorial, 376 (23 schools.

Co-medalists: Adam Powers (Salem) and lan Ellis (Farmington), 72 each. AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Franklin: Jimmy Johnson, 79; Jon Holmes, 81; Tyler Miller, 85; Jordan Chisholm and Doug Nagy, 86 each; Zach Defoe, 93.

Churchill: Chris Thiele, 79; Ryan Cioch, 84; Greg Van Gorp and Cory Dare, 87 each; Alex Clos and Ben Proben, 90 each.

Wayne: Jacob Smith, 86; Kevin Sample, 88; Sean Stewart, 94; Gary Neill, 108; Shane Schooley, 113; Zachary Williamson, 114.

C'ville girls mercy Liggett, 14-4

Livonia Clarenceville kept Grosee Pointe Woods University-Liggett winless Monday in the Metro Conference with a 14-4, fiveinning victory.

Clarenceville junior pitcher Val Sochacki went the distance in the mercy-rule shortened game and struck out 10 batters to help her team snap a four-game losing streak as the Trojans improved to 4-6 overall and 2-2 in the Metro.

Senior Charmaine McQueen went 2-for-4 a and scored three runs for Clarenceville, while sophomore Stephanie Bishop (1-for-3, two runs, two RBI) and junior Megan McLaughlin (RBI single, run) also chipped in.

"This was a much-needed win," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "The team and coaching staff needed it, and I know that this will help our confidence the rest of the week.'

RENAISSANCE 8-15, CLARENCEVILLE 1-2: Saturday's home double-header wasn't pretty for the Trojans (3-6), who got pounded in both ends, giving up 23 runs and 28 hits while committing 10 errors.

Kelly Scruggs was the big gun for Detroit Renaissance going 6-for-7 while homering in each game and knocking in a total of five runs.

LUTH. NORTH 12, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Friday, Anna Reincke allowed just one earned run on two hits, while striking out 11 to lead Macomb Lutheran North to the Metro Conference win over host Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 1-2).

Gumm makes Pats' victory stick; Churchill edges Wildcats

Garrett Gumm gave his Livonia Franklin baseball teammates plenty to chew on in an 11-3 KLAA South Division triumph Monday over

host Westland John Glenn. The senior pitched a complete game, scattering eight hits and helped his own cause going 3-for-3 at the plate with three RBI and three runs scored as the Patriots improved to 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the South.

Gumm struck out five and walked three in seven innings of work.

The Patriots collected nine hits as Mike Basner went 2for-4 with a pair of doubles and three runs, while Wayne Hawkins was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Glenn (7-8, 1-5) was led by Nate Bovia, who went 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Glenn starter Andrew DeLuca, who went the first 2.1

KLAA BASEBALL

innings, suffered the loss. CHURCHILL 13, PLYMOUTH 12: On Monday, sophomore Ben Matigian went 4-for-5 with a solo homer. double and two RBI as Livonia Churchill (6-6-1, 4-3) outslugged the host Wildcats (6-6, 2-3) in a

KLAA South Division matchup. Churchill jumped out to a 9-2 lead after two innings before Plymouth rallied with nine runs in the bottom of the third. The Chargers regained the lead with three in the fourth and one in the top of the fifth before holding on.

Devin Moynihan went 2-for-5, including a 3-run homer in the first inning. He finished with four RBI. Plymouth was led by Matt

Priebe (3-for-4; two RBI) and Mike Nadratowski (3-for-4 including a two-run triple in the third). Churchill reliever Steve

Hovermale picked up his second win going the final 4.1 innings. He allowed two runs on four hits. He fanned two and did not allow a walk.

Matt Skubik was the losing pitcher in relief for Plymouth. NOVI 12. STEVENSON 6: Kevin Zak

went 3-for-4 with three RBI and Jack Danks added three hits Monday as the host Wildcats (8-6, 5-2) earned the KLAA Central Division win over first-place Livonia Stevenson (6-5, 5-1).

Novi outhit the Spartans, 12-7. Winning pitcher Nick Regnier

fanned five in five innings of work. The Spartans committed eight errors.

Jeff Sorenson went 3-for-3 with an RBI in the loss. Dan Lopez homered, while Mark Wagner and Mike Tuttle also knocked in runs.

CANTON 15, WAYNE 0: Cody Blakita nearly hit for the cycle with a homer, triple, double, to go along with five RBI, as the Chiefs (9-4, 4-3) took three innings Monday to mercy host Wayne Memorial (3-10, 1-6) in a KLAA South Division triumph. Winning pitcher Alex Dixon

allowed one hit and struck out six. On Friday, Wayne swept host South Lyon East in a twinbill, 14-6

and 8-5 (four innings).

JOHN GLENN 7, WESTERN 2: On

Saturday, winning pitcher Spencer Dowd went the first five innings and Andrew McGrath finished up in relief as host Westland John Glenn (7-7) downed Detroit Western (6-8) in a non-league encounter.

Dowd allowed four this, walked two and struck out four, while McGrath did not allow a hit. struck out three and walked one in his twoinning stint.

Jake Sperry doubled and scored two runs for the Rockets. Andrew DeLuca also knocked in a run and walked twice

W.L. CENTRAL 10, STEVENSON 0:

Winning pitcher Karl Boedecker threw a two-hitter and struck out 10 in six innings Saturday as host Walled Lake Central (6-6) mercied Livonia Stevenson (6-4) in KLAA crossover matchup.

Travis Haggerty, Zach Coley, Kyle Smiley and Cody Husak each collected two hits for the victorious Vikings.

Husak and Spencer Hartley each knocked in two runs.

Jeff Sorenson and Josh Strautz had the lone hits for Stevenson.

Lutheran Westland routs Hamtramck, 15-0

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Parks and Recreation Pitch, Hit and Run

Boys and girls will compete together in the

following age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and

13-14. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. For

The Metro-West Steelheaders will stage

p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at the Livonia Senior

competition will be at 10 a.m. Saturday,

May 10 at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

more information, call (734) 466-2411.

their monthly meeting beginning at 7

Steelheaders meeting

Last year's Division 4 baseball state runner-up Lutheran High Westland made it three straight victories Monday afternoon with a 15-0, fourinning mercy-rule triumph

over visiting Hamtramck. Gage Flanery allowed just two hits and two walks for the victory for the Warriors, who improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Metro Conference.

Flanery received offensive support from Sam Ahlersmeyer (2-for-3, double, three RBI), Austin Baglow (1-for-2, double, RBI), Eric Shoats (1-for-2, double, three RBI) and Trevor Vosmik (1-

PREP BASEBALL

for-2, double, two RBI). LIGGETT 4, CLARENCEVILLE 0: State-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (13-2, 2-2) blanked visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-8, 0-3) in Monday's Meto Conference matchup. Mike Schiffman, the Trojans' starter, went the distance allowing just five hits in suffering the loss LUTH. WESTLAND 11-10, ANNAPOLIS

5-2: In a Saturday non-conference double-header, host Lutheran High Westland (3-1) romped to a sweep of Dearborn Heights Annapolis (1-9). The opening victory went to starter Micah Hausch, who gave

up two runs in five innings and striking out six before giving way to Ryan Rakovalis, who pitched two

Sam Ahlersmeyer and Austin Baglow each went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Marc Rosin went 2-for-3, including a double, and knocked in two.

It was more of the same in the second game. Jake Andrezejewski went the distance, giving up one earned run. He also helped his cause with a double and two RBI. Ahlersmever also homered and

"For the most part we played

scoreless innings.

drove in two runs.

well, but we still committed way too many errors in the first game,* Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "That is something we

are going to have to clean up if we want to compete within the conference and beyond." MILFORD 23, CLARENCEVILLE 1: The

Mavericks took advantage of Livonia Clarenceville mistakes Saturday, scoring early and often behind a 16-hit attack.

For the Trojans, Jimmy Moody had an RBI double.

The second scheduled game was called off after three innings due to weather with Milford leading 14-9.

Clarenceville offensive contributions washed out by the rain including Damien Sanchez (2-for-2. double, RBI), Mike Schiffman (two RBI), Eric Trotter (2-for-3, RBIdouble), Matt Kurdziel (two RBI) and Damien Quarles (2-for-2, triple, RBI).

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Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Patriot baseball alums

Pitch, Hit & Run

The Livonia Franklin High baseball alumni game will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at the school's field. All former varsity players are welcomed. There will be a \$20 donation. For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

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To submit an item for the religion calendar, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Linda Chomin. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

Help available

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantonct.org.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads; Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, admission \$2 per adult. Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, admission free. Saturday everything half price. Christian golf league

Senior golfers (male or female) are needed for the Christian Fellowship Golf League which plays 9 holes at Idyl Wyld golf course 9 a.m. Wednesdays beginning May 6. For information, call Ed at (734) 591-3067. The league is sponsored by the Anglican Church of Livonia.

Families in action workshops

The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30, \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary, Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

Michigan Treasure Hunters Meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth

Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile

National day of prayer

The sanctuary is open for prayer 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty, Northville, Two services focus on prayer for our nation at noon and 7 p.m. in Hess Chapel. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

National prayer day

Kenwood Church of Christ will be holding a National Day of Prayer event May 7, focusing upon the economic, family, and marriage issues of our community. The prayer service begins at 7 p.m. with opportunities for personal and confidential prayer with a prayer partner between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Kenwood Church of Christ is at 20200 Merriman, south of 8 Mile on east side of Merriman, Livonia. Call (248) 476-8222.

Spring Fling

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite everyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. Come and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages served. Space limited, reservations required. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday,

May 8. Tattered and worn

St. John Neumann Catholic Church presents An Eccentric Look at the Good Book, a Ted & Company TheaterWorks Production Friday-Wednesday, May 8-13, at the church. 44800 Warren, Canton. Guests of all ages and faiths are invited to meet Bible characters and enjoy Scripture like never before. Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught combine music, theater, and comedy in the retelling of favorite Bible stories. Sunday performance begins with refreshments at 2 p.m. and the performance starting at 2:30 p.m.. Performances on Friday-Saturday, and Monday-Wednesday begin with refreshments at 6 p.m. followed by performances at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children. Call ahead for ticket information at (734) 455-5986 or (734) 455-5910.

Ladies night out

Deadline is May 10 for reservations for St. Michael the Archangel Parish's 2nd Annual Ladies Night Out 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Italian -American Banquet Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, The evening will feature Jackie Gordon of Livonia sharing her conversion story as part of the

RELIGION CALENDAR

Down by the water Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 15-19 for fun, friendship and food, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile. Livonia. Cost is \$25 per participant (family discount available), Music CD available last day for \$10. VBS Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday June 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333. **Classic car show**

8th annual show for classic cars with all profits going to Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (248) 380-8078 (evenings please), or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

Worship services

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday. Hearts, Hands & Voices, a worship and music camp for children, grades 2-5, in southeast Michigan, held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 10-13, with a concluding presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

ONGOING

Worship services

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd, north of I-96, Livonia, holds traditional services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830, **Church schedule**

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its Sunday schedule with adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship service with child care and youth church school at 10 a.m. The

theme of youth church school is GAP, God's Always Present which offers unique Bible study for kids using computers, story telling, games, music, theme food baking and more. Refreshments served immediately after service. Handicap accessible with large print order of service, an elevator, and handicap parking near all entrances. The church is on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Call (734) 421-7620. Everyone welcome.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-youcan-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

Healing ministry

7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660

Registration opens

St. Mary School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, recognized as a School of Distinction, is now accepting registrations for the 2009-10 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8. Call (734) 721-1240. New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call

(734) 427-1414. Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. Visit www.livonfaith.org.

Church moves

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

Midweek spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith: Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820 for additional information on opportunities.

Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz. Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

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Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere. Rush hour concert series

Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit Free Visit www.metroumc org.

Worship

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

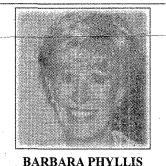
Sunday school

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at

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ALFRED ROBIE "WOODY" WOOD SR.

Age 86, of Milford, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Passed away on April 26, 2009. He is survived by his wife Shirley (Mainland) Wood, children, A. Robie Wood (Mary Ellen), Bruce C. Wood, Missy M. Chabot, Laura J. Czarnecky (James), and seven grand-children. Woody was a highly deco-rated Naval fighter pilot in WWII. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Memorials may be made in his name to your favorite charities. Condolences may be left at: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com





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UPCOMING

Men's spring retreat

Hosted by Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter of Anglican Church of Livonia Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, at the Retreat Center at St. John's, 33045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Friday, schedule runs from 4:30 p.m. to ? and features Bible study, evening lesson and fellowship. Saturday activities take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a morning and afternoon lesson, Bible study and fellowship. and Eucharist at close. Cost is \$70 and includes Friday night dinner, overnight stay, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, \$30 for commuters. For information, call (248) 476-9214, (734) 432-0201, or (734) 591-3067.

Celebrating families

Building Blocks for Society will be held May 2-3, after all masses in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. There will be Lego display, a supervised Lego play area for children, refreshments, and a short movie for adults. The church will also be hosting the Catholic Book Store. Times are after 5 p.m. mass Saturday, May 2, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses Sunday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 425-5950. Students and their families are invited to bring their own Lego creations for others to view before Mass between 4-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, to the St. Aidan display table in Bixman Hall. Health care reform forum Town hall forum 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, contact Shawn Welker, at ShWelker@gmail.com or (517) 879-6757. After the forum, the congregation invites you to join them for a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Livonia Community Prayer Day

7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Special guest speaker is Dr. David Rawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Republics of Mali and Rwanda. Music will be provided by Classical Bells. Tickets are \$15, adults, \$10 K-12 students. Call (248) 476-9427.

on-going series, Women of Faith Sharing their Journey. Gordon, a wife and mother of 4, was raised in the Methodist faith, became a long-time member of Northridge Church and then converted to Catholicism a few vears ago along with her parents, husband and children.

Tickets are \$25 per person, includes family-style dinner and dessert. For reservations, visit www.livoniastmichael.org. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org. Tickets will be mailed to you or held at the door according to your instructions, time permitting. If you would like to reserve an entire table, you may do so by indicating the name of your parish and the names of other women who will be joining your table.

Landscape project

Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a planting day May 16, on the grounds of the church, 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards of God's creation. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800.

King's Brass concert

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass will be appearing in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. Their original arrangements are featured on 13 recordings. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

Music at St. John's

The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

Garage sale

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Monday, May 23-25, at 36019 Middleboro, Livonia. Proceeds go to help the Anglican Church of Livonia purchase a new church building. Services are presently held at the Livonia Family Y. For more information, call Mary Ann at (734) 591-3067. Crocodile dock



FRANK B. DUNNE

Age 98. April 26, 2009. USAF-Flying Tiger - 14th Air Force-World War II. Beloved husband of Helen. Dear father of Karen (Ken) Woodside. Dear grandmother of Jennifer (Jon) Wojtala and Jeffrey. Brother of Stanley (Helen), Leonard, the late Jean Kort, Lillian Gula and Edmund. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, Livonia Senior golf friends, special caregiver, Pam, and faithful dog, Reddi. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile, Livonia Friday 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service 7:00 p.m. In state St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd. (N. of Six mile) Saturday 9:00 until time of Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30 a.m. Memorials to Angela Hospice.Michigan Humane Society, or Livonia Men's Senior Golf League Tree Replacement Fund.

MARGARET ELLIOTT

Age 93. April 24, 2009. A life-time resident of Troy. Beloved wife of the late Bernarr M. Elliott. Dear mother of Ira (Andre) Elliott and Gloria Burke. Loving grandmother of six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Jennie Anstead and Ruth Mann. Visitation Thursday, April 30, 2009 from 3-8 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads), Troy, 248-689-0700. Funeral Friday, 12 Noon at Funeral Home. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to the Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R. Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Share memories at

www.pricefuneralhome.net.

WILLIAM M. LAMBERT JR.

April 26, 2009. Age 79. Beloved husband of Mary Jane. Dearest father of Karen (Todd) Palgut, Lisa (Randy Motyka) Lambert and Carl Lambert. Grandfather of John, Alan, Rachel, and Ryan. Brother of Lois (Harry) Wilmoth. Services

were held Thursday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com





CHARLES R. MICALLEF

April 26, 2009. Age 91. World War II Veteran. Loving husband of 62 years of Vivian. Father of Charles

R. Jr. Anthony (Tony), Denyse Marie and Janine. Brother of Frank and Joe, and the late John Micallef and Henry Micallef. Grandfather of Charles Micallef, III and Madison Micallef. Also survived by daughter-in-law Cathy Micallef and step-grandchildren, Samantha and Travis Higgins, seven nieces, three nephews, one great-niece and one great-nephew. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial mass cards or make contributions to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207-3485 or the Salvation Army. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

KAREN ANN NEAL

Of Wayne, MI. Age 65, passed away Monday, April 27, 2009. She was born May 21, 1943 in Northville, MI, the daughter of Glenn and Eula (Kuhn) Shipley. Survivors include: one daughter, Jackie (John) Kujat of Wayne; one son, Michael (Julie) Taylor of Flat Rock; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, James 'Jimbo" Neal, two brothers and one sister. The funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2009 at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel with Pastor Lawrence Lafferty officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. The family will greet friends at the funeral home 2-9 p.m. Thursday. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

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three great-grandchildren, Michael Joseph, Allison Grace, and Patrick John of Indianapolis; Brian J. Peterson, (Kristen) and two greatgrandchildren Katherine Ann, and John William, of Lilburn, GA and Jill A. Peterson of Redondo Beach, CA. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Noreen Wortley of Stanwood, WA and six nieces, Josephine Blatti, Sheila Fox (Raymond), Michelle Blatti, Kathy Kirk (John), Rosalie Hall (Harald), Ann Hennings (Steven) and nephew Michael Blatti (Sandi). John, also known as Bill or Pete was raised in Farmer City, IL and graduated from Moore Township High School and then Chicago Technical College with an electrical engineering degree in 1935. He worked for Fairbanks-Morse in Chicago and Detroit prior to enlist-ing-in the US Navy V7 program in 1941 at the US Naval Academy. He received his commission in 1942. He married Zella H. Wortley May 7, 1942 in Croswell, MI. After teaching in the electrical engineer department at the Naval Academy he was assigned to the destroyer USS Saterlee, DD 626, during fitting out at Seattle. The Saterlee provided Atlantic convoy and close in nvasion support during D-Day and other invasions. After the war, John returned to Detroit and formed Korest-Peterson Co. with partner Jay Korest supplying industrial process equipment in the Midwest. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and other professional associations. He and Zella enjoyed the natural setting and observing wildlife at their home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. His hobbies included model railroading and snow skiing. After selling the company he especially enjoyed model railroading with his many friends in the NMRA, North Central Region. They moved to Jacksonville in 2000 to be near Patti and Eric. He enjoyed visiting with his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Model Railroad Association, 4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119. A Memorial Service will be held at the Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 11801 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32223, 904-288-0025, on Friday May 1, 2009 at 3 p.m. with an opportunity to visit with the family immediately following

preceded in death by his beloved wife Zella in 2001, sister Vivian Blatti, and

his parents Walter and Sylvia (Hastings) Peterson. He is survived by

his son, Eric G. Peterson and his wife

Patricia of Jacksonville, three grand-

children: Karen P Wolf, (Chris) and

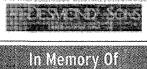
KATHERINE ANN TYREE

the service.

April 6, 2009. Age 63, of Wayne and Canton. Katherine operated Ruby's Patio' Produce on Michigan Ave. in Canton, MI. She was also a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. Loving sister of Geraldine Smith of St. Petersburg, FL., Susan Riffenberg of Leesburg, FL., Daniel M. Moss of Monroe, MI and James O. Moss of Talladega, AL. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

HOLROYDE YOUNG

Passed away unexpectedly on April 25, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. Barbara was born on October 16, 1934 in Montreal, Quebec and was raised in Winnipeg and Toronto before moving to Michigan with her husband and family. She was a devoted wife to her husband, John Young, who passed away just one year ago. Barbara was a lovng mother, grandmother and friend known for her passion for life and her sparkling personality. She will be remembered for the unbelievable enthusiasm she had for life and her ability to share that gift with everyone she encountered. She brought beauty into the world through her gorgeous gardens, her music and her thoughtfulness of others. Barbara is survived by her five children, Michael Young (Lucy), Tim Young (Lisa), Susar Young (Bob Grunewald), Jill Young Spiegel (Peter), and Heather Young Elder (Bruce). "Bobbie" was also the proud, grandmother of 16 grandchildren who adored her: Trevor, Chelsea Jessica, Christopher, Paige, Madeline Nicholas, Steven, Stephen, Gabby Tommy, Kelly, Rhiannon, Alex, Parker and Katie. Funeral Mass Thursday 11 a.m. at Church of St. Owen, 6869 ranklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com





In Memory Of **MELISSA J. CHASE**

You were the most wonderful daughter a father could have. It's been 2 years since you left us and I miss you more than ever! All my love, Dad



Community faithful will observe national day of prayer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Barbara Munn prays every day, but on May 7, the Farmington Hills woman hopes to gain strength from joining millions of Americans in observance of the national day to communicate with God. Like many Christians Munn believes prayer is America's hope especially during these trying economic times. She and a team of volunteers have been working on a day-long event at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. the community is invited to stop in for a few minutes or a couple of hours to pray for the nation at the church located on the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force (www.ndptf.org) is mobilizing all faiths to ask God to help America and its leadership. Together with church members Munn is setting up display boards focusing on government, church, family, business, military, education, and media to help implement prayer. She came up with the concept after visiting a prayer room in Florida. Similar events have taken place annually since the National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman.

"We're asking them to pray for an hour. They think what am I going to pray about for an hour that's why we have the tri-fold boards in the sanctuary," said Munn, co-chairwoman with Kay Sudheimer of Farmington Hills. "You move from one to another for information to help focus your prayer. Our nation is in such a turmoil. There are so many people with great needs, people who need employment, people los-ing their home. It's important to have someone we can turn to. This is a time to talk to God about our concerns and listen for His response." For those needing a structured time for prayer Senior Pastor Scott McKee preaches on the topic during services at noon and 7 p.m.

"We have a prayer room at the church which is open all of the time the church is open," said Munn. "We really want to welcome everybody, not one religion, whether or not they belong to a church. It's a call to pray for our nation."

This is the first year minister Todd Lackie is holding a community prayer in recognition of the day at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, but he's been thinking about doing so for some time. The service is at 7 p.m. but offers the opportunity for personal and confidential prayer with a prayer partner 6-7 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. at the church located at 20200 Merriman, south of 8 Mile. For more information, call (248) 476-8222.

"In our society today our religious life has been pushed to the back burner," said Lackie. "With secularization of society the national day is an important reminder that prayer and God are an important part of life. On many occasions, we have been called to pray for our nation. Many churches held services following 9/11 as moments of prayer for our nation. We simply want to do what we can. Our desire on May 7 is to reach out to our community during a time of need and offer a listening ear and a mouth willing to pray to our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy. We simply want to help in any way that we can those who are hurting during these challenging times."

The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast has been a great way to start off the day for the last 35 years. Hundreds of business, government and church leaders gather for the inspirational event taking place 7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The guest speaker is Dr. David Rawson, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republics of Mali and Rwanda. Classical Bells provides the music.

Established in 1975 by an ecumenical group of residents, the Livonia Prayer Breakfast is the local version of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. which was started by members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives in 1953. The local committee decides on a theme after the national day's focus is chosen. This year nationally it's Prayer: America's Hope. The Livonia committee selected Mitzvah: Faith and Good Deeds.

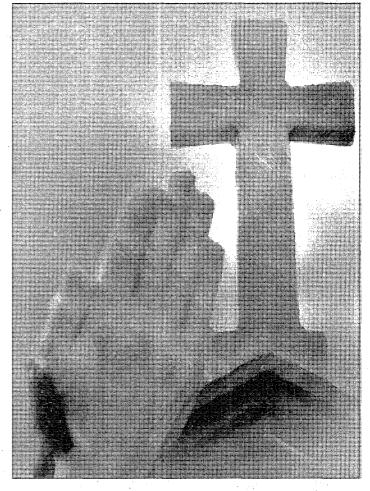
Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 K-12 students, and available by calling (248) 476-9427.

"We're one of the longest running committees in Michigan," said chairman Ken McMullen, senior communications specialist, Livonia Public Schools. "It's unique just having a committee. We cross denominations, Jewish, Protestant. The mix of support is inspiring from dignitaries to regular citizens who decide to volunteer their time.

"We choose our theme depending on the climate, what's going on in our area. The speaker's been involved in helping the third world. Michigan has one of the lowest employment rates in the country. We're looking at people really struggling to put in perspective people with really hard times."

McMullen believes the reason the breakfast has been successful through the years is because of the community's values. Every year between 500 and 1,000 people attend the event.

"You feel a sense of unity. To see the cross representation of the community from students to the mayor's office, all com-



ing together for any reason let alone a prayer reason, it shows strength for any community," said McMullen. "It's inspiring."

The Rev, Mary Margaret Eckhardt enjoys the fellowship so much she's served on the committee for the last six years.

"It a time to gather the community of faith in Livonia, all faiths, to spend a time in fellowship, to bring people together and share concerns," said Eckhardt, pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "We learn something; the speaker is always good, but it's a gathering of the people for prayer and fellowship."

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CALENDAR FROM PAGE B5

10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Hall rental Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

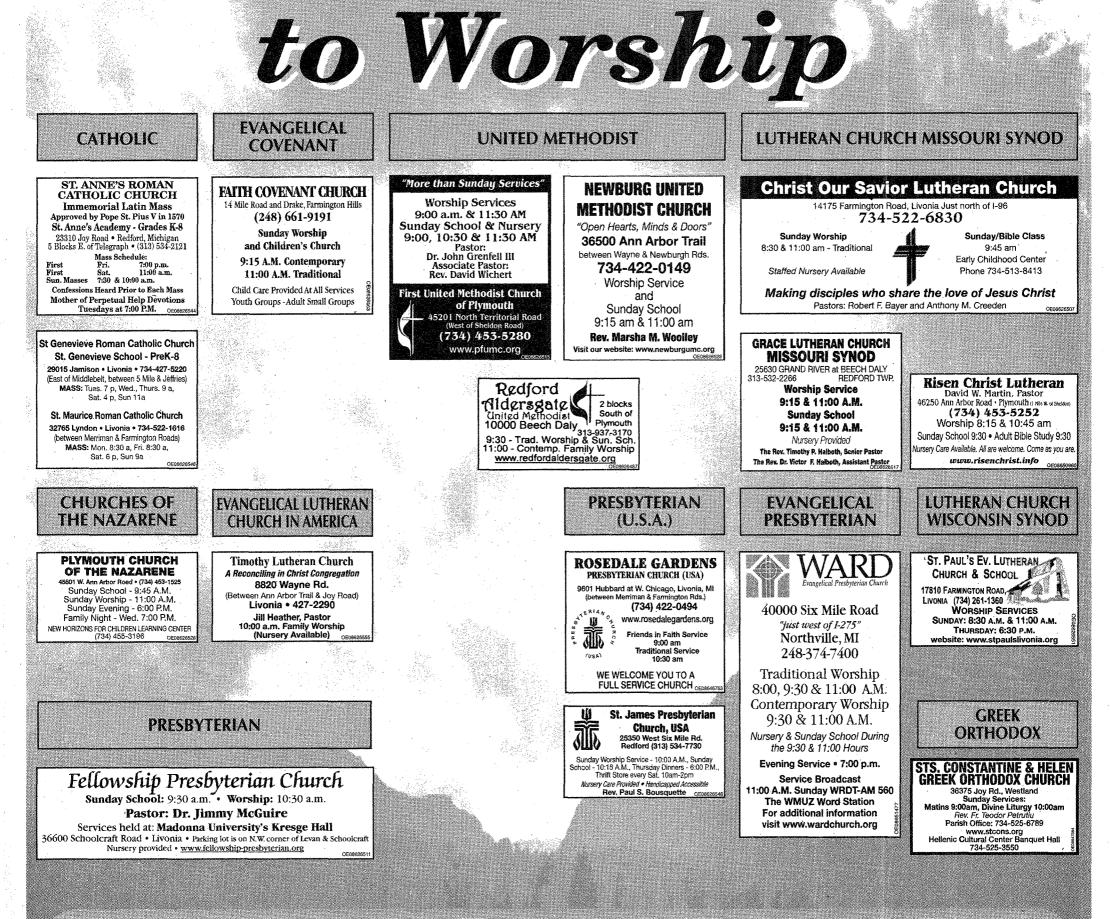
Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www. oa.org or call (248) 559-7722. **New worship schedule** Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. **Bible study**

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register or for information, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

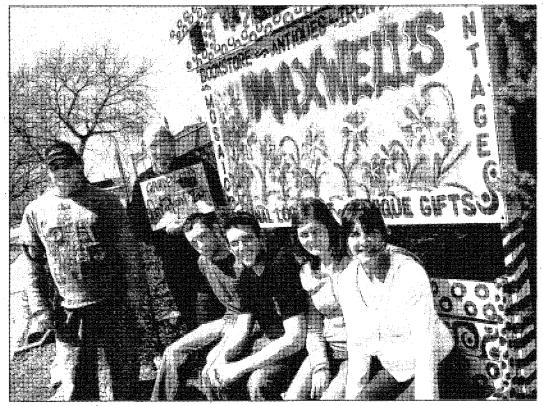


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Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER It's a family affair at Maxwell's Art and Treasures with William Wooley (from left), Doug George, Jacob George, Matt George, Kristen Stark and shopkeeper Laura George.

Art with a twist at Maxwell's

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

We feature and promote local artists and their work. We use the proceeds from the store sales to provide art and entertainment to the local community. Observer: What makes your business unique?

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- Business name: Maxwell's Art and Treasures
- Address: 32416 Industrial Road, one block North of Ford and one block east off Venoy Name and Title: Laura George,
- shopkeeper Business Opened: May of 2007 Number of Employees: We have
- no paid employees at this time; the shop is run by volunteers
- months to come our calendar will be brimming with activities, classes and live music to brighten anyone's spirit.
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who care about community and inspired by its members. Your Business Specialty: Maxwell's specialty is handmade and unique items. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Business phone and e-mail: (734)

427-5300, Ext. 7, or online at www. Maxwellsartandtreasures.com

to Garden City's New Art Coalition: Garden City Art around Town. Its Web site is www.Gardencityart.org. Be sure to mark July 24, 25, and 26 on your calendars for the "Art under the Trees." for Garden City's own Fine Art Festival, which will be held in Garden City Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Take a test drive

In times like these, there's never been a better time to give back. So when you test-drive any Lincoln or Mercury vehicle at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury between now and June 1, Metropolitan will donated \$20 to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure up to \$1,000 to help the fight against breast cancer. To

help even further Ford Motor Company also will donate \$20, so a test drive will

give \$40 to help fight breast cancer. It's all part of the Warriors In Pink Lincoln Mercury Advantage Test-Drive going on now at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. Simply stop by Metropolitan to test drive any of the Lincoln or Mercury vehicles. After your test drive you will be given a code to enter online at the Ford Cares Web site, and the donation will be made in your name to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is at 32000 Ford, Garden City. Call (800) 316-6179 for more information on the Lincoln Mercury Advantage Plan, or to schedule a test-drive.

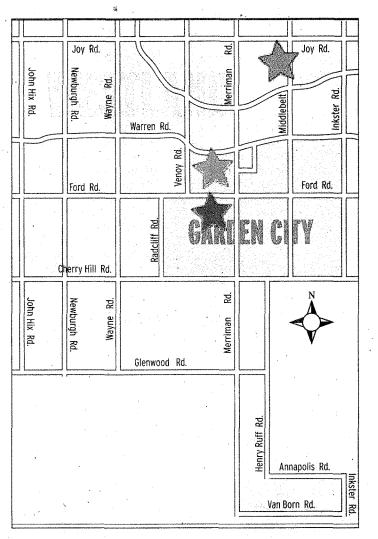
After hours The Westland and Garden City Chambers of Commerce are hosting a joint After Hours at Dario's.

Dario's Italian Eatery 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. You will be able to network with fellow chamber members and make a few business connections, sample some amazing food and have a great time. The event is free of charge. To reserve a spot, call the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 or the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4449.

Cruise show

Party Animal Travel of Garden City is holding "The Party Animal Cruise and Travel Show" 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the PLAV Hall, at 25222 W. Warren Road in Dearborn Heights. The show will present discount cruises to Alaska, Australia, Bermuda and many other destinations. Come learn about the cruises as well as the Party Animal motor coach tours. Seniors love to get away on our 1-2 day minivacations at great low rates. This show always fills up and reservations can be made by calling (734) 525-

BUSINESS MILESTONES



at Middlebelt in Westland. Patrons will be able to order Mary Denning wedding and birthday cakes through the market, adding some convenience to the cake ordering process. Call Vintage Market at (734) 422-0160.

Casino Nights The Westland Chamber of Commerce, along with Krazy Kopz Rentals will host a few Casino Nights 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Thursday, May 4-7, at Kicker's, 36077 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Specials include a \$500 free roll at 7 p.m. on Thursday, a \$20 Hold'em Tournament starting at 7 p.m. on Friday and a \$50 Hold'em Tournament starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Every night will have Hold'em, Blackjack and Cash Games. For more information, call the Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

A Truffle thing

Dairy Queen® debuts the second in its line of truffle Blizzard® flavors

in Wayne at 3007 Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue. The Raspberry Truffle Blizzard is a mix of rich chocolate truffle pieces and sweet raspberry topping blended with creamy vanilla DQ soft serve. Also new on the treat menu at Dairy Queen this spring is the Nut & Fudge Waffle Bowl Sundae, made with creamy vanilla soft serve covered in peanut butter, hot fudge, peanuts, whipped topping, and served in a fresh baked chocolate coated waffle bowl. For more information about Dairy Queen, visit www. dairyqueen.com.

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Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

Observer: What are your future plans?

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your experience so far as a small business?

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NEWSMAKERS

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Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe has partnered up with the owners of the Vintage Market 29501 Ann Arbor Trail with Raspberry Truffle as the Blizzard of the Month for May. Available at all Dairy Queens, including the Dairy Queen of Garden City, 28825 Ford, west of Inkster, and the Dairy Queen

Helping Vitamin Angels

Donating to Save Children is "in the Bag" at The Vitamin Shoppe in Westland.

During the entire month of May, The Vitamin Shoppe in Westland will accept cash donations on behalf of Vitamin Angels. The goal is to eradicate childhood blindness caused by vitamin A deficiency (VAD) worldwide by the year 2020. The Operation 20/20 campaign will alleviate vitamin A deficiency by providing just two high-dose vitamin A capsules to children ages 1-4 and lactating mothers each year for a course of four to five years.

"We are really proud to be a part of this great initiative," said Mike Cannon, district manager of The Vitamin Shoppe. "We hope the entire Westland-area community will join us in helping children across the world."

Garden City Chamber of

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Market is 9 a.m. Wednesday,

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harvest right from the farm is

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residents every Wednesday

in downtown Garden City.

Fresh herbs, produce, veggies

and flowers, as well as baked

the Farmers' Market.

May 6.

Commerce looking forward to

Opening day of the Farmers'

Last year, Operation 20/20 reached more than 5.5 million children in 16 countries around the world to prevent VAD childhood blindness. In addition to the vitamin A, all the children received de-worming medicine to improve the absorption of the vitamin A and help combat

intestinal parasites. "To help support their tremendous efforts, this year we've added a new limited edition reusable bag with the Vitamin Angels' logo on the side," said Tony Truesdale, president and chief merchandising officer of The Vitamin Shoppe. "For just a \$5 donation, customers get a reusable bag and help more than 125 kids at the same time. It's a win for everyone, but especially for the kids we can help."

The Vitamin Shoppe is raising funds for Vitamin Angels in store at the register. Customers can donate \$1 or more to the

campaign and sign a Vitamin Angels paper angel to hang in the store. Any customer who donates

\$5 or more will receive a limited edition reusable bag. Online customers can also donate with each purchase at www. vitaminshoppe.com.

Vitamin Angels is the only nonprofit organization in existence solely dedicated to providing vital nutrition to those in need internationally and domestically. Since 1994, Vitamin Angels has distributed more than 350 million vitamins and other supplements in 82 countries worldwide. To learn more about Vitamin Angels and Operation 20/20 visit www. VitaminAngels.org.

For more information, call at (734) 728-0741. The Vitamin Shoppeis at 35599 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland.



Free comic book day

Erik Monnier and his daughter, Syndney Yochum, 13, of Livonia, get a special sneak peek at the dozens of comic books to be given away by Michael Rea. owner of A to Z Cards and Comics at 32647 Ford, Garden City, one of several store participating in the International Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 2.





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goods will be available for pur- Tuesday, Sept. 15. The event chase.

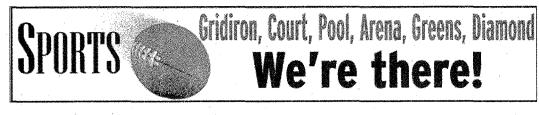
This year the market will be hosting some market-related seminars, musical entertainment and some visiting vendors. The market will take place rain or shine. Hope to see you 'at the market!

Plans also have begun for the fourth annual Dine & Dash. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, the Dine & Dash will take place on

will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale in the Chamber office the second week in July. Mark your calendars now, last year it was a sold-out event. Seats are limited, and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the chamber office at (734) 422-4448 for more information.

Amelia Oliverio executive director



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The Plymouth Oratorio Society and Huron High School A Cappella Choir rehearsed Monday night at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



Plymouth Oratorio Society to sing choral masterworks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Section by section the Plymouth Oratorio Society assembled in an orderly manner for the final rehearsal before their May 3 concert at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Only moments before the singers were joking goodnaturedly outside the sanctuary. Inside or outside their team work shines through that's the reason the program promises to delight audiences as it does every spring. This year's selections include Psalm 148 and 86 by Gustav Holst and Johann Pachelbel's Magnificat in G. Joining them for the Pachelbel is Ann Arbor's Huron High School A Cappella Choir under conductor Richard Ingram who serves as musical director of the POS. The Michigan Sinfonietta returns for a 22nd time. MaryAnn Crugher Balduf provides the organ music for the May 3 concert which begins at 4 p.m.

Founding members like Don and Kathy Pratt of Canton return every year like they have for the past 23 just to sing choral masterworks. Both love music. Kathy vividly remembers her first time performing at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor in fifth grade. For the last 34 years she and Don have sung with the St. John Neumann Catholic Church choir in Canton.

'There's nowhere else you can sing major works with a professional director," said Kathy Pratt, a Plymouth-Canton school district employee. "It's like getting mini lessons each week.'

Recently the POS joined the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony for an overflowing crowd at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

"It's music in it's purest form," said Don, who retired two years ago from teaching math in Ann Arbor Schools.

Don is the POS's business manager. He's so proud of the choral group he wears their annual T-shirt everywhere. It's a way of recruiting new members. Unlike other choirs, the POS doesn't rehearse in fall. They begin preparing for the May concert in January with weekly rehearsals.

Pratt is especially looking forward to singing Mozart's Misericordas Domini because of parts that sound similar to those written later for Mozart's Requiem.

"We wanted a short season because people are in other choirs and activities," said Don Pratt whose father Robert conducted the POS from

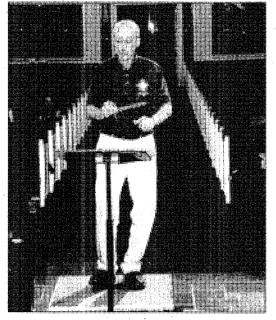


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Conductor Richard Ingram rehearses the Plymouth Oratorio Society and Huron High School A Cappella Choir for their joint concert Sunday, May 3, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

1987 to 1995. "You have to work on your own a lot. We don't have auditions. You have to be experienced enough to sing a Brahm's Requiem. You have to be fairly experienced to sing what we sing." Robert Nelson of Canton has been singing in choirs since sixth grade.

"I love classical music, sacred music," said Nelson. "No where can I get closer to my faith. The music is challenging and people are serious about their music.'

Nancy Murphy travels from Dexter to sing with the POS. Over the years she's sung with the Ann Arbor Cantata and University Musical Society Choral Union.

"The people are the cream of the amateur crop," said Murphy. "They know their way around the music. Nobody is a novice."

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is at 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. There is no charge for the concert but a free will offera ing will be taken. For more information, call Don Pratt at (734) 455-8353.

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ART

Ariana Gallery: "Playing with Fire" lampwork, through May 24, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com. Birmingham Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park. CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About ©." opens 6 o.m. May 2: "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of @POPpor2nity 2008, through May 1, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com. Farmington Artists Club: Spring 2009 Exhibit, through April 26, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington

Fine Art at the Village: May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage. com

Gallery@VT: Allen Brooks Photography, through May 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-

through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.

Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, May 1-27, 995

Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.

27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com. Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Rochester

24: "Amy Sacksteder: Still." April 24-June 13. reception 6-9 p.m. April 24; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. www.occart.org Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park. Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging Artists Exhibit, May 4-26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com. Print Gallery: Announcing Must Have Sweets, with cake, candy, cookies and sorbet, inside the gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com, www EverythingArt.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com. Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" May 4-29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org. Westacres Artists Market: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 2, Westacres Clubhouse, 3700 Westacres Dr. West Bloomfield, (248) 360-5323.

BENEFITS

Detroit Opera House: BravoBravol, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$85 by May 1; \$95 after, Jazz Sophisticate

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detroithistorical.org. CHORAL

Advent Episcopal Church: Cantate! presents "Welcome to Spring," May 2, Middlebelt Road, + mile north of Long Lake Road, (248) 615-0940, www. cantate-detroit.org.

First Presbyterian Church: Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, ttrenney@comcast.net. Seligman Performing Arts Center: Farmington Community Chorus, "Questionable Songs," May 8-9, Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (810) 632-4067, www. farmingtonchorus.com.

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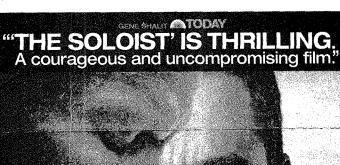
Birmingham Temple: Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivac eseries.org.



Folk Acoustic at Trinity House

Two-time Detroit Music Award nominee David Nefesh will perform with his new band 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. Joining Nefesh will be Bill Macleod on bass and Stuart Tucker on drums. Nefesh will perform tunes from his upcoming third album, due in 2009. as well as some older and solo material. Josh Rose is also on the bill. Trinity House Theatre is located at 38840 W. Six Mile. Tickets are \$12 (\$9 for members). Call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org or www.davidnefesh.com.





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FREE RANGE CHICKEN AND WILD MUSHROOM MILANESE Natural chicken breast filled with wild mushrooms. With veloute cream sauce, Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh

B10 (*)

> GRILLED CAJUN PRAWNS Accompanied with spicy avocado dip and mango chumey. \$10

RAW OYSTERS* (Ask server for type) One-half or a full dozen. Served with cocktail sauce and horseradish. Priced Daily

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Flash-fried with Choice of one of two ways: San Marzano sauce with cherry peppers, grape tomatoes and Kalamata olives or Tomato and red onion with a lemongrass citrus butter sauce.\$10

HOUSE MADE WILD MUSHROOM RAVIOLI Topped with a Morel and Porciai mushroom sauce, \$9

RISOTTO OF THE DAY Ask server for chef's creation. Priced Daily

CELEBRATION OF APPETIZERS Ask server for chef's creation. Priced Daily

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SOUP & SALADS

SOUP OF THE DAY Cup & Bowl SS CREAM OF ASPARAGUS Cup \$4 Bowl \$6

CLASSIC CAESAR*

(Romaine lennee) Hand rossed, made to order with egg, fresh gatic, Parmigiano aggiano,cheese, anchovies, olaye oil and gatic croutons, \$9

DINNER SALAD Romaine and leaf lettuce, olives, cucumbers, red onion and Compari dressing (other dressing available upon request, tornato on request). 56

CRIMSON ROASTED ORGANIC BEET SALAD Mixed field greens, roasted beets, chevre cakes, toasted almonds, grapefruit segments and red onion, tossed in a lemon honey vinaigrette \$10

SPINACH & MICHIGAN WALLEYE CROQUETTE SALAD on, grape tomatoes, aged cheddar, Granny Smith apples and walnut Tossed with a whole grain vinaigrente \$12

FIAMMA CAPRESE SALAD Vine ripened tomato, fried eggplant, fresh buffalo mozzarella and balsamic. \$10

WEDGE OF ICEBERG LETTUCE With garnish of dive tapenade, roasted red pepper, crumbled bacon, olives, tomato and blen cheese dressing. \$7

SANDWICHES

GRILLED SALMON CLUB Twice smoked apple cured bacon, vine ripened tomato, herb cheese spread, roasted shallot glaze and baby spinach. Served on whole grain bread. \$12

TUNA BURGER

Ground sashimi grade tuna with Asian aromatics and spices, mango wasabi aioli and vegetable slaw with miso vinaigrette. Served on a whole wheat bun. \$12

PIEDMONTESE BEEF BURGER Soz Burger with grilled shirakes, slow roasted tomatoes, white cheddar, Topped with crispy shallots. \$12

Breaded White Marble Farms pork tenderloin topped with a lemon caper cream sauce. PORK PICCATA Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and sautied spinach. \$17

WOODLAND TENDERLOIN Beef Tenderloin Tips, saméed with shallors and wild forest mushrooms, roasted red peppers, accented with Gorgonzola cheese, finished with a touch of truffle oil, Served with risotro cake. \$19

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LAKE SUPERIOR WALLEYE Sautéed in a light flour dusting drizzled with our toasted garlic aioli. Served with long grain, wild rice and toasted orzo, and chef's fresh vegerable. 519

NORWEGIAN SALMON Lightly encrusted with dried exorie mushtooms, pan roasted and drizzled with unfile oil. Accompanied with garlie mashed poratoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

AHI TUNA* (Sasthimi Grade) Seared rare with an Asian spice rub. Served with ponzo reduction and cucumber wasabi sau Accompanied with fried risotto cake and stir fry vegetable. \$22

FRESH SAUTEED JUMBO SEA SCALLOPS With lemon Buerre Blanc. Accompanied with creamy corn risotto and sweet English peas. \$19

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PIEDMONTESE MEDALLIONS AND POTATO GNOCCHI Tossed with exotic mushrooms, shallots and asparagus dps with a sherry wine sauce. Topped with brie cheese, \$2

VEGETARIAN

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3

HOUSE MADE LASAGNA Four layers of roasted vegetables, with roasted garlic bechamel and pomodoro sauce. \$15

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FOOD & WINE

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CANTON FARMERS MARKET OPENS

CANTON – Canton Farmers Market continues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at the historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. Opening day will include the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout.

Call (734) 398-5570 x 5 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

STATION 885 DOWN UNDER

PLYMOUTH - Station 885 presents "A Trip Down Under" Australian Wine Dinner, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, \$55, tax and gratuity included. Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-0885 to make Mother's Day reservations today.

5IVE RESTAURANT PRIX FIXE

PLYMOUTH - 5ive Restaurant is offering a special prix fixe menu. Choose one starter, one main and one finish for \$35 per person. Choices include warm feta-artichoke fondue, broiled maryland crab cake, 5ive onion soup, pan seared Atlantic salmon, free range chicken breast, grilled petit filet mignon, forest berry chocolate mousse and chef's daily creme brulee. Includes salad. 5ive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

LA HOOKAH LOUNGE

WESTLAND - La Hookah Lounge offers free Wi-Fi and satellite TV, along with a 10 percent student discount. Fresh salads, deli style sandwiches, desserts, and hookah. Catering, carry out and delivery available. Call (734) 727-1750 or visit La Hookah Lounge at 34795 Ford Road, Westland.

HILLER'S HOSTS FOOD FAIRS

SOUTHFIELD – Hiller's will host two simultaneous two-day Michigan food fairs May 2-3. I his follows months of featur ing Michigan companies in the Hiller's biweekly circular, launching a collaborative Hometown First program with locally-owned businesses that has more than tripled in scope, and identifying Michigan products with smiling-mittenstate shelf tags. The food fairs will



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feature more than 30 vendors and will take place 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 2-3 at the Ann Arbor store, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (in the Arborland Mall at US 23); and the Commerce Township store, 39950 W 14 Mile Road (at Haggerty).

KORKS FOR KIDZ

BIRMINGHAM – Birmingham Rotary will host its 7th annual wine tasting fund-raiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 8 at The Reserve in Birmingham, 375 S. Eton St.

The event will feature a tasting of over 25 wines, strolling appetizers and desserts, and a special Reserve Room with premium wines and a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Event Tickets are \$50 per person, raffle tickets are \$10 each.

Children will benefit from this year's event with proceeds being distributed to Childhelp-Michigan, Orchard's Children Services and an International Rotary Project serving an elementary school in the Philippines.

"Rotary International's motto for this year is 'Make Dreams Real'," said Birmingham Rotary President Shirley Bryant. "We thought it was perfect for our annual fundraising event because it will help children to realize a better life." For sponsorship opportunities, tickets or more information call (248) 505-1704, or visit www.birminghamrotary.com.

Community Chamber of Commerce Argentina that will be expertly proudly presents the 20th Annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Inn at St. John's. Admission, \$10 at the door, includes free food and beverages and a chance to win over 80 door prizes. Attendees are also invited to help honor this year's Plymouth Service Club's Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winner's during a short recognition ceremony in the Atrium at 6 p.m.

Featured restaurants include Bennigan's, E.G. Nick's, Fancy Food Catering, Fiamma Grill, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Independence Village, Leo's Coney Island, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Omelette & Waffle Café, Panera Bread, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Toarmina's Pizza, Zapata's and more. Beverages will be provided courtesy of Absopure and Central Distributors of Beer. Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

DSO HOSTS BACCHANALIA

DETROIT - The very popular DSO deCanted, a wine tasting and auction, sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be held at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. Friends and supporters of the DSO will enjoy sampling an outstanding selection of wines from

paired with an array of savory hors d'oeuvres. Oenophiles will have the opportunity to nurture their love of fine and unusual wines by bidding on any number of exceptional wines, some from the personal cellars of serious collectors, along with other unique wine related items.

Adding to the evening's festivities, this year's feast of fine wine and strolling dinner features a live auction led by WDIV-TV personality, Andrew Humphrey which will begin at 7:15 p.m.

To order tickets, \$95-\$175, call (313) 576-5154 or visit www. detroitsymphony.com.

5IVE DAILY SPECIALS

PLYMOUTH - 5ive Restaurant announces the following daily specials: Monday Happy Hour, half-off mixed drinks and other wine, beer and drink specials; Tuesday Date Nights, buy one entree from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagne toast included; Wednesday Girls' Night Out, halfoff drink specials, specialty drink features and free chef's tasting with tips and recpies from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, half off select dotties of wine; Friday and Saturday, live entertainment; Sunday, light fare entrees all day starting at \$10. 5ive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road,

Innovation at Ruffino

talian wines have two things going for them tradition and innovation.

Italian wine producer Ruffino was founded near Florence in 1877. Currently, the company is led by Adolfo Folonari who, realizing the need for continual modernization, has invested in state-of-the-art technology, vineyard replantings, new winemaking facilities and cellar restoration, all designed for the



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future while respecting his Tuscan heritage. He recalls, "Being a member of a family that has been involved in the wine business since the end of the 1700s, I think wine is part of my soul."

Ruffino has seven small Tuscan estates located in Chianti Classico, Montepulciano and

Montalcino. Each produces Ray & Eleanor two or three wines from estate-grown fruit that are

made on the estate. For other wines, grapes are sourced from growers who have been cooperating with Ruffino over several generations.

What we appreciate most about Ruffino is that it produces wines for the connoisseur as well as the neophyte; wines that satisfy the needs and wallets of every consumer. It's famous for its Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico, the celebrated Riserva Ducale Gold label, produced only in the finest vintages, and the exciting and affordable new red wine Il Ducale.

Over the last 10 to 15 years, the Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico style has improved as a result of vineyard and winemaking advances. New clones, better suited to the soils and climate, are designed to produce low yields and offer greater concentration and color.

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Orvieto Classico 2007, \$10, is highlighted by wildflower, ripe apples, melon and honey aromas and flavors. Lumina 2007 Pinot Grigio. \$13, showcases bright floral notes with pear and peach accents in a fresh and clean rendition.

Red Wines:

Chianti 2007, \$10, is a quaffable terrific value but takes steps up in flavor with Chianti Superiore 2007 \$13, Aziano 2006 Chianti Classico, \$15, and Tenuta Santedame 2006 Chianti Classico, \$22.

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