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### AROUND TOWN

#### Your choice

Starting Monday, May 11, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will accept applications for its intra-county Schools of Choice for students in kindergarten-fifth grade for the fall of

To be eligible, students must reside in Wayne County, and parents will have to provide transportation.

Applications are available from the Department of Instruction in the district administrative offices on Marquette, east of Newburgh in Westland, or on the district's Web site at http://wwcsd.net. They can be turned in at the instruction office in person or by mail to the Department of Instruction, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

The deadline for applying is Aug. 24. For more information, call (734) 419-

#### Garage sale

Looking for a bargain? You're sure to find it from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Westland Community Garage

The parking lot west of city hall will be filled with vendors offering an eclectic mix of items, including clothing, books, knickknacks, housewares and more, and the price will be right for bargain hunters.

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.

#### Take a walk

The Westland Summer Festival is asking residents to take a walk as part of this year's festival lineup.

The committee is sponsoring "A Walk to Remember" with the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter on Friday, July 3. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the festival grounds at the corner of Carlson and Teresa. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and head north on Carlson and Central City Parkway to Warren and then turn and head back to the festival grounds.

The route is 2.6 miles long, and all age groups and people of athletic abilities are invited to participate. The funds raised will be used for local programs, services and research efforts to fight the debilitating disease. Currently, Alzheimer's disease affects more than 170,000 people in Michigan and close to 70,000 reside in the metropolitan Detroit area. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that destroys brain cells. It's the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Registration can be done online at www.awalktoremeniber.kintera.org or at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford. For more information, call Pam Martin at (734) 595-0697, the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7632 or the Alzheimer's Association at (248) 351-

# Clerk: Candidates must file by May 12

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Candidates hoping to campaign this year for Westland city offices will have to beat a deadline of next Tuesday - five weeks earlier than expected - for filing their nominating petitions.

The race really is on, it seems, after City Clerk Eileen DeHart learned that Westland inadvertently has failed to comply with a Michigan

statute that sets the filing deadline 12 Tuesdays prior to the August pri-

Westland, which became a city in 1966, has always followed a city charter rule that established a filing deadline just seven Tuesdays before the primary - a rule that DeHart said is superseded by a state law from

Councilman Dewey Reeves said he and others hoping to get their names on the ballot will now have to

scramble to collect the 266 to 1,063 signatures they need from registered voters prior to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, rather than June 16.

"This caught a lot of people off guard," he said.

DeHart confirmed that snafu Monday and said she is sending certified letters to all potential candidates who have picked up nominating petitions from her office. She also has made telephone calls to them.

DeHart learned of the prob-

lem when she sent language to the Michigan Attorney General's Office for ballot proposals that city officials had intended to place on the November election ballot. The language would have asked voters to move the filing deadline from the seventh to the 12th Tuesday prior to the primary, bringing it in line with many other communities and easing a work crunch on the clerk's office.

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# **Awesome All-Stars!**

Supplement to The Observer Newspapers - Thursday, May 7, 2009

### Students shine in school, community work

Inside today's Westland Observer is the 2009 Academic All-Stars special section. The special supplement salutes the brightest and best students from public, private and parochial schools in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

This marks the 24th year that the Observer has honored academic excellence with a special team. This year, 18 students were named to the team. Another 24 students are runners-up and they, too, are outstanding in academics, test scores and community work.

The principals committee making the selection was inspired, encouraged and proud that so many students are outstanding in their school work (4.0 GPAs) and on standardized test such as the ACT and SAT. Academic subjects and test scores are the only criteria used for team selec-



Students and parents celebrate the Observer & Eccentric 2009 Academic All-Stars at a breakfast at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel. Meet this year's team in our special section and read about them on today's Opinion Page.

tion. However, these students — team members and those who earned honor-

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# Voters bring change to W-W school board

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Westland businessman John Goci is ready to find out what issues the Wayne-Westland Community Schools face, in

preparation to serve on its Board of Education.

Goci was one of three candidates elected to the school board in Tuesday's election. He will serve the remaining year of a four-year term after

defeating incumbent board mem ber Steve Becher and newcomer Angela Hoops-

Cossey. "I want to sit down with the

board and the administration and see what the issues are," said Goci, who waited for election results at his U.S. 12 Bar in Wayne. "I want to see if we can do a rapid deployment and develop a film program at the career tech center so our students can take advantage of the jobs opening up in the

of Westland and newcomer Carol Middel of Canton for the two four-year terms that

Walker was appointed to

Middel



film industry in the state."

Voters also tapped appointed incumbent Shawna Walker were up for grabs.

the board last September to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick Weaver after he moved out of the district. Middel is a

# **ELECTION AT A GLANCE**

**TWO 4-YEAR TERMS** (Bold face indicates winner)

Gregory Maxwell - 336 Carol Middel - 1,442 Lori Mireles-Smith - 368 Brian Mulligan - 562 Mark Neal - 1,218 Ed Turner - 935 Shawna Walker - 1,491

1 ONE-YEAR TERM (Bold face indicates winner)

Steve Becher - 857 John Goci - 2.033 Angela Hoops-Cossey - 427

retired Wayne-Westland school teacher. The two along with Goci received the endorsement of the Michigan **Education Association which** flooded the district with signs in support of the candidates.

Walker, in her second bid for elective office — she ran for school board in the May 2008 election - was the top vote-getter, gathering 1,491 votes and one of the two four-year terms. She was followed closely by Middel, who received 1,442 votes.

"I consider it a privilege and an honor that the voters thought that much of me," said Walker. "I really didn't know what direction it would go, but to get the top vote, I never would have thought that. I'm going to try to do my best for the families and students of this district. I'm really excited. I look forward to the next four years and to doing exciting things for the district."

Middel, who was out Wednesday morning collecting campaign signs, said she was shocked by the results.

"I'm still in shock, I didn't think I could pull it off," she said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off. I walked

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# Governor's order is bad news for city

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland city officials are bracing for a potential \$344,000 cut in state-shared revenue after Gov. Jennifer Granholm rolled out measures Tuesday aimed at plugging a \$1.3 billion state budget hole.

The loss could affect revenues for the city budget year that ends June 30, forcing officials to absorb cuts even as they plan for the next fiscal year, which could prove even more painful.

"I think we'll be able to weather it" this year, Mayor William Wild said, but he added that future state-shared revenue cuts could be more devastating.

Wild's administration has

kept a \$1.2 million general fund surplus as officials prepare for the next fiscal year that starts July 1 - an amount that dropped nearly \$1 million during a one-year period.

We're trying to save everywhere we can and not spend except for necessary items," Finance Director Steve Smith

Wild said he believes that, even with potential cuts in state-shared revenue, Westland can maintain a general fund balance "just a little north of the \$1 million mark," partly due to another employee retirement and an unexpected uptick ments. in certain revenues, such as in the building department.

However, Wild remains worried about additional state cuts in the city's next fiscal year.

"In the future it will hurt more," he said. Westland had earlier pro-

jected this year's state-shared

revenue to be around \$8.5 million. With the latest proposed cuts, that could drop to nearly \$8.1 million, Smith said.

Westland already has taken painful steps to balance the budget. Smith said that, during the last two years alone, city administration officials proposed cost-cutting measures that including not filling 23 vacant jobs and laying off five employees.

City officials had expected the state's financial problems to trickle down to local govern-'We don't even know what

they will do to next year's budget," Smith said.

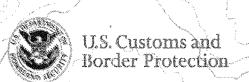
Westland City Council members are expected to adopt a new budget in early June for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

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## LPS challenger awaits vote certification **VOTE**

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Roger Spence, who lost a Livonia school board seat by 10 votes Tuesday, is awaiting certification of the results, saying it's premature to ask for a recount.

"They have to be certified, and those numbers usually change," he said of unofficial tallies.

Spence lost to Dan Lessard, a 12-year incumbent, who received 2,878 votes and newcomer Colleen Burton, the runaway top vote-getter with 4,413 votes. Spence received 2,868

Spence won in Livonia but

lost in Westland. Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart said the results were turned over Wednesday to the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, which has 30 days



Lessard

to certify them, but she doubts the outcome will be different. "It's highly unlikely because it's all electronic," she said.

Livonia City Clerk Linda Grimsby said provisional ballots, issued when a voter insists he registered but isn't listed, can sometimes change the totals when they're added in. But she said she doesn't recall receiving any provisional ballots Tuesday; DeHart said she received none.

Provisional ballots are more common in November when

#### **UNOFFICIAL VOTE TALLIES**

Burton: 4,413 (Livonia - 3,678, Westland - 735) Lessard: 2,878 (Livonia - 2,407, Westland - 471) **Spence**: 2,868 (Livonia - 2,443,

Westland - 425)

more people vote, Grimsby said. In Livonia, voter turnout was 6.79 percent Tuesday; in Westland, it was 5 percent.

There was no doubt about Burton's win. Burton credits her election success to 15 years of school volunteer work. Lessard joked he won by a

landslide, too. He won his very first school board race in East Detroit by six votes. "So this (10) is a big number. We're in the double digits," he said.

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and meet a lot of people."

Middel now plans to do a lot of "intense research," delving into the district's finances, finding out what's happening at the state and looking at curriculum changes that are coming.

"I've got a lot of homework to do and I won't be able to say my dog ate it," she said.

This was the third time Goci had campaigned for elective office; he lost in two previous bids to serve on the Westland City Council. Goci won handily over incumbent Steve Becher and newcomer Angela Hoops-Cossey. In unofficial results, Goci received 2,033 votes. Becher, who had opted for the partial term rather than a second four-year term, placed a distant second with 857 votes.

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Hoops-Cossey received 427

Goci, who had campaigned with retired Westland fire chief Mark Neal, aimed to get his name out in the community in time for absentee voting. It worked, with those votes giving him his margin of victory. However, Neal who was campaigning for a four-year term,

placed third with 1,128 votes. "I'm happy and I'm sad because I was pulling for Mark, I really like the guy," said Goci, adding that "I would have been content win or lose because I know I did my best. Now I have to get ready with all of my ideas."

Incumbent Ed Turner who has served on the school board for 12 years, lost his bid for a fourth term, collecting 935 votes.

"Am I unhappy? Yes, but I'm not upset because I know I can go and put in my two cents as a private citizen," said Turner. "I'm still going to stick up for the kids.'

Brian Mulligan, in his third bid for a seat on the school board, received 562 votes, with Lori Mireles-Smith finishing two votes ahead of Greg Maxwell. Mireles-Smith received 368 votes, Maxwell got 366.

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# ALL-STARS

able mention — are more than book smart. They are generous with their time and talents in helping others. They volunteer in their schools, communities, churches and synagogues.

Take time to read about Samantha Barber, a senior at Huron Valley Lutheran and a Wayne resident, who wants to be a teacher so she can "positively influence students and help as many people" as she can. Robert Costello of John Glenn High School wants to study engineering to "make the world more efficient" and fellow Glenn senior Amy Selewski

DeHart was notified by

Assistant Attorney General

George Elworth that Michigan

Tuesday rule and that Westland

statute already sets the 12th-

would have to immediately comply, pushing this year's fil-

ing deadline up by five weeks.

Other cities may face similar

Elworth couldn't be reached.

wants to be a doctor so she can join Doctors Without Borders and "help others who only dream of receiving the kind of care available in the United States."

Wayne Memorial student Solomon Shurge hopes to work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, design rockets and shuttles while classmate Christopher Burtraw plans to study engineering and then pursue a master's degree.

These students shine in many ways and their futures are bright as they move on to study at colleges and universities close to home and far away.

A special thank you to Madonna University, our longtime partner and sponsor of the

for comment, but DeHart said

she was assured by him that

the error doesn't retroactively

DeHart said she researched

invalidate the previous city

the issue after hearing from

Elworth, and she learned that

been on the books since 1990.

aware of it, and DeHart said

knowing the implications. Four council seats and the

mayor's position are on the

the 12th-Tuesday state law had

Apparently, local officials weren't

former city clerks had no way of

elections.

Madonna's new state-of-the art science and media building that will open this fall. The environmentally friendly building is Madonna's first standalone building in 40 years and Livonia's first "green" building to be certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The 60,000-squarefoot structure is in the heart of Madonna's campus at Schoolcraft and Levan roads.

Madonna's commitment to honoring academic excellence is one way the Observer is able to celebrate the All-Stars in this very public way.

The All-Stars and their parents were honored May 1 at a special breakfast and

ballot this year. As of Tuesday

Planning Commissioner Adam

However, other candidates

had taken petitions and are

expected to file for election.

In addition to Wild's post,

council seats on the ballot

will include those occupied by

Charles Pickering and Robert

Reeves, Chervl Graunstadt.

Hammons had filed petitions

morning, incumbent Mayor

William Wild had filed for

re-election, and Westland

for city council.

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Graunstadt and Stottlemyer already have confirmed that

they will not seek re-election. Potential candidates who want to get their names on the ballot will have to collect the required signatures. The city has no provision for paying a filing fee in lieu of circulating petitions.

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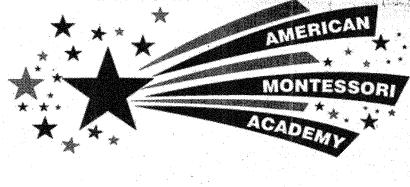






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#### Canton woman announces run for Congress work it takes to develop and

implement solutions to the

urgent issues of our time,"

Mosher said. "Whether it's

falling home prices, afford-

able health care or the myriad

of other challenges facing us,

Democrats, Republicans and

Independents are looking for

running to offer solutions that

get Michigan back to the pros-

perity that we enjoyed just a

Mosher, who was born

worked as a public school

teacher and in the field of

when she lived in Ohio,

and more recently was the

chief development officer

non-profits. She worked for

the American Cancer Society

and grew up in Detroit, has

few years ago."

one thing — solutions. I'm

BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Canton's Natalie Mosher attended Barack

inauguration in January with millions of other Americans from across the country, she had a hard time finding words



to describe the experience. Less than four months later, she says the emotional event was the catalyst for her to get more involved in helping the country make a change.

On Wednesday, the 65year-old lifelong Democrat

announced she is running for Congress and will challenge Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, who is currently in his fourth term representing Michigan's 11th District.

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Yes, the inauguration inspired me," said Mosher. 'When you watch where we've been the last eight years, you realize how much work we have to do to get back on track." Mosher, who has never held

elected office before, calls herself a different kind of candidate who will "solve problems and get things done." She says her approach would include working with member of all parties.

"I believe that voters are sick of the finger pointing that is only compounding the hard

for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. She has lived in Canton since 2004. If elected, Mosher said job losses, the credit crunch,

she would make health care, developing alternative energies, and creating jobs her top priorities. A big proponent of the domestic automotive industry (she says relatives, including her husband, have a total of 154 years experience with the auto companies), Mosher said she would work to stop bad trade deals like NAFTA and CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), which she believes have hurt American auto workers.

The 11th Congressional District represents parts of western Oakland and western Wayne Counties.

# Not all creditors are created equal

hile Chrysler and General Motors are working out a variety of arrangements to stay in

business, it is important to understand what is happening to unsecured bond holders. Many of the bonds issued by GM and Chrysler are held by individuals and they are going to take a sub-



**Money Matters** 

**Rick Bloom** 

stantial hit. It is important to understand that not all creditors are created equal. Creditors can be divided into two distinct areas: secured creditors and unsecured creditors.

A secured creditor will typically have a security interest in an underlying asset that protects its debt. For example, when you and I purchase a home using a mortgage, the mortgage company (the lender) becomes a secured creditor. A secured creditor has the underlying asset to protect its loan. The mortgage company has the lien on the home. If the mortgage isn't paid, the company can sell your house and the proceeds are used to pay off your obligation to the mortgage company. Similarly, in business, secured creditors could sell a secured asset to discharge the debt. If the sale discharges the total amount owed, great; if not, the creditor becomes an unsecured creditor for the remaining balance owed.

Unsecured creditors are not as fortunate or protected as a secured creditor. Unsecured creditors have no security interest — no specific asset securing their obligation. In times of financial crisis such as a bankruptcy, once secured creditors are taken care of, unsecured creditors are paid only if there is money remaining. In most bankruptcies, unsecured creditors usually get pennies on the dollar.

Fixed-income security investments such as corporate bonds and government bonds are an important part of an overall portfolio. In the portfolios I manage, I always have a portion of the portfolio invested in fixed-income obligations in order to have a balanced and diversified portfolio. With regard to investing in fixed-income securities, investors should know, but unfortunately many do not, that not adviser. Observer & Eccentric readall fixed-income securities are the same. Too many investors will only look at the yield on the investment and use that to decide whether they should

make an investment in that security or not. I believe when you buy fixed-income securities, you need to focus on two issues - maturity of the obligation and quality of the bond.

Bonds can have durations from 90 days to 30 years. Generally, the longer the term of the bond, the greater the risk. In today's economic environment with low interest rates and a potential for higher inflation, I generally recommend short- to intermediate-term bonds.

The higher the quality of bond, the better the chance of being repaid. If you buy a fixed-income security, you must be sure to receive the interest due you as well as your principle upon maturity. The highest quality bond that one can buy is any bond that is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. On the other hand, bonds issued by corporations that are rated as not investment grade have the greatest risk of default.

Non-investment grade bonds are also known as highyield bonds and sometimes referred to as junk bonds.

When purchasing a fixedincome obligation, the primary focus must be the quality of the obligation. In today's turbulent times, with interest rates so low, many investors are purchasing more and more junk bonds in order to increase their yield. From a risk standpoint, not all junk bonds are the same. From a risk/reward standpoint, some junk bonds make sense, however, investors need to be cau-

When you purchase a junk bond, you must recognize that there is substantial risk of default and that is the reason it pays higher rates of return. Having a small portion of your fixed-income investments in high yield or junk bonds can make sense. However, investing a large portion of your portfolio in these types of securities is not prudent.

It wasn't that long ago that investors thought of GM bonds as rock solid. I remember the saying, what's good for GM is good for America and visa versa. Unfortunately, those days are gone. In today's changing economy, it is necessary to invest without emotion and recognize that looking forward is much more important than looking in the rearview mirror.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial ers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

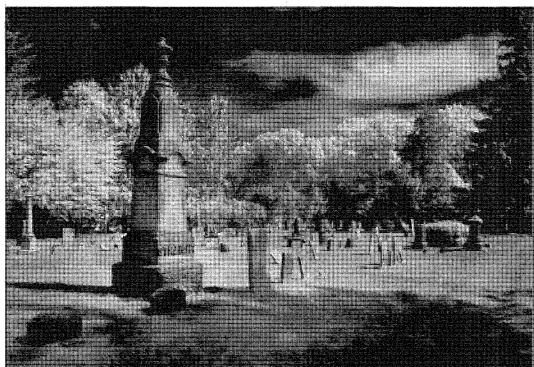
## Exhibit features veteran photographer's best work

Work by award-winning Livonia photographer Allen Brooks is on display through May 24 in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The exhibition includes highlights from Brooks' 50-year

A professional portrait photographer who has owned studios in Chicago and Westland, Brooks is the recipient of more than 100 awards for wedding and portrait photography. He has also been selected as one of Michigan's Top 10 Professional Photographers twice by the Professional Photographers of Michigan, and his work has been displayed in the Photography Hall of Fame. Brooks began taking photos

as a young Boy Scout when he received his first camera. Presently working solely in digital photography, he continues to experiment with composition. Brooks recently started tinkering with digital color infrared photography. He belongs to the Detroit Professional Photographers Association as well as the Livonia Camera Club.



"Revelations" is the name of this Allen Brooks photograph on display at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton through May 24.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

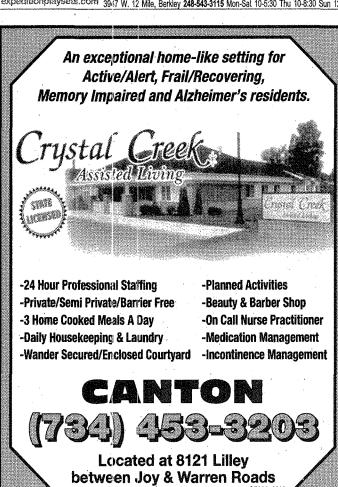
and during public performances at the theater. The gallery is closed on holidays. For more

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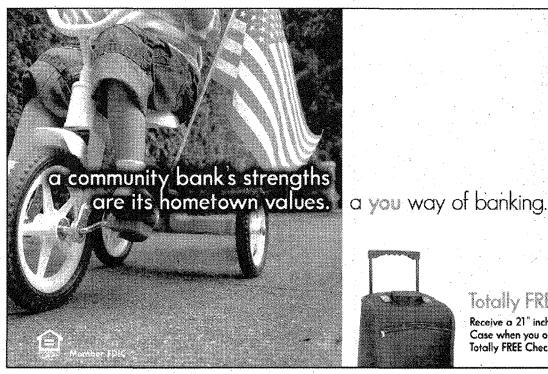
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# Man finds secret shopper ad a scam

A 58-year-old man was defrauded of money after he responded to a bogus ad offering to hire what was described as "a secret shopper," Westland police said.

The man, who lives south of Cherry Hill between Merriman and Venoy, told police he was supposedly hired by a Canadian company to work as a secret shopper and evaluate retailers. He said he was sent a \$4,945 check, a list of businesses where he was supposed to spend the money, and how much he should spend at each place.

The victim said he deposited the check into his bank account in late April and later withdrew money to spend at certain retailers. He also was told to wire a large portion of money back to the company to make sure the arrangement worked.

The man went to his bank on May 1 and found that he had no money in his account. He learned that the check he had deposited from the supposed secret-shopping company was no good.

Police learned that the money he wired had been sent to a location in Niagara Falls, N.Y., just across the border from Canada.

Police are urging others not to become victims of such scams.

BY DARRELL CLEM

OBSERVER STAFF WRITTER

An Inkster man who took

apartment complex and then

robbed the driver at gunpoint

Marcus Laron Terrell, 18,

was sentenced to three years/

prison after he admitted rob-

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apartment complex south-

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arm charge.

east of Warren and Central

spend an additional two years

behind bars for a felony fire-

That means the earliest he

six months to 15 years in

has been sent to prison after

he pleaded guilty in Wayne

a taxicab to a Westland

County Circuit Court.

Couple caught shoplifting

Westland police arrested a 63-year-old Detroit woman and a 30-year-old Westland man following a retail fraud incident shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday at the Meijer store southeast of Warren and Newburgh.

Police went to the store after store prevention loss officers notified them of an apparent theft in progress. The suspects had gone to their car when officers arrived.

Officers approached the vehicle, ordered the suspects out and ultimately arrested them.

The pair had selected a baby seat inside the store and taken it to a customer service desk where they turned it in for a gift card with store credit. They then purchased some cigarettes using the card, then continued to walk around the store selecting and concealing other merchandise.

Police recovered all the merchandise inside the vehicle and returned it to the store.

Man escapes without beer

A would-be beer bandit didn't quite get away with the prize during an incident that happened about 4:20 p.m. Sunday at the Kroger store on Ford between Newburgh and Wayne.

Police officers were sent

Man sentenced to prison in taxi holdup

could be released would be

during the summer of 2014,

according to the Michigan

Department of Corrections.

Terrell's sentencing, part

of a plea agreement, averted

a trial and a potentially

being dropped.

longer prison stay. It also

resulted in two other rob-

bery-related felony charges

Terrell was sentenced in

April, just four months after

the taxi driver. He had been

ordered to stand trial earlier

preliminary hearing in front

this year after he waived a

of Westland 18th District

Charges against Terrell

stemmed from an incident

last Dec. 21 in which a lone

Judge Mark McConnell.

he was accused of robbing

to the store amid reports of Kroger employees chasing a possible shoplifter, described as a white male in his 40s with dark hair and wearing a black T-shirt and black pants. The suspect had just fled the scene.

A store manager told police that the suspect walked out with a shopping cart full of beer without paying for it. The manager approached the man outside the store, tapped him on the shoulder and tried to escort him inside, but the suspect turned, ran across the parking lot and left behind the beer he had tried to steal.

#### Woman assaulted at bar

A 28-year-old woman told police she was assaulted around 2 a.m. Saturday at Sidelines, a bar near the northwest corner of Warren and Inkster roads.

The victim reported she was approached by another woman who claimed the victim had made a remark to her two years ago that she didn't like. The victim turned away from her, but the woman began punching her in the back and on the side of the head, according to police reports.

The assailant was finally pulled off the victim by another customer.

bandit caught a taxicab to

The Landings and tried to

police Sgt. Brian Miller has

said. However, the suspect

No shots were fired during

The taxicab driver told

pened after he picked up a

passenger near Inkster and

Terrell was arrested at

ing an investigation by the

multi-agency Metro Street

Enforcement Team, Miller

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his Inkster home follow-

police the incident hap-

rob the driver of money,

escaped with only a cell

phone after the two men

struggled.

the incident.

Annapolis roads.

has said.

- By Darrell Clem

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#### **AROUND WESTLAND**

#### Coffee Hour

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, May 11, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the William P. Faust Public

Library.
Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

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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.

The pickup 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

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) 595-40366.

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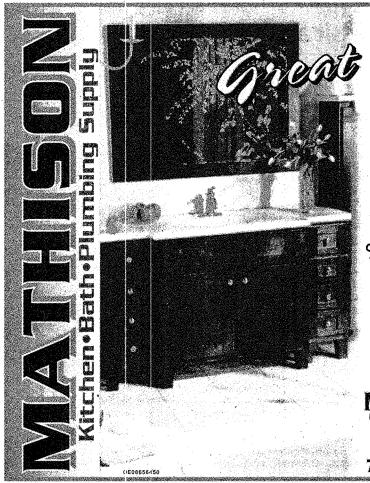
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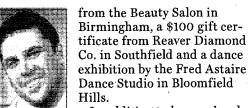
Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with the Fox 2 personalities at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Thursday, May



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The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine

Towers



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 moth-

er. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named coanchor 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

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

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

Dining with the Stars is sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.





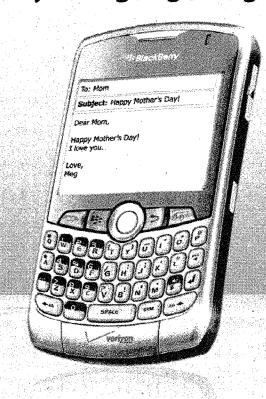
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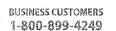
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#### take up Hire Michigan bill Senate Democrats expected a Senate committee this week to take up the Hire Michigan First legislation. The flagship plan for Senate Democrats which gives incentives to companies to hire Michigan workers, guarantees that state contracts do not go to companies hiring illegal immigrants,

Senate panels

wage to support Michigan families. "It's about time the business community and Republicans finally join with us to put Michigan's working families first," said Senate Democratic Leader Mike Prusi, D-Ishpeming. "Senate Democrats have been fighting everyday for this legislation and we're glad the efforts are paying off."

and ensures a prevailing

Key components of the Hire Michigan First Package include:

 Awarding state tax incentives and other economic development incentives to companies that hire 100 percent Michigan residents. This rule would apply to projects handled by the Michigan Economic **Development Corporation** and other state-funded programs, including the Michigan Economic Growth Authority and Renaissance Zone Act.

• Encouraging transparency and accountability by requiring companies that take economic development incentives to report on who they hire to ensure that Michigan residents are given priority.

 Discouraging the hiring of undocumented workers by canceling state contracts and tax incentives for companies that employ illegal labor, requiring them to pay back incentives they received and barring them from future contracts.

 Protecting the pocketbooks of Michigan families by guaranteeing a prevailing wage for workers.

Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, a lead sponsor of the Senate package said, "Every job, and every dime of someone's paycheck matters, so moving this legislation as it was approved by both Republicans and Democrats in the House is crucial."

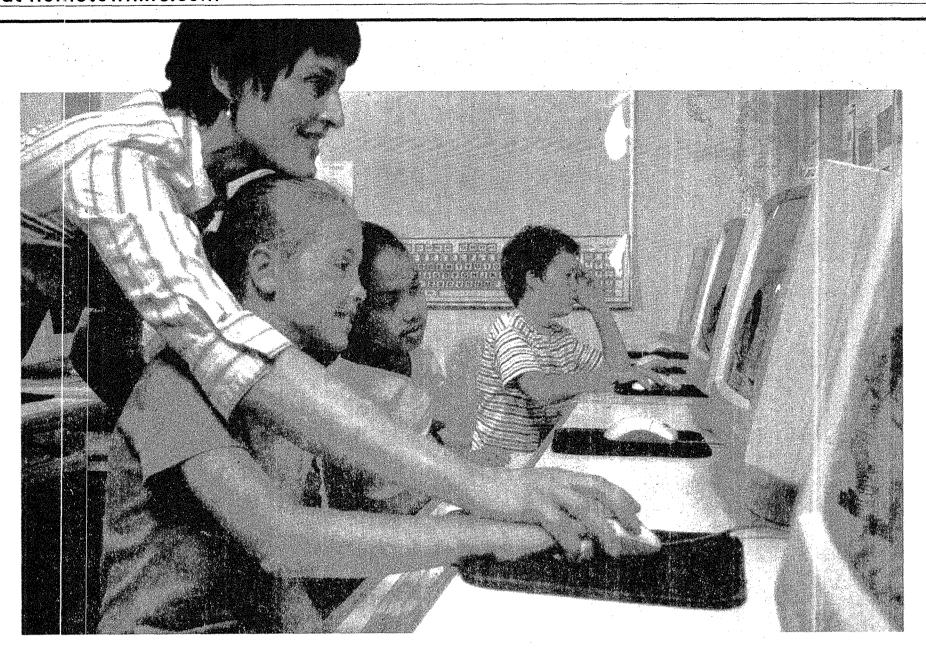
Three Senate Committees were scheduled - two Tuesday and one Wednesday - to advance the Hire Michigan First legislation.

"Michigan workers are the hardest-working and have all the talents and skills to get jobs done, we just need to make sure they have a chance to compete," said Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, Democratic Vice-Chair of the Commerce Committee. "I look forward to our committee taking the first steps to finally passing this important legislation."

With these measures in place, I hope to never again have to stand on another work site where Michigan workers watch as workers from other states or countries are trucked in to do their jobs," said Sen. John Gleason, D-Flushing.

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#### **OUR VIEWS**

## **Observer honors** academic stars

The Observer Newspapers presents the 2009 Academic All-Star Team, some of the most accomplished high school students in the Detroit metro area.

A special section inside today's Observer profiles the team -18 students from throughout our coverage area in western Wayne County and Farmington and Farmington Hills - and another 24 students who are runners-up and deserve applause, too.

This year's team is one of the strongest in the program's history. The Principals Committee comprised of Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Lara Dixon of Troy Athens, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy and Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin was awed by the academic success of the nominees. This year's high grade point averages in academic subjects and outstanding performance on the SAT and ACT make this one of the largest teams, too.

This newspaper started the Academic All-Stars program 24 years ago at the urging of Robert Schramke, who was principal at Redford Union High School in Redford Township. Schramke believed academic success should be honored and celebrated in a public way. We agreed and a tradition was born.

In recent years, the Townsend Hotel and Huntington Bank have also played a major role in honoring the best and brightest students.

Peter Wilde, managing director of the Townsend, and Rebecca Smith, regional president of Huntington, are committed to making sure the All-Stars are honored and rewarded for their outstanding academic success. We say thank you to them and salute their commitment to the program.

Take time to read the section inside today's newspaper or online at hometownlife.com and gaze into the future. We guarantee you'll like what you see. You will find future physicians, teachers, musicians, government officials, scientists, engineers and most likely world leaders. You will find people who continue to have great expectations for their generation. You will find young men and women who have contributed significantly to their communities and many who want to change the world. You will find students who are thankful to supportive parents and teachers who encouraged imagination and instilled a love of lifelong learning and helped them navigate their educational paths.

We congratulate and salute the 2009 Observer All-Star Team: Edward Tremel of Churchill High School, Willa Chen of Canton High School, Tejas Karnati of North Farmington High School, Nikita Counsul of Salem High School, Linda Ling of Salem High School, Mara Minasian of North Farmington High School, Joshua Corriveau of Belleville High School, Matthew Charnley of Churchill High School, Kevin Joseph of Farmington High School, Robert Klosek of Harrison High School, Ke Ding of Canton High School, Nandini Abburi of Farmington High School, Sarah Jaslow of Stevenson High School, Corey Lightner of Harrison High School, Kurt Tseng of Plymouth High School, Timothy Baker of Thurston High School, Matt Laing of Plymouth High School and Michelle A. Frazer of Stevenson High School.

We also salute our runners-up: Craig Sanders of Lutheran High Westland, Shawnna Walser of Garden City High School, Solomon Shurge of Wayne Memorial High School, Christopher Burtraw of Wayne Memorial High School, Samantha Barber of Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Lauren Gieschen of Lutheran High Westland, Robert Costello of John Glenn High School, Amy Selewski of John Glenn High School, Emily Skarbinski of Franklin High School and Joseph Garrett of Garden City High School.

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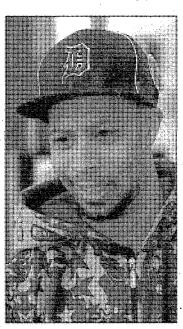
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What are you doing to be part of the "green revolution"?
We asked this question at the Garden City post office and the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



"Not really anything. I think about it, but I really haven't done anything."

LaDawn Craig Garden City



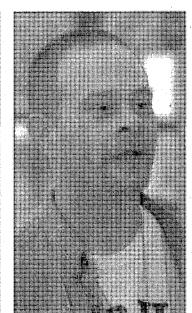
"I recycle plastic bottles, that's about it."

Adrian Boyd Westland



"Every year I try to do recycling to help the environment."

John Trujillo **Garden City** 



"I'm trying to recycle whenever I can. I'm trying not to litter."

Daniel Zella Westland

#### A greener tomorrow

Two recent decisions bode very well for the citizens of Westland and ultimately for surrounding areas. The first is the approval by Westland City Council of contracts for the Recycle Bank curbside recycling program soon to be implemented throughout the city. The second is the historic decision April 17 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issuing a proposed ruling that global warming pollution endangers the health and well being of American citizens.

The innovative Recycle Bank program approved by the council puts Westland at the forefront of an ever-increasing and ever-necessary call for common sense and it establishes a common cause for Westland's citizens to be stewards both of our city and of the Earth.

The EPA ruling, issued after years of politically and ideologically motivated obstruction by the Bush administration as well as other misguided and selfish corporate and conservative interests, will set the stage for the federal government to use authority under the Clean Air Act to establish national emission standards for large global warming emitters.

Climate change deniers will most certainly continue whining and throwing around phony and discredited statistics that are gleaned directly from the fossil fuel industry and from bought and paid for "scientists." However, the facts of anthropogenic (human-caused) climate change are settled and are undeniable. The empirical truths of real science have won, and right-wing political agendas have lost.

Under the Obama administration, the EPA and other federal agencies are once again free from political obstruction and censorship and can now return to their mission of serving the interests of our nation and its citizens. Decisions and policies will be based on real science and real facts instead of ideological considerations. Green technology, already a rapidly growing industry, will create thousands of jobs while ensuring that our nation's future is both secure and sustainable.

Elections do have consequences, and we can all be very thankful that they do.

Joe Golonka Westland

#### **Government** is problem

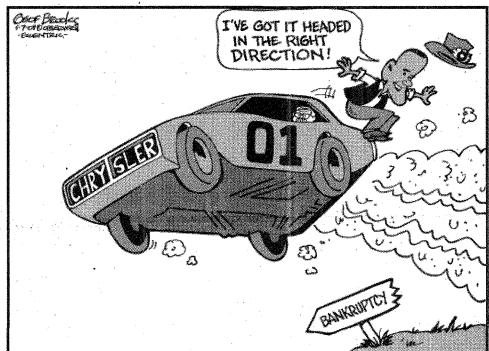
Looking through this paper, it was nice to see another one of my opinions published and I am grateful to the people that have called me and written in support of my articles and also for this newspaper for not only publishing my thoughts, but for being there for our com-

I agree with Bob Doroshewitz and his article about newspapers being important to a free society by reporting corruption and scandals and keeping our government in check. The mainstream media has lost their audience because of poor journalistic integrity, plain and simple. Most TV news stations have become "infotainment" stations and Americans are done with them.

The mainstream TV media has been relentless in their coronation of President Obama as is seen by the people that were polled in the "Community Voice" section of this paper. These people no doubt get their news from

these channels or from word-of-mouth. The paper asked: "How well do you think President Obama is doing?

One answer was "not well in Michigan, he's not doing enough for the unions and workers." Obama is not concerned about the "workers," he is only concerned for the union leaders, they are the ones that convince the union workers to vote for the Democratic Party as is seen by our government taking half of General Motors and giving 39 percent of the remaining GM



The Duke of Hazard

#### What do you think?

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stock to the union. This will benefit the union bosses, but the members will not see any of it as their jobs go out the window with the "restructuring" imposed by the car czar panel.

Another respondent thinks he's doing a good job by bringing the troops home, he is not. He's moving them to Afghanistan and doing it while there is an ongoing war and he's reducing our military spending and talking of reducing nuclear weapons at a time that countries that despise us are building up their arsenal of nuclear war-heads and delivery systems.

Another respondent says she likes what he's doing to get the economy going. What would that be? He's done nothing so far. All the jobs his stimulus plan creates are governmentsponsored jobs which means, we the taxpayers have to support them and these jobs will not exist for another year or two!

The final respondent states "he's trying to make the world a better place and give people money to get us out of the recession."

Obama's trip to Europe did nothing but make Americans look weak. He apologized for us being "arrogant" and our allies turned him down when he asked for military support in Afghanistan.

The only money I saw was an \$8 a week increase in my take-home pay and this will be taken back next year at the same time the Bush tax cuts expire. I realize it is a pain to keep a check on our government and we shouldn't have to, but some of these people are outright crooks and their greed shows no shame.

These people in the Community Voice need to pay attention and do a little investigating as to what our "servants" are doing in Washington, read some papers, turn to a different channel to see what the other side is saying and make the judgment for yourself

For 30-plus years, I've been hearing politicians say that they will fix education, social security, welfare and so on, but none of these ever get fixed. Republicans are for lower taxes, Democrats are for lower taxes, so why do our taxes keep going up? To actually repair one of these would cut into their re-election cam-

paign fund, which is all they are concerned

with. The first priority is to keep the job.

I cannot stress this enough and people need to realize that our government is the problem. They have created this mess over the last 40 years in small steps so that we would not notice. They've taxed and legislated almost all of our manufacturing jobs out of this country, the last bastion is our automakers and they are about to do them in now.

They have created an incredibly unfair trade agreement that keeps American manufacturers and suppliers from competing and/or making a profit abroad. They are right now trying to pass another incredibly unfair "Cap and Trade" bill that will raise all of our energy bills to the tune of \$3,100 a year for an average family all in the name of "capping" carbon emissions while India and China state they are not willing to adopt this piece of legislation, stating that they "are always going to be a

developing nation." China has now surpassed the U.S. in carbon emissions in the last few months. When China and India are ready to step up, then and only then should we consider this type of bill and maybe by then, we will have gotten an answer to the global warming question and whether it is caused by us or not.

**Phil Solarz** Westland

#### **Insensitive move**

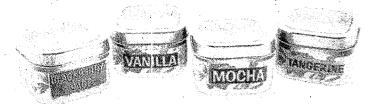
We share in the reported disgust of President Obama with the low flying Boeing 747 accompanied by an F-16 fighter jet over the Manhattan skyline. Apparently an FAA official "genius" authorized this photo op for later FAA propaganda. Once determined, the official responsible for this terror stunt should be fired immediately. If convicted, they should be required to view 9/11 tapes over and over. Then meet with the 9/11 survivors individually.

This is a supreme act of stupidity and insensitivity. There is simply no rational for terrorizing Manhattan citizens who have already been traumatized for life.

We voted for Obama and are supporters of his administration. However, this outrage must be dealt with swiftly and certainly. Expressing disgust without consequences is simply ventilating useless hot air.

For those interested in cutting useless federal programs, this one is at the top of our list.

> **Gerald and Dolores Maxey** Farmington Hills



## **Last-minute** ideas for



other's Day is an essential time to honor that special mom, whether yours or someone else's.

Here's a quick roundup of ways to make her feel loved.

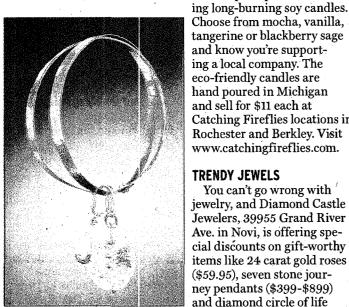
Michigan made soy candles (\$11) are among many great gift choices at **Catching Fireflies** in Berkley and Rochester.

#### **FESTIVAL FUN**

Get mom outdoors for some fun in the sun as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts National City's Art Birmingham in Shain Park May 9-10. Buy or browse works by nearly 180 artists from across the U.S., and enjoy hands-on activities including a Mother's Day craft. The event also includes artist demonstrations and live entertainment. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

#### SLICK WICKS

If you're looking for a last-minute gift, try Catching Fireflies, which offers fun and whimsical ideas at all price points, includ-



Mom would love this unique statement necklace by Nina Mann, one of 180 artists expected at Art Birmingham in Shain Park on Mother's Day weekend.

#### Rochester and Berkley. Visit www.catchingfireflies.com.

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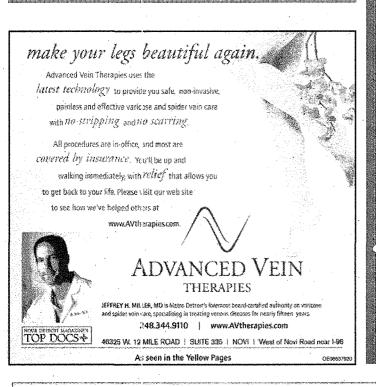
#### **SPA PERFECT**

Pamper her with a trip to the spa. Spa Julianna, 444 S. Main St., Plymouth; and Clearly You, 44633 Joy Road, Suite 100, Canton, are among many local spas offering special packages for mom. Book appointments for two and spend the day catching up over pedicures or facials. At Amae Plastic Surgery Center, 43940 Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, anyone who schedules a skin care appointment through May will receive a complimentary service of the same value for mom. Call (248) 335-7200. Or, dare to try Artistic Permanent Makeup, 1257 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

#### WINE TIME

Vintner's Canton Winery, 8515 N. Lilley Road, offers many ways to celebrate mom. Choose from custom fruit and wine gift baskets, hand painted wine glasses and six-pack wine samplers. You can also order wine with a customized label featuring a favorite photo (\$20), or make a batch of wine with your mom for 20 percent off. Call (734) 354-9463 or visit www.vintnerscanton.

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#### MALLS & **MAIN STREETS**

#### **MOM CONTEST**

WESTLAND — Westland Shopping Center is hosting a Mother's Day Enter to Win. Stop by the mall, located on the corner of Warren and Wayne

Roads, before 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7 to enter your mom into a drawing for prizes including: \$500 limousine certificate from Entertainment Express, Westland Center Gift Card, Mrs. Fields Cookie Cake, Macy's Gift Card, Longhorn Steakhouse Gift Card, Olga's Kitchen Gift Card, Premier Salon & Spa Gift Certificate, Far East Trading Gift Card and AVON Gift Basket. Enter to win at AVON, Far East Trading or Premier Salon & Spa in Macy's.

#### Fashionistas fund-raiser

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# Schoolcraft holds 44th commencement

On Saturday, Schoolcraft College celebrated its 44th commencement. The ceremony was held at Compuwage Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Nearly 1.400 students were eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 500 students participating in the actual ceremony.

Dr. Susan W. Martin, president of Eastern Michigan University, provided the Commencement Address. Amelia Nelson, a member of the Class of 2009 and president of the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, provided the student reflection. In addition Gregory

J. Stempien, chair of the Board of Trustees presented the Distinguished Alumni Recognition to members of the Bill (deceased) and Shirley Reid family of Livonia. All six of their children attended and graduated from Schoolcraft College and have gone on to have successful careers in edu-

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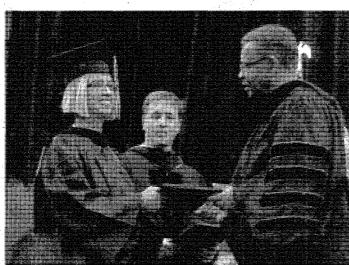
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Kara Ann Colangelo receives her associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress.

cation, health care, engineering and energy. The children include Britt C. Reid, Ann Arbor; Mardi Reid Cragel, Livonia; Kalli K. Reid, Canton; Crisi Reid Seedott, Northville; Raini Reid Gilmore,

Livonia; and Brion A. Reid, Indianapolis.

Graduates will be honored for their pursuit and completion of a wide range of associate degrees in arts, applied science, engineering, general studies and science; post-associate certificates and skill



James Sholtz is from Livonia.

certificates in a number of areas. Nearly 60 percent of this year's graduating class from Schoolcraft College plan to transfer to a four-year univer-

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# Storyteller crafts tales of 'strength,' value

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Storyteller Debra Christian is a firm believer in her craft.

"I will tell a story until I can't breathe anymore," the Plymouth Township resident said. "It's that connection and humanity that people need."

Christian is a Christian speech and language pathologist at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City. The mother of sons ages 23 and 24 has been storytelling for 23 years, and is glad she could share stories with her children at school and Boy

Christian, the speaker for the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, began telling stories at work. She found children responded.

"I realized there was more than just an educational value," said Christian, just back from Kalamazoo, where she spoke at the state PTA Conference. "I told stories about strength."

At her AAUW program at Karl's Cabin, she began with a story of a trip years ago to Morocco in Africa with a girl-

"I was really excited," she said. "We took a ship across the Straits of Gibraltar.

They went to Fez, traveling through the Sahara which wasn't flat as she imagined. She became ill, and needed a Coca-Cola to settle her stomach. She ended up with the local mint tea - and more than she bargained for in the appearance of a handsome

"I thought that it was Omar Sharif," she recalled. "My stomachache went away."

Abdul turned out to be a government agent assigned to travel with them. He was solicitous and got them settled in at their hotel, then asked her out. Each day in Morocco got better with the two spending time together. She rode a

her final day where Abdul arranged a private tour of the Malcolm Forbes estate. He'd lavishly filled their hotel room with flowers and gifts.

Abdul told her he had both bad and good news, the bad that he was leaving: "The good news is I still have 30 minutes," she told her laughing audience. 'That's a whole other story."

More recently, Christian took the 21-hour flight to Cambodia in Asia. "I was again going into a culture I didn't really have time to research," she said. From Phnom Penh she and her friend traveled into the jungle, where they needed to traverse a challenging course.

"I'm looking at this mile, thinking I don't know," she remembered. "I'm not 23 anymore."

They managed the trek, and a group of Japanese tourists took their photo to record the accomplishment.

Christian also visited Vietnam and its silk markets and wanted a blouse made. There was a big sports event on, and the local women didn't want to sew that night. At 11:30 p.m. her hotel phone rang, and the blouse was delivered to the lobby. "Very good for big woman," the merchant said. "Very good."

Great stories come from home, too. Last fall, she had a kindergarten student who reached her heart. "I've been all over the world but sometimes it really hits when you're home."

The boy said he missed his grandma. "She's in heaven. Do you know how to get there?" He said travel is in an airplane flown by angels. The boy told Christian she couldn't get to heaven just yet: "No, not now, because once you go you can't come back. It's out of the mouths of babes.

She urged her attentive audience to share stories with loved ones. "Through stories, we share our life experience. We all have a story to tell. There's so many places, so many stories."

Christian noted the importance of storytelling in hightech times, when the oral tradition can be forgotten. She also spoke of her belief in global diversity, keeping the stories of children she meets alive.

She shared photos from her travels. "Storytelling is an ancient art and there aren't that many people that do it," said Christian, who praised those who helped her learn the

AAUW members and guests were glad to be at the Saturday program, which originated from President Jan Blumberg, principal of Henry Ruff Elementary in the Garden City district and Plymouth-Canton

AAUW president. "Jan knows Debra from Garden City schools," said Dawn Parker of Canton, program chair and a second-grade teacher at Hoben Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton district. "It's very nice she agreed to be here.

"She is a busy woman," Parker said in her introduction. "It was so nice of her to come."

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#### Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185

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#### SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Beacon Center Building Demolition Project, will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

#### Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Earthwork / Site Utilities 103 Building Demolition 149

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 11, 2009, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Beacon Center, located at 28690 Grandview Street, Inkster, MI 48141. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form

(5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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#### Zero-Depth Water Playground

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204 or at www.cityofwestland.com. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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### SPORTS, FILTER, FOOD & WINE

# HOMETOWN LIFE

# CC back in Observerland winner's circle

### Rocks runners-up; Chargers get third

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Catholic Central boys track and field team has been traditionally known for its talented throwers and distance runners.

But Saturday, the Shamrocks of Novi threw in some speedy sprinters, hurdlers and middle distance talent to earn their first Observerland Relays title since 1993 and fourth championship overall in the 39th annual event.

CC led the 17-school field with 83 points to win comfortably over runner-up Salem (60) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (52), the host team.

Two-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson was fourth with 49 and Farmington Hills Harrison took fifth with 42.

"It's been that long?" veteran CC coach Tony Magni asked, referring to the 15year Observerland drought. "That was a pretty good team in '93. We had Eric McKeon in the middle distance and Mark Eden in the hurdles, and a good distance team. We were second in the state that year in cross country."

CC captured five of the 16 events to gobble up 50 of its points (10 for each

first) in the predominantly relay format. The Shamrocks produced a balanced attack by winning the shot put relay, 4 x 1,600 relay, 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and individual 1,600 (sophomore John Paul Zembrowski in 4:29.65)

Junior Spencer Hall anchored the 4 x 800 relay in 8:19.63 along with the 4 x 400 relay in a blistering 3:23.89. J.P. Zembrowski's twin brother Austin also was a member of the victorious 6,400 and 3,200 relay teams.

CC added seconds in the distance medley and 800 relay.

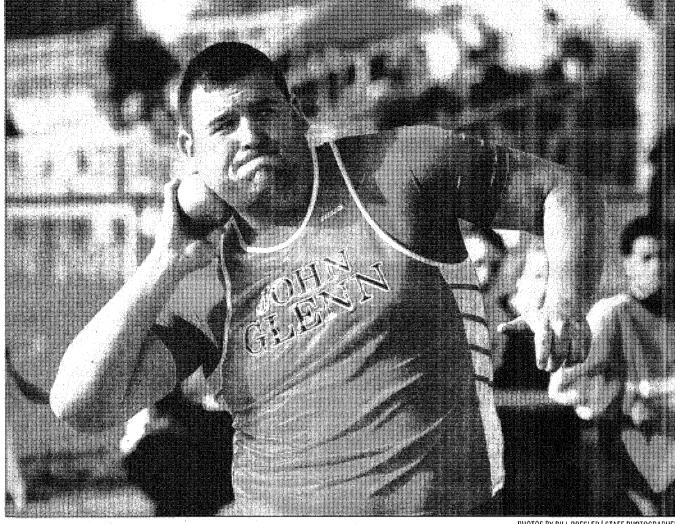
"When you get good quarter-milers and good half-milers, you'll have a good track team," Magni said. "We w if we could score 80 points we'd be in the hunt."

Meanwhile, Salem's second-place showing proved to be an encouraging sign for coach Kyle Meteyer.

His Rocks won the discus and high jump relays as Cortney Frazier figured in both firsts. Salem also posted seconds in the shot put relay (school record). 6,400 relay, 3,200 relay and 1,600 relay (season-best 3:28.7 thanks to the efforts of Scott O'Connor, Dan Martin, Zack Gaskell and Dom Williams).

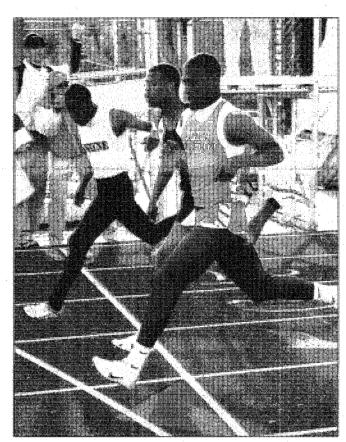
"We knew CC was strong in just about every event," Meteyer said. "They were good in the field events, sprints and distance — and we were, too. But

Please see RELAYS, B2



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John Glenn's T.J. Arancibia launches an attempt in the shot put during Saturday's 39th annual Observerland Relays.



Finishing up the 100-meter prelim during Saturday's 39th annual Observerland Relays is (from left) Parish Clayborn (Wayne), Devon Easterling (Churchill) the Jeremy Langford (Westland John Glenn).

#### 39TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS May 2 at Livonia Churchill H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 83; 2. Salem, 60; 3. Livonia Churchill, 52; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 5. Farmington Hills Harrison, 42; 6. Livonia Franklin, 40; 7. Northville, 35; 8. Canton, 32; 9. Farmington, 31; 10. Plymouth, 25; 11. Wayne Memorial, 24; 12. Westland John Glenn, 11; 13. Redford Thurston, 8; 14. Lütheran High Westland, 4; 15. Redford Union, 1; 16. (tie) Garden City

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jerry Yono, Jeff Sherman, Niko Palazeti), 142 feet, 4,25 inches; 2. Salem, 140-8; 3. Franklin, 136-0; 4. Churchill, 135-7; 5. Farmington, 125-7,75; 6. Stevenson, 124-1.5. Discus: 1. Salem (Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi, Cortney Frazier), 386-1; 2. Franklin, 377-3; 3. Northville, 372-5; 4. Churchill, 369-4; 5. Catholic Central, 367-11; 6. Plymouth, 357-2.

High jump: 1. Salem (Zack Gaskell, Andy Steinman, Frazier), 17-6: 2. Franklin, 17-5: 3. Northville 17-5; 4. Canton, 17-0; 5. Catholic Central, 17-0; 6. Farmington, 16-9.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Nate-Sergison, David Simor, Will Burek), 59-1; 2. Harrison, 58-1,25; 3 Wayne, 56-7.5; 4. Churchill, 56-4.5; 5. Catholic Central, 56-1.5; 6. Farmington, 54-5.75. Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Derik Peterman, Chris Barnard, Joe Marlow), 38-6; 2. Canton, 35-0; 3.

Stevenson, 33-6; 4. Northville, 32-6; 5. Salem, 32-0; 6. RU, 31-6. 6.400 meters: 1. Catholic Central (Alex Toloff, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ricardo Galindo

Austin Zembrowski), 18 minutes, 29.5 seconds); 2. Salem, 18:32.43; 3. Plymouth, 19:09.22; 4. Canton, 19:42.52; 5. Stevenson, 19:43.16; 6. Churchill, 19:43.2

Distance medley: 1. Canton (Joshua Hurst, Keith Zech, Sherif Hassanien, Zach Spreitzer), 10:47.87; 2. Catholic Central, 10:53.64; 3. Northville, 10:59.73; 4. Churchill, 11:11.79; 5. Franklin, 11:21.5; 800: 1. Stevenson (Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Sergison, Nick Anagnostou), 1:28,89; 2. Catholic

Central, 1:29.88; 3. Wayne, 1:30.5; 4. Harrison, 1:30.6; 5. Churchill, 1:30.78; 6. John Glenn, 1:31.69.
3,200: 1. Catholic Central (Toloff, A. Zembrowski, Brandon Schneider, Spencer Hall), 8:19.63; 2. Salem, 8:22.01; 3. Plymouth, 8:23.7; 4. Canton, 8:25.24; 5. Stevenson, 8:33.12; 6. Churchill, 8:34.0. Sprint medley: 1. Harrison (Christian Success, Aaron Burbridge, May Chapman, Darius Davis) 2;28.57; 2. Stevenson, 2:29.86; 3. Plymouth, 2:32.3; 4. Churchill, 2:34.26; 5. Farmington, time unavailable; 6. John Glenn, 2:35.27.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Farmington (Matt Craver, Mitch Sanders, Davis, Chris Rybal), t:03.2; 2. Harrison 1:03.91; 3. Churchill, 1:04.73; 4. Catholic Central, 1:05.09; 5. Franklin, 1:05.24; 6. Canton, 1:06.94. 400:1. Churchill (Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Devon Easterling), 43.26; 2. Harris 43.37; 3. Farmington, 43.76; 4. Stevenson, 43.84; 5. Franklin, 43.98; 6. Catholic Central, 44.03. 1,600: 1. Catholic Central (Brendan Curran, Schneider, Scott Sansovich, Hall), 3:32.89; 2. Northville, 3:28.08; 3. Salem, 3:28.7; 4. Harrison, 3:28.99; 5. Farmington, 3:32.11; 6. Canton, 3:32.54.

INDIVIDUAL OPEN EVENTS
110 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.15; 2. Vanier Joseph (RT), 14.41; 3. Sansovich (CC), 14.51; Ali Arastu (N'ville), 14.69; 5. Cameron Wildyka (LF), 15.48; 6. Peterman (LC), 15.6.

1,600 run: 1. John Paul Zembrowski (CC), 4:29,65; 2. Matt Devey (Salem), 4:31.16; 3. Warren Buzzard (Ply.), 4:32.2; 4. Spencer Lyle (LW), 4:34.6; 5. Shawn Howse (LSO, 4:38.41; 6. Frank Griffiths

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegele (LF), 19.9; 2. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 10.9; 3. Charles Anthony (Farm.), 10.9; 4. Anagnostou (LS), 10.9; 5. Clayton Parish (WM), 11.3; 6. Easterling (LC), 11.3.

Prep girls soccer JOHN GLENN 2, WAYNE 1: On

Tuesday, host Westland John Glenn (2-6, 2-4) turned the tables on rival Wayne Memorial (1-11-1, 1-6) in a KLAA South Division game.

Megan Maynor gave Wayne a 1-0 lead, but Glenn sophomore Jenna Williams tied it before the first half on an assist from Katie Yax.

Freshman Jesse Sanchez tallied the game-winner with 25 minutes left off an assist from Megan Nikula.

We learned the last game, we're playing good ball and moving it up front," said Glenn firstyear coach Jimmy Mortada, whose team fell to the Zebras 2-1 in an earlier meeting.

On Friday, Glenn fell to host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 5-3. After being down 5-0 at

halftime, the Rockets rallied on goals by Nikula, Williams and Lexi Gagliardi.

LADYWOOD 2, MERCY 2: Alessia Vagnini's goal in the 68th minute from Emily Chrzasz off a scrum in front of the net enabled Livonia Ladywood (6-4-3, 4-4-1) to tie host Farmington Hills Mercy (5-5-2, 3-5-2) and earn second place in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Ladywood led 1-0 at halftime on Caitlin Szczypka's goal off a rebound from Vagnini in the 24th minute.

Third-place Mercy rallied back to take the lead on goals by Cassidee Downs (29th minutes) and Michigan State signee Jordan Mueller (61st minute on a shot from 25 yards out).

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring had four saves, while Nicole Gaudino had six for the Marlins.

CLARENCEVILLE 6, HAMTRAMCK 0: In Tuesday's Metro Conference matchup, host Livonia Clarenceville (2-7-1, 1-4) routed the Cosmos (1-8, 1-4) thanks to a two-goal performance from Jerrica Clements and shutout goalkeeping divided by Kristen Jolly and Britney Olds.

Teresa Parent and Tori Bunker each added a goal and assist, while Jordan Fyffe also scored and freshman Sadie Zachos notched her first varsity goal.

KINGSWOOD 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Goals by Malia Hain and Ariel Roddy propelled Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (5-3-1, 4-0-1) to at Metro Conference win Tuesday at Lutheran High Westland (2-4-1, 2-4).

Kelsay Martin assisted on Roddy's goal against the Warriors.

"My team played strong," first-year Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said.

COUNTRY DAY 2, STEVENSON 0: Kayla Addison's two breakaway goals powered unbeaten **Beverly Hills Detroit Country** Day, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 2, to a nonleague win Monday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-6).

Addison scored what proved to be game-winning goal 30th minute.

Michelle Krawczyk was in goal for the Spartans. LADYWOOD 3, REGINA 0: On Saturday, Caitlin Szczypka's natural hat trick carried host Livonia Ladywood (6-4-2, 4-4-1) to the Catholic League Central Division triumph over Warren Regina (1-6-2, 1-5-2).

Szczypka's goal in the 26th minute gave the Blazers a 1-0 halftime lead. She outworked a Regina defender with Emily Chrzasz drawing the assist.

Szczypka scored in the 44th minute from 25 yards off an assist from Kelly Capoccia followed by her third in the 61st minute when she finished a rebound off a long shot from Mary Vance.

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring notched her third shutout with seven saves.

"Our back three — Allison Bielski, Mary Vance and Allison Krueger — were excellent today," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "It was nice to get Szczypka back from vacation (she missed two games because of a family trip). We struggled without her presence on our front line for the past two games."

# Alabama-bound MU celebrates

BY BRAD EMONS

at-large berth

Crusaders eye

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

By Thursday, the Madonna University baseball team will find out its postseason fate. And it can only go one of two ways

- live to play another day or pack up the equipment for the summer.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

That's because the Crusaders will be at the mercy

now of the NAIA selection committee after losing Sunday at Ilitch Ballpark to Indiana Tech, 11-7, in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

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BY BRAD EMONS **COLLEGE SOFTBALL OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Madonna University softball coach Al White summed up his feelings with only three words following Monday's conquest of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

Sweet home Alabama," said White, whose No. 1-seeded and No. 15-ranked Crusaders locked up their bid to the 2009 NAIA nationals with an 11-3 win over Aquinas College in the championship game at Flannery

Field in Battle Creek. Sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin tied the school record for wins in a season with her 31st as MU improved to 51-10 overall and earned a spot in the NAIA Tournament, set for May 14-

20 in Decatur, Ala. Irwin scattered seven hits, walked

three and fanned eight in the fiveinning mercy. She worked all five WHAC playoff games, including three Monday, as the Crusaders edged University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4-3, before falling 3-2 to Aquinas. "You might beat her one game, but

not two," White said of his ace from Monroe. "The girls came up excellent with everything on the line. It was a long day, but it was all well worth it to punch our ticket to Alabama."

Mary Kate Setta's two-run homer keyed a seven-run, third-inning MU surge in the championship final of

the double-elimination format. Ashley Shay, Danielle Richardson and Kathleen Smiley all went 2-

for-3, while Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) knocked in a pair of runs. MU started the day by edging U-M-Dearborn by a run as Irwin struck out 13, walked only two and allowed

five hits. Kady Cooper's two-run blast in the first inning staked the Wolverines (22-18) to a 2-0 lead, but MU answered with four in the top of the fifth off losing pitcher Stephanie

Miller (5-8), who scattered six hits. Brittney Scero (Canton), who went 2-for-4, scored on a throwing error and Tara LaMilza contributed an

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# Stars align for young Blazers in Classic conquest

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Ladywood softball team is no longer flying under the radar

The upstart Blazers capped off a stellar week by capturing the Michigan Stars Classic held at Liberty Park in

Sterling Heights. Ladywood won three games PREP SOFTBALL

Saturday and three more Sunday. The Blazers, a Division 2 school, downed six Division 1 teams, five that were ranked and two of which were undefeated, including last year's state semifinalist Anchor Bay.

The Blazers eliminated Lake Orion, which had scored 44 runs in its first

four games, 6-0, in the semifinals followed by a 9-0 triumph over Romeo in the championship game. Ladywood also defeated No. 1-ranked Anchor Bay (7-1), St. Clair Shores Lake Shore (7-5), Detroit Renaissance (7-1) and Utica

The Blazers were led by tournament MVP Briana Combs, a freshman pitcher, who went 5-0 during the two-day Classic.

Jenny Kelley, Alyssa Gietl, Gina Sykes and Cara Miller also earned All-Tournament honors along with Combs, daughter of second-year coach Scott

On Tuesday, Ladywood split a double-header at home with Farmington Hills Mercy, but clinched at least a share of the Catholic League's Central

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they were just a little stronger. When you win five or six events, that's hard to compete against. But I'm really proud of them. We were in double digits -- 14th place - two years ago, fifth last year and then second. We're moving up the ranks and it's good to see. Our strongest class are the juniors and we look to be back next year."

Churchill coach Rick Austin was pleased with his team's third-place finish.

The Chargers, led by the state's top-ranked pole vaulter, senior Derik Peterman, took that highly specialized event.

But a big surprise came in the 4 x 100 relay as Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Devon Easterling took first in 43.26, the first

time ever a Churchill team had won the event in the 39-year history of Observerland.

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"Those kids are the hardest workers on the team and they deserve everything they get," Austin said. "And I thought our throwers did well, too. They're our hardest workers, too.

"I'm very proud of the kids' performance. They've been growing all season. Third place makes me happy. It means we're headed in the right direction. But my hat's off to coach Magni and a CC team that had many outstanding performers."

Meanwhile, Observerland's fastest man title goes to Livonia Franklin senior Paul Voegele, who tied the school record with an official time of 10.86.

Voegele was able to hold off Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, Farmington's Charles Anthony and Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou — all clocking 10.9

— in a photo finish.

"Paul really deserves it," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer said. "He's worked harder than anyone on the team since day one of preseason conditioning and fought through some early season injuries. He's finally 100 percent healthy.'

Officials deliberated for more than five minutes before sorting out the finishers, but there was no question the Franklin senior crossed the line in first.

"It feels great," said pencilthin Voegele, who stands just 5 feet, 7 inches, and weighs only 125 pounds. "I got a good block start and ran a pretty good time, a personal best.

"I knew I was first or second,

but didn't know until I got the (placing) stick. I was concerned, worried, anxious to know."

Another impressive individual performer was Wayne Memorial junior Renaldo

Powell, who captured the 110 hurdles in 14.15. He finished just ahead of Vanier Joseph of Redford Thurston (14.41) and CC's Scott Sansovich (14.51).

Another highlight was Stevenson's 4 x 200 relay team of David Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison and Anagnostou, which took first in 1:28.89, breaking the school record set in 2007.

But the day overall belonged to the Shamrocks, one of the few teams in the area which requires mandatory workouts during spring break.

"If you go on spring break, you can't run," Magni said. "We lose a few, but our guys know that from day one when they come in as freshmen. We can do it at CC and I realize some schools can't do it. You have to be here that week-and-a-half because I know they're not going to be training in Cancun."

#### **GIRLS TRACK RESULTS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS** LIVONIA STEVENSON 109.666 SOUTH LYON EAST 26.334 May 5 at Stevenson

Shot put: 1. Allison Gudeman (LS), 27 feet, 3 inches; 2. Lauree Glover (LS), 26-8.75; 3. Shireen

Saah (LS), 26-7.75 Discus: 1, Becky Holubka (LS), 96-1; 2, Kayla Branton (LS), 87-9; 3. Amber Burkett (LS), 86-2. High jump: 1. Melanie Bauer (LS), 4-4; 2. Marci Kovsky (LS), 4-4.

Long jump: 1. Kovsky (LS), 15-7; 2. Alex Kitz (LS), 15-3. Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 10-0; 2. Emily Wolf (LS) and Kitz (LS), 7-6 each.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Liz Fortino (SLE), 17.7; 2. Andrea Gentile (LS), 18.6. 300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 46.3; 2.

100 dash: 1. Paige Whitaker (SLE), 13.6; 2. Daron

**200**: 1. Lindsey Green (SLE), 29.3; 2. Shannon McNamara (LS), 29.6; 3. Simon (LS), 30.1.

**400**: 1. Ashley Kaminski (SLE), 1:05.6; 2. Haley Babcock (LS), 1:05.7; 3. Claire LeBlanc (LS), 1:06.7. **800**: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:32.0; 2.2. Ashley Werner (LS), 2:41.1; 2. Megan Roberts (LS), 2:42.0; 3. Roberts (LS), 2:42.0.

1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 4:57.94 (breaks own school record of 5:01.43 set in 2008); 2. Victoria Saferian

3.200: 1, Calka (LS), 11:29.2: 2, Alexa Robles

(LS), 13:48.2; 3. Sam Laurentis (LS), 14:10.4. **400 relay**: 1. Stevenson (Erin Erickson, Kovsky, Bauer, Simon), 54.0; 2. East, 54.4; **800 relay**: 1. Stevenson (Erickson, LeBlanc, Bauer, Stephania Batshon), 1:55.6; 2. East, 1:58.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Batshon, LeBlanc, Katie Glynn Stevenson (Sam Hamell, Babcock, Marissa Boren,

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-2 overall,

3-2 KLAA Central Division.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 87 **BLOOMFIELD HILLS KINGSWOOD 32** 

May 5 at Clarenceville Shot put: 1. Paige Davis (C'ville), 24 feet, 2 inches; discus: 1. Davis (C'ville), 72-7; 2. Emily Jasmer (C'ville), 67-7; **high jump:** 1. Marsh (BHK), 4-8; 2. Stephanie Lozano (C'ville), 4-4; **long jump:** Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 13-7; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Lozano (C'ville), 18.95; 2. Evangela Daniels (C'ville), 19.08; 3. Zavia Ferguson (C'ville), 22.34; 300 hurdles: 1. Daniels (C'ville), 56.2; 2. Lozano (C'ville), 56.24; 3. Ferguson (C'ville), 1:01.3; 100 dash: 1. Elliott (C'ville), 15.27: 200: Brushell Brown (C'ville), 29.64; 3. Kamai Sanders (C'ville), 31.1; 400: 1. Elliott (C'ville), 1:07.6; 3. Jillian Burhop (C'ville), 1:14.0; **800:** 1. Alexa Bean (C'ville), 2:56.3; 1.600: 1. Zikanova (BHK), 6:35.7: 2. Sonali Patel: (C'ville), 7:08.3; 3,200: Shelby Dermyre (C'ville), 14:28.0; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Brown, Thania Cooper, Sanders, Elliott), 56.84; **800** relay: Clarenceville (Brown, Cooper, Amber Bell, Sanders), 1:57.7; 1,600 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 5:10.9; 3,200 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Dermyre, Burhop, Jacelyn Pozniak, Bean), 13:23.0.

C'ville's dual meet record: 5-3 overall, 3-2

SPARTAN INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET Mav 2 at Livonia Stevenson

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS (no team standings): Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP), Allen Park (AP), Canton (Canton), Livonia Churchill (LC), Dearborn (Dbn.), Dearborn Edsel Ford (DEF) Livonia Franklin (LF), Livonia Ladywood (LL), Northville (N'ville), Livonia Stevenson (LS), Wayne

Memorial (WM).

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Taylor Bryon (LC), 36 feet, 6 inches; 2. Brigid Molloy (LL), 35-9.75; 3. Savannah Haig (LF), 31-4:5; 4. Patty Beshay (AAP), 30-11; 5. Della Bercia

(Dbn.), 29-9.5; 6. Nicole Price (LF), 29-2. Discus: 1. Molloy (LL), 101-5; 2. Michelle Gaedke (DEF), 95-11: 3. Beshay (AAP), 93-10; 4. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 89-0; 5. Sarah Meador (LC), 87-3; 6. Kaitlyn Bedolla (AAP), 86-9 High jump: 1. Ariel Roberts (AAP), 5-6; 2. Emily

Quint (LF), 5-2; 3. Dominique Corley (AAP), 5-2; 4. Liz Hollaway (LF), 5-0; 5. Cierra Yetts (LC), 5-0; 6. Long jump: 1. Roberts (AAP), 17-6.75; 2. Chelsea

Ciampa (N'ville), 16-8.5; 3. Dominique Corley (AAP), 16-2.765; 4. Sarah Behrendt (Dbn.), 15-10.5; 5. Sara Perez (AP), 15-8.5; 6. Meghan Terry (AP), 15-4.5. Pole vault: 1. Amy Reynolds (N'ville), 11-6; 2. Quint (LF), 11-0 (school record); 3. (tie) Michelle Blackstone (LS), Michelle Steslicki (N'ville), Violet Whitney (AAP), 9-6 each; 6. Alicia DiMauro (LC),

100-meter hurdles: 1. Amanda Maher (AAP), 15.32; 2. Jaclyn Konopka (N'ville), 15.78; 3. Megan Yanik (LL), 15.94; 4. Cailey Miller (AAP), 16.05; 5. Senneca Scott (LF), 16.22; 6. Jen Mueller (LF),

9-6: 7. Medhan Power's (LF), 9-6: 8. Chaeli Wantuck

300 hurdles: 1. Roberts (AAP), 45.53; 2. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 47.13; 3. Maher (AAP), 47.54; 4. Ciampa (AAP), 47.56; 5. Yanik (LL), 47.87; 6. Stehanie Kunselman (AAP), 48.56; 7. Scott (LF), 49.68; 8. Sheylan Kalso (AP), 51.3; 9. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.49.

100 dash: 1. Christina Wade (AAP), 12.77; 2. Alyssa Pace-Patterson (AAP), 13.1; 3. Ashley Banks (Canton), 13.12; 4. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 13.2; 5. Bree Edge (Canton, 13.29; 6. Ang Renfroe (AAP),

200: 1. Wade (AAP), 26.65; 2. Renfroe (AAP), 27.31; 3. Lauren Covington (AAP), 27.87; 4. Rochelle Woods (WM), 28.14; 5. Courtney Minghine (N'vlle), .29; 6. Megan Vitale (LL), 28.41. 400: 1. Olivia Bassett (AAP), 59.51; 2. Ashly

Butkowski (LF), 1:00.45; 3. Daniella Drury (N'ville), 1:01.72: 4. Covington (AAP), 1:01.32: 5. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:02.63; 6. Vitale (LL), 1:03.17; 7. Chloe Taylor (LC), 1:03.38; 8, Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:03.66, 800: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2;14.71 (school record); 2. Flizaveta Boudreau (AAP), 2:19.28; 3. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:20.5; 4. Anne Stassen (Dbn.), 2:22.5; 5. Sara Stassen (Dbn.), 2:23.01; 6. Laura Knight

1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:05.7; 2. Boudreau (AAP), 5:15.88; 3. Katie Hoevet (AAP), 5:19.83; 4. Tara Jibson (AAP), 5:24.49; 5. Rosanna Nielhauser (AAP), 5:29.26; 6. Megan Czerwinski (Dbn.), 5;30.62.

3.200: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 11:27.0 (school record); 2. Hoevet (AAPO, 11:43.91; 3. Nielhauser (AAP), 11:51.32; 4. Jibson (AAP), 11:53.58; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 12:16.87; 6. Becky Moore (AP), 12:17.38. 400 relay: 1. Pioneer, 51.09; 2. Franklin, 52.75; 3: Wayne, 54.27; 4. Stevenson, 54.31; 5. Edsel Ford, 54.67; 6. Northville, 54.68; 7. Dearborn, 54.73; 8. Ladywood, 55.14.

**800 relay**: 1. Pioneer, 1:46.81; 2. Churchill, 1:50.17; 3. Ladywood, 1:50.58; 4. Franklin, 1:51.04; 5. Northville, 1:53.99; 6. Stevenson, 1:54.42; 7. Canton, 1:56.27; 8. Dearborn, 1:57.13.

**1,600 relay**: 1. Pioneer, 4:01.98; 2. Churchill, 4:12.46; 3. Stevenson, 4:15:38; 4. Ladywood, 4:17.38; Dearborn, 4:26.21; 6. Edsel Ford, 4:28.21; 7. AllenPark, 4:28.57; 8. Northville, 4:37.11.

**3,200 relay**: 1. Pioneer, 9:37.15; 2. Dearborn, 9:45.32; 3. Franklin, 10:11.8; 4. Canton, 10:26.3; Edsel Ford, 10:35.91; 6. Stevenson, 10:40.37; 7. Ladywood, 10:50.8; 8: Northville, 11:38.08.
TORY CLARK INVITATIONAL

May 2 at Adrian
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: I. Carleton Airport,
142 points; 2. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 126; 3. Westland
John Glenn, 94; 4. Adrian, 62.5; 5. Monroe

Jefferson, 53.75; 6. Blissfield, 39.5; 7. Willow Run, 1. John Glenn 1sts: Chanel Payne, long jump (17 feet, 3.25 inches); 100-meter dash (12.38); Aubrie Scott, 200 (26.2); **2nds:** Scott, long jump (15-11); Stephany Brown, 400 (1:05.04); Alex Hamlett, 800 (2:39.0); 400 relay (Payne, Shaunte Roberts, Brown, Scott), 51.6; 800 relay (Payne, Roberts, Brown, Scott), 1:51.89; **3rds:** Lache' Walton, 100 hurdles (18.13); Sarah Mellas, 400 (1:06.1); 1,600 relay (Hamlett, Jasmine Sanchez, Mellas, Brown). 4:31.22; **4ths:** Ryan Anderson, discus (99-10); **5ths:** Ebere Ogbuaku, 100 hurdles 919.49); Anderson,

shot put (33-0.5)

# Your local golf guide

### Great Expectations: Your golf game will change while you are pregnant

By Susan Smiley

When Michigan State University women's golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll discovered she was pregnant six years ago, she visualized being able to propel the golf ball further down the fairway than she ever had before.

'So many people said they hit the ball farther when they were pregnant," said Slobodnik-Stoll. "It did not work that way for me. I really struggled. I just felt like I could not get through the ball. But I didn't want to give up playing, so I participated in all of the events I usually play in and just got used to hitting a little

Women can expect to make adjustments to their game when they are pregnant, but just what those changes will be is tough to predict. Not only can it vary from golfer to golfer but from pregnancy to pregnancy as well.

Meredith Weaver is a mother of three and says she had to make new adjustments each time she was

With my daughter I felt like I gained weight all over where with my two boys the weight was all right out there in front." Weaver said. completely different each time. I think you just have to adjust as you go along."

For Weaver, one of the toughest things was getting used to having her hands so far away from her body when she gripped the club.

"People are probably different depending on what their swing plane is like to begin with," Weaver said. "I think when you are pregnant you are more

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likely to swing within yourself and you maybe have less of a tendency to over swing.

Once she got her swing under control, it was a matter of dealing with her aching legs and first-trimester nausea.

"I always felt really crummy the first trimester so that it was harder for me to play than it was later in my pregnancies," Weaver said. "I also had a problem with veins in my legs so my issues were more to do with walking

than with my swing.' Julie Massa, who is typically a walkand-carry golfer, also remembers using the cart more when she was pregnant but for her the biggest issue was balance.

"I moved a little slower so I just had to tell myself that I wasn't going to hit it as far and to just play with what I had and try to keep it down the middle and make it easy on myself," Massa said. "My balance was different and it kept changing as I went along so that was an issue I didn't think of. It was a constant state of adjustment."

Massa found her putting was affected because she could not bend over as far as she was used to. She never changed putters but changed her stance to ompensate for the lack of flevibili

"I don't know exactly where the point was in my pregnancy where I knew I had to do something different but I think you just know," Massa said. "I just went with how I was feeling. I think you have to listen to your body - that's what I

Slobodnik-Stoll still remembers playing in a tournament in mid-July when she was seven months pregnant

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with her daughter, Olivia. It was 95 degrees and humid and she remembers questioning her sanity for just a moment during the tournament.

"I just remember thinking 'I'm huge and why am I doing this right now?" Slobodnik-Stoll said. "My expectations were so high and I was not playing like I wanted to but I didn't want to use the pregnancy as an excuse.3

Some golfers find their game improved after the baby is born. Both Weaver and Slobodnik-Stoll say they gained upper body strength and muscle after their babies were born just because they were carrying their children with them everywhere.

"I was happy because I had more arm strength," Slobodnik-Stoll said. "It was a benefit for my game."

No matter what losses or changes their games suffered during their pregnancies, the golfers all agree that once the baby arrives, you get a new and refreshing perspective on everything · including your game.

'You have something going on in your life that is so much bigger than golf,"

Slobodnik-Stoll agrees: "Competitive olf is something the love it. Know that when you are pregnant, your life is going to be changing in the best way possible and you are going to have something you love more than golf."

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#### **BOYS TRACK RESULTS**

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 118** SOUTH LYON EAST 19

May 5 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Jon Aneed (LS), 43 feet, 6 inches; 2. Andrew Nelson (LS), 41-7.25; 3. Austin

**Discus: 1.** Aneed (LS), 132-0; 2. Cory rufman (LS), 107-8; 3. Micallef (LS), 105

High jump: 1. Wyatt Stahlet (LS), 105-0.
High jump: 1. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-7; 3.
Stephen Pollard (LS), 5-5.
Long jump: 1, David Simor (LS), 21-1; 3. Will
Burek (LS), 19-6.

Pole vault: 1. Jon Gudeman (LS), 12-6; 2. Henry Weyand (LS), 11-11; 3. Jamaal Reid (LS),

110-meter hurdles: 1. Burek (LS), 15.99; 2.

Osama Al-Haymi (LS), 17.61. **300 hurdles**: 1. Al-Haymi (LS), 44.09; 2.

Brendan O'Hara (LS), 45.08. 100 dash: 1. Austin White (LS), 11.35; 2. Jacob Gudeman (LS), 11.53.

200: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 22.53; 2. Simor (LS), 23.55. 400: 1. Matt Williams (LS), 52.31; 2. Pollard

(LS), 54.47; 3. Eric Plisko (LS), 54.97. **800**: 1. Travis Gosselin (LS), 2:05.14; 3. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 2:07.97.

**1,600**: 1. Spencer Layson (SLE), 4:42.99; 2. Joe Urso (LS), 4:51.32.

3,200: 1. Shawn Howse (LS), 9:53.4; 2: Urso (LS), 10:57.0; 3. Andrew Longhi (LS), 11:03.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (White, Jon Pauley, Alex Law, Anagnostou), 44.41; 2. East, 46.75; 2. 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Pat Smith, Ryan Larkov), aw, Math Sergison), 13:48, 87:2, East Lackey, Law, Nate Sergison), 1:36.87; 2. East 1:41.91; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Yousef Al-Havmi, Burek, O'Hara, Plisko), 3:43.18; 2. East 3:46.26; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Scott

Brewer, Adam Chludzinski, James Hassinger, Plisko), 8:51.23; 2. East, 8:59.63. Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 92

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 36** May 5 at Clarenceville Shot put: 1. Taylor Hall (C'ville), 41 feet, 8 inches; 3. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville), 37-11.5.

Discus: 1. Hall (C'ville), 120-8; 2. Jasmer

High jump: 1. Jamie Stewart (C'ville), 6-0; 2. Tony Lawson (C'ville), 5-10.

Long jump: 4. Stewart (C'ville), 19-1; 2. Lawson (C'ville), 18-5; Darryl Whitaker (C'ville),

110-meter hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (C'ville), 18.2; 2. Sam Brown (C'ville), 18.8; 3. Christian Grates (C'ville) 19 0 300 hurdles: 1. Watts (C'ville), 44.3; 3.

Brown, 48.0. 100 dash: 1. Todd McCullar (C'ville), 11.4; 2. Kasius Kelly (C'ville), 11.5; 3. Levonte' Brooks

200; 1. Kelly (C'ville), 23.5; 2. McCullar

400: 1. Zander Taliman (BHC), 53.5: 2. Lawson (C'ville), 56.3.

**800**: 1. Leonard Hogan (C'ville), 2;19.9; 2. Phil Strachan (C'ville), 2:20.5. 1,600 1. Daniel Suber (BHC), 5:04.5.
3,200 1. Danny Malinowski (BHC), 11:12.2.
400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Brookes, Moses Hobson, McCullar, Kelly), 11.5; 2. Cranbrook,

Hobson, McCullar, Kelly, 1:35, 2. Cranbrook, 49.9; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Brooks, Hobson, McCullar, Kelly), 1:35.1; 2. Cranbrook, 1:36.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Hobson, Watts, Grates), 3:49.1; 2. Cranbrook, 3:49.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Suber, Mark Barnett, Grant Drzyzga, Malinowski), 9;28.0; 2. Clarenceville, 10:15.4

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 6-2 overall, 3-1 Metro Conference MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 89 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 48

May 5 at Lutheran Westland
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Shot put: 1. Hocevar (LN), 39 feet, 9 inches;
2. Joe Krueger (LW), 36-8.5; discus: 1. Krueger
(LW), 121-8: 2. Hocevar (N), 101-11; 3. Charles Kelley (LW), 98-11; **high jump:** 1. Wiegand (LN), 5-8; **long jump:** 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-8; **110**meter hurdles: 1. Stathakis (LN), 15.9; 300 hurdies: 1. Stathakis (LN), 43.4; 100 dash: 1. Zeoh Robinson (LW), 11.7; 2. Theodis Washington (LW), 11.8; 200: 1. Haller (LW), 24.6; 3. Derrick Mozham (LW), 24.9; 400: 1. Reggie (LN), 54.1; **800:** 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:01.5; **1,600:** 1. Lyle (LW), 4:39.3; **3,200:** 1. Koerner (LN), 10:22; **400** relay: 1. Lutheran North, 46.2; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Haller, Andrzejewski, Palka, Washington), 1:37.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran North, 3:40.2; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran North,

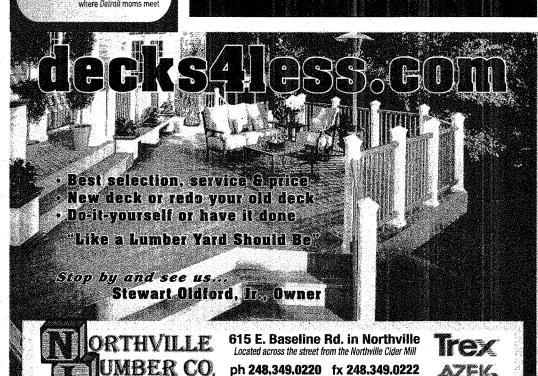
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 2-2 overall, 2-2 Metro Conference

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### Spartan Invite brings out best

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There were some head-turning girls track and field performances starting with Saturday's non-scoring Spartan Invitational hosted by Livonia Stevenson.

Some of the state's top talent was on parade in the nonscoring meet led by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ariel Roberts.

The University of North Carolina-bound Roberts took the high jump (5 feet, 6 inches), long jump (17-6.75) and 300-meter hurdles (45.53).

Pioneer also work all four relay events including the 4 x 100 (51.09), 4 x 200 (1:46.81), 4 x 400 (4:01.98) and 4 x 800 (9:37.85).

Not to be outdone were performers from Livonia Churchill. Franklin, Stevenson and Ladywood.

Churchill junior Sara Kroll ran only one event, shattering Michelle Phillips' 2001 school record of 2:17.02 with a time of 2:14.71.

Teammate Taylor Byron threw a season-best 36-6 to win the shot put over Ladywood's Brigid Molloy (35-9.75), who took the discus (101-

Franklin had two school records set as junior Emily Quint bettered her own mark in the pole vault when she cleared 11-0 en route to first.

Teammate Megan McPherson also wiped out the 3,200 run mark by over 16 seconds with a firstplace clocking of 11:27.0. The previous mark was 11:43.6 set by Kari Saarela in

And not to be outsenior Courtney Calka, who captured the 1,600 in 5:05.7. She followed that up on Tuesday by eclipsing her own school record in dual meet victory over South Lyon East by going 4:57.94.

Calka is believed to be only the second Livonia prep runner to break 5 minutes joining Ladywood's Jennifer Rioux, a former Wake Forest University standout who went 4:56 in

1983. Also on Saturday, Westland John Glenn's Chanel Payne won the long jump (17-3.25) and 100 dash (12.3) at the Tory Clark Relays hosted by Adrian

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# Warriors whip Harper Woods, 10-1

Lutheran High Westland bounced back from a Saturday loss with two Metro Conference wins including a 9-7 triumph Tuesday at home against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in a battle for first

Austin Baglow got the win with 6.1 innings of work, but he needed relief help from Micah Hausch after the Cranes rallied for six runs.

"It was definitely a good day for us despite the wild finish," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "We were in complete control for six solid innings and just couldn't put them away. They are a good team but we were up to the challenge today."

Rvan Rakovalis went 2-for-4 with a 3-run homer and four RBI to lead the Warriors, who improved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the Metro.

Sam Ahlersmyer also double

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twice and Baglow contributed two hits and a pair of sacrifice

Cranbrook falls to 11-5 and

On Monday, the host Warriors routed Harper Woods, 10-1 in a Metro Conference encounter.

Hausch went all seven innings, allowing just three hits while striking out seven. He helped his own cause by going 3-for-4 at the plate and scoring three runs. Other Warrior offensive

contributors included Gage Flanery (2-for-4, RBI, run), Marc Rosin (2-for-3, run); and Tony Cipolla (two RBI).

Harper Woods falls to 1-5 in the Metro. HAMTRAMCK 8, CLARENCEVILLE 7: A

five-run sixth inning put visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-13, 0-6 in the Metro) on top during Tuesday's conference matchup with Hamtramck.

But the Trojans couldn't hold on, giving up two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Mike Schiffman threw a complete game for Clarenceville had an RBI. Damien Quarles had two RBI.

HURON VALLEY 7, CALVARY 6: Richie Mamo, Shawn Schaffer and Tyler Wagaman collected two hits apiece Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-3, 3-0) edged Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Winning pitcher Aaron Howell scattered eight hits and two walks in going the distance

LUTH. N'WEST 9, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Monday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-12, 0-5 in the Metro) took could muster three hits against winning pitcher Luke McCatty of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Collecting two hits for Clarenceville was freshman Damien Quarles, who pitched six innings, giving up three earned runs. Damien Sanchez chipped in with an

RBI single and Jimmy Moody contributed a stolen base and a run. INTER-CITY 9, LUTH. WESTLAND 6:

Three errors and an overall flat performance curtailed Lutheran High Westland (6-2) in this Saturday nightcap against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (7-2).

Micah Hausch went 2-for-3 while Austin Baglow homered and singled in three at-bats, knocking in two and scoring twice. Tony Cipolla drove in two runs with a single and scored another

LUTH. WESTLAND 11, HURON VALLEY 1: On Saturday, Lutheran High Westland (6-1) had the bats smok-

ing against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-3) in a non-conference tilt shortened to five innings due to the mercy rule.

Micah Hausch (3-for-4, three RBI), Sam Ahlersmeyer (3-for-3), Tony Cipolla (3-for-3, three RBI), Austin Baglow (2-for-3) and Steve Scheel (2-for-3) all had big games for the Warriors to back the completegame pitching of Gage Flanery.

RU 10-10, CLARENCEVILLE 0-3: In a Saturday non-conference twinbill at Livonia Clarenceville (1-11), the Trojans were handed a double defeat at the hands of Redford Union (7-6).

The opener was a five-inning

Clarenceville battled in the nightcap to try and earn a split, and trailed just 2-1 after four frames before the wheels fell off. RU scored five runs in the fifth, on a sacrifice fly, two bases-loaded walks and a line-drive single that plated two more Panthers.

RU then sent 11 batters to the plate in the fifth to blow the contest open against Trotter and freshman Ben Gehan.

The Trojans finally got their first hit in the bottom of the fifth on a bloop singled by freshman Donovan

Clarenceville scored two in the sixth to finish the scoring. Quarles ripped a double to right, and walks to Trotter and sophomore Travis Edwards loaded the bases. Quarles and Trotter scored on a wild throw to first by RU's third baseman.

In Game One, registering hits for the Trojans were sophomore Jimmy Moody, junior Dan Schiffman, Trotter and senior Jake Bibik.

# Chargers take slugfest against Wayne

The hits just kept coming Monday as Livonia Churchill outlasted host Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South Division baseball encounter,

Churchill evened its overall record to 8-8-1 and 5-5 in the KLAA South as Ricky Scully went 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Ben Matigian added two hits, three RBI and scored twice for the victorious Chargers.

Also contributing to Churchill's 14-hit attack were Devin Moynihan (2-for-4 with three RBI); Stephen Foster and Jimmy Szymanski (two hits apiece).

Winning pitcher Jimmy Tyler worked the first 6.2 innings, allowing seven runs on 12 hits. He struck out six and walked three. Reliever Steve Hovermale got the final

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Losing pitcher Jake White allowed eight runs on eight hits in 1.1 innings. Zeb Hancock finished up, allowing four runs on six hits and two walks in 5.2 innings. He struck out five.

White was Wayne's top hitter going 3-for-4.

Dan Ross and Tyler McCurry each added two hits for the Zebras, who fell to 2-13 and 1-9.

On Friday, Churchill split a double-header with visiting Novi (6-3, 6-2).

The Wildcats won the first game, 6-4, as Troy Bogenschutz took the loss, while Churchill won the second, 3-0, on Tad Evans' fourhit complete game. Hovermale added an RBI single, while

Hovermale had an RBI double. STEVENSON 6, SOUTH LYON 4: Pitcher Mike Tuttle went the distance, scattering seven hits and four walks Monday as Livonia Stevenson (8-9, 6-3) turned back the Lions (10-9, 4-6) in a KLAA Central Division clash.

Tuttle struck out six in his seven innings of work and also helped his own cause going 2-for-2 with a run

Tyler Lynch led the Spartans with three hits and an RBI. Max Kondrath went 2-for-4 with

two RBI for South Lyon HARTLAND 6, JOHN GLENN 4: On Saturday, the host Eagles (12-6) got three RBI from Steve Winn in a non-league victory over Westland John Glenn (7-13). Jared Felix was the winning

pitcher. Blake Shadow got to the final two outs to pick up the save. Losing pitcher Rob Schurig, a recent call-up from the JV team, went all seven innings for Glenn,

allowing four runs on seven hits. He struck out four and walked only one. The Rockets committed four

Tony Vettraino, Steve Wakeford and Steve Hickson each collected two hits for the Rockets.

Earlier in the day, Glenn committed five errors and fell to Fowlerville in a six-inning mercy, 13-2.

The Gladiators out-hit the Rockets, 14-5, as Hickson took the

Nate Bovia went 2-for-3 and scored a run for Glenn COUNTRY DAY 8, STEVENSON 5: Matt

Lauer's walk-off 3-run homer in the bottom of the seventh off reliever

Detroit Country Day (9-9) the victory over Livonia Stevenson (7-9) in the North Farmington Invitational.

Jeff Sorenson gave Beverly Hills-

Justin Collins also homered for the Yellowjackets, while Ben Nielsen, Jordan Pascensio and Kevin Conway each added two hits.

Losing pitcher Matt Shain went 2-for-4 and scored a run, while Nick Tomasi knocked in two for the Spartans. STEVENSON 7, N. FARMINGTON 2: Josh

Strautz pitched a three-hit complete game and struck out eight to lift Livonia Stevenson (7-8) to non-league win Saturday at North Farmington (8-7).

Tyler Lynch and Matt Shain each knocked in two runs for the Spartans, while Dan Lopez went 2-for-3 and scored twice. Jeff Sorenson and Mark Wagner also collected RBI.

James Long and Dillon Close knocked in runs for the Raiders.

# Host Salem stops Patriots, 4-2, in invitational

They may want to think about re-naming the Salem Invitational softball tournament the Salem

"Win"vitational. For the fourth consecutive year, the host Rocks captured first place in their own tournament on Saturday when they went 4-0 in the 12th annual

event. "I'm very happy for my seniors and how they played," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, whose team improved to 14-5. "They never lost a Salem Invite."

This year's title didn't come easy as Salem had to match up with state-ranked Livonia

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Franklin in the championship game. The Rocks prevailed, 4-2, as sophomore hurler Briana Lee limited a potent Franklin batting order to three hits. She struck out five and did not allow a walk.

The Rocks got two runs in the first inning off Franklin pitcher Natalie Sanborn (11-1) thanks to an RBI sacrifice fly by Alexis Powell followed by Emily Pitcole's RBI double.

Christina Parsons then belted a solo homer in the third and added an RBI double in the fourth.

In seven innings, Sanborn allowed four earned runs on six hits and no walks.

Briauna Taylor and Alecia Geraghty each had RBI groundouts for the Patriots, who slipped to 14-3 overall.

In pool play, Franklin won all three games to reach the final as Sanborn pitched and won all three games.

In a 14-0 win over South Lyon, the Patriots collected 12 hits as Brittany Taylor had a 2-run homer and two singles, while Briauna Taylor added 3run blast.

Sanborn added three hits, while Chelsea Williams and Nicole Emery added two hits apiece.

Collecting two hits each in an 11-7 win over Lincoln Park were Natalie Polakowski, Sanborn, and Briauna Taylor.

The Patriots also defeated Farmington, 8-2, as Briauna Taylor went 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored.

Jessica Emery and Audrey Geraghty also knocked in runs in the 9-hit attack.

#### Spartans 1-2 at N'west

Livonia Stevenson finished 1-2 Saturday in the Jackson Northwest Tournament.

Stevenson edged Eaton Rapids in the tourney opener, 3-2, as pitchers Laura Deacon and Emily Hollandsworth

combined on a six-inning three-hitter.

Losing pitcher Kate Laverty gave up only four hits two walks for the Greyhounds (12-3). In the next game, Portland's

Katie Simon blanked the Spartans on six hits and fanned seven in a 5-0 victory. Hollandsworth took the loss.

In the final game, Napoleon's Abbie Richardson struck out 12 and allowed just one hit as the Pirates downed Stevenson, 3-0.

It was 0-0 after four innings as Napoleon struck for three runs in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Deacon suffered the loss.

Division title as Combs threw a one-hitter and struck out 14 in a 5-0 victory.

Julie Bushart had two hits and two RBI, while Gietl also added two hits.

Chelsea Lord got the win as Mercy used three pitchers who combined on a one-hitter to beat the Blazers in the second

game, 1-0.

Leah Reinhold doubled in the game-winning run on the second inning for the Marlins, now 7-12 overall and 3-7 in the Central.

Combs, who took the loss, fanned 13 and allowed only one hit.

Carli Sanmillian had the lone hit for Ladywood, now 18-2 overall and 9-2 in the Central, in the seventh inning.

"I thought we'd have a letdown the first game after the

Stars Classic," Combs said. "They (Mercy) kind of handed us the first game. The second game we were completely flat

until the sixth inning.' Mercy is 7-12 overall and 3-7 in the Central.

On Friday, Ladywood took eight innings to beat host Harper Woods Regina in the opener of a twinbill, 3-0, on Gietl's two-run double in the top of the eighth.

The second game went 10 innings and was suspended

because of darkness tied at 2-2. Combs had 24 strikeouts on the day against the secondplace Saddlelites.

On April 28, Ladywood swept host Birmingham Marian, 1-0 and 4-0, as

complete-game shutouts and racked up a total of 23 strike-Sykes singled in the game-

winning run in the opener,

while Courtney LaValley col-

lected three hits and Bushart

Combs pitched back-to-back

added two to pace the offense in the nightcap. On April 27, the Blazers

swept host Mercy, 6-0 and 4-1, as Combs allowed no earned runs and fanned a total of 22 Marlins in 14 innings of work. Sarah Stempin, Gietl and Bushart each had two hits

in the opener, while Kelley contributed two, including a

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# MU BASEBALL

The WHAC regular-season champs, 38-10 overall and ranked 16th in the country, will be searching for one of 15 at-large berths and hope to be among the field of 45 teams assigned to one of nine regional sites.

"We'll watching the computer," MU coach Greg Haeger said. "I don't expect to lose much ground. We're still 38-10 and you've still got to like our chances getting in. I even told the Indiana Tech coach (Kip McWilliams) that we're still probably the No. 1-ranked team in our conference. We'll see what happens. Our body of work is still very good."

MU bounced back from Friday's opening-round 13-6 loss to last-place Concordia University to win three straight in the double-elimination tournament.

After sweeping a pair of games Saturday, the Crusaders returned Sunday to Ilitch Ballpark and ousted Concordia, 13-4, as Matt Kay (Canton) belted his 13th and 14th homers of the year to go along with four RBI, while Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) added his team-leading 15th round-tripper.

The Canton connection of Shawn Little (3-for-5, RBI) and Tarik Khasawneh (2-for-4, two RBI) also contributed to MU's 15-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (8-1) went the first six innings, allowing three earned runs on nine hits and three walks. Andy Omillian worked the last three innings to pick up the save.

Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) went 2-for-3 and homered for Concordia, which bowed out at 25-30 overall. That set the stage for a meeting with the tournament's

only undefeated team, Indiana Tech, which had lost three-offour regular season meetings against the Crusaders.

The Warriors (30-24), the home team on the scoreboard, jumped out to a 10-4 lead through three innings and never let MU get closer than three runs the rest of the way as Lance Hamner (2-for-4, two RBI), Gordie Murphy and Steve Dowding (2-for-4, RBI) all homered.

MU, however, squandered a big opportunity in the top of the seventh.

The Crusaders cut the deficit to 10-7 and had runners on first and third with nobody out, but Indiana Tech reliever Zach Brown got out of the jam when courtesy runner Mitch Gansser was cut down at second base by Tech catcher Gordie Murphy after a pitch to the plate squirted into the dirt.

The same thing happened in the eighth when courtesy runner Adam Bailey, trying to advance from first to second on what appeared to be a single to right field by Ryan Morrow (2-for-5), couldn't get out of the way of the ball and was called out.

The Crusaders also had another runner cut down earlier in the game at third base.

"Three base running mistakes are out of the ordinary," said Haeger, whose team outhit the Warriors, 15-13. "When you're fighting from behind, you can't give them outs. It's the stuff we practice, but it's still the game and you've got to execute what you practice."

MU starter Keegan Beaton failed get out of the first inning, allowing four earned runs on four hits. Reliever Jeff Mann (3-1), who took the loss,

pitched the next 1% innings and was tagged for five earned runs on five hits.

"You can't give up four walks either in the first inning," Haeger said. 'It also comes down to pitching. It comes down to the little things."

The Westland John Glenn duo of Robert Fraser, who went the next  $5\frac{1}{3}$  innings, and Chris Kangas, who got the final two outs, held the Warriors to two runs on six hits and two walks to give the Crusaders a chance at a comeback, but the damage had already been done.

Tech starter Corey Schwartz, who improved to 5-4, pitched the first six innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits. Brown gave up four hits and held MU during his three-inning relief stint to pick up the save.

Aaron Hacias went 3-for-5 with a homer (his fourth) and three RBI to lead MU.

Little added three hits and one RBI, while Morrow, Zach Flavin and Ted Toune also collected two hits apiece.

Haeger, meanwhile, hopes the Crusaders will be invited to one of the nine regional sites (consisting of five teams each) with the hopes of reaching the NAIA nationals, which will be hosted later in the month by Lewis & Clark (Idaho).

"We're hitting .356 as a team and we have an ERA under 4.00 (3.91), which is really good in college baseball," Haeger said. "So many good things went on with this

"I'm sure (pitcher) Jeff Sonnenberg (10-2 after losing Friday against Concordia) is chomping at the bit to get in along with our other seniors. I hope we get in. And I believe we've got a lot to draw from if we get in."

# **RU** too much for Clarenceville

All was all Redford Union on Saturday as the Panthers swept a non-league doubleheader from host Livonia Clarenceville, 15-1 and 11-0.

RU freshman Kim D'Arcangelo pitched the Panthers (5-8) to victory in both ends, fanning a total of 18 Trojans over her 11 innings of work.

She also was an offensive sparkplug in the opener, going 2-for-4 with three RBI including a bases-loaded double in the third inning.

Seniors Courtney Gagnon and Danielle Sweeney each tallied three hits and scored twice, while Allison Sawyer and Chelsey Gehlhausen each went 2-for-3 with two runs.

Clarenceville's offense amounted to two hits and a run from Brittany Brooks.

Offensive stars for the Panthers in the nightcap included Allison Sawyer (3for-4, two runs), Gagnon (2-for-4, run), Gehlhausen (2for-3, run), Hebner (2-for-4), Allison Katterson (2-for-3, two runs) and Brittany Morlewski (2-for-3, three runs).

Charmaine McQueen, Lisa Wilson, Joanna Burling and Brooks had hits for Clarenceville falls to 4-6 overall.

CHURCHILL 11, WAYNE 1: Katina St. Pierre and winning pitcher Abby Jewell collected three hits apiece Monday as Livonia Churchill (10-6, 5-5) downed host Wayne Memorial (0-11, 0-8) in a KLAA South Division game.

Missy Sidor also knocked in three runs for the victorious Chargers, while Jewell struck our five and allowed just four hits.

Megan Callahan had a hit and scored the lone run for Wayne. STEVENSON 5, SOUTH LYON 4: Kristina

Vaclavek went 3-for-3 with the game-winning RBI and two stolen bases Monday to pace Livonia Stevenson (8-8, 4-4) to a KLAA Central Division triumph over the host Lions (5-10, 3-7).

Becca Zarras also added a 2-run single in the second inning as the Spartans scored three times.

Winning pitcher Laura Deacon helped her own cause going 2-for-3 with a run scored. The senior worked the first 5.2 innings, allowing four earned runs on two hits and five walks. She fanned eight before

giving way to Emily Hollandsworth, who got the save.

Danielle Boore had a 3-run triple in the sixth inning for South Lyon.

Danielle Godair suffered the loss. PLYMOUTH 5-11, STEVENSON 4-0: On Friday, the host Wildcats (11-1, 7-1) swept a Kensington Conference

crossover twinbill against Livonia Stevenson (6-6, 3-4). Pitcher Lauren Smith scattered nine hits, fanned three and did not

allow a walk to give Plymouth the 5-4 victory in the opener. Laura Deacon went 3-for-4 with a double and triple in the loss. She relieved starter Emily

Hollandsworth with one in the fourth inning. The two Spartan pitchers com-

bined to give up six hits on five walks and nine strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Plymouth scored six times in the sixth inning to mercy the Spartans, 11-0.

Beth Heldmeyer went 4-for-4 with two runs scored. Winning pitcher Miranda Oliver

allowed just five hits, walked one and fanned four. Deacon gave up three earned

runs on two hits and walked five in four innings before giving way to Shannen Serlvo.

Hollandsworth went 2-for-2 in the setback.

#### **GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS**

#### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5 WEST BLOOMFIELD JEWISH ACADEMY 3

May 5 at Jewish Academy No. 1 singles: Michelle Kappy (JA) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Hallie Baker (WJG) def. Eden Adler, 1-6, 6-1 (10-8 tiebreaker); **No. 3:** Louissa Villaroman (WJG) def. Erin Sandberg, 6-1 6-2: No. 4: Jamatha Johnson (WJG) def. Lauren

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Anna Eisenberg-Jessica Polk. 5-7, 7-5 (11-9 tiebreaker); **No. 2:** Brooke Zywick-Desiree Clenney (WJG) def. Alyssa Adler-Mia Gordon, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Jenna Golden-Jillian Sallen (JA)def. Misha Martinez-Montanan Graszak, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Orly Benederet-Llana Goss (JA) def. Nehm Bernard-Katy Harris, 7-6, 5-7 (10-6 tiebreaker). Glenn's dual match record: 3-7 overall NORTHVILLE 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON O May 4 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Haley Johnston (N) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Tayna Joseph (N) def. Carli Marschner, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Joanne Weber (N) def. Gabrielle Sabatini, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Erin ud (N) def. Laura Gumpper, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Ursula Cauffiel

N) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti, 6-2, -2; **No. 2:** Abby Grajek-Sabrina Masciulli (N) def Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Maudi Smith-Amy Bernstein (N) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Valerie Jaun-Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Simona Enea-Keisev Futrell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Caiti Darish enna Grezlik (N) def. Michele DeBeaudry-Andrea

Dual match records: Northville, 6-0 overall, 6-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 4-6 overall, 3-5 KLAA Central.

#### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 6 WAYNE MEMORIAL 3 May 4 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Morgan Greig (WM) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; No. 2: Halie Baker (WJG) def. Cailee Parendo, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Louissa Villaroman (WJG) def. Xiyan Wang, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Jamatha Johnson (WJG) def. Alicia Evans, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 1 doubles:** Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon

McFadden (W IG) def Kara Windsor-Madelynt ill, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Desiree Clenney-Brooke Zywick (WJG) def. Nancy Watson-Jessica Gush, 6-4,

KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-8 overall, 0-7;

May 1 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated

Latina Yacks, 6-0, 6-0, No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF)
def. Halie Baker, 6-1, 6-7, No. 3: Louissa Villaroman
(WJG) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-4, 6-4, No. 4:

Marchte Hober Of WICk of Angela Tomassini, 8-4, 6-4, No. 4:

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon Rellinger, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0; **No. 2:** Brooke Zywick-Desiree Clenney (WJG) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lindsey Fenner, 7-6, 6-0; **No. 3:** Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell (LF) def. Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Annie McLeod-Kate Zurenko (LF) def. Nhem Bernard-Katy Harris, 6-3 6-3; No. 5; Chauna Gibson-Jaclyn Kurc (LF) def. Montana Graszak-Rachel Alholinna, 6-1, 6-0. **Dual match records**: Franklin, 4-5 overall, 4-3

CANTON 9, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 May 1 at Canton No. 1 singles: Janelle Burdiss (C) defeated

Morgan Greig, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Vicki Chen (C) def. Jessica Gush, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Megan Leung

Powers, 7-5, 6-1; No. 5: Neena Baghaie-Sarah Duxter (C) def. Victoria Baker-Samantha Collins, 6-0, 6-1. Dual match records: Canton, 4-1 overall, 4-1

#### **BOYS GOLF RESULTS**

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 170 May 4 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Ryan

Cinch. 38 each (co-medalists); Ben Proben, 39; Adam Yarber, 40; Cory Dare and Erik Newman, 42 each. Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38 (comedalist); Jacob Wirgau, 43; Jimmy Johnson, 44; Jon Holmes and Chris Grund, 45 each; Doug

Dual match records: Churchill, 4-2 overall. 4-2 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA South.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 159 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 175 May 1 at The Woodlands Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 36

edalist); Jimmy Johnson, 40; Drake Hermann, Jacob Wirgau, 42; Jon Holmes and Doug Nagy,

Gienn scorers: Andy Myers, 38; Josh DuPrie, 45; Conner Monroe and Brian Fawley, 46 each; Brandon Phillippi and Tim Boes, 48 each. Dual match records: Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-2

**CANTON 153. WAYNE MEMORIAL 178** May 1 at The Woodlands
Canton scorers: Andrew Rickerman and
Jeremy Lindlbauer, 37 each (co-medalist); Zach
Conrad, 38; Travis Hall, 41; Tony Brown, 44; Frank

Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 41; Gary Neill and Sean Stewart, 44 each; Zachary Williamson 49; Jarret Williamson, 51; Shane Schooley, 55. Dual match records: Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-4 overall, 1-3 KLAA

NOVI 159, LIVONIA STEVENSON 166 NOVI 159; LIVONIA STEVENSON 166
May 1 at Walnut Creek
Novi scorers: Nick Hansen, 37 (medalist); Tyler
Manning, 40; Chuck Mallo and Steve Rajkovic, 41
each; Brent Womack, 42; Kyle Edwards, 46.

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian and Christian Debay, 40 each; Adam Giordano, 42; Tim Milsk, 45; Tom Cullum, 44; Dan Dufour, 47.

#### MU SOFTBALL FROM PAGE B1

RBI single during the surge. Rachael Kethe also came home on an unearned run and Shav crossed home on a wild pitch.

Aquinas, the runner-up during the WHAC's regular season, made things interesting in the second game of the day as winning pitcher Alyssa Fleser (19-6) held the Crusaders to

just three hits in another onerun differential.

Ashley Aspinall's two-run homer off Irwin in the sixth broke a 1-1 deadlock.

MU got within one in the seventh when LaMilza walked with the bases loaded, but Fleser got Tedi Johnston (2for-4) to foul out to left field to

end the game. "We had our chances the first game (against Aquinas), but we couldn't push home another." White said. "I also told the girls

it was good to have a game like we did against U-M-Dearborn because it was gut-wrenching, intense, right down to the last pitch. That homer in the top of the sixth (by Aspinall) will prepare us well for nationals be like that.

The pairings will be announced Thursday. It is only the second NAIA nationals appearance for the Crusaders, who last made the tourney in 1994 under coach Jerry Abraham.

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6-0; No. 3: Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez (WJG) def. Victoria Baker-Samantha Walters, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Meghan McGregor-Melinda Powers (WM) def. Nhem Bernard-Katy Harris, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; **No.** 5: Ashlee Szabo-Zoie Smallwood (WM) def. Kyrah Moorhead-Natasha Hawkins, 6-1, 6-2. Dual match records: Glenn, 2-6 overall: 2-5

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 4

amatha Johnson (WJG) def. Angela Browning McFadden (WJG) def. Crystal Henderson-Jennife

(C) def. Kelsi Thomas, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Jacklyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Xiyan Wang, 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala-Kayla Davis (C) def. Kara Windsor-Madelynn Bevill, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2**: Katelyn Montgomery-Taylor Eppler (C) def. Nancy Watson-Alicia Evans, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3**: Catherine Sanctorum-Brittany Vance (C) def. Lynn Mathew-Cailee Parendo, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Michelle Nagy-Maggie DePentu (C) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda

Dual match records: Novi, 2-2 overall. 2-2

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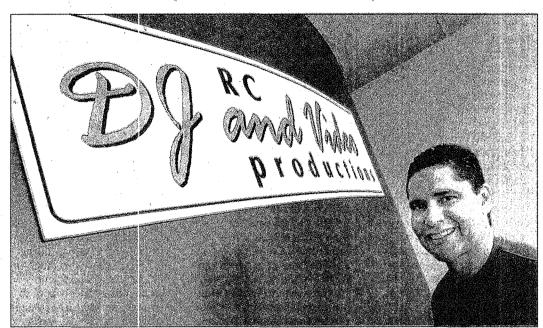
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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of

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Observer: What makes your business unique?

Our business is two-thirds owner operated. Both our DJ and video services are very flexible allowing our clients to customize to their needs. Ralph Cabildo, the owner, is currently the President of MIVA (Michigan Independent Video Assoc.) and serves on the board of advisors for the William D. Ford Technical Center's Vocational Video class. Cur business is also a proud member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Observer: How did you decide to

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How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

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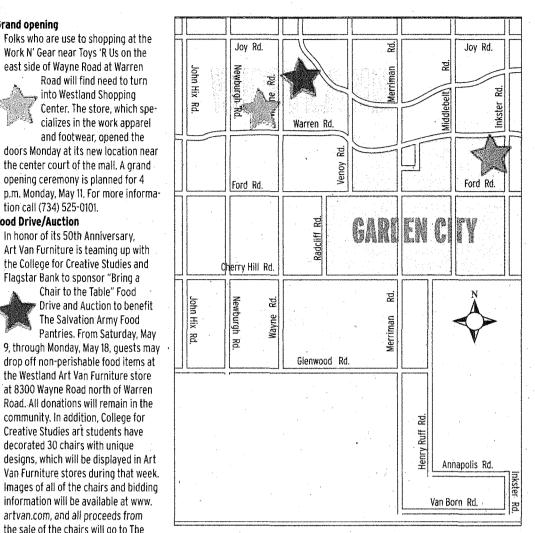
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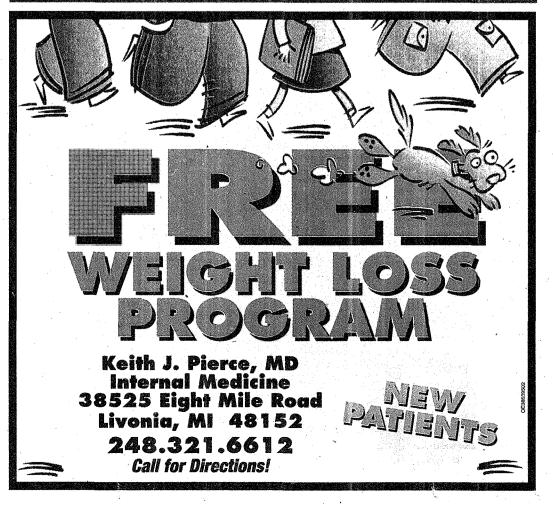
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# Students give youth minister a new 'do'

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

The Rev. Jason Nelson was smiling all the while his hair was turning purple. The new "do" was just one of the ways the youth minister, reaches out to middle and high school students at Farmington Hills Church of God. Nelson had his hair dyed and part of his head shaved after kids in the church's youth group met his challenge to increase attendance. Three years ago about 18 youth came for the Wednesday evening meetings with Nelson and nine adult volunteers who work with him in the program.

"We have seen such growth," said Nelson, the church's associate pastor. "We had 32 kids at the beginning of 2009. Currently 32 is our low. We're averaging 40 now. The youth are excited, We have a different event every Wednesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. We're going to Tigers or Pistons games, pool parties, barbecues. We address issues they deal with on a daily basis. Currently we're on sex.

"Kids are always welcome to come. We have a 'pray for' list. After three weeks they get a T-shirt and the counselors and student leadership team pray for them. I hear stories of people seeing those shirts in the community. One kid was in gym class and a friend



The Rev. Jason Nelson has his hair dyed purple by Sharon Gates, a local hair stylist and member of Farmington Hills Church of God. The new look was the result of a challenge the minister gave students in the church's youth group.

said 'can I be prayed for?' He prayed right there for the other

Nelson knows firsthand the difficulties of growing up. He is the third generation of pastors in his family but at one point wasn't sure about following the path of his father Ed and grandfather H.L.

On April 5, Nelson celebrated his pastoral ordination, officially becoming a reverend in front of friends and family including wife Anne. His father and mother Sheri traveled from Colorado for the ordination at which Ed preached and H.L. gave the dedication prayer. After the service the church threw a party attended by 230 people.

"At an early age I felt the call then saw how Christians act the way they are not supposed to act. It turned me away from church. In college I reaccepted the call to the ministry," said Nelson, who earned a bachelor's degree at Asbury College in Kentucky and master's at Anderson University School of Theology, Indiana. "I worked as a camp counselor one summer for the Salvation Army. The junior high camp drew me in the most. Because of my experiences as a teen I feel I'm able to relate to kids, to teach them to live and love as the Bible tells them. I went through some rebellion, the party scene, tried some things. I'm able to relate to kids as they struggle with things today."

Nelson's goal as a pastor is to be an example of God's

"Nobody's perfect so we're going to mess up," said Nelson, "but God loves us and forgives us."

Nelson's positive influence on Linda Cook's daughter is the reason the single mother applauds the program. Cook has been attending Farmington Hills Church of God since her daughter was two years old. Victoria

Stafford is now 12 and a seventh grade student at East Middle School.

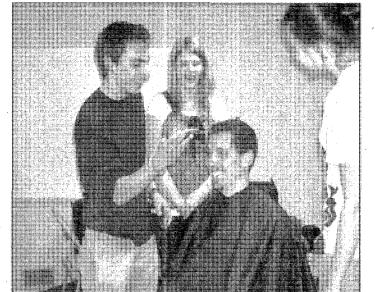
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Youth in the group primarily attend sixth through 12th grade at Power and East Middle schools and Harrison and Farmington high schools. Nelson helps coach girls soccer at Harrison.

"She never misses a meeting," said Cook of Farmington. "We have 150 some people. We're not a huge congregation. He's really grown the youth group. He's invited children of different faiths or who don't know God at all. I've really seen the change and the growth for the kids. For my daughter, her father is nonexistent in her life and lives out of state. It's critical for a man to have an impact in her life, to surround my daughter with good role models. He's more of a cool guy cause he's younger. I think he's more on their level. Jason is very direct, tells it

like it is." At age 30, Nelson still knows how to have fun. He came up with the challenge to increase attendance by telling the kids that if they were ever to assemble 60 or more youth for the Wednesday meeting "they could do whatever they wanted" to him. Nelson kept his promise even though his ordination was a little more than two weeks away.

"The kids were calling their



Davey Hicks (left) shaves the top of the Rev. Jason Nelson's head as Autumn Kearney and Carrie Steinke look on. The three youth are part of a group Nelson leads at Farmington Hills Church of God.

friends and ended up having 61," said Nelson. "They voted and decided to dye my hair purple and give me an old man haircut by shaving the top and left the sides. We had a good time. The following week we had 50 something youth show up that day and I promised the kids I'd keep it through worship on Sunday. The challenge is for 100 kids next time. We've had other adults step up and offer to have their head shaved."

Victoria Stafford is looking forward to growing the youth group to 100. She joined a couple of years ago for the

activities and camaraderie. "It's so much fun going, so much to do. My friends are

all there," said Stafford. "It's

real informal. Jason is a real nice person, unique. It was very fun. We're trying to get bigger. We go to a lot of different places, to camp over the weekend for group building activities. There's so much to do. Everybody's so friendly there from middle school to seniors. Everyone knows each other real well."

Farmington Hills Church of God is at 25717 Power Road at 11 Mile. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod. org. The church is affiliated with Church of God, a nondenominational Christian movement with offices in Anderson, Ind.

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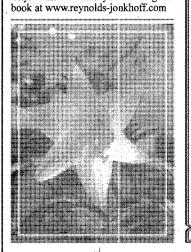
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#### MARY CHRISTINE

(McCLURE) DRAKE Age 84. Of Traverse City, formerly of Birmingham. Died Monday, May 4, 2009 at Munson Hospice House after the challenge of pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on Dec., 25, 1924, to John Brooks McClure and Nellie Sophia (Dunsby) McClure. After supporting the war effort with her employment, she married her high school sweetheart, Walter Drake, in 1944. They retired to Traverse City. Mary once said, "I have too many interests." First, she devoted herself to making a home for her family. Other interests included antiques, foods, crafts and writing poetry. She was proud of her family's role in the American Revolution when a distant grandmother, Sarah Pardon Brooks, translated from French to English for Gen. Washington. She valued citizenship and her association with the D.A.R., as well as community service through Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mary and Walter occupied their retirement following their grandchildren's activities and enjoying Traverse City. Mary was preceded in death by her parents. an infant daughter Jennifer, her brother John and sister Julia. She is survived by daughter Penelope (Charles) Drake Curry of Apple Valley, MN; sons Erick (Anne) Drake, Brian Drake, Tim (Jill) Drake Sr., all of Traverse City and grandchildren Craig Drake, Matthew Curry, Leah Curry, Allan Drake, Laura Drake, Tim Drake Jr., Ryan Drake and Mary Drake: cousins, several nieces and nephews and special neighbors. Visitation took place Wed., May 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funer Home in Traverse City. Funeral services will be at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Ostêma will officiate. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Women's Resource Center, Central United Methodist Church's Radio



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Trails Summer Camp Fund. The fami-

ly is being served by Renyolds-Johnkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse

City. Visit the family's online guest

#### ALICE M. HAMELE

Of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on May 1, 2009, after a long and courageous battle with doctors. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Irene (Jones) Hamele, and by her ara Kirsh, Doris Dov and Mary Muetzel Gray. She is survived by her life partner, Bruce Tobis, of Farmington Hills; brothers Alvin, Jr., of Portage, Wisconsin, and John, of Minden, Nevada; and by many nieces, and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin. 1400 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706-1599. A funeral Mass will be said from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portage, Wisconsin, followed by burial at Silver Lake Cemetery.

#### WILLIAM M. KELLY

Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation or St. James Epsicopal Church.



HELEN KAINO LAMPI

Age 91. May 4, 2009. Beloved wife of the late John I. Lampi. Loving mother of David (Deanna) Lampi, Arlene (Jeffrey) Bidigare and Richard (Debra) Lampi. Cherished grandmother of Heidi, Kevin, Wendy, Kathryn and Joe; great-grandmother of Jake, Alex and Amelia. Dear sister of Raymond Lindeman. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be to the Finnish Center Association. www.thayer-rock.com

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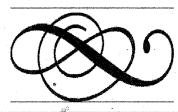


ANN E. OPPERTHAUSER

Of Farmington Hills. Passed away at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Earl C. Opperthauser and devoted mother of four children, Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steven, and Scott (Sheryl), and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, Jason, Joe, Chrissy, C.J., Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Visitation at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington May 7, 4-8 p.m. Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills May 8, 11 a.m. You will be deeply missed.



CYNTHIA ANN SAVELL Age 67, passed away peacefully in her Birmingham home of almost 40 years on Monday, May 4, 2009. Cynthia Ann, known simply as Ann to most of her friends, leaves behind her son, Doug Savell, her daughter-in-law Stephanie Savell, and her beloved granddaughter Hunter Savell. Cynthia Ann was a Spanish teacher in Clarkston at both the Junior High and High School but was known to most as an artist and local business owner whose spirit for adventure and culture was second only to her outgoing and friendly personality. Cynthia Ann was a graduate of Dominican High School and received her Bachelor's Degree and her Master's Degrees in Education from the University of Detroit. In addition to her love of culture and travel, Cynthia Ann was a naturally gifted pilot who loved flying and sailing. She will not only be remembered for her unique organizational skills, but as the special teacher who made a difference and the nice lady on Westchester who loved dogs. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 9, 10 am, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon Street, Birmingham. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 am and will be invited to her home after the service for a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society. 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48076.



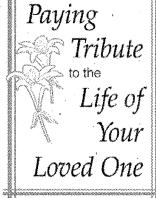


daughter of Chester V. Mallison and

Age 92, of Northville, passed

away peacefully on February 22, 2009 in Novi. She was born May 6, 1916 in Detroit, MI, the

Florence Alice Meyers. She was the oldest child of three. Her brothers Robert and Chester preceded her in death. She held a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelors degree from Wayne State University. She was a member of the Teachers Society - Alpha Delta and the Kappa, Genealogical Society. She was also a member of many patriotic societies, including the Daughters of the Revolution, Founders and Patriots, US Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the Union, The Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, the Plantagenet Society, the Colonial Order of the Crown, Huguenot Society, The Huguenot Society of Michigan, National Society of Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, National Society of New England Women, National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, Inc. Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Descendants of Early Quakers, Dames of the Court of Honor, Daughters of the Union, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She served as Regent on many of these societies and was always well liked by all of the members. She was a dear friend to all. She was married to Herman G. Scott on October 24, 1955 in Detroit. Herman preceded her in death. Gladys taught school at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia for many years. She loved working on her genealogy and has accumulated records on her family that dates back to the early settlers of our country. Her contributions of forty eight books to the Northville Public Library's genealogical room are a fitting memorial to Gladys. She will be dearly missed. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 11 am until 1 pm, with the service beginning at 1 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.



# Celebration features conductors with local ties

A 200th birthday celebration for Abraham Lincoln takes place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, when St. Paul's Reunion Choir and the Livonia Youth Choir present a concert of songs, readings, and pictures commemorating the 16th president of the United States, at the church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia. The concert includes a collection of patriotic favorites, familiar thoughts, and American folk music from Lincoln's lifetime. Seating is reserved on a firstcome, first-served basis. Tickets Andrew Aron conducts a choral are \$5 for adults, \$2 students under 18. Call (734) 422-1470 to reserve tickets.

St. Paul's has recruited a 60 member choir of current and alumni members which will be conducted by a California conductor with strong roots in Livonia. Andrew Aron grew up with his parents Rich and Elaine Aron and his brother. Matthew, and all were actively involved in the community. As a student at Stevenson High School, Andy divided his time between serving as drum major in the band, vocal student in the choir, and a leading man in the musical theatre program. He also was part of St. Paul's youth choir program for 13 years. Aron went on from there to Western Michigan University where he earned a music education degree in choral and instru- in a concert to celebrate Abraham mental music and then to San Jose State University where he was awarded a master's degree.



program in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday, May 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, takes part Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday,

Aron currently resides with his wife, Mary, and sons, Adam and Sam, in San Jose, California where he serves as director of music at Sunnvvale Presbyterian Church and as choral director at Cupertino High School in Cupertino, Calif.

Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, traveled from the University of Colorado to the Ann Arbor area as a University of Michigan grad school student. She currently serves as assistant conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton, conductor of the Detroit Civic Youth Ensemble, director of choirs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, and conductor of the Ypsilanti Community

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#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Lincoln tribute

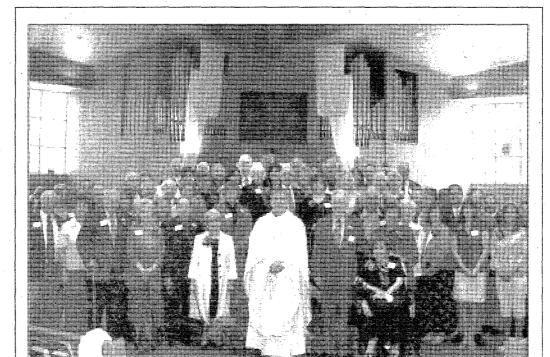
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#### Bloom conference

Family Victory Fellowship presents the Bloom Conference 09 for girls ages 11-17 and their mothers 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Family Victory Fellowship, 19421 W. Ten Mile, Southfield. The theme of the conference is "Make a Date to Communicate."

Created in 2007, the Bloom conference was created to help girls blossom into womanhood. This year's conference plans to instill leadership, confidence and a positive self image to its participants. In



**So happy together**On Sunday, April 26, 34 couples celebrated a total of 1,290 years of marrage at the first annual Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Pastor Kevin Thomas led the group in the renewal of their wedding vows. The couples were Lee and Ed Barann, 55 years; Pat and Jim Bardel, 50; Diane and Bill Bencik, 45; Carolyn and Ronald Briggs, 45; Mary Anne and Dan Churan, 40; Flo and Jack Clement, 55; Mary Pat and Ron Edwards, 30; Julie and Rich Esker, 15; Maureen and Dr. Steve Harris, 25; Cecelia and Dale Hartsock, 35; Julie and Brady Kalem, 25; Connie and Conrad Kanclerz, 35; Pat and Bob Kemp, 55; Cheryl and Harold Klee, 40; Vicky and Mike Kowalski, 25; Isolina and Mario Leopardi, 50; Mary Jo and Mike Lipon, 35; Janine and Daniel Louzon, 20; Sue and Tom Lyman, 40; Marta and Joe Maceri, 40; Diane and Tim Mann, 30; Marcia and John Miller, 20; Patricia and Joseph Mitchell, 25; Margaret and Arthur Nelson, 60; Helen and Tom Oppat, 55; Andrea and Larry Patrias, 30; Jane and Theodore Potok, 55; Mary Sharon and Jerry Schlaff, 50; Joan and Michael Serge, 35; Gail and Ed Shymanski, 40; Amalia and Francisco Villarruel, 55; Michelle and Ken Way, 15; Joan and Ed Zamenski, 40; and Cari and Tom Zupko, 20.

addition, the conference will focus on improving the mother-daughter bond, a critical support necessary for girls as they transition into womanhood. Workshops include How to Communicate with Your Mother/ How to Communicate with a Teen, What Do Your Clothes Say About You, The Cross vs. The Crowd, Dating and Relationships with Bovs. Social Networking: How Important is Technology, and Building a Mother-Daughter Covenant. The cost is \$15 per person.

For information, contact Pastor Sylvia Jordan at (248) 799-0066 or Tonya Allen (313) 399-5272 at Family Victory Fellowship Church. Sisterhood Shabbat

Shabbat morning, Saturday, May 9, has been designated Sisterhood Shabbat at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. The shul takes this opportunity to celebrate the vibrant role the Sisterhood has historically played in the synagogue and its continuing leadership in Beth Ahm's future. Members of Beth Ahm Sisterhood will lead Hebrew prayers, read from the Torah portion of the week, chant the haftarah (the assigned scriptural reading for Shabbat Emor taken from the writings of the biblical prophet Ezekiel, lead English readings, deliver the D'var Torah, open the ark, and share other Torah honors, Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads an informal Torah

study group at 9 a.m. in the Beth Ahm lobby. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Following services, there will be a special Kiddush luncheon. All are welcome. For information, contact Sisterhood President Jody Superstine Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail jsg12345@aol.com. Mother's Day brunch

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 adults, \$12 children ages 4-12, free children ages 1-3. Reservations required. Call Dianne at (734) 522-3166.

#### 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 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 years 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.

#### Sharing made simple

Is Mary really contrary to the teachings of scripture? is the topic of the Apologetics for Beginners lecture by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south Plymouth Rd. between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome. Michuta's presentation will focus on the scriptural rationale for Marion doctrine and the reasons behind the reverence in which Catholics hold Christ's earthly Mother.

#### 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 for additional information.

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# HILTER

# Star-studded lineups slated for summer concerts

Concert-goers will have even more reasons to "Love It Live" in 2009 when DTE **Energy Music Theatre** and Meadow Brook Music Festival, along with sister venue The Palace, combine to host more than 100 shows featuring the top acts on tour this summer and an overall schedule full of more value-oriented ticket pricing than ever before.

More than 70 percent of the summer events include \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets or will offer specially discounted four-packs of lawn tickets. Additional shows will be announced as tour plans develop.

DTE Energy Music Theatre, the nation's mostattended amphitheatre for 18 consecutive years, will host such high-profile performers as Nine Inch Nails/ Jane's Addiction, Coldplay, Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, Dave Matthews Band, Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band and

Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2." Meadow Brook Music Festival's 2009 schedule might be its most starstudded ever, highlighted by such notable artists as John Fogerty, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, and Chris Isaak.

"Coming off a tough Michigan winter, we are pleased to provide the biggest and most diverse schedule of shows in the country again this summer, including the top concerts and festivals on tour along with traditional favorites, said Tom Wilson, PS&E President and CEO. "To continue to host this quantity of events during these trying times with our current economy, we had to emphasize offering affordable tickets even more this summer so

enjoy shows at our venues."

Cost-conscious concertgoers can find more than 50 shows with \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets for such wellknown acts at DTE Energy Music Theatre as traditional opener Eddie Money, Anita Baker, Travis Tritt, and B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band.

Meadow Brook events offering the special \$10 or \$15 lawn price include John Fogerty, "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, comedian David Alan Grier, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

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Belle Tire is returning in 2009 for its fourth summer to sponsor the concert series of DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival. Michigan's largest independent tire retailer will continue to support the schedules with in-store promotions and giveaways.

PS&E ownership includes The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre, as well as the management of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Combined, PS&E's Michigan venues average 300 events and 3.5 million guests annually.

The Palace has been voted Arena of the Year eight times by Performance magazine, twice by Pollstar magazine and is listed annually among North America's top-grossing arenas. Voted "Best Outdoor Concert Venue" in Pollstar's 2000 Readers' Poll, DTE **Energy Music Theatre has** been listed as the nation's most attended amphitheater by Amusement Business/ Billboard each of the 18 years of PS&E ownership

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Coldplay will rock DTE Energy Music Festival on June 2.



As is tradition, Eddie Money will kick off summer concert season at DTE Energy on May 22.



The Jonas Brothers, with special guests Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, play at the Palace of Auburn Hills on July



AC/DC will play the Palace of Auburn Hills on Aug. 16.





Detroiter Anita Baker will play DTE Energy Music Festival July 31.



Beyonce will visit the Palace of Auburn Hills on July 18.



July 1



#### **Palace of Auburn Hills**

**SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE** 

Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21 Yanni, June 5 Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6 Dane Cook, June 12 No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3 Beyonce, July 18 Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26 The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16 Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16

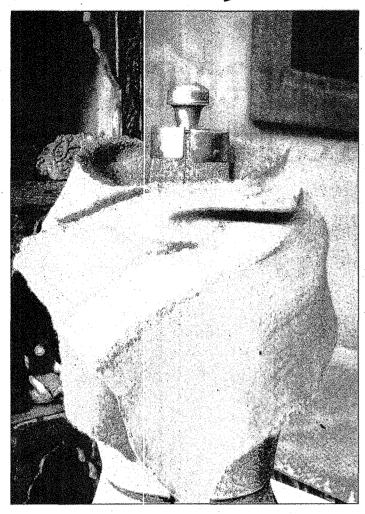
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O.A.R. w/Brett Dennen, Sept. 4

# Art Birmingham features live music and 180 vendors



Shop for quality art at all price points, like this scarf by Yvonne Stefani, during Art Birmingham May 9-10, presented by the BBAC.

National City Art Birmingham transforms Shain Park into an art gallery Mother's Day weekend with 180 artists from all over the U.S. in a variety of media. In addition to art for purchase, the event features hands-on family art activities and artist demonstrations. This year two performers who are newcomers to the Detroit music scene, Parisian Michelet Innocent and Mystic Warriors, will perform for free at Art Birmingham both Saturday, May 9 and Sunday,

The free festival runs
Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-6
p.m. and Sunday, May 10, 10
a.m.-5 p.m. The Birmingham
Bloomfield Art Center
produces the festival with
support from community
partner, the Birmingham
Bloomfield Chamber. It
attracts nearly 80,000 during the weekend.

Parisian musician Michelet Innocent is always fastpaced, humorous, and never predictable. He may be right in the middle of one of the funniest songs or stories you've ever heard, and launch right into a show-stopping production number. What makes his performance so smooth is that Michelet artfully weaves his show from splash, to nostalgia, to humor, to wondrous excitement, building up to a rousing grand finale that always leaves his audience wanting more. www.micheletinnocent.com.

The Mystic Warriors believe their music is a fusion that crosses over many genres without leaving the boundaries of Andean music, More important than categorizing their style is their ability to deliver a message of universal peace and harmony transmitted by the combination of Andean ancient flutes and panpipes with contemporary instruments. Joining the ancestral sounds of the Incas with today's newest sounds, Mystic Warriors will transport you to places and times long forgotten, but yet

to come. www.mysticwar-riors.com.

The 2009 Art Birmingham title sponsor is National City, now part of PNC. Additional support for the event comes from Health Alliance Plan, Renewal by Andersen, Infinity Windows, The New York Times, Bruce White Galleries, Dynamic Life Chiropractic, and 1-800-Mini-Storage as well as Costco and The Henry Ford. Promotional support is provided by Hour Detroit. MetroAlive.com, WWJ-AM, and WDET-FM.

#### **ABOUT THE BBAC**

The Birmingham
Bloomfield Art Center is a
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Each year they offer 500 classes for 4,000 students

Janelle Songer, creator of this ceramic platter, is among 180 artists expected at Art Birmingham, May 9-10 in Shain Park.

including year round classes and art camps, as well as a dynamic, growing outreach program. The BBAC campus features nine classroom studios, four galleries with free exhibits open to the public, art camps, special events, and a retail gallery shop. For more about the BBAC: BBArtCenter.org.





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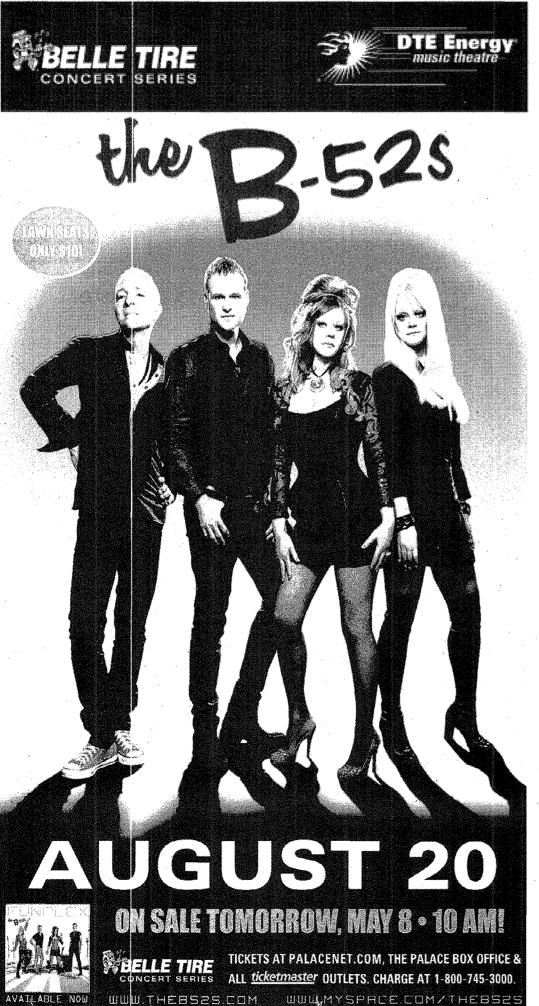


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# FOOD & WINE

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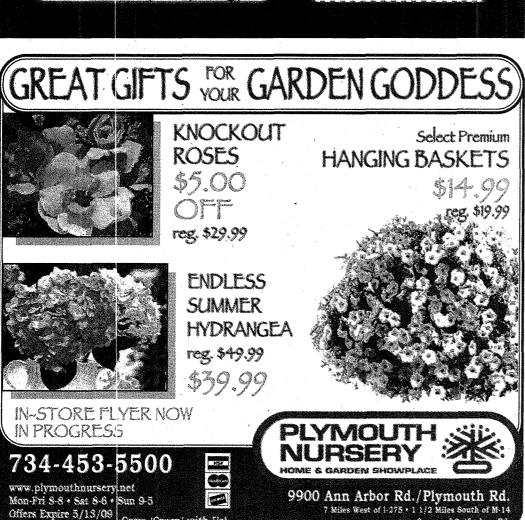
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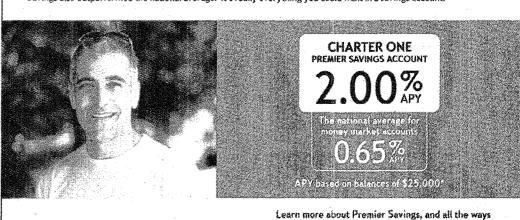
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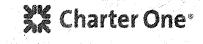
**CANTON** — Four Friends Bar and Grill will offer Mother's Day Dinner Specials on Sunday. Choose from Crab Cakes, \$13.95; Grilled Chicken Kebobs, \$10.95; Broiled Whitefish, \$11.95; Roast Turkey Dinner, \$11.95; Steak and Shrimp, \$15.95; Shrimp Scampi Alla Romano, \$11.95; Jumbo Lobster Ravioli, \$11.95; Aunt Ruby's Salad, \$7.95; or Italian Sausage and Mozzarella Cheese Baci (Mama Kisses), \$9.95. Four Friends Bar and Grill is located at 44282 Warren, east of Sheldon Road, Call (734) 416-0880.

#### **FIAMMA GRILL**

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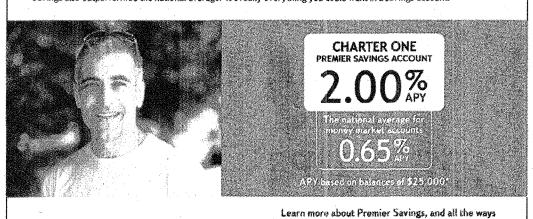




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