

AROUND TOWN Senior Expo: May 19

Celebrate senior life at the sixth annual Senior Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. More than 60 exhibitors, demonstrations, music and educational programs will be offered throughout the day. Free admission and free parking are available. The event is presented by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Schoolcraft College, Caribou Coffee, V98.7 Smooth Jazz Radio and AM 580 Motor City Favorites. Look for the Senior Expo special supplement inside Thursday's Observer.

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Last chance

Candidates who want to get their names on this year's ballot for Westland city elections are facing a 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

Voters this year will fill the position of mayor and four City Council members.

Mayor William Wild already has filed his nominating petitions to seek election to a four-year term. The seats of four council members - Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemyer - also will be on the ballot.

Graunstadt and Stottlemyer have confirmed that they do not plan to seek re-election, meaning that voters will elect at least two new council members.

YouTube-ing it

Library adds hours to meet patrons' needs

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Faced with job losses, foreclosures and other economic woes, Westland public library patrons are increasingly turning to the city's information hub for help, officials said.

"It's really overwhelming to see how much people need the library right now," Director Cheryl Napsha said.

Many mornings, patrons are waiting outside for the doors to open so they can use the 42 public computers to look for jobs, fill out unemployment claims, work on resumés and attend to personal business like handling foreclosure issues, she said.

Competition can be fierce to use the computers. That, too, can be frustrating for people filling out personal documents they need to file with potential employers or

government offices, Napsha said. Patrons have a 60-minute time limit but can use the computers

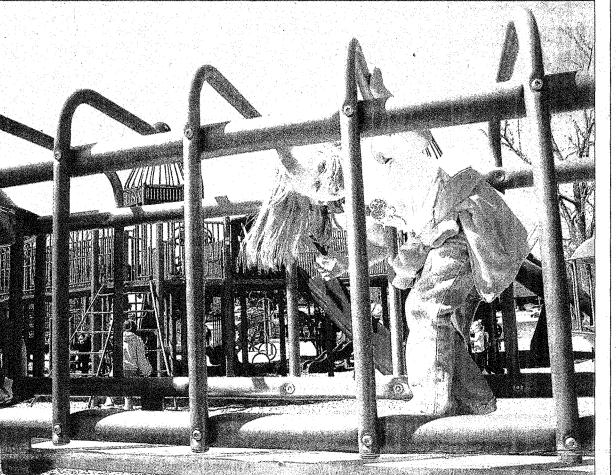
three times in any given day. "At certain times of day there is a wait to get on a computer," she said.

In hopes of easing the crunch, Napsha has announced that, even as the library battles its own budget constraints, the facility will add 10 more hours to its Monday through Saturday lineup starting June 1.

The library will open at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m. on those days and stay open an additional four hours on Thursday evenings. That means the new hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Sunday hours still will be noon to 5 p.m. until after Memorial Day, when the library will begin closing

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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Local businesses struggling to lure customers amid the economic recession are battling yet another problem — competitors who advertise by placing hundreds of illegal signs along city roadways.

Gary Dillon, owner of Dillon's Jewelers on Wayne Road near Avondale, became so upset that last weekend he took down some 100 illegal signs, including some by out-of-town gold-party hosts that he said are muscling in on law-abiding businesses like his.

"I look at this guy almost as a robber," Dillon told the Observer.

Dillon brought the illegal signs he gathered to a Westland City Council meeting on Monday, tossing them in a heap on the floor and imploring city officials to address the problem. While asking for help, Dillon reminded city officials that he paid \$21,000 in property taxes last year and donated additional money to local organizations like youth athletic groups.

A Westland church has gone where no church has gone before - entering a video in a YouTube video contest sponsored by creators of an iPhone application that plays different sounds of flatulence.

With a top prize of \$5,000, Ekklesia, a new church in Westland, is using humor in its video - "Did Jesus Fart?" - to show that Jesus was God, but he was human as well, according to pastor Chris Lambert. The church is "using the same strategy the Apostle Paul used when he arrived in Athens" with its video entry.

A 99-cent novelty iPhone application that plays a wide variety of the sounds the name implies, it's one of the most popular iPhone apps in the world. Its creators are holding a YouTube video contest to see who will generate the best 30-60-second "iFartmercial" for the company.

Videos were judged on creativity, humor and mass appeal. Qualified entries were posted on a new video contest blog, where they are being judged, rated and commented on.

Founded in 2008, Ekklesia is an interdenominational church with a the vision of "enjoying God, loving people, making disciples, and serving the world." The church is located at 34645 Cowan, east of Wayne Road. For more information, visit its Web site at www.ekklesiadetroit.com.

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Planet has space to play

Madison Johnson, 5, of Westland peaks out from the bars at the Play Planet play structure at Tattan Park.

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFE WRITER

Canton mother Rania Lowe only had to travel the distance to Westland to show her three children a new, amazing planet.

Judging by their smiles and laughter, they loved it. Lowe brought daughter Zoey, 8, and sons Zack, 6, and Dominic, 3, to Tattan Park for the first time Monday to let them explore Play Planet, a sprawling, space-age themed structure billed as one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

While Dominic enjoyed the swings, Zoey and Zack stood on a tilted, steel apparatus that let them grasp onto poles and use their body weight to spin themselves around.

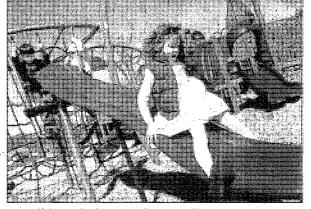
They took time to share their thoughts about Play Planet, a nearly 25,000-square-foot structure built southwest of Carlson and Ford last fall by city workers, community volunteers and hired contractors.

"I like to go down the slides," Zack said.

"There's lots of fun stuff to do," Zoey said. Lowe complimented the setting for Play Planet, saying it had convenient parking and was located in an area that had nearby greenery.

"It's a great play structure," she said, "and we've been to many play structures."

Not far away, Ron and Amanda Wollschlager enjoyed dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238



Gwen Michalec, 5, plays on a slide at Westland's Play Planet. Waiting their turn are twin sister Abbey and brother Max, both 7.

the warm, spring day with son Kaden, who will be 2 in June.

"I think it's great," the mother said. "It's really big, so Kaden has to have help on some of the slides."

The Wollschlagers had settled on a smaller slide more to Kaden's liking.

Ron Wollschlager said the family already had visited Play Planet four times this season. On Monday afternoon, they had plenty of room to enjoy themselves, but that's not true some days, particularly weekends when children swarm the city's newest play structure.

"Saturdays are just crazy," Ron Wollschlager said.

"I can't put these (illegal) signs up," Dillon said, adding that law-breakers shouldn't be tolerated, either.

City officials acknowledged that illegal signs have created blight conditions and led to an unfair advertising edge against legitimate, taxpaving businesses. Mayor William Wild said the culprits often wait to erect their signs after the city's ordinance officers have finished their work week.

"Right now the biggest problem we have is Saturdays and Sundays," Wild said, in response to Dillon's concerns.

Dillon asked city officials to try to track down the offenders and issue tickets, which can lead to misdemeanor penalties ranging up to 90 days in jail

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Wayne Masonic Lodge: 'Share the Secret'

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Richard Ruhland and members of the Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 have decided to borrow a page from Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code. They're want to "Share the Secret," although Ruhland is quick to point out that freemasonry really isn't "a secret society."

"We're a private society or moreover a fraternity of men. We go about our business without a lot of hoopla," said the Garden City resident. "We do a lot of community work. We just do it and it gets done."

The Wayne lodge has 788 members who come from Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Canton and many other communities including as far away as Monroe. They have toiled quietly, providing food baskets two to three

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What: 150th anniversary of Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 When: Saturday, June 27 Where: At the lodge at 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, Westland What: There will be an open house from 10 a.m. to noon, light lunch served from noon to 1:30, a rededication by the Grand Master and

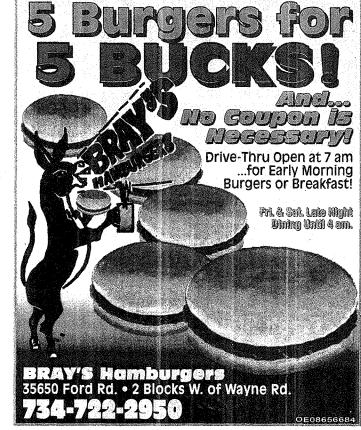
times a year to needy families. They have given 23,282 hours, the third highest in the state to the Michigan, to the Masons' Beacon Project, helping elementary teachers facilitate reading. Roosevelt School in Wayne is just one area school that has benefitted from their work.

The lodge also has given countless hours to the Masons' Michigan Child Identification

Grand Lodge officers of the lodge at 2 p.m. and the burial of a time capsule. The lodge also is planning to bury a time capsule, containing items donated by members. The public is invited to attend. Information: Call the lodge at (734) 721-7950 or visit www.waynelodge112. org.

Program since 2005, providing parents with packets containing everything they would need, if their child turned up missing. Some 1,400 children in the area alone have passed through the program, which has covered all of the elementary schools in Garden City and is now starting to service Wayne-Westland

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| Tabita Latham | B185 | boxes, dresser, totes |
| Clayton Smith | B238 | boxes, dresser, table |
| Naeena V Love | B260 | boxes, bags, tv |
| Derek Odell | B269 | boxes, tv, totes |
| Donald Schwartz | B373 | fish tank, monitor, totè |
| Connie Volpe | C009 | restaurant equipment |
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| Aaron Daniels | D030 | bags, boxes, refrigerator |
| Linder Magwood | D042 | boxes, fish tank, ac unit |
| Christoffer Lithgow | D045 | boxes, totes, tool box |
| Benjamin Pezzat | E001 | bags, chair, lamp |
| Cameron Cabean | F045 | bags, dresser, stove |
| Aikesiah Carter | F049 | stove, bags, refrigerator |
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Be a star

The Westland Stars

Cheerleading and Dance Team is offering a summer program. Children ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for the first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer we will be working on dances, cheers and be attending camp. Join in the fun summer. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Plant exchange

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The Westland Garden Club will sponsor a plant exchange and garden item sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wavne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. The public is invited.

For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

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

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and a \$500 fine.

Council President Pro Tem Cheryl Graunstadt said she would support separate fines for every sign confiscated, but officials concede that part of the problem is catching the offenders in action. Councilman Bill Johnson



on Sundays for the summer

AROUND WESTLAND

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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 rich-

ardleblanc@house.mi.gov. 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 items.

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

VFW events

Members of the Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post 6896 at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, has several events planned for May. Up first is a Corn Hole Tournament at 8 p.m. Friday, May 15 (sign-up will be 7:30-7:55 p.m.), and a trivia tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

And it will hold its last Military Breakfast until fall 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 17. The cost \$5 for adults. The breakfast is open to the public. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454 or visit its Web site at www.vfw6896. com.

Open House

McKinley Co-op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday May 16, in Good Shepherd Church, 6500 Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. The preschool is now enrolling 2-5-year-olds

for fall 2009-2010 school year. McKinley Co-op offers morning and afternoon sessions in a fun and comfortable learning environment, affordable tuition and a teacher with more than 25 years experience. For more information, go online to www.Mckinleypreschool.org or call (734) 729-7222.

Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/ Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

ends, possibly by realigning some work shifts.

"Give us some time," Wild told Dillon, "and we will do a better job."

The issue arose on the same night that council members also debated the merits of allowing Kroger to have a temporary garden center in the parking lot at Ford and Central City Parkway — a move that critics say could hurt gardenrelated businesses.

hours will be beneficial.

"I think it's great," Fodale said. "The city should serve as a resource for the residents. Anything the city can do to assist people in finding jobs is

Councilman Michael Kehrer said he is growing tired of businesses having sales in their parking lots.

Wild reminded officials that Kroger also has made investments in Westland, much like other businesses.

Ultimately, the council voted 6-1 to allow Kroger's garden center, with Kehrer voting against it.

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time, when possible, helping patrons in the lab.

"There will not be time limits on the lab," she said. "It will be open a minimum of three days a week, but the schedule is flexible, dependent on when we have a block of time available in the program room."

way to beef up its enforcement against illegal signs on week-

employers expect job-hunters to submit resumés, letters and other materials online.

We're really trying to be responsive to the need," Napsha said. "These are unique times, and we want to be here for Westland." On days when the library stays open until 9 p.m., it typically draws 1,100 patrons, while the number drops to 700 users on days when the facility closes at 5 p.m. Westland Economic **Development Director Lori** Fodale, whose job entails creating new jobs, said she believes the longer library

addresses listed on the signs in order to track down offenders - and then ticket them. Graunstadt also suggested

could take down illegal signs that they see along roadways. Wild and council President James Godbout said the city has been trying to figure out a

said the city should call the telephone numbers or visit the

that police officers on patrol

months.

Particularly on weekdays, Napsha and other library employees started noticing a need to expand hours to accommodate patrons who don't have home computers and who need to use public libraries to conduct business.

'We're so busy right now," Napsha said. "People need us as they look for jobs." Increasingly, she said,



GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

tv, boxes, totes

dresser, boxes, truck cab

boxes, grill, mattress

boxes, bags, dresser

sofa, dresser, boxes

boxes, dresser, chair

boxes, totes, dresser

boxes, totes, dresser

speakers, boxes, totes

bags, totes, stove

boxes, totes, dresser

boxes, bags, vacuum

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boxes, bags, totes

boxes, bags, totes

bikes, bags, totes

bags, totes, tools.

boxes, tv, dresser

totes, dresser, boxes

bags, totes, dresser

boxes, bags, dresser

boxes, bikes, stove

table, dresser, motorcycle

boxes, dresser, snow blower

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| Derry Diggs | 3053 |
| Linda Robinso | on 3070 |
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| Nancy Emmo | ns 6091 |
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a good thing.'

The library also has foreclosure information packets available to help guide homeowners through a difficult process.

In another move, Napsha said the library also has a makeshift computer lab with eight laptops in a general program room, and starting next week reference librarians will start spending some of their

Napsha dubbed it a Recovery Assistance Lab and said it will be aimed specifically at patrons who need help finding jobs and handling issues like foreclosures.

"My staff is really stepping up for this," she said.

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| Lisa Bynum | 1326 | boxes, bags, mattress | |
| Linda Riley | 1468 | bags, boxes, mattress | |
| Tyrone Johnson | 1548 | boxes, dresser, desk | |
| Marion Sinclair | 1552 | piano, stereo | |
| Kristina Taylor | 2058 | boxes, bags, dresser | |
| Nathaniel Williams | 2118 | boxes, bags | |
| Charlotte Scott | 2240 | boxes, bags, totes | |
| Anthony Pinon | 2288 | boxes, totes, tv | |
| Charles Dalton Jr | 2418 | bags, stove, refridgerator | |
| Anthony Pinon | 3002 | boxes, bags, bike | |
| Tyrone Johnson | 5012 | vehicle – Truck Ford F150 VIN 1FTEF15Y2TLC14113 | |

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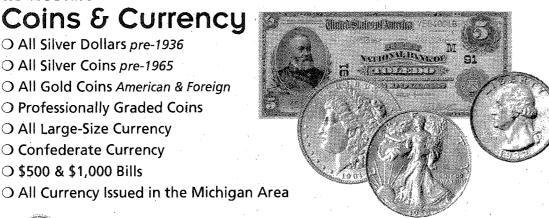
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| Pro Line Building | 143 | boxes, bags, saw | |
| Roosevelt Henderson | 148 | boxes, bags, tv | |
| Horace Jackson | 201 | boxes, bags | |
| Jamie LaGrow | 221 | boxes, chairs, vacuum | |
| Melissa Hagen Segedy | 534 | boxes, totes | |
| Donald Feister | 631 | chair, boxes, totes | |
| Kristy Bradburn | 642 | boxes, bags, totes | |
| David Zimmerman | 658 | boxes | |
| Mark Turchan | 826 | boxes, bags, totes | |
| George Anderson | 903 | sofa, cabinet, chairs | |
| Susan Dalimonte | 947 | boxes, bags, table | |
| Gordon Tonero | 1119 | chairs, bags, dresser | |
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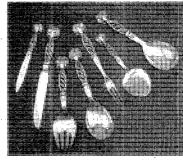
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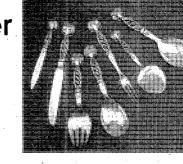
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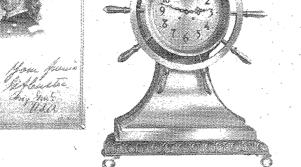
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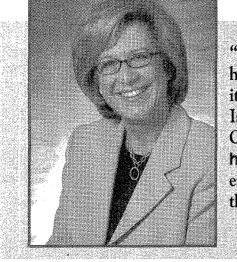
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EDUCATION

1980 grad named John Glenn's **Distinguished Alumni recipient**

A 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School has been named recipient of its 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. Bob Gerber, who grew up in

Westland and was the class valedictorian, will be honored during commencement ceremonies in June. Gerber earned a

Gerber bachelor's

degree in 1984 and a master's degree in public policy in 1985, both from the University of Michigan. He also attended Harvard Law School and graduated with a law degree in 1988.

After Harvard, Gerber moved to San Diego, Calif., where he was a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Rudi M. Brewster from 1988-1989. After finishing his clerkship, he began working as a trial lawyer at the law firm of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, first as an associate and then as a partner. Sheppard Mullin is one of the 100 largest law firms in America, and has offices throughout California and in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanghai, China.

Gerber has practiced law

at Sheppard Mullin in San Diego for 20 years. His practice focuses on intellectual property and entertainment litigation, as well as professional liability litigation. He handles a variety of intellectual property matters in the entertainment and many other industries, including patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret lawsuits. He also advises companies and individuals on protection and prosecution of their intellectual property rights.

His practice also focuses on the defense of lawyers, accountants, directors, officers, brokers, insurers and others in professional liability claims and related insurance issues. He has significant experience in general commercial litigation, including securities law, real estate, products liability, contracts, banking law, partnership disputes, arbitrations and administrative proceedings.

Gerber is well-respected in the San Diego legal community and throughout the State of California by both lawyers and judges. He has been appointed or elected to leadership positions in judge/lawyer activities at the local, state and national levels, including Ninth Circuit Trustee, American Inns of Court Foundation,

president, vice-president, treasurer and master of the J. Clifford Wallace American Inn of Court, master of the Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court, appointed lawyer representative for the Southern District of California, chair of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of California, advisor and chair of the Legal Ethics Committee for the San Diego County Bar Association, member of the California State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation and co-chair of the Trade Secret Subcommittee of the Intellectual Property Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation.

Gerber also is the chair of Sheppard Mullin's Pro Bono Committee, where he coordinates the entire firm's donations of money and free legal services to the poor. He personally has donated thousands of hours of free legal services to the poor in his two decades of practice, including the representation of a Mexican teenager in a precedent-setting immigration case, Hernandez-Montiel v. Immigration and

Naturalization Service. Married, he and his wife Shelley have four children -Alex 16, Taylor, 14, Paige, 12, and Alyssa, 9.



A model participant

Student's Name: Brittney Dejack, 17

Grade/School: 12th, Wayne

Center

Memorial High School and the

William D. Ford Career-Technical

Parents: John and Robyn Dejack

Construction Technology II teacher

Brittney is a non-traditional student

in the Construction Technology II

course at William D. Ford Career-

Technical Center, Brittney is excel-

ling in the class as we are building

the house on Avondale. She is a

Nominated by: Mark Valchine,

Why is she being nominated:

Citing 100 percent enrollment in the Wayne County Head Start program, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (right), D-Livonia, present Wayne-Westland Community Schools with a resolution at the county commission's full board meeting held at Westland City Hall on April 14. Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness for preschool students. "Wayne-Westland Community Schools is a model Head Start participant," Gebhardt said. "They are funded for 323 preschool students, and they have been fully enrolled since they started the program. We salute the district's leadership for their tremendous oversight and administration of the program." Accepting a resolution was Bill Swartz, director of media services for the school district. Joining Gebhardt in the presentation was Cecilia Mobley, director of the Wayne County Head Start program.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



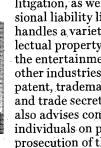
She will competing at the state level in Lansing Apri 24-26. Brittney has been awarded the Zebra Leadership Award, and is captain of the girls varsity soccer team at Wayne Memorial High School.

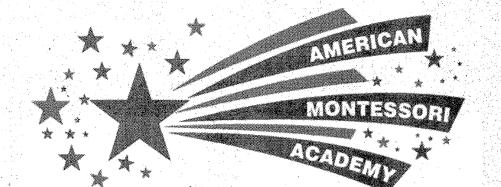
What do you want to be when you grow up: A construction manager What do you like about school: Building our house in Construction Technology What is your favorite subject: Construction Technology Why: The class is hands-on. We are

applying our skills to build a house which becomes someone's home! Who are your role models and why?: Mr. Valchine. He takes the time to explain things, teaches us tips and tricks of the trade which make working easier.



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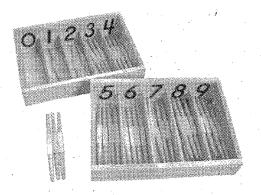


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Marybeth Levine of the Detroit Area Diaper Bank and her two sons, David and Nathan, deliver 3,000 diapers to Kristen Chateau of Starfish Family Services.

Starfish gets diapers from bank

When it comes to diapers, Starfish Family Services has plenty.

A human service agency serving vulnerable families in southeastern Michigan, Starfish is the first recipient of diapers from the newly-formed The Detroit Area Diaper Bank, based in Canton. Starfish received more than 3,000 diapers to help families in the community provide a necessity for their babies and young children.

The average infant uses up to 12 diapers per day, a toddler eight per day. But in low-income households, a baby may be in a

single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems from skin diseases to hepatitis. Diapers are the most requested donation item of Starfish families. The Diaper Bank was created to help fill this type of need.

Our goal with launching The Detroit Area Diaper Bank was to partner with nonprofit organizations that work with families in need of diapers and build a network to help meet those needs," said Marybeth Levine, founder of the Diaper Bank. "Starfish is just the type of organization we were seeking to help alleviate some of

the stresses that their families face on a day-to-day basis."

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank's mission is to raise awareness about the unmet need for diapers among the community's most vulnerable populations - low-income babies, the elderly, people with disabilities - and build a network to help meet it. It recognized that people and families who need diapers most likely need other social services as well.

Starfish Family Services offers programs to help educate and empower vulnerable families and children in western Wayne County, including Westland and

Garden City. It provides free preschool programs, a crisis shelter for teens, after-school and summer programming, an organic children's garden and a comprehensive array of behavioral health services.

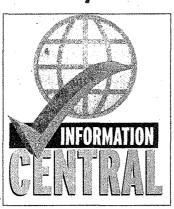
The agency serves nearly 8,000 children and their families at its numerous service sites each year. More information Starfish Family Services can be found online at www.starfishonline.org.For more information on donating diapers, visit the Detroit Area Diaper Bank Web Site at www.detroitareadiaperbank.org.



Do you still get excited by the sight of primary colors, flowing capes, yellow star bursts of "POW!"? Superheroes have emerged from the printed comic book page into the 21st century at full force while managing to remain entirely relevant to modern storytelling and pop culture. The classic characters continue to fight crime alongside more recent creations in movies, video games and newly published comic books and graphic novels.

Superheroes have infiltrated all areas of the library. They are thriving in the graphic novel area, with classics such as Spider-Man and Wonder Women battling for space with the slightly more recent X-Men. Defenders of the innocent are lurking in the fiction book collection in novels like "Captain Freedom" by G. Xavier Robillard or Austin Grossman's "Soon | Will Be Invincible." Reading books like these are a good alternative to comics for those who wish to operate under the guise of enjoying "grown-up" reading materials.

Create artwork using classic methods similar to that of D.C. and Marvel Comics by learning from Hansen's "How to Draw Superheroes." For a more contemporary perspective, check out the CD-ROM "Comic Book Creator" and explore the different ways to create comic books using cartooning software instead of a pencil and paper. Fiction and drawing books are not the only locations in the library where you can find comic and super-



hero related information. Look up the value of your old Batman comics in "Comics Values Annual" or "The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide" to find out if your childhood pastime yields any monetary worth today.

Popular with the young and old, there is no shame in indulging in a good comic book or graphic novel now and again. If you're feeling inspired to read stories of the caped crusaders who protect crime-ridden cities by night, but aren't exactly sure of where to look, stop by the library and we'll be glad to point you in one of the many directions where justice is being served in multiple formats.

Highlighted Activities

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. May 11, Faust Area.

Join State Sen. Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for monthly district coffee hour. The library opens an hour éarly on these days for you to ask questions and share your concerns with your local

government officials. Fireside Chat: 6 p.m. May 11, Faust

Area Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for an informal "Fireside Chat." They invite all Westland residents to join them in the Faust Area, where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you. They will update you with news from the state and the county.

ReferenceUSA Job Searching: 7 p.m. May 11.

ReferenceUSA representative Dan Greco will explain the basics of utilizing this resource as a job searching tool. After the presentation, he will be available to answer questions about making your job search as painless as possible.

Documentary Movie Night: "The Bridge," 7 p.m. May 12

Join us for the documentary film, "The Bridge." This is a documentary exploration of the mythic beauty of the Golden Gate Bridge, the most popular suicide destination in the world, and those drawn by its call. No sign-up is required.

20s/30s Book Club: 78 p.m. May 13, Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

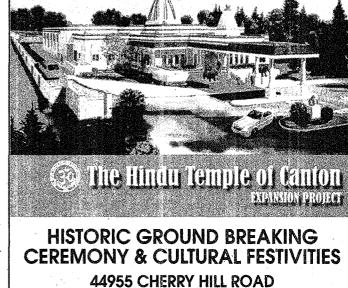
Up for discussion this month is Z.Z. Packer's "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere." Packer's stories deal with black men and women, mostly young and urban. Her carefully engineered narratives treat readers to the richness of highly developed characters and lead them to some

intriguing scenarios.

Special Presentation : "It's Howdy Doody Time!," 7 p.m. May 18 Join us in welcoming Edward Kean, co-creator of "The Howdy Doody Show." Kean is also the composer of the show's theme song "It's Howdy Doody Time" and is also the author of hundreds of "Golden Books." He will perform some original compositions and relate fond memories of his days in show business! Reserve your seat for this wonderful night of memories by calling the library at (734) 326-6123

or stopping by the Reference Desk. Drop- in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian and library superhero Mary Fixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



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Wayne Masonic Lodge: 150 years of history

LOCAL NEWS

In 1858, a small group of Masons - businessmen and farmers - living in and near Wayne asked the Phoenix Lodge in Ypsilanti for a recommendation to form the new lodge. That lodge agreed and with dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 was established on July 14, 1858.

Meetings were held in a room of an old building by the railroad tracks near Monroe Street in Wayne, until member William Steers offered the lodge space in a building he had built between Sophia and Monroe street in the 1860s.

In 1913, members decided the lodge needed its own building and purchase land for \$250 on what was called the Cheney block that had been destroyed by fire. A temple association was formed and non-dividend stock was sold for \$10 a share to finance the construction. The building was completed in 1914 for a cost of \$25,000.

While the temple was being built, the lodge met in the Reiser Building on Michigan Avenue. It had a membership of 263 men. During the years of prosperity, the lodge was able to furnish a room for aged and equip a hospital room at the Masonic Home and Hóspital in Alma.

But the during the 1930s and early 1940s, the lodge became dormant. However, there was a resurgence when members faced the prospect of losing the building. A new temple association was formed and with help from Frank Hoops, it returned to prosperity. The



Among members of Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 are Senior Deacon Garry Palucki of Garden City (front row, from left), Denis Scott of Westland, Robert Boyles of Wayne, Worshipful Master Bernard Brewer of Westland, Tiler Roger Moore of Wayne. Senior Steward Alex Hammond of Lincoln Park, Junior Warden Gilbert Albanice of Westland. Secretary Richard Ruhland of Garden City and Marshal Sam Fite of Canton.

lodge resolved to redeem the shares of stock by paying \$15 per share and by it centennial year had redeemed almost all of them.

Functions continued at the temple through 1964 when the city of Wayne started an urban renewal program that included numerous parcels of land including the Masonic Temple. The lodge received \$105,000 for the building and was allowed to stay in it as a renter

until it could find property and build a new temple.

With property in Wayne not large enough and too expensive, the building committee purchased land on Palmer Road in what was then Nankin Township. The new building was almost complete when the lodge moved in November 1965.

In¹966, Nankin Township residents voted to create the city of Westland. According

to a history of the lodge, it helped celebrate the city's first birthday with an open house on June 13-14 "so that the public may see what a progressive Masonic temple looks

like." Today, the lodge has 788 members, the largest in the state. It's membership over the years is filled with names prominent in western Wayne County history. Samuel Walker was the first Worshipful

Master of the Wayne Lodge. He centennial, is the namesake of is the Walker in Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton. Matthew Tinkham, who was

a member at the time of the

of the day." Freemasonry offers a true bond," Brewer said. "There's a togetherness that's almost like brother to brother. It doesn't matter if you're young or older, the Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland. Wayne Mayor Al Hadious also is a member.

Men interested in more information can call the lodge at (734) 721-7950 or stop by the lodge during its celebration on June 27.

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schools, with programs at Taft-Galloway Elementary on May 27 and Hamilton Elementary on May 29.

It also has provided student assistance training designed to give teachers the tools to recognize children at risk of drug, alcohol and similar abuses. Close to 50 Garden City teachers and administrators have participated in the program, which also is now

to reactivate the Order of DeMolay for boys ages 14-18. In October, a group of lodge members formed Chapter 9 of the Michigan Masonic Motorcycle Association to promote fellowship.

"Masonry is a brotherhood, it offers integrity, friendship, growth and balance, that's what it gives me," said Ruhland who joined the lodge in 1991. "When I saw that Masons help kids for free on their own, I said that's what I want to be a part of."

Bernard Brewer is in his third year as the lodge's

the school lodge at Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School in Rochester in the County of Kent in England, where he had studied in the 1920s.

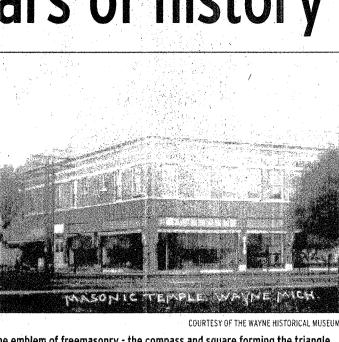
"I thought it would be nice and it is," he said. "When I came here. I decided wherever I lived or bought a house, I would join."

True to his word, when he bought a home in 1958, he transferred his membership to the Wayne Masonic Lodge. He's celebrating his 65th year as a freemason and is one of the lodges oldest members in

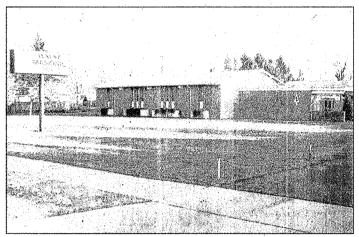
Michigan, including time as the Grand Master.

"It gives you the opportunity to lead or be led, it's whatever you want to do," he added. "It gives you the opportunity to be social without the corruption the bond is unique."

new temple.



The emblem of freemasonry - the compass and square forming the triangle of God - can bee seen on the corner of the second story of the Wayne Masonic Temple in Wayne.



Urban renewal in the city of Wayne in 1964 prompted the Wayne Masonic

Lodge to buy land on Palmer east of Newburgh in Westland and construct a

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being introduced in Wayne-Westland.

The lodge annually presents scholarships to graduating students at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools. The money comes from dues - \$52 a year - fund-raising like garage sales, spaghetti dinners and donations.

"When we were in Wayne, we did Wayne High, when we moved here (Westland), we adopted John Glenn," Ruhland said. "We started out with two scholarships and have gone as high as eight. They've been up to \$2,000 each. And that's been over and above the member scholarships we give."

A BETTER PLACE

But beyond its commitment to making the community a better place, the lodge offers a sense of family to its members. It has an active Order of the Eastern Star for women, an International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters and is looking

Worshipful Master, something that hasn't been repeated in 113 years of lodge history. He became a freemason after receiving a Scottish Rite ring from an uncle in Tennessee. He read some of his uncle's books and found the society "to be intriguing." He knew a few men at his work were masons, but didn't give it a lot of attention until he was "at a point in my life when I decided I liked what it stands for," he said. He joined the lodge in September 1998.

"I've always been one to help out" he said. "I'm someone whose not afraid to jump in with both feet," he said. "This is a place where if something happens to me, all the brothers will take care of my wife."

Brewer wasn't recruited or invited to join the lodge. In freemasonry, if a man wants to join, all he needs to do is ask.

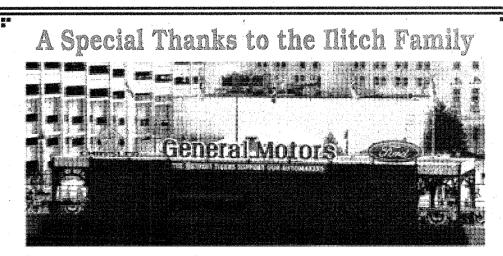
That's what Denis Scott did in 1944. The Westland resident was the first in his family to join freemasonry. He joined age along with Bob Boyles of Wayne whose been a freemason for 56 years.

FAMILY TRADITION

For Boyles, freemasonry is a tradition. His father, grandfather, father-in-law and brother-in-law are Masons and all of the women in the family belong to the Order of the Eastern Star.

"I get many things out of it, especially with the youth work," he said. "Seeing the young people blossom, the camaraderie – I get a certain amount of spirituality being a Mason. Sometimes I reminisce and get the feeling that I was put here for some purpose and I'm happy because I have fulfilled that purpose."

During his time in freemasonry, Ruhland has been active in the blue lodge - so called because brothers would walk to lodge meetings on the nights of the full moon – as well as serving for six years in the Grand Masonic Lodge of



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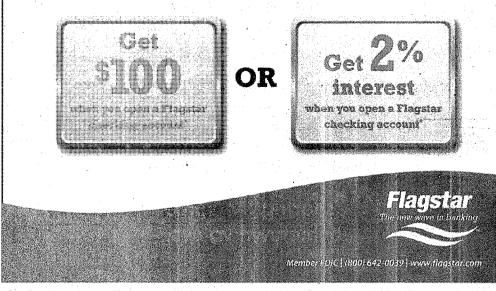
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Closing celebration

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafavette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(734) 425-4380 of send an e-mail to stdunstanschoolsecretarv@comcast. St. Dunstan Catholic School is invitnet by June 5. People who would like ing all former school staff, students to contribute as a minister in the and families to attend the closing liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. 425-6720.

People planning to attend should call. Be a Star The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team will begin their summer program. Children ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth-grade from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for its first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multi-

purpose room of the Westland Bailey Center in the Westland civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer the team will work on its dances and cheers and will attend camp. For more information call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620. 3-Day fund-raiser

A Breast Cancer 3-Day spaghetti dinner benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure will be held 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the CrossPointe Community Church, formerly First Baptist of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, east of Newburgh, Wayne. Minimum donation is \$7 for adults and \$4 children age 10 and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, beverages and dessert. Breast Cancer jewelry, mugs and Wendy's discount books also will be for sale. For more information, call (734) 564-6437.

Getting fit

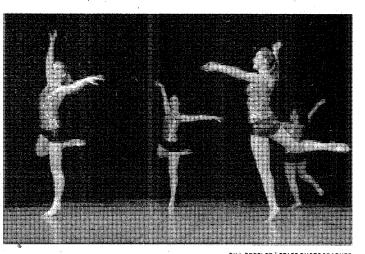
Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness's is offering several programs for adults and children this summer. For adults, "Fierce to be Fit" will begin May 18, and run through June 26. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Fitness Warriors will be weighed, measured and challenged to reach great shape in time for summer weather. The top three Warriors will receive cash prizes at the end of the challenge. Weigh-ins, recipes and weekly incentive prizes will help Fitness Warriors to succeed on their path to great shape. Martial arts and fitness expert Kelly M. Perkins will teach "Kids Get Growing," Kids ages 9 to 12 years will have fun learning to plant, grow and harvest a vegetable garden. This is a summer long program that will meet once per week on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 P.M. Beginning late May and running through September, "Kids Get Growing" will help kids to learn to grow their own healthy foods. This program is designed to give children skills to grow their own food, nourishing them life long. In addition, growing their own food will help them make better eating choices and exercising in the garden will encourage kids to spend more time outdoors. Also providing youngsters and adults

the opportunity to develop leadership skills, self-confidence, physical fitness and outstanding self-defense, Guardian will offer a three month summer special of American Kenpo. Space is limited for "Fierce to be Fit" and "Kids Get Growing". Please call Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness at (734)266-0565 to register now and for more details. **Bicycle Rally**

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will sponsor its annual Michigan Recumbent Bicycle Rally 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the pool shelter of Willow Metropark, located off Exit 11 of I-275 in southwest Wayne County, For those not familiar with the bicycles, recumbents have the rider sit on a chair-like seat instead of a narrow saddle, providing a very high comfort level. The event will consist of recumbent and bicycle displays, test-rides, recumbent dealers, a noon group ride, as well as a "buying your first recumbent" talk at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all bicyclists. For more information, go online to www.wolverbents.org or call (734) 487-9058.

Relay for Life benefits

Doo Wop for a Cause is coming to the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City on Saturday, May 16. Local entertainers will be putting on a Doo Wop and Oldies Show filled with music of the 1950s and 1960s. Come in your best 195-1960 era duds. Prizes for costumes that standout. The show will be 6-10 p.m., and tickets are \$8 per person. They can be bought at Maplewood Center office. The event is being sponsored by Team "What About a Cure for Cancer" and the Garden City Relay for Life. The team also is sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest during the Garden City Relay for Life at Garden City Junior High track May 30. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. There's a \$5 registry fee with photo. Be sure to put the contact info - name, age, address and phone - on the back of the photo. Checks must be written to American Cancer Society and sent to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Mi 48135, attention Cheryl & Kelly. The deadline for registering is May 27.





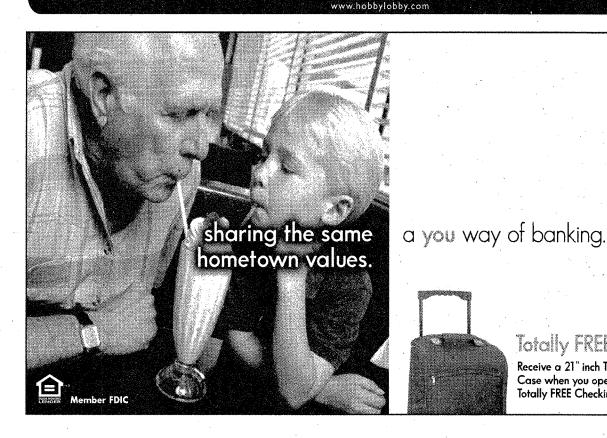
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"Members need to have the

drive and commitment to the

lot of hard work, dancers only

have one week, usually three

classes, to learn a dance and

All dancers learn a jazz, bal-

team," said Christian. "It's a

ground is, if any.

and Encore (beginner dancers).

that the finale be from A Night

at the Roxbury," Christian said.

The 11-member team is split

Petra Radman, Anna Quillen, Maria Idunat and Alicia Lustic, members of the John Glenn High School Dance Program, rehearse in advance of a performance at the Mr. JG contest last Thursday evening.

Glenn dancers present recital

Members of the John Glenn High School Dance Program are putting the finishing touches on 25 routine they will present as part of their spring recital Thursday-Friday, May 14-15.

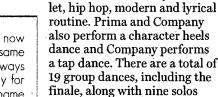
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This year's recitals have themes and the music is based around them, according to Coach Carey Christian. Last semester, they did a "Tribute to the '80s" and this semester have chosen a them of "A Night at the Movies." The recital will feature several songs from the movie Twilight, as well as classics like Harry Potter and Forrest Gump.

"The team has had a great time choosing music this time,

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polish it."

and duets. The recital will be at 7 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$5 for high school students and under and \$7 for adults. Presale tickets are on sale at John Glenn during all lunches. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

Members of the team include captains Petra Radman and Anna Quillen, Maris Idunate, Alicia Lustig, Versala Harris, Courtney Dobos, Allyson Shaker, Janae Pierce, Catilin Orsette, Rajah Ismail, and Kiera Means.

"The girls have done a fantastic job this year and we have put together a show that has something for everyone," said Christian.

COUNTY NEWS

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a reverse stock split

Q: Dear Rick: I heard that General Motors, in their latest restructuring plan, was doing a reverse stock split. Can you explain a reverse stock split? I currently own 1,000 shares of General Motors stock.

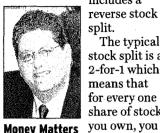
A: General Motors has filed a new plan of reorganization with the Securities and Exchange Commission that includes a

> reverse stock split.

receive two shares. In your

situation, if

The typical stock split is a 2-for-1 which means that for every one share of stock



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

you had 1,000 shares of General Motors and they had a 2-for-1 stock split, you would have 2,000 shares.

The opposite happens in a reverse stock split. Following the split, you own less shares. According to the plan proposed by GM, the split is 1for-100. That means for every 100 shares of General Motors stock you own in the new reorganized company, you will receive one share of stock. So instead of owning 1,000 shares you would own 10 shares.

One final note, whether GM enters bankruptcy or restructures outside of bankruptcy, the future for current shareholders is bleak at best.

Q: Dear Rick: I know your view on taxes and I respect it. However, whether it makes sense or not, I don't want to pay any more taxes than I have to. I just received \$50,000 from a settlement. I want to invest the money without having to pay any taxes. What are my alternatives?

A: Thanks for being a reader of my column and a listener of my radio show.

The one totally tax-free investment I recommend you consider would be tax-free bonds. They are tax-free from federal taxes, and if you buy Michigan tax-frees, they will be tax-free too.

There are other types of investments that do not have are subject to the alternative minimum tax, there are ways to avoid federal taxes.

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

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

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

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in

Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, 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 his daughter, 6.

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

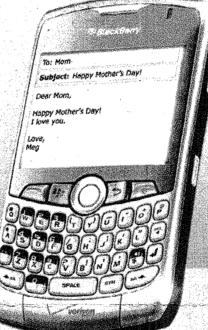
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current tax consequences, but will be taxed in the future. For example, there are certain annuities that I like, in particular, fixed and equityindexed annuities. These products grow tax-deferred but eventually, when you withdraw the money, the money is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. In tax-free bonds there are no income taxes. There is, however, one caveat and that is the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Although the AMT is not considered income tax, it is a tax. It is a very complicated tax to explain, but basically depending upon your income and your deductions, the income generated from taxfree bonds is subject to this tax. The consequence is that it removes the benefits of the tax-free investment. The only way to determine whether you are subject to the AMT is to run through the calculation using your last year's tax return as a guide.

In purchasing tax-free bonds, you have a couple of options. First, you can purchase the bonds individually from a brokerage house. Another option is using a noload mutual fund. A mutual fund like Fidelity Michigan Tax-Free Bond Fund is tax-free from both state and federal taxes. The one caveat about purchasing a fund as opposed to an individual bond is that it is possible to have some capital gain exposure. In a mutual fund, the portfolio manager does sell bonds before maturity, thus, there is the potential of recognizing some capital gain tax.

One last note regarding buying tax-free mutual funds, if you buy a national tax-free bond fund, in other words, a municipal bond fund that contains tax-free bonds from numerous states, the portfolio would be better diversified but the income would be subject to Michigan income taxes. In addition, there are national tax-free bond funds that are alternative minimum tax free. Therefore, even if you

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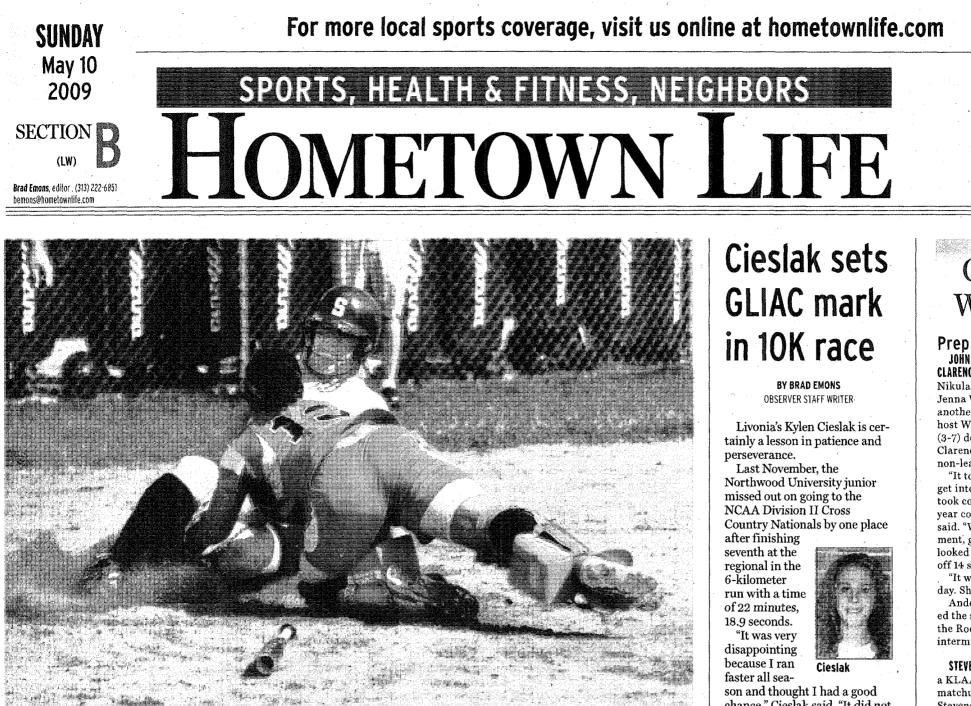
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Stevenson's Emily Hollandsworth slides underneath the tag of Franklin catcher Brittany Taylor to tie at the score a 1-1.

Brittany's shot

Franklin catcher delivers game-winning double

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Brittany Taylor seized a rate opportunity at the plate Friday and she didn't let it slip away.

With the score tied at 1-all in the top of the fourth and runners on second and third, the Livonia Franklin senior catcher ripped a shot up the left-center field gap for a one-out, 2run double and the Patriots went on to earn a 4-1 win in the first game of a double-header against host Livonia Stevenson.

The Kensington Conference crossover win kept the Patriots atop the

Taylor, always dangerous when she steps in the batters box, had been hit by a pitch and walked in her previous two trips against Spartans' starter Laura Deacon.

Facing a 1-2 count with first base open, Taylor delivered and came home on a RBI groundout by Chelsea Williams to give the Patriots a threerun cushion.

"They let me hit, I was happy," Brittany Taylor said. "I really did get any swings, just the one time. The pitch was so good that I decided to swing. It was perfect, straight, right down the middle."

After Mariah Barcus doubled home



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Franklin pitcher Natalie Sanborn makes the delivery

chance," Cieslak said. "It did not work out. I've had better days. It wasn't a bad race. I knew going in it would be tough going to nationals.

"To go to nationals I had to get through a strong regional in the midwest where there were a lot of fast runners. I knew it would be extremely difficult because there were a lot of strong athletes who all deserved

to go." Undaunted, the Churchill High grad earned a spot in the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships, March 13-14, in Houston, Texas, where she finished 10th in the 5K with a time of 17:19.29.

But entering last week's Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships, Cieslak stepped onto Hillsdale College oval and into uncharted waters.

And she made quite a splash when she obliterated the GLIAC record by 28 seconds in the 10K with a clocking of 35:36.08. She also shattered the Northwood school record by several minutes.

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GAME WRAPS

Prep girls soccer JOHN GLENN 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Megan Nikula scored twice and Jenna Williams added another goal Friday as host Westland John Glenn (3-7) downed Livonia Clarenceville (3-8-1) in a non-league encounter.

"It took us 20 minutes to get into the game, then we took control," Glenn firstyear coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We had good movement, good passing and looked really good. We got off 14 shots.

"It was Jenna Williams' day. She was amazing."

Andee Samborski recorded the shutout in goal for the Rockets, who led 1-0 at intermission.

STEVENSON 8, S.L. EAST 0: In

a KLAA Central Division matchup Thursday, Livonia Stevenson (6-6, 5-2) scored all eight goals in the first half to mercy host South Lyon East (0-8, 0-11).

Dayna Stevens scored the game-winning just three minutes into the match from Shannon Merritt, who finished with a goal and two assists.

Brittany Hoots and Kelly Vellucci each tallied two goals, while Renee Boudreau and Krista Kane added one apiece.

Other assists went to Vellucci, Boudreau, Joelle Williamson, Samantha Gutkowski and Kassity Truxell.

Stevenson goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk did not face a shot.

WAYNE 3, FRANKLIN 3: In

a KLAA South Division game Thursday, host Wayne Memorial (1-11-2, 1-6-1) and Livonia Franklin (1-10-2, 1-7-1) battled to a draw. Megan Maynor, Alysia Escobar and Samantha Dye scored for the host Zebras. who led 1-0 at halftime. "We came out very flat and Wayne took advantage of that," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "It took us nearly 25 minutes to get into the game and really start putting up a battle. We talked at halftime about how we were going to be successful going to goal and the team took it to heart. They worked hard in the second half and refused to back down."

KLAA South Division standings at 10-0 and stay one game up on Canton.

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against Stevenso . She held the Spartans to four hits in seven innings in a 4-1 victory.

BY BRAD EMONS

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill needed

a win Wednesday night to

have a legitimate shot at t ie

KLAA South Division girls

But Chargers could only

against the visiting Chiefs,

Each team has three division

Canton, ranked No. 9 ir

wide coaches poll, improved

Churchill, meanwhile, 1 -ll

to 8-1-1 overall and 5-1-1 in

Each team has three

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bling block being a 7 p.m.

encounter tonight agains

with Canton's biggest stu n-

Churchill got on the board

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to 6-1-1 overall and 6-0-1

in the division. The Chief

handed Churchill its only

loss the year, 1-0.

the South.

Plymouth.

who appear to be in the

driver's seat for the title.

muster a 1-1 deadlock

soccer title.

games left.

Crusaders eye destinations

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its schedule for pool play at the 2009 NAIA Softball National Championship slated for May 14-19 in Decatur, Ala.

In the 32-team field, No. 13ranked Madonna University (51-9) is paired with No. 4ranked Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) along with Holy Names (Calif.) and McKendree University (Ill.), both of which received votes in the final Coaches' Poll of the season.

MU and Point Loma have already met once this season with the Crusaders taking home a 1-0 win in its season opener Feb. 28 in Tucson, Ariz.

The Crusaders, who will play once per day in pool play, open action at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14 against McKendree (30-14) followed by a 6 p.m. Friday, May 15 matchup with Holy Names (24-16). MU wraps up action in Pool D at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16 against Point Loma (44-11).

All games will be played at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex.

Baseball No. 3 at-large

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champion Crusaders, 38-10 overall and ranked No. 16 in the final coaches poll, will be headed to the opening-round site of the NAIA Championships, which begins Tuesday in Sioux City, Iowa.

MU earned the third at-large baseball bid among 14 in the 46-team NAIA pool.

Rounding out Sioux City field is top-seed Bellevue (Neb.), No. 2-seed Fresno Pacific (Calif.), No. 4-seed Jamestown (N.D.) and the No. 5-seed Nebraska Wesleyan.

The third-seed Crusaders open play at 1 p.m. (local time) against Fresno Pacific, which was the second at-large taken in field. This marks the first time that the two teams have faced off in the history of the two programs.

Each of the opening-round site winners advance to the NAIA World Series, May 22-29, in Lewiston, Id.

Tie doesn't help Chargers' hopes

GIRLS SOCCER

the 30th minute off a beautiful cross from Hannah Otto. "That was one of the best

high school goals I've ever seen," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Canton tied it six minutes later when Lindsey Winters scored on a penalty shot following a corner kick. "We were not composed in

front of the net and it hurt us," Hebestreit said. Goalkeeper Samantha

McPartlin then held off the Chargers the rest of the way.

"Their keeper made two saves that were goals," Hebestreit said. "We had them about 10-3 in chances, but we got caught up playing their game.

"Canton plays a more direct style, while we try to knock it around, build and possess. I thought our four (defensive) backs played well. They (Canton) really didn't get in behind us more than once or twice."

CHURCHILL O. W.L. WESTERN 0: Playing its third game in three days on Friday, host Livonia Churchill (9-1-2) settled for a scoreless draw with Walled Lake Western (6-2-5).

"I think we were a little fatigued," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Western was organized, won headers and corner kicks, and did a good job controlling us.

"But overall it was a positive game by the back third and middle third of our team. I thought Alyssa Mira played well and Sara Bauman came in and gave us good minutes at center-midfield. She was a real catalyst when she came in.'

Churchill hit two posts, while goalkeeper Stefanie Turner had to only make one save

"We had a bunch of opportunities, but didn't finish and that's been our Achilles heel this year," Hebestreit said.

CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN O: Alyssa Mira scored twice Thursday as Livonia Churchill (9-1-1, 6-1-1) downed host Westland John Glenn (2-7, 2-5).

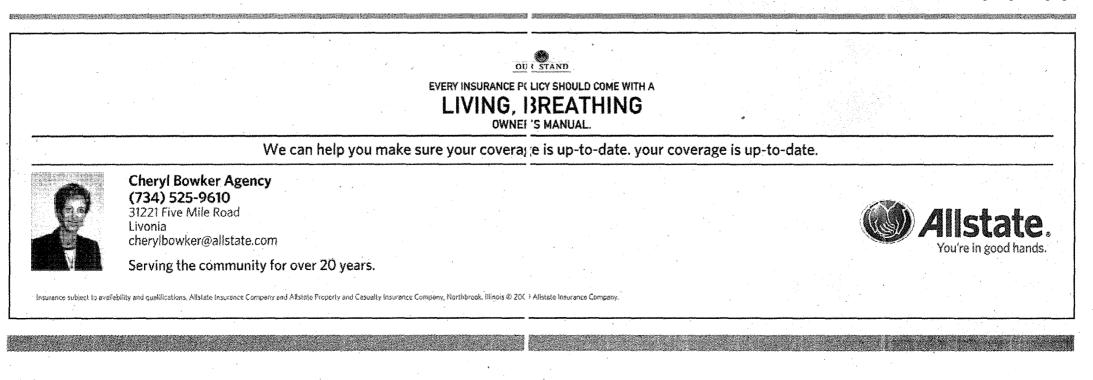
Bailey Brandon, Shari Zakalowski and Hannah Otto also scored for the Chargers. The other was an "own goal."

Emily McCullen, Kenzie Meyers and Courtney Smith countered with goals for Franklin in the second half.

"Brooke Killeen did a great job in goal for us as a backup," Barker said. "All in all, I'm pleased with the result and the way the kids turned the game around after the first part of the first half."

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: On Wednesday, host Livonia Franklin (1-10-1, 1-7) fell to the visiting Wildcats, who invoked the eight-goal mercy rule 10 minutes into the second half after leading 6-0 at intermission.

We were battling some health issues tonight," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We were playing with one of our field players in the goal as ours was sick, and that threw our game a bit. We defended well, but seemed a bit unnerved with the change in goalkeeping."



second.

the fight his team displayed

"But when you have to

scratch and claw from that

early of a deficit it's hard to

keep that effort level up the

whole game," Miller said. "But

I liked the battle. We had some

guys in the lineup today that

aren't normally starters and

they worked hard to try and

defeated Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook, 9-7, on Tuesday

in a Metro showdown of top

teams. The Warriors will be the

top seed during the week-long

The Warriors will be seeking

HURON VALLEY 10, FRANKLIN ROAD 9: On

Thursday, visiting Westland Huron

Valley Lutheran (4-3, 4-0) edged

Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-1

Independent Athletic Conference

were Ivan Bell (3-for-3), Tyler

LUTH. WESTLAND 12, INKSTER 2:

Thursday's non-conference game

Andrezejewski gave up just one hit

in five innings and struck out nine.

Senior Chris Barnaby led the

offense with a 2-for-4 afternoon,

including a double and two RBI.

Inkster helped the Warriors by

He also went 2-for-4 at the plate and

was dominated by the Lutheran

High Westland (10-2) as Jake

scored a run in the mercy.

committing four errors.

and earned the victory.

MIAC) on in a matchup of Michigan

Swinging big bats for the Hawks

Wagaman (3-for-4), Aaron Howell

(4-for-5), Bryan Gruenewald (3-for-

4) and Richie Mamo (2-for-4, grand

Andy Barber pitched four innings

tournament with home-field

their first Metro Conference

Because Lutheran Westland

keep us in the game."

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after falling behind 8-0 in the

<u>B2</u>

Franklin triumphs

Sweep over Stevenson keeps Pats in division lead

With its home field still soggy, Livonia Stevenson's baseball team moved over to dry land Friday at nearby Ford Field.

But it was Livonia Franklin that made itself feel comfortable as the KLAA South Division coleaders swept a twinbill from the Spartans, 14-4 (in five innings) and 3-1.

Franklin, 12-5 overall and 8-3 in the KLAA South, ran away with opener by scoring twice in the first inning, four more in the second and eight in the third.

Winning pitcher Mike Basner led Franklin's 13-hit assault going 3-for-3 with three runs scored.

Also getting into the act was Garrett Gumm (2-for-2, triple, four RBI); Steven Wells (2-for-3, triple, three RBI), Nate Robinson (2-for-3, two RBI); and Prenctice Hawkins (two doubles; RBI).

Basner went all five innings, allowing nine hits, while fanning five.

Losing pitcher Josh Strautz allowed six earned runs on five hits and four walks in two innings.

Tyler Lynch, Matt Shain and Mark Wagner each collected two hits for Stevenson.

In the second game, Brent Marzion pitched a completegame five hitter as the Patriots took a 3-1 win.

Marzion, a right-hander, allowed five hits, walked four and struck out six.

Mark McRobb homered, while Robinson went 2-for-2 as the Patriots scored twice in the top of the seventh to pin the loss on Stevenson reliever Mike Tuttle.

Shain worked the first six innings, allowing just one earned run on five hits. He did not allow a walk.

J.J. Petterson had an RBI double for the Spartans (8-13 overall, 6-7 KLAA Central) in the fourth inning. NOVI 11-6, JOHN GLENN 4-5: In a

Kensington Conference crossover Friday, the host Wildcats (14-10, 8-4)

won both games against Westland John Glenn (8-15, 2-8). Glenn lost the opener, 11-4, despite

three homers, including two solo shots by Andrew DeLuca, who went 3-for-4. Nate Bovia also homered.

Chris Slack went 2-for-3, including a

KLAA BASEBALL

2-run homer and RBI triple for Novi. Nick Regnier, who worked the first five innings, got the win on the mound

for Novi. Glenn starter Jake Campbell suffered the loss.

In the second game, DeLuca went 3for-4 with an RBI, but it wasn't enough as Novi held on for a 6-5 win.

Devin Crimboli added an RBI single in a 3-run second inning as Glenn jumped out to a 4-1 lead.

But Novi roared back with three in the fourth and two in the fifth to win it. Reliever Adam Paulk suffered the

loss. He fanned six in four innings. Andrew McGrath took the loss for

Glenn. JOHN GLENN 5, WAYNE 2: Westland John Glenn (8-13, 2-7) scored four times in the sixth inning Wednesday to beat host Wayne Memorial (2-14, 1-10) in a KLAA South Division game.

Winning pitcher Jake Sperry started the rally when he doubled. He came home on Vince Creighton's RBI single followed by Nate Bovia's RBI groundout and Andrew McGrath's 2-run single.

Steve Hickson also aided Glenn's offensive cause going 3-for-3 with a bunt single in the sixth inning. Sperry, a right-hander, went all

seven innings allowing just six hits. He walked two and struck out five.

Wayne's Zeb Hancock went 2-for-4, including a solo homer in the third inning to give the Zebras a 2-1 lead. Ryan Gabriel also added two hits in the setback

Losing pitcher Rodney Manning allowed six hits, walked two and struck out four in going the distance. CANTON 5, CHURCHILL 2: On Wednesday,

Cody Blakita's 2-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning rallied the host Chiefs (15-4, 7-3) past Livonia Churchill (8-9-1, 5-6) in a KLAA South Division encounter. Blakita went 2-for-2 as Canton

remained tied for the division led with Livonia Franklin.

Kevin Delapaz, who was the winning pitcher in relief, worked three scoreless inning allowing no runs on two hits and two walks.

Starter Carter Staffield went the first four, allowing two runs on three hits and three walks. He fanned six. Tyler Bledsoe clubbed a 2-run

homer for the Chargers in the second inning. Jimmy Szymanski also went 2for-2 and scored a run.

Losing pitcher Tad Evans worked 5.2 innings, allowing five runs and six hits and five walks FRANKLIN 8-5, PLYMOUTH 2-3: Pitcher

Mark McRobb kept Livonia Franklin (10-5, 7-3) in the KLAA South Division hunt Wednesday by winning both ends of a double-header against the host Wildcats (10-9, 4-6).

The senior right-hander went all seven innings in the opener as the Patriots rolled to an 8-2 triumph. McRobb allowed just five hits, struck out six and walked only one.

Offensively, McRobb and teammate Garrett Gumm both went 3-for-4. including back-to-back homers in the opening inning off Plymouth starter Cliff Buttermore.

Gumm finished with three RBI, while McRobb, who also tripled, added two.

Ronnie Goble went 2-for-2 for the Wildcats, who committed five errors. In the second game, Franklin earned a 5-3 triumph.

Plymouth took a 3-1 lead on Matt Skubik's 2-run homer in the fifth inning, but the Patriots answered with two in the sixth and two more in the top of the seventh.

Franklin tied it at 3-all on Dan Muller's RBI double along with Tyler Barnes coming home on a passed ball.

The Patriots kept the game even with a key defensive play in the bottom of the sixth when right fielder Mike Basner cut down a Plymouth runner tagging on a fly ball going from second to third for a double play as Nate Robinson made the putout.

Franklin won it on Gumm's RBI triple and Josh Weigand's sacrifice fly. Gumm, the starter, exited in the sixth in favor of McRobb, who earned

the victory. Reliever Brad Lineberry, who came on for starter Mike Nadratowski in the

eventh, took the loss for Plymouth. SALEM 6-11, STEVENSON 3-2: The Rocks (13-6, 8-1), KLAA Central Division co-leaders, won both ends of a doubleheader Wednesday against host Livonia Stevenson (8-10, 6-4) at Ford Field.

Joe Posler pitched a three-hitter in the opener as Salem earned a 6-3 victory. He struck out five.

Dave Loos went 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead Salem's offensive attack. Heath Parling added two hits, scored twice and knocked in a run. Sam Ott, and Dave Hales also had RBIs.

J.J. Pettersson homered for the Spartans.

In the second game, Salem racked up 14 hits in an 11-2 triumph.

Hitting stars for the Rocks included Drew Grabowski (3-for-4; three RBI); Justin Bashi (3-for-4; two RBI); Ott (2-for-4; two RBI); Parling (2-for-4; two runs): and Hales (2-for-4). Ott, the winning pitcher, allowed

just four hits and struck out 12 in seven innings of work.

Mike Tuttle knocked in a run for the Spartans.

Warriors bop Clarenceville, 17-7

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Wednesday's preview into the opener of the Metro Conference baseball tournament probably was more to the liking of Lutheran High Westland coach Kevin Wade than it was to Livonia Clarenceville counterpart Dan Miller.

The host Warriors rolled 17-7 in six innings, with the 10-run exclamation point coming when senior third baseman Sam Ahlersmeyer slammed the first pitch from Clarenceville reliever Damien Sanchez high and far over the left-field fence disappearing high into the trees.

It was Ahlersmeyer's teamleading fourth homer and followed his double over the center fielder's head during the fifth.

"He'd been struggling his first couple at-bats, timingwise," said Wade, whose squad will again play the Trojans 4:30 p.m. Monday at home in the Metro tourney opener. "It took him a little bit to see some pitches and finally he just stayed back. He has enough power he can just take a normal swing and it will go."

Lutheran Westland (9-2, 6-1 in the Metro) coasted to an 8-0 lead after three innings, with a two-run single up the middle by senior second baseman Eric Shoats and another run-scoring hit to left by senior first baseman Trevor Vosmik (2-for-2) sparking the surge.

But Clarenceville (1-14, 0-7 in the Metro) actually made a game out of it, scoring five runs PREP BASEBALL

in the fourth (against Warriors' junior pitcher Gage Flanery) to make it 8-5.

The Trojans got on the board when sophomore catcher Matt Kurdziel rifled a two-run single to center. Two more scored on a wild throw to first and a fielders choice brought home the fifth run.

in the bottom half were the Warriors, thanks to a double to left-center by sophomore Jake Andrezejewski.

Senior outfielder Micah Hausch (2-for-2) scored in the fifth on the double by Ahlersmeyer, and the Warriors added three more to go up 13-

A bad-hop single by sophomore Mark Rosin and junior a run.

Schiffman then laced a tworun double to right on an 0-2 count to make it 13-7. Trojans.

right back with the four runs required to make it a 10-run mercy victory.

A wild pickoff at first base scored the first run and Flanery's bloop to shallow right opened up an eight-run spread. One batter later, Ahlersmeyer's homer completed the job.

Miller said. "They swung the didn't make some plays in the field and they took advantage."

Answering back with a run

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Austin Baglow's hit each scored

Junior first baseman Mike Schiffman had two hits for the

But the Warriors came

"They're a good ballclub,' bats. ... We battled, but we just Miller said it was good to see

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

400 relay: 1. RU (Britney Goynes, Mays, Davis, Williams), 56.7; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Brushell Brown, Thania Cooper, Kamai Sanders, Elliott), 1:56.0; 1,600 relay: 1. RU (Goynes, Patillo, Sentman, Miracle), 4;37.0; 3,200 relay: 1. RU (Miracle, Sentman, A. Miley, Lichtman), 12:00.0. Dual meet record: RU, 6-0.

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May 5 at Lutheran Westland Shot put: 1. Becca Refenes (LW), 35 feet discus: 1. Refenes (LW), 35 feet, discus: 1. Refenes (LW), 92-5; 3. Shirkey (LW), 72-10; high jump: 1. Emilee Freeman (LW), 4-8; 2. Rachael Storck (LW), 4-6; long jump: 1 Irvin (LN), 14-10.75; pole vault: 1. Siegal (LN), 7-6; 2. Storck (LW), 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Irvin (LN), 16-9; 2. Storck (LW), 17.84; 300 hurdlest 1 Junin (LW), 40 85; 3. Storck (LW) hurdies: 1. Irvin (LN), 49.85; 2. Storck (LW), 52.59; 3. Terranella (LW), 55.05; 100 dash: 1. Fernuchi (LN), 13.79; **200:** 1. Shwork (LN), 28.05; 2. Katey-Ramthun (LW), 28.39; **400:** 1. Ramthun (LW), 1:03; 2. Freeman (LW), 1:05.72; 800: 1. Stathakis (LN), 2:28.9; 2. Zehel (LW),

(LL), 95-2; 3. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 92-2; high jump: 1. Shannon Hogg (LL), 5-0; 2. (tie) Chantal Singer (LL) and Meghan Clarke (LL), Chantar Singer (LL) and Megnan Clarke (LL), 4-8 each: long jump: 2. Lisa Achachon (LL), 4-7.5; 3. Katie Folk (LL), 13-10; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik (LL), 16.01; 2. Clarke (LL), 18.11; 300 hurdles: 1. Yanik (LL), 49.38; 2. Wojnarowski (LL), 50.11; 200; 2. Katie Morasso (LL), 27.53; 400: 1. Megan Vitale (LL), 1:02.55; 3. Morgan Zuziak (LL), 1:09.55; 1. 400; 3. Luis Korey (LL), 529, 9; 3.200; 2. 1,600: 2. Julia Kenney (LL), 5:38.0; **3,200:** 2. Kenney (LL), 12:12.0; **800 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Yanik, Morasso, Wojnarowski, Vitale), 1:51.31; 1,600 relay: 1. Ladywood (Morasso, Vitale, Haley Giordano, Clarke), 4:23.32. FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 67

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 61 May 5 at Ladywood Shot put: 1. Brigid Molloy (LL), 36 feet, 7.5 inches (school record); Mary Burgdick

(LL), 29-1; **discus:** 1. Molloy (LL), 95-2; 3. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 92-2; **high jump:** 2. Shannon Hogg (LL), 5-0; long jump: 3. Lisa Achachon (LL), 14-7.5; 100-meter hurdles:

DUAL MEET RESULTS REDFORD UNION 88 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 39 May 7 at Clarenceville Shot put: 1. Myia Davis (RU), 25 feet, 10 inches; 2. Paige Davis (C'ville), 23-10; 3. Hicks (PU), 23-2 (RU), 23-5. Discus: 1. Davis (RU), 92-5; 2. Davis

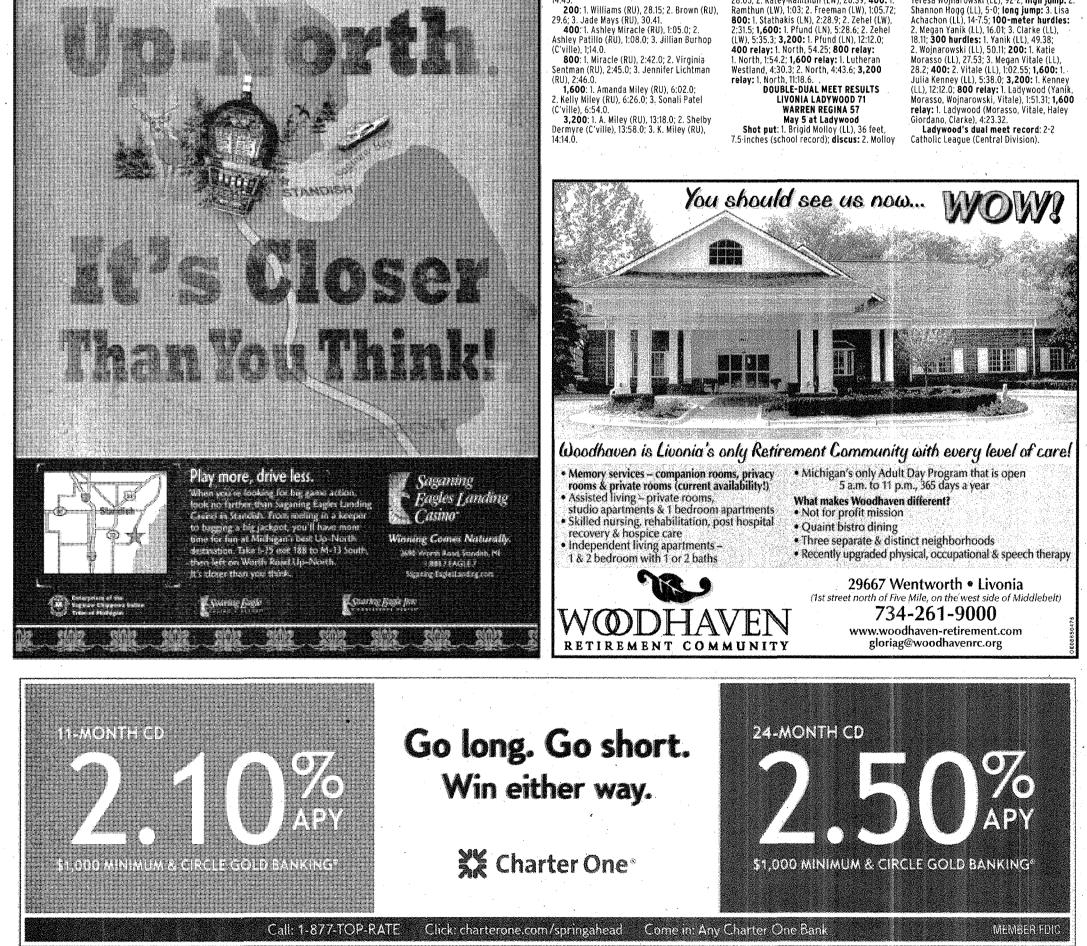
(C'vilie), 73-10; 3. Hicks (RU), 71-8. High jump: 1. Danielle Searcy (RU), 4-0; 2.

Shantelle Hardaway (RU), 4-0. Long jump: 1. Delisha Williams (RU),

14-1; 2. Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 13-10; 3. Alex Smedley (RU), 12-9.

Smeltey (kU), 12-9. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Evangela Daniels (C'ville), 19.17; 2. Zavia Ferguson (C'ville), 20.72; 3. Jen Baumgardner (C'ville), 21.5. 300 Hurdles: 1. Daniels (C'ville), 56.67; 2. Searcy (RU), 57.7; 3. Butler (RU), 59.61. 100 dash: 1. Williams (RU), 13.32; 2. Elliott

(C'ville), 13.8; 3. Chantice Murphy (C'ville),



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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

Patel (P) def. Nancy Watson-Kelsi Thomas, 6-1 6-1; No. 2: Lauren Jeong-Allison Santori (P) def. Alicia Evans-Melinda Powers, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3:

Claire Marchesan-Mandy Martin (P) def. Robbie

Tomlin-Stephanie Tomlin, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4:

Mathew-Cailee Parendo, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Adriana

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-3 overall,

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2

May 6 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Katlyn Foster, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; No. 2: Carli

Marschner (LS) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 3:** Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Kelly Houghan,

6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Kristi Fata, 6-0, 6-1.

(LC) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti,

No. 1 doubles: Kristi Walker-Valerie Rose

7-6 (7-5), 7-5; **No. 2:** Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodžinski (LS) def. Nikki Fata-Cortney

Bennett, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Jessica McClain-Allison Gale,

6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell (LS)

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 35 (medalist); Josh Duprie, 40; Conner Monroe, 42; Alex Rochette, 43;

Wayne scorers: Kevin Sample, 38; Jacob Smith, 43; Zachary Williamson, 47; Sean Stewart, 49;

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KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2-4 overall, 2-4 KLAA

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 149 WAYNE MEMORIAL 172

May 6 at The Woodlands

Wayne scorers: Kevin Sample, 41; Jacob Smith,

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Matt

Charnley, 36 each (co-medalists); Ben Proben, 38;

Adam Yarber, 39; Dominic DiLisi, 45; Alex Clos, 46.

43; Sean Stewart and Jarret Williamson, 44 each;

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Shane Schooley and Jarret Williamson, 49 each. Dual match records: Glenn, 3-6 overall, 1-6

Tim Boes, 45; Travis Jozefczak, 47.

5-3 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-9 overall, 0-8

Annie Mackenzie-Gina DeBiasi (P) def. Lynn

Berent-Anne West (P) def. Ashlee Szabo-Zoie

Smallwood, 6-0, 6-1.

KLAA South.

Patriots broom Plymouth in DH; Zebras get best of rival Rockets

Livonia Franklin used a combination of solid defense, good pitching and timely hitting to remain atop of the KLAA South Division girls softball standings on Wednesday.

The Patriots traveled to Plymouth came away with a double-header sweep, 1-0 and 6-1, to improve to 16-3 overall and 9-0 in the division.

Senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn improved to 12-1 on the year as she scattered three hits, fanned five and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

The Patriots also turned a key 4-6-3 double play in the sixth inning.

Franklin, the home team in the first game, tallied its lone run in the first on a single by Brittany Taylor and Sanborn followed by Briauna Taylor's sacrifice fly.

Losing pitcher Lauren Smith gave up just three hits, fanned five and did not allow a walk. Erin Rodes singled twice for

the Wildcats. In the nightcap, Franklin collected 10 hits led by Jessica Emery (3-for-4, triple, two RBI); Briauna Taylor (2-for-4, double, homer, two RBI); and Sanborn (2-for-4).

Briauna Taylor clubbed a 2run homer in the third inning and Emery's 2-run triple in the seventh put the game away. Smith took the loss for the Wildcats, who slipped to 11-3 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South.

NOVI 4-13, JOHN GLENN 0-1: In a Kensington Conference crossover Friday, the host Wildcats (9-10, 6-6) took both ends of a twinbill to beat Westland John Glenn (0-15, 0-10).

Novi's Katie Enright pitched a sixhitter in the opener while striking out nine and walking only one in a 4-0 triumph.

Jenna Elhage led the Wildcats with two hits, while Stacey Truskowski it two for the Rockets.

Allie Murphy, who took the loss allowed seven hits, walked one and struck out five in six innings.

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In the second game, Rebecca **Richter and Ashley McNamara** combined on a three-hitter in Novi's 13-3 win Richter also had two hits, while

Truskowski doubled for the Glenn. Brandi Holbrook, who gave up 14

hits and two walks in seven innings, took the los

NORTHVILLE 5-9, CHURCHILL 1-9: On Friday, the host Mustangs (9-5, 7-3) swept a double-header from Livonia Churchill (10-9, 5-7)

Samantha Doud pitched the fourhitter and Carly Fisher scored twice for the Mustangs in the 5-1 openinggame win.

Losing pitcher Abby Jewell gave up all five runs on five hits and four walks.

Katie Stodulski had two hits and scored the lone run for the Chargers. In the second game, Andrea

Jewell had three hits, while Natalie Hiser and Katina St. Pierre had two apiece, but it wasn't enough in a 9-5 setback.

Hiser allowed all nine runs on eight hits and a walk.

RU 10, JOHN GLENN'9: Sarah Sanders' two-out, 2-run double down the left field line capped off a seven-run seventh inning Thursday to give host Redford Union (6-11) the non-league win over Westland John Glenn (0-13).

Sanders, Allison Sawyer and Danielle Sweeney each collected two hits for the Panthers, who trailed 9-3 after six innings.

Stacey Truskowski went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Allie Murphy and Brandi Holbrook also added two hits apiece for the Rockets.

Reliever Amanda Caudill was the losing pitcher, while Kim D'Archangelo got the win. WAYNE 9-10, JOHN GLENN 3-5: Wayne

Memorial (6-16, 2-8) earned its first two victories of the season Wednesday with a double-header sweep at rival Westland John Glenn (0-12, 0-9)

In the opener, pitcher Taylor Krohn scattered seven hits, walked six and struck out five to pick up the victorv

Ashley Ringel and Amanda Vergona each two hits apiece. Bianca Hayes and Halee Lankton added two each for the Zebras, who scored six times in the second inning to pin the loss on Glenn starter Brandi

Stacey Truskowski, meanwhile, singled twice for Glenn.

In the nightcap, Ashley Odom was the winning pitcher, scattering six hits and four walks while fanning

Ringel paced the Wayne offense going 3-for-3 with three stolen bases. Vergona also added two hits.

Holbrook allowed eight hits, walked eight and struck out four in suffering the loss.

Truskowski and Samantha Fox each had two hits for Glenn. CANTON 3. CHURCHILL 0: On

Wednesday, winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy gave up only one hit and one walk as the host Chiefs (14-2, 8-1) downed Livonia Churchill (10-7.5-6) in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Abby Jewell's single in the seventh inning broke up the no-hit bid by Dunleavy, who struck out 13.

Canton tallied two unearned runs in the first inning off Churchill starting pitcher Natalie Hiser, who scattered six hits, walked two and fanned six

STEVENSON 1-0, SALEM 0-11: The KLAA Central Division leading Rocks (16-6, 7-3) settled for a split Wednesday with visiting Livonia Stevenson (9-9, 5-5).

Laura Deacon went the first five innings to pick up the win and Emily Hollandsworth got the save with two more scoreless innings as the Spartans took the opener, 1-0.

Deacon allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out eight, while Hollandsworth fanned four and gave up just one hit.

Losing pitcher Briana Lee allowed two hits, struck out eight and walked two in six innings.

Stevenson tallied the game-winning run in the top of the third on a walk to Kathleen Hoehn, a sacrifice by Becca Zarras and a singled by Jacqueline Johnson.

It was all Rocks in the nightcap, 11-1, in six innings (mercy) as Mary Cox, Alexis Powell and Heidi Schmidt each collected two hits. Cox also had two RBI.

Lee allowed six hits, walked seven and struck out six to earn the win. Hollandsworth, who went 4.2 innings, took the loss. She allowed

seven earned runs on five hits before giving way to Deacon. Kris Vaclavek doubled twice and

Wilson also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

FARMINGTON 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2 May 8 at Farmington No. 1 singles: Sari Ali (F) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Meghan Gadiraju (F) won by injury default over Halie Baker, 7-6 (retired); No. 3: Louissa Villaroman (WJG) def. Kara Fuss, C. 4: (1) def. Kara Fuss, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Soo Hee Kang (F) def. Jamatha

Johnson, 6-4, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Radnika Menon-Mrika Vllasaliv (F) def. Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon McFadden, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Brooke Zywick-Desiree Clenney (WJG) def. Akshaya Raghu-Sanskrifi Varma, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3; Natalie Genna-Shreya Desai (F) def. Britany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4; Nandini Abburi-Nikki Shastri (F) def. Nhem Bernard-Katy Harris, 6-2,

Glenn's dual match record: 3-9 overall. PLYMOUTH 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1

May 6 at Centennial Educational Park No. 1 singles: Morgan Greig (WM) defeated Chelsea Craig, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; No. 2: Jessica Bracey (P) def. Madelynn Bevill, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Sarah Mitchell (P) def. Xiyan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; **No.** 4: Julia Fratila (P) def. Megan McGregor, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Lindsay Stemberger-Radhika

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May 8 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian and Tom Cullum, 38 each; Adam Giordano, 41; Joe Attard, 42; Dan Dufour, 44; Christian Debay, 45. Salem scorers: Adam Powers, 37 (medalist); Arron Thompson and Brandon Duprey, 41 each; Josh Perrin, 45; Tommy Hollins, 46; Klye Zink, 48 Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-2 overall

CANTON 157 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 169 May 8 at Whispering Willows Canton scorers: Andrew Rickerman, 35

Jeremy Lindlbauer, 46; Dom Bonell, 47; Travis Churchill scorers: Adam Yarber, 39; Kevin

Robinson, 42; Dan Bostick, 43; Matt Charnley, 45; Greg VanGorp, 48; Ben Proben, 49. Dual match records: Canton, 6-0 overall; 6-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 5-3 overall and 5-3

KLAA South WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 160 WAYNE MEMORIAL 178 May 7 at The Woodlands

Blazers boot Foley in overtime

Emily Chrzasz's first career goal from Alex Hyman during the second minute of overtime Friday gave host Livonia Ladywood the 1-0 Catholic League quarterfinal girls soccer win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Ladywood, 7-4-3 overall, returns to action Tuesday against the quarterfinal winner between Warren Regina

the all-important divisional

"When you play another

Livonia school everything

goes out the window," she

said. "The game could

win.

and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. "Emily is tied for the team

lead in assists, but that first career goal had been evading her," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She made a 40-yard run on the dribble to beat one defender then dribbled the goalkeeper. Pretty exciting way to get your first goal."

Goalkeeper Michele Ring

and Kris Vlacavek hit back-toback RBI singles in the first inning scoring Hollandsworth and Shelbie Wilson, both whom had walked.

Wilson added a 2-run single in the second off Franklin starter

def. Maria Paul-Caitlin Griffith, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; No 5: Shreea Handa-Lauren Patla (LC) def, Andrea Burford-Michele DeBeaudry, 6-4, 6-2. Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-6 overall Churchill, 8-2 overall.

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 4 May 6 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Halie Baker, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Louissa Villaroman (WJG) def. Angela Tomassini. 6-3. 6-3 No. 4: Jamatha Johnson (WJG) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Crystal Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-2, 7-6; **No. 2:** Brooke Zywick-Desiree Clenney (WJG) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lindsey Fenner, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; **No. 3:** Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell (LF) def. Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; **No. 4**: Angela Browning-Jacklyn Kurc (LF) def. Katy Harris-Montana Graszak, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 5:** Ånnie McLeod-Kate Zurenko (LF) def. Chelsea Ouellette-Rachael Alholinna, 6-1, 6-0. John Glenn's dual match record: Franklin, 5-5 overall, 4-4 KLAA South Division; 3-8 overall, 2-7 KLA South

Gary Neill, 45; Zachary Williamson, 54. Dual match records: Churchill, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-5 overall, 1-5 KLAA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 153 SOUTH LYON 159 May 6 at Fox Creek G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossolan, 37 (co-medalist); Tom Cullum and Adam Giordano 38 each: Tim Milsk, 40: Christian Debay, 41: Dan

Dufour, 4 South Lyon scorers: Kyle Gordon, 37 (comedalist); Cobb Tubbs, 40; Lucas Copp and Jake Green, 41 each; Ben Morman, 45; Sam Lewbowski

Stevenson's dual match record: 4-2 overall. 4-2 KLAA Central Division. NORTHVILLE 149

LIVONIA STEVENSON 167 May 5 at Fox Creek G.C. Northville scorers: Trevor Grigg, 36 (medalist) Alex Bernstein and Brandon Gameron, 37 each; Wes Gates and Steve Brown, 38 each; Eric Goebel, 45. Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossolan: 39: Adam Giordano, 40; Christian Debay, 42; Tim Milsk and Tom Cullum, 46 each: Dan Dufour, 48. Dual match records: Stevenson, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KI AA Central Division

notched her fourth shutout of the year.

"Michele made a couple big saves when we needed her to,' Shingledecker said. "I thought our two center midfielders, Sydney DeLosh and Alessia Vagnini, did a great job spreading the ball all around and controlling the tempo for us."

Amanda Mancini had seven saves for the Ventures (6-4-4).

Patriots committed four errors.

Deacon went all seven innings to pick up the win. She allowed just five hits and two walks while fanning nine.

Briauna Taylor went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Brittany Taylor

SOFTBALL FROM PAGE B1

Jessica Emery in the top of

made contact. She's strong. You don't have to drive the ball when you're that strong?" Franklin senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn then held the Spartans in check the rest

it's been the story of our year," said Witherspoon, whose team slipped to 5-6 in the KLAA Central. "We can't string things together. It seems to come at different

KLAA South; Wayne, 1-6 overall, 1-6 KLAA South. CANTON 164 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 172 5-2 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-3 Canton scorers: Andrew Rickerman, 39 (medalist); Zach Conrad, 40; Jeremy Lindlbauer, 42; KLAA Central. Brendan Muir, 43: Travis Hall, 48. Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm and Jacob Wirgau, 42 each; Jimmy Johnson, 43; Jon Holmes, (medalist); Zach Conrad, 36; Brendan Muir, 40; Dual match records: Canton, 5-0 overall, 5-0

the second to give Franklin a 1-0 advantage, Stevenson answered with a run in the bottom of the third on a single by Emily Hollandsworth and a double by Amanda Paison to make it 1-all.

But instead of walking Brittany Taylor intentionally to load the bases in the fourth, Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon elected a different course of action.

We wanted to pitch very carefully." Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "We wanted to put it outside, but she (Taylor) reached out and

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of the way to improve to 13-1 on the year. She gave up four hits, walked two and struck out one.

Deacon, meanwhile, went all seven innings, allowing nine hits and three walks. She hit three batters and struck out five.

"She (Deacon) made a few mistakes," Witherspoon said. "They (Franklin) got some hits late in the order, but overall she threw well."

The Spartans put the ball in play, but couldn't find many

ĥoles. "We hit the ball hard, but times. Both Briauna Taylor and

Brittany Taylor each got by a pitch in the first inning, but the Patriots failed to score.

Brittany Taylor also took a shot to the quad area in the seventh inning.

"I've never been hit twice," Brittany said. "The second one hurt, right on the muscle." Franklin coach Linda Jimenez was pleased to get

have gone either way. They (Stevenson) have a senior team. They have good hitters. "It's a lot of fun because our

girls play with theirs in the summer." STEVENSON 6, FRANKLIN 3: In the

second game of Friday's twinbill, which doesn't count in the divisional standings, the host Spärtans (10-10) scored twice in first inning and four times on the second to beat the Patriots (17-4).

Deacon, the winning pitcher,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION **City of Livonia Accident and Impounded Vehicle** Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Inspection begins at 9:00 am Auction begins at 9:30 am Location: Livonia Towing 12955 Levan Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 Vehicles to be auctioned are as follows: 2001 Chrysler 1999 Plymouth 1999 Pontiac 2007 Suzuki Motorcycle 2001 Oldsmobile 1996 Mercury 2007 Moped 2004 Pontiac 1993 Mercury 2000 Chevy 1988 Ford 1989 Cadillac

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Tiffany Lamble (3-3) as the

scored twice for Franklin.

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The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the water piping, shower fixture installation, and lighting fixture installation located at Holmes Middle School in the Livonia Public School District.

Specifications and proposal forms can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 for a \$50.00 non-refundable bidder's fee (per set) in the form of a check made payable to Livonia Public Schools.

Your proposal marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - WATER PIPING AND LIGHTING REPLACEMENT - HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL" will be accepted NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 TO: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, Attn: Rodney Hosman, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154. IF MAILING YOUR PROPOSAL VIA THE POST OFFICE, SEND TO: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Livonia Public Schools Board Offices located at, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No pre-bid walk through is scheduled, but contractors may visit each site by checking in with the main office of the school.

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$20,487 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Ray Raymond Administrator of Operations Livonia Public Schools

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Pre-Qualifications documents can be obtained by contacting Aimee Johnson at (248) 223-3549, or by e-mail at aimee.johnson@plantemoran.com. Qualification packages will be due on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran CRESA, L.L.C., for the "Technology **Procurement and Installation, 16th District Court.**

The Qualification Packages will be available electronically only to the firms who meet the minimum requirements.

It is anticipated that formal bid packages will be sent to prequalified contractors in June of 2009.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

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"I never ran a 10K on a track before and did not know to expect," Cieslak said. "The (NCAA) time I was going for was faster than the GLIAC record. I heard the P.A. announcer saving that I was on pace to break the record. That was exciting. It got me going a little more. I was on the (NCAA) provisional time pace and it felt good. I went with it and kept rolling.'

Cieslak now has qualified in the 10K for the NCAA Division II Nationals, May 21-23, at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. She also has an NCAA Division II provisional time in the 5K (where she ranks 19th nationally). But to guarantee a spot at nationals, she was searching for an automatic time of 17:05 at a last chance meet

Cieslak, meanwhile, never wavered in pursuit of her goals. And she's made plenty of sacrifices to get there.

"During the season it's definitely a lifestyle," she said. "You have to be very disciplined. The eating, lifting weights, the mileage - it all comes with the sport - and sleep, too, of course."

Northwood's track and field program is in some ways still in its infant stages compared to GLIAC powerhouse Grand Valley State, where Cieslak's former Churchill teammate Megan Maceratini has also qualified for nationals in the 5K after placing second in the GLIAC Championships with a automatic qualifying time of

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Roderick L Dallas and Lashawn Dallas, Husband and Wife to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2003 and recorded June 13, 2003 in Liber 38498 Page 443 Wayne County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Two Cents (\$151,299.02) including interest 8.720% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Wayne County at 1:00PM on May 28, 2009 Said premises are situated in City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 621, of Canterbury Gardens Subdivision No. 1, as recorded in Liber 37, Page 66 of Plats, Wayne County Records. Subject to the existing easements for public utilities, driveways, building and use restrictions, and zoning ordinances of record. Commonly known as 18411 Prairie St., Detroit MI 48221 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: APRIL 21, 2009 Beneficial Michigan Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-08703 ASAP# 3072874 04/26/ 2009, 05/03/2009, 05/10/2009, 05/17/2009

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"It's higher mileage, experience and hard work," Cieslak said. "We also have a good coach (assistant Rick Williamson) who knows what he's talking about. This is his second year. He came from Akron (University). He's transformed the girls' and the guys' programs and he's helped me this year."

With one more year of eligibility, Cieslak doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon.

She has already lined up a busy summer schedule where she'll try and maintain 90-mile weeks while working 40 hours per week as an intern for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in corporate marketing and products. She'll also travel in early June to Romania to take two classes toward her degree.

Cieslak plans to graduate from Northwood this November with a degree in advertising, marketing and management.

But first, she'd like to earn a spot in NCAA Division II cross country nationals and perhaps become a three-sport All-America.

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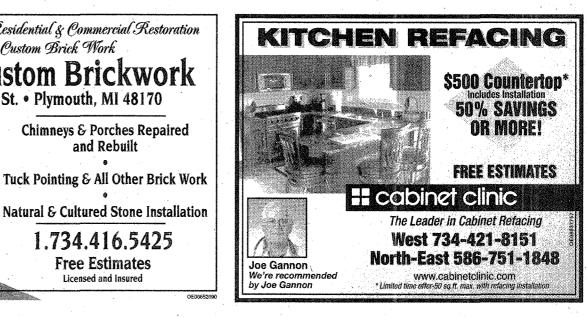
PREP BASEBALL

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, May 15 Stevenson at Churchill (2), 4 p.m. S.L. East at Franklin (2), 4 p.m. Northville at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. Novi at Wayne (2), 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Riv. Richard, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at M.H. Lamphere, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 Wayne at Wyandotte (2), 10 a.m. Madonna University Classic at Canton Softballl Center, TBA (Public Schools of Livonia Invitational at Ford Field) Churchill vs. Stevenson, 10 a.m. Franklin vs. Clarenceville, noon Championship final, 2 p.m. Consolation final at Frankin, 2 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 11 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p. Thursday, May 14 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Friday, May 15 Churchill at Rochester Adams, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Lakeland, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16 Catholic Finals at Ladywood, no BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Monday, May 11 Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 Churchill at Canton, 3:45 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m Friday, May 15 Division 2 Regional at Ladywood, 9 a.m. Division 1 Regional at Canton, 9 a.m. p.m. Saturday, May 16 Division 3 regional at New Haven, 10 a.m. Division 4 regional at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, May 11 Clarenceville at Wayne 4:30 p.m. A.A. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m. Churchill at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Clarenceville vs. John Glenn Clarenceville vs. John Glenn at Livonia's Rotary Park, 4:30 p.m. **Thursday, May 14** S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m. **Friday, May 15** (Regional Tournaments) Division 1 at Novi M.S., 8 a.m. Division 1 at A.A. Huron, 8 a.m. Division 3 regional at Grosse IIe, 8 a.m. Division 4 regional at A.A. Greenhills, 8 a.m BOYS GOLF Monday, May 11 W. Wayne Inv. at Walnut Creek, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 Franklin vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Novi at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Thursday, May 14 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Friday, May 15 Churchill vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Canton Wayne vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Monday, May 11 Ladywood at Marian, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 Ladywood at Univ.-Liggett, 5 p.m Friday, May 15 Ladywood at South Lyon, 7 p.m.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stinar-Akins

STINAR-AKINS

Priscilla Akins of Northville and Parker Stinar of Canton announce their engagement.

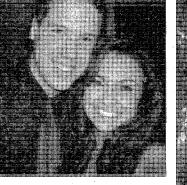
The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Mary Atkins of Northville, is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Kyle Stinar-Eckert of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor of administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He attends the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. A June 2009 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

HEISE-BOHM

Andrew and Lisa Heise of Northville, formerly residents of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Heise, to Kyle Bohm, son of Dennis and Donna Bohm of Stevens Point, Wis.

Lauren is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2005 graduate from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree in biopsychology and cognitive science. She is currently a fourth-year medical student at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a residency in otolaryngology.



Andary-Anton

ANDARY-ANTON

Lyndsey Andary of Dearborn and Michael Anton of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis D. Andary, Jr. MD, of Dearborn, is a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University and works as a Web designer and events assistant at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Development.

Her fiancé, son of Donna Ogilbee and Jack Anton, both of Livonia, is a doctoral student at Argosy University. A May 2010 wedding is

planned at The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth.

Kyle, a 2001 graduate of

Stevens Point Area Senior High and a 2005 graduate of

the University of Michigan-

Ann Arbor with a bachelor

plans to pursue a residency

in orthopedic surgery. As an

undergraduate, Kyle was the

co-captain of the men's varsity

A September 2009 wedding

baseball team and ESPN The

Magazine's Academic All-

American.

is planned.

degree in kinesiology, is also a

fourth-year medical student at

the University of Michigan and



Johnston-Barrick

JOHNSTON-BARRICK

Shannon Lenore (Hilton) Johnston and Brent David Barrick, both of Canton, announce their engagement.

Shannon, the daughter of Ken and Cyndi Operhall of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and attends Schoolcraft College. She works in Accounts Pavable at Lautrec Ltd., Farmington Hills.

Brent, the son of David and Terry Barrick of Canton, is a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He graduated from Schoolcraft College in 2003 and attended Eastern Michigan University. Brent is a reptile breeder in Canton. The couple plans a June

2009 wedding and honeymoon in St. Lucia.

Will it be easy to get ripped off?

any years ago when I first started writing this column I used to tell you stories about homeowners being ripped off by different service industries and how involved I was in getting restitution for these consumers. Yes, most of these were

appliance cases, but there were other fields as well and basically I went to wherever Esther Shapiro, the past direc-

Appliance

Joe Gagnon

Doctor

tor of Detroit Consumer Affairs, asked me to go. Many times I acted as an expert witness for homeowners who filed a claim with their local district court and I was always armed

with a copy of the Michigan Consumers Protection Act. This was the tool that people could afford to use in small claims cases when trying to right a wrong without the expense of hiring an attorney. I can tell you that in all of the many cases, when I was helping a consumer who had been ripped off by an appliance repair company, that customer got their money back plus some. This is not the way it's going to work from now on. The Consumer Protection Act isn't worth the paper it's written on.

Frank Kelley, the long standing attorney general in Michigan was in office when the Consumer Protection Act became law in 1976. He says he's sick over what has happened to this Michigan law which was praised as the best there was in the whole country. I am tired of legislators who profess their desires to help others and give back to their country, but are pulling the wool over everybody's eyes.

Today we have an attorney general who loves to see his name in lights and doing seminars on worthy projects which might just propel him to be the governor someday. Where has he been? Why hasn't he helped the very consumers who voted him into office? Isn't his job designed to protect the people?

EXEMPTED BUSINESSES

Every year I receive the complaints list of businesses that are most often listed in communications with the attorney general's office. For the past 10 years, the list has usually been the same. Now here is what is totally bewildering: The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that businesses regulated by other laws are no longer subject to the Michigan Consumer Protection Act. Some of the exempted businesses are: Banks, mortgage brokers, debt collectors, finance companies, home builders, home improvement contractors, new and

used car dealers, auto repair shops, funeral homes, plumbers and electricians. Now here is something that is absolutely strange! Some of these industries I've just mentioned are the worst of the worst. How can they be exempted?

Does all this mean that we consumers have to depend on the agencies in Lansing that regulate these different industries? As far as I'm concerned, they've done very little these past 25 years. Michigan now ranks as one of the two most unprotected States in the country when it comes to consumer protection laws.

No longer will the Michigan homeowner be able to stand in front of a magistrate and hold up a copy of the Consumer Protection Act and profess to a court of law that what a certain company did to them is against the law. You will have to hire a lawyer to do what you could at one time do yourself. Maybe it's time Frank Kelley took up residence in his old office. The first question I would ask Mr. Kelley is, "Frank, how many of our current state legislators are attorneys?" Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi. rr.com.

POSTERS HAPPENING AT THE ZOO

Fifty-four poster designs submitted by students from the College for Creative Studies (CCS) for the 2009 Detroit Zoo Poster Competition will be exhibited at the Zoo's Ford Education Center May 17 through Sept. 7, 2009. The exhibition is open during zoo hours and is free with zoo admission.

The artwork judged Best in Show, submitted by Crystal Mielcarek of Harrison Township, has been reproduced as the official Detroit Zoo poster and is available for sale at Zoofari Market for \$3. In addition, Mielcarek's original artwork has become part of the zoo's permanent art collection.

The poster designs submitted for the competition were judged by a panel of jurors from the Detroit Zoological Society, CCS and Doner. Award selection criteria included artistic merit, originality, creativity, innovation, and adherence and relevance to the competition theme.

The winning poster designs were unveiled at an awards ceremony at the zoo on April 9. Scholarship contributions were awarded to the best-in-show as well as first- and second-place winners. Third- through fifth-place winners received individual Detroit Zoo memberships, and four honorable mentions received Zoo admission, parking, concession and ride tickets.

CCS is a private, fully accredited college enrolling over 1,300 students pursuing bachelor of fine arts degrees in art and design. For information, visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least

Orchids For Novices" 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at the Michigan eting, Butcher is a past prese Michigan Orchid Society and has been an active member for more than 25 years. Bill Porter of Porter Orchids will show his orchids. The group meets at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

Heise-Bohm

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lkebana floral art

Ikebana International Detroit Chapter hosts its annual fund-raiser featuring an Ikebana floral art demonstration by Professor Toshiko Shimoura, an exhibit of Ikebana flower arrangements by chapter members, a Japanese vocalist and pianist, and tea, 1 p.m. May 13 at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, between Lahser and Evergreen in Southfield, \$8 donation at the door.

The Rock Shoppe

The store, at 6275 Gotfredson, in Plymouth, will hold two free installation classes, Saturday, May 16. The first starts at 10 a.m. and will show participants how to install a brick paver patio step by step. Free design help will be available. The second, at noon, will focus on step-by-step installation of retaining walls and pillars. A free lunch will be served between the two classes. Register by phone at (734) 455-5560 or e-mail to rscustomerservice@ gmail.com

Tomato Fest

Nancy Szerlag, "Detroit News" garden columnist and avid tomato enthusiast, will share her secrets to grow perfect, organic and prolific heirloom tomato plants and more, at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 16, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. The class is free. Reservations at (248) 332-6430.

Orchid Society

Carolyn Butcher will give a slide show presentation on "Growing

Plant identification

Take a trail hike with the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, in Westland, and learn to identify native plants and trees. Wear proper shoes, Hike starts at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

\$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Artist reception

Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.



ARTHUR G. BEASLEY

Age 85, May 6, 2009. Beloved husband of Keiko.

Loving father of Douglas and Linda Beasley and Peggy (Bill) Clink. Dear grandfather of Bachel Lessie Drive of Kenther of Rachel, Jessie, Brian and Kumara. Arthur was a former officer of N.B.D. Bank and was a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corp. where he served as a pilot during WWII and the Korean War. Arthur will be dearly missed. No Service. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please share a memory at

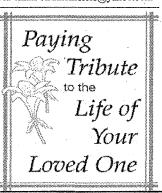
www.rggrharris.com.



LUTHER D. BIRD

May 2, 2009. Age 86 of Livonia. U.S Army Air Force-World War II. Born in Charleston, WV on October

28, 1922. Beloved husband of the late Ina Joyce. Loving father of Samuel, Sunday (James) Dupuie, David, and Luther Jr. (Barbara). Beloved brother of Kathleen Ketz and Dr. Samuel Bird of Beckley, WV. Also survived by grandsons Brendon Frazier and Steve Bird, great-grandchildren Matthew and Madison Frazier. Luther retired from the Livonia Public Schools as a teacher and counselor. He will be dearly missed. Private services were held. Condolences may be sent to the family via email birdmemories@yahoo.com





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ROBERT WILLIAM COOPER

Formerly of Wingcroft Court, died on Wednesday, May 6 at the age of 94. He and his wife of 67 years, Helen Douglass Cooper, lived on Wing Lake for over thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his four children Robert, Douglas, Kent and Betsy (Montojo), as well as their spouses; seven grandchildren and one greatgrandson. Mr. Cooper's body has been donated to the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Following cremation, the ashes will be buried at Acacia Park Cemetery. A memorial service was held May 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Michigan. Donations in memoriam may be made to Hospice of



GLORIA "KAY" DOBEK

Of Westland. Passed away at the age of 74. Beloved wife of Joseph Dobek Jr and devoted mother of Debbie Bridges, Joseph Dobek I (Kathy), Susan McKenna, and Mary

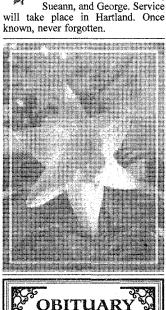
Dobek. Loving grandmother of Elizabeth, Rich, Joseph II, Kelly, Laura and Halle. Cherished greatgrandmother of Christoper, Katie, Bria, Ana, Joseph III and Matthew. Send your condolances or memories to the family at www.neely-turowski.com

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CAROLYN E. DRESCHER

Age 82. Of Orchard Lake, formerly of Birmingham. May 6, 2009. Beloved wife of 57 years to William M. Loving mother of Rebecca (Jerome) Meldrum and

Kristin (Christopher) Mumford. Cherished grandmother of Megan Elizabeth and Sarah Lynn Meldrum, Benjamin Miles, Alexander Hall, and Raleigh William Mumford. Preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Thorson. Carolyn was a founding and active member of West Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Service was Saturday, 11:30 a.m. at West Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home - Godhardt - Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor. Memorials to the church are appreciated.



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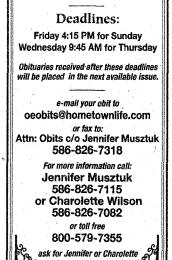
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and Jon. Grandmother of

Steven. Sister of Jeff,



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tion can be found at www.

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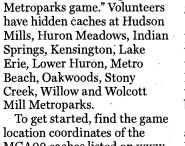
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Geocaching fun awaits at Metroparks

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Explore the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and discover history along the way with the "Metroparks Geocaching Adventure '09" game. Now in its sixth year of operation, this high-tech treasure-hunting game lures people armed with GPS units to find caches hidden in 11 Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Those who find all 11 caches and enter a keyword or phrase from each cache into a crossword puzzle can compete for prizes to be awarded later this year.

Eleven volunteers put the game together this year by hiding a cache, or a box with trinkets or treasures inside, in their assigned park. "The Metroparks was one of the first park systems in Michigan to encourage geocaching, and we wanted to help out," said Greg Crump, of Harrison Township, this year's game coordinator. "We've received many good comments from other geocachers on how much they enjoy the Metroparks game, and that we are carrying on the tradition. This is truly from the heart; everyone really



MGA09 caches listed on www. geocaching.com. A game brochure, with the crossword puzzle, can be downloaded from this site or the Metroparks Web site, www.metroparks. com. An annual picnic/geocaching event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Indian Springs Metropark.

Geocaching, or treasure hunting with a GPS unit, is an international sport. A cache is a hidden box that typically contains a visitor's log plus trinkets, such as toys, knick-knacks or refrigerator magnets. Thousands of caches are hidden worldwide. Players are honor-bound to leave a treasure if they take a treasure from a cache. Once the cache is found, cachers can sign the

log, and post their find on the geocaching Web site.

'Our geocache game volunteers take great pride in providing this game for everyone to enjoy," said Tim Phillips, HCMA park planner. "This type of volunteerism helps bring extra value to our parks."

NEIGHBORS

Mothers provide strong role models for their children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Mothers teach children valuable life lessons. The Observer & Eccentric communities are filled with women who work hard to support their families while silently demonstrating a compassion for all human beings.

Juliann Tuthill of Canton let us know about Gladys Gotts, who turned 104 on May 4. A few may remember the family's farm on Ridge, between Ford and Cherry Hill, where the Gottses grew sweet corn and melons and raised milk cows. Her daughter Dorothy **Richards** especially admires the strength her mother showed when Richards' father Percy died at age 53 and Gladys had to sell the 80 acres of land in the 1960s. The couple raised three daughters in the Plymouth/Canton area.

"I was 20-something when dad died, but had a younger sister still at home," said Richards, 76, of Canton. "My mother went to work at Julian on the corner of Canton Center and Ford as a clerk. It was a gas station and sold groceries like a party store. She waited on customers and dished up ice cream. She wasn't a person to complain and always had a smile on her face."

A friend eventually got Gladys a job at the Ford plant in Ypsilanti.

"She worked in the office until she retired as a secretary," Richards said. "She persevered. She's a durable strong woman, but gentle. She's very healthy except for breaking her hip at 100. She asks for no help at all at the assisted living home. She doesn't complain."

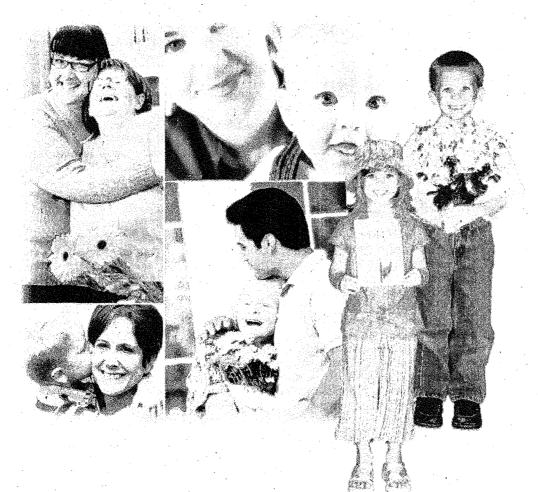
Theresa Zakrzewski still marches in the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit at age

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80. The rest of the year, the Livonia woman volunteers at The Parade Co. and Angela

The Parade Co. and Angela Hospice in Livonia. She's had two knees and a hip replaced in the last four years, but keeps going like the Energizer Bunny. To stay healthy, Theresa does water aerobics and lifts weights in addition to walking two to four miles a day. In the summer, she golfs at the family cottage in Caseville.

"She's an active and free spirit," said Susan Zakrzewski, one of five children that Theresa and her husband Thomas raised during their 58-year marriage. "She keeps up on current events and family. She taught

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us how important family is, to be objective and be independent, to always follow our dream and you're never too old to learn something new. I always tell people my parents were very political and charitable. She would shop at Stan's Market on Schoolcraft and would demand to see the box to make sure it's union lettuce. She really practiced her beliefs. You have to commit at all levels when something is important to you. She's very special and we love her dearly. We'll be planting flowers for her on Mother's Day."

TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES The Rev. Paul Perez learned about cultural differences from not only his mother Jody, but father Ray. The 26-year-old man is director of program development at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Jody and Ray live in Livonia and raised three children.

"My mom is German, Irish and Dutch. Dad is Mexican heritage. Their marriage showed me love can transcend difference and that it takes more than tolerance, but trust, commitment," said Perez, of Rochester Hills.

Paul was named after his mom's favorite uncle, who died in a house fire when she was young.

"She was the youngest of

Got Game?

Yep, got scores, too.

the grandkids and her Uncle Paul was kind and paid attention to her," Perez said. "She taught me it's about remembering people. Reaching out in kindness was important to her and our family. His death made an impact on her, how fragile life is. My mom has tried to make the most of each moment.

"She's an X-ray tech for an orthopedist who treats deformities. She got to know the children. It's always very painful for them to get in positions for X-rays. Even though their bodies were in bad shape, she felt they were alive and deserved respect."

Becoming a father made Brian Spuck appreciate his mother Alice even more. Alice and Earl Spuck married in 1971 and raised two sons in Canton.

"You don't reflect upon the sacrifices they made to help you achieve your goals or dreams," said Brian Spuck, of Rochester Hills. "It's positive reinforcement that you can do it. They have confidence in us. That goes for my dad, too."

TRAVELING TOGETHER

Brian Spuck's memories of family trips remain today, including ones to compete with his Livonia soccer team.

"We took family trips to northern Ontario to my mom's family cottage, where we learned to appreciate the outdoors and nature," Spuck said. "We would take soccer trips. My soccer team would travel to Colorado, Florida, out east to Virginia and New York. It was a financial and time commitment from the time I was 5 through high school. I remember them being coaches when I was younger and just being there, my mom teaching my younger brother Doug's soccer team.

"They gave us the confi-

dence to know the difference between what's right and wrong, taught us to treat people the correct way, and to do the right thing. When you become a parent, you appreciate how much your parents have done for you and continue to do for you and the sacrifices they make. My dad would drive me from Canton to Utica for soccer practice in rush hour three days a week. They put our development first. What we learned from them we apply to the next generation."

Brian's wife Angie couldn't agree more. Her parents, Laurie and Jack Downs of Garden City, raised three children. Brian and Angie have three children as well — Katrina, 5, Matthew, 3, and Sophia, 20 months.

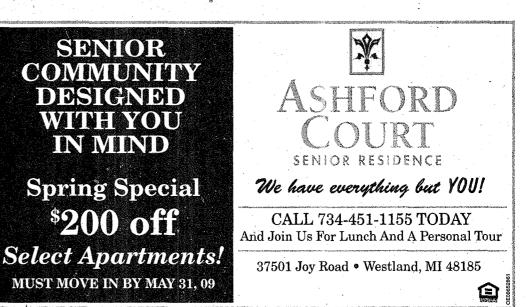
My mom is the strongest person I know," Angie Spuck said. "She's the oldest girl of six siblings and helped raised her siblings after her youngest sister had a closed head injury at 10. My mom was 17. She stepped up and took care of the others. The family fell apart when her sister died at age 31. She's the rock in our family. She taught me how to be a mom, to think for yourself, don't follow the crowd. She taught me how to be compassionate, how to put other people before yourself. When my kids get crazy, she helps ground me. We'll all be together this weekend for Mother's Day. We're going to have a fiesta because my mom's family is Mexican." It's obvious Angie loves being a mom.

"Seeing their little faces, watching them grow, seeing things you teach them, it's the coolest thing ever," Angie said. "You can't describe the feeling."

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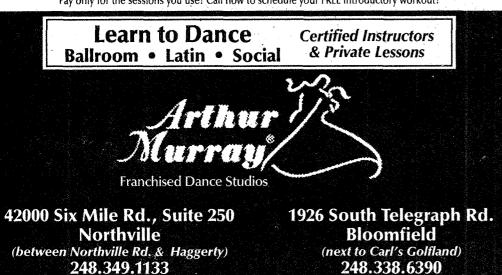
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SPRING FLING

Livonia Neighbors & Friends hold its Spring Fling Tea meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Gill, Livonia. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit www.geocities.com/livonianeighborsandfriends/ or call Dorrie at (248) 777-3848.

The club was originally started as part of the Livonia Welcome Wagon and in 1975 separated from it and became Newcomers Club of Livonia. The club later changed it's name to Livonia Newcomer's and most recently to Livonia Neighbors and Friends. The nonprofit women's club strives to establish and maintain friendships, mutual help, social relationships, and to take an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community.

HOMELESSNESS

The plight of the homeless in Detroit will be featured at the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Unity of Livonia on the north side of Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The meeting is open to the public.

Fox 2 television's investigative reporter, Amy Lange, discusses homelessness here and elsewhere, shows videos and answers questions from attendees. Lange has been nominated for numerous Emmy awards and won an Edward R. Murrow award for a story on homeless veterans.

No admission fee, although the group will accept a \$5 dollar love offering. For more information, contact Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace president, at cmills0079@yahoo. com or (734) 425-0079.

USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Livonia Library hold a book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia Hardcovers are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, romances 25 cents, CD's and videos as priced. Sunday, May 17 a bag of books is \$5. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

Dart at (734)-459-3505, Ext. 169, or JDart@plymouthchristian.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT

Garden City Relay for Life team Hunting for A Cure is having a bowling fundraiser May 15, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. Bowling is \$22 for 3 games, shoe rental and pizza. Sign in is 7:30 p.m. Call Bonnie at (810) 499-2092 or (734) 522-4458, or Kristina at (517) 376-3128 to reserve a spot.

YOUTH CONCERT

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic holds its spring concert at noon Saturday, May 16th at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Advance tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 children/seniors, and \$8 adults, \$6 children/seniors at the door. Contact David Lindenmuth, the organization' president, at (734) 634-5250 or dlindenm@me.com for tickets or information.

TRACING HERITAGE

The Western Wayne County **Genealogical Society meets** Monday May 18, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. The main speaker, following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting, will be Karen Krugman on "Stumble-My Favorite Way to Find Ancestors." Krugman will explain how stumbling has helped her find ancestors and how it can be applied to research. She is the current president of the Ford Genealogy Club. The 6:30 p.m. program topic will be announced. Meetings are open to the public. Guests

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always welcome. For information, visit www.rootsweb. com/~miwwcgs/.

MEMORY SCREENING LECTURE

Dr. Theodore Ruza, psychiatrist and medical director of Botsford Hospital's inpatient geropsych unit and Diane Zide, executive director of Botsford Commons Senior Community's Senior Living Services, discuss the importance of memory screenings at the Observer & Eccentric Senior Expo 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven

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Memory loss is certainly a concern of many senior citizens and their families. Alzheimer's currently affects more than 5 million Americans and is the leading cause of dementia in people over the age of 65, although Ruza stresses that proper

diagnosis is critical.

cause of memory loss, or dementia, is so important, and can have a huge effect on a patient's quality of life," Ruza said, noting that dementia has many causes, some of which are reversible, such as vitamin deficiency and depression. "The quicker a true diagnosis is made, the sooner the best course of

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FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

Cellist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin perform Bach, Beethoven and Brahms for the Friday **Evening Recital Series 8** p.m. May 15, in the VisTaTec Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students and available by calling (734) 462-4403 or online at www.schoolcraft. edu/music.

DeMaine has been praised by the New York Times as "an artist who makes one hang on every note." He has performed to critical acclaim as a soloist, recitalist, recording artist, and chamber musician throughout the world.

Martin continues to earn world-class recognition for her solo and chamber music performances and recordings. She has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras including the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** and appears regularly with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL **FUND-RAISER**

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its annual schoolwide Eagle Fund Fund-raiser, a Celebration of Excellence," Friday, May 15, in the Calvary Baptist Church Auditorium, 43065 Joy, Canton. The event features vocalist Cheri Keaggy at 7:15 p.m. as well a strolling hors d'oeuvres buffet at 5:30 p.m., with a silent auction, and dessert and coffee After Glow reception.

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Birmingham Groves Class of 1969

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information. **Brighton High School**

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at **Barnstormer Entertainment Complex** in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo. com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/ brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.

com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658. **Clarenceville High School** All Class Reunion

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Fordson High School Class of 1964

45th Reunion 6 p.m. to midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) Aug. 8, 2009, at Stitt American Legion Post #232, 23850 Military, corner of Telegraph and Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door. Casual attire. Beer, pop & DJ provided. BYOB and wine. RSVP and send payment by July 23, payable to Sylvia Skelton, 1607 Edwin, Westland, MI 48186. For information, contact (734) 326-3964 or silly1021@comcast.net, or Barb Weide at (734) 416-9176.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland, Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com. **Detroit Blessed Sacrament**

Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene Kutnick Yamron hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Henry Ford II Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek Metropark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@ wowway.com.

St. Thomas Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington Class of 1979

Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfhs1979@ gmail.com

Garden City High School East Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send email to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug.

29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com

or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@ hotmail.com.

Garden City West Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to acw79reunion@ yahoo.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net. **Livonia Bentley High School**

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th **Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country** Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12, Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites. Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail. or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the. planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com, or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core. com.

Class of 1989

20-year Class Reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to FHS Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include contact information. For information, e-mail Angle at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott, (800) 228-9290, or

www.marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20-Year Reunion

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Mother Of Our Savior All class reunion

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898. Northville High School

Class of 1979

30 year Reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 15, at Genitti's in Northville. Tickets and more information at www.classcreator.com/ Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm.

Novi Orchard Hills Elementary

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of **Orchard Hills Elementary School, 1-4** p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi. RSVP to (248) 449-1400 or bhurst@növi.k12.mi.us. Program includes 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium, 3-4 p.m. sock hop and refreshments.

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School Class of 1970

Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with the class or joined the class any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at stecland@aol.com.

Plymouth Canton & Salem Class of 1979

30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn. 6:30 p.m. to midnight, with food stations open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit http://home.rr.com/ phs30yearreunion or send e-mail to phs_1979@yahoo.com.

Redford High School

Classes of 1969-1974

Yost/Lodge/Murphy Jr/ Redford High class and neighborhood reunion 6:30 p.m. till ? Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Timber Wolf Tavern, 25641 Plymouth Road, Redford 48239. Cost is \$10 (pizza and appetizers), cash bar. For information, call (248) 388-2770 or send e-mail to bobatude@yahoo.com.

Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@A0L.com

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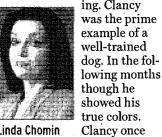
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Linda Chomin

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again was the

poster child

It was apparent that over the winter he'd forgotten all of his lessons. It was time to call Bonny Wainz, our trainer. She suggested we send him to boot camp to learn a few manners before he stole something poisonous or ran into the street and got hit by a car because he pulled the leash from our hands.

Clancy left for Bonny's Boot Camp without looking back. He'd been working with Wainz for some time so he wasn't apprehensive about leaving with her. For Gwen and I it was a different story. Clancy had never been away from us since he was 8 weeks old. We

didn't want him to feel abandoned but we'd never forgive ourselves if he were hurt or killed.

Wainz tailors her program to the individual dog and only works with one dog at a time in the boot camp. Clancy was about to learn he was no longer in charge.

SETTLING IN

Day one she let him explore her house and meet her dogs, Windy, Fireball and Eclipse, before beginning training. Normally she places the dog in a crate before and after each session but Clancy was too big so he stayed in the kitchen. This seemed like an ideal alternative since "counter surfing" is one of his problems. Wainz spent a lot of time making and then leaving bologna sandwiches on the counter for him to snatch. The lesson reinforced the thinking that she was leader of the pack.

"While I was making the sandwich I declared two feet of space around me like an alpha dog declares a boundary while they're eating so no other dog can approach. If he came too close it was a body block and an 'Aaaat' (verbal warning)," said Wainz, owner of Alternative Canine Training. "Then I tried to set him up and left the room with a bologna sandwich on the kitchen table."

Wainz hid around the corner with her mystical acoustic bag which she threw at his feet to startle him when he went for the sandwich. The bag contains a chain inside but doesn't hurt the dog.

"It interrupts him so you can praise him for good behavior by saying 'good boy."



By the end of a week Bonny Wainz was able to walk Clancy (right) off leash with her dogs Fireball (left) and Windy. Wainz is a trainer as well as a behaviorist.

Every day Wainz set him up with different foods like liverwurst. Clancy was so clever he started stealing only when no one was watching so she had to set up a surveillance camera. For those who don't have equipment Wainz suggests placing food on a plastic bag or something that makes noise so you can hear the dog trying to steal.

In between the kitchen lessons, Wainz worked with Clancy on sit, stay, down and come. He already knew these but didn't always respond. Next she taught Clancy to walk on a loose leash and finally off leash.

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"Before you can teach them anything you have to teach them to respect and listen to you. You have to get their attention. To walk on a loose leash they have to watch you. If they're ahead they're taking the leadership position," said Wainz. "They have to respect the narrow spaces like door-

ways to go outside. They need to know that leaders go first through narrow spaces. I used the old-fashioned European way of teaching him by continually working to get him to come off leash by attaching a clothesline to the collar and then tugging on it when the dog fails to come when called."

For the real test, Wainz took Clancy to a dog park in Royal Oak and then walked him around the city. He passed with flying colors. Eight days after beginning the boot camp he was a welltrained dog, but what would happen when he returned home? Wainz showed us how to claim back our house from this stealing pooch. We blew up balloons and placed them on the kitchen counter and table to scare Clancy away from the broccoli we'd left there. Each program or

boot camp is tailored to the dog's problems. It worked. The moving objects left him leery of the broccoli. Next we walked through our neighborhood off leash. When he straved I'd correct him with a Aaaat.

Wainz guarantees the training and I'm sure we'll need refresher sessions but I think we're on our way to having an obedient dog. Clancy has a strong personality so it just took longer than our first three wolfhounds. I just didn't think he would be 3 years old.

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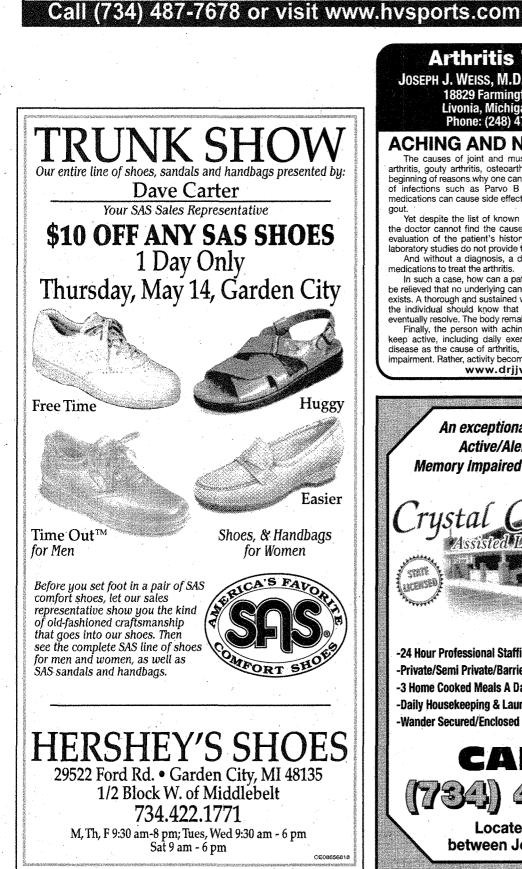


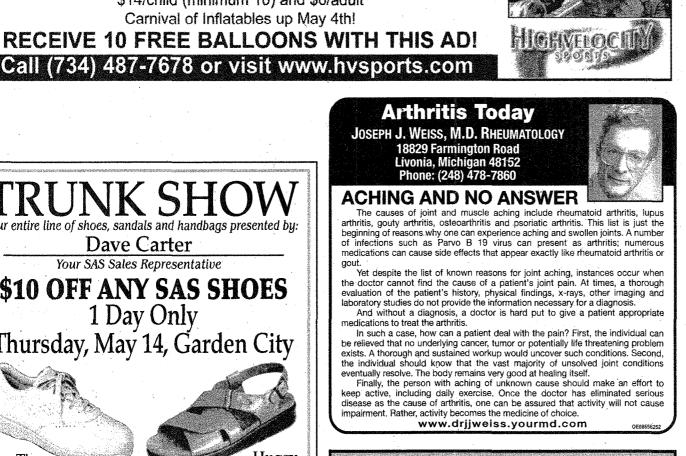
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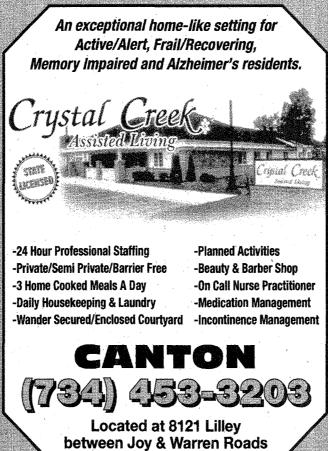
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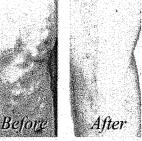
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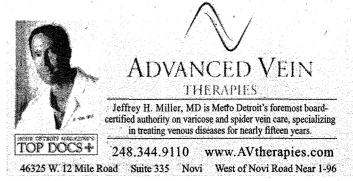


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Patients to benefit from hospital's residency program

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Patient care has changed since Dr. Kenneth Grimm was a resident at the University of Michigan Health System in the mid-1990s. While good teachers have always emphasized the importance of communication and the patient-doctor relationship the two qualities became essential to training after the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which evaluates

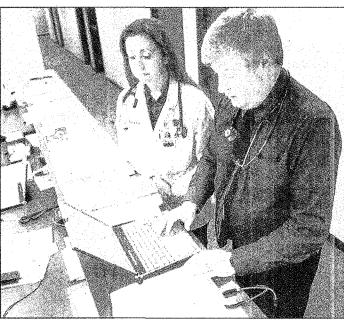
and accredits medical residency programs in the United States, established six core competencies. Beginning in July 2010, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will follow the guidelines when implementing a graduate medical education residency program through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine. About a year ago, Grimm began working with third year medical students. The move to train residents elevates St. Mary's status as

a provider of medical education.

A family physician, Grimm co-directs the St. Mary GME program with Dr. Jeffrey Yanez, an internist. Both are on staff at the hospital. Grimm earned his undergraduate degree at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and was chief resident at U-M. He is an instructor at U-M and the University of Toledo and taught in the residency program for the Oakwood Health System for 10 years. He practices family medicine at Infinity Primary Care at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Medical Center in Canton.

St. Mary will initially offer residencies in family and internal medicine with the intent to expand specialties. Length of residencies vary depending on the specialty.

"Graduate medical education is a huge step for the hospital," said Grimm of Canton. The University of Toledo already has students rotating right now. They don't have degrees yet. The residency program to start in 2010 is to train those graduated from medical school. They have a restricted educational license. They have to do a residency program and eventually sit for exam and become board certified. Two years of residency are required before you get a license from Michi gan in family medicine. You wouldn't want a doctor to take care of you from just reading from a book. They can write prescriptions and orders but in a supervised setting. They will have an encounter videotaped with a patient. In family medicine we take the patient-doc-



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Dr. Kenneth Grimm of Canton and third-year medical school student Laura Hall look at the results of an EKG test. Grimm is working with Hall as part of the teaching program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. In July 2010, the hospital will implement a graduate medical or residency program through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine. Hall, a resident of Circleville. Ohio. attends the university.

tor relationship very seriously. bedside manner and communicating so the patient can understand you, not looking at disease but the patients."

Initially 12,000 patients a year will benefit from the residency program which is part of an agreement with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and the university. St. Mary is a member of the Saint Joseph system.

"Over the last 20 years residency changed to center more on the patient, providing high quality patient centered care," said Yanez who started his residency in 1989 and is currently on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. "A graduate medical program benefits patients, gives a whole different look and feel to the

hospital. There's an additional person asking about their history, when did your pain start. It's continuing medical education with daily conferences, case reviews. This should enhance patient care. For physicians there's nothing like an inquisitive student asking you why. My job is to have a resident for three years, to evaluate the residents to make sure the community is getting the finest care possible. Did the resident explain everything to you well? Did they wash their hands before they examined you?"

In addition to increasing the quality of care, the residency program is expected to bring about 300 jobs to the area and add up to \$30

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million a year to the local economy.

"We've been planning the program in earnest for about two years," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "It evolved as a natural next step in the evolution of our hospital. We've grown every year, made investments in technology. It's going to allow us to more completely fulfill our vision to be a comprehensive community hospital. We expect only to grow over time. The residency program will bring faculty on, create educational opportunity for medical students. We've long been involved in training nursing students through relationships with Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, radiology techs, lab techs, physical therapy. For the longer term we hope from a strategic point many of the residents will stay in southeast Michigan and St. Mary and St, Joseph Mercy Health System.

Grimm fears that in the future demand for primary care physicians could exceed supply.

We're going to face work force issues," said Grimm. "The medical system is training about 90 percent in speciality, only 10 percent primary care. The program is going to increase the number of primary care physicians. Primary care residents usually stay in the area they train. I expect 50 percent will stay. For people in the area, that means improved quality of care. It's very good now but takes it to the next level with more ready access to primary care."

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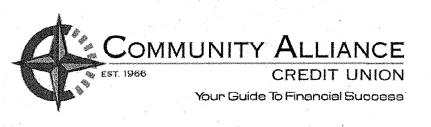
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