

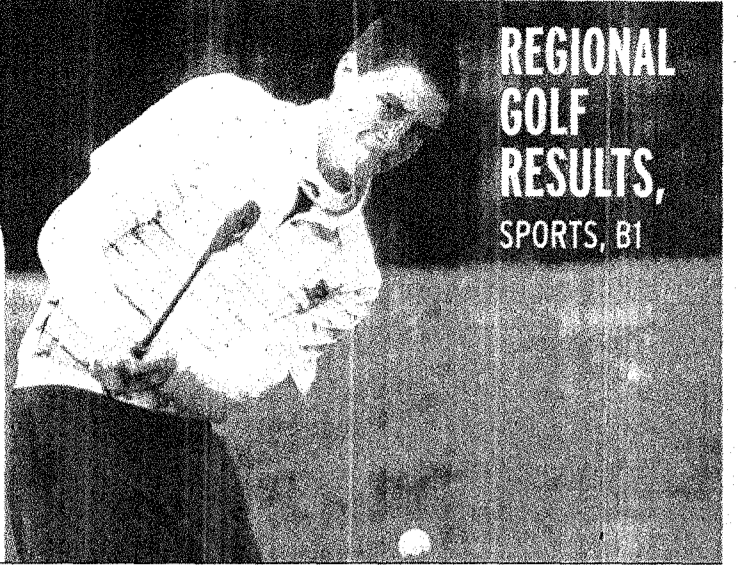
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Food dates

Westland has announced the dates for its June food commodities distribution schedule for June.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information.

Residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers pick up their food at the high rise and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex.

For the month of June, the food distribution will include apple juice, dried cherries, corn, UHT milk, oats, peanut butter, shelled walnuts, frozen beef and possibly additional items.

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

Grow zones

Wayne County Parks and Wayne County Water Quality Management Division have joined forces with Ford Motor Company for the Hines Park Green Infrastructure Native Plant Workshops.

The workshops will take place at various grow zone sites throughout Hines Park on Saturday, June 7 and 14. Approximately 40 volunteers from Ford Motor Co. will work at several different sites on tasks, such as rain garden maintenance and care at Newburgh Pointe Grow Zone signage, invasive species removal, Grow Zone boundary log placement, adding new native plants, re-mulching garden beds and general cleanup.

Ford employees can sign up by logging onto www.volunteer.ford.com.

For more information on this green initiative or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Library could lose cash to city's rental plan

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's general fund could receive a \$500,000 boost at the expense of the William P. Faust Public Library's fund balance.

At what was likely the final study session before the 2010-11 budget is adopted Monday, there was a consensus among council members to

begin collecting rent from the library, which is housed in a 34,000-square-foot city-owned building. The rent was calculated at \$51,000 annually and the \$500,000 would be a one-time catch up payment covering the past 10 years.

"This library has done all it can to serve the residents of Westland in this severe economic time. We have lost 25 percent of our budget and 25

percent of our staff," said Library Director Cheryl Napsha. She was present at the study session but not asked for comment. "We are open more hours and we are offering more services."

The library has a \$1.9 million budget with a .994 millage levy — before the Headlee rollback — generating \$1.7 million for the largest portion of its revenue. Property tax revenues for

2010-11 are projected at \$1.5 million due to decreased property values. The library had a \$1.5 million fund balance, effectively its savings account.

"It wasn't an excessive fund balance — it's an aging (14-year-old) building. We are using fund balance this year (in the library budget). This would take our fund balance down to

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Rhonda Farah center waits for her butterfly to take flight. It took many of the butterflies a few minutes before they flew off.

Butterfly release gives seniors message of hope

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a science experiment when 120 butterflies were released at John Glenn High School. It was a ceremony of sorts meant to send seniors on their way with a message.

Sponsored by Glenn's Students Against Destructive Decisions and D.A.R.E. program, last month's ceremony brought students together during their lunch periods for the release of the painted lady butterflies. Members of SADD spoke to students about the decisions that they'll make and encouraged seniors "to stay safe," said sponsor Angela Beauchamp.

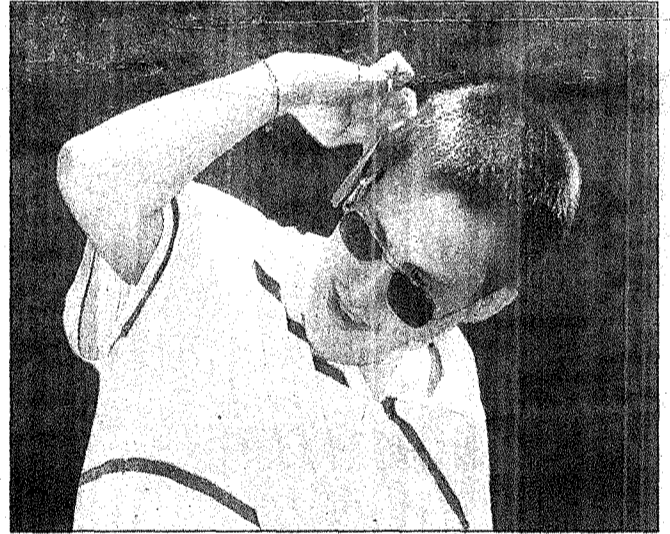
"The groups wanted to do something

hopeful for the seniors who were leaving," she said. "They talked about a candlelight vigil, but decided a butterfly release would be more hopeful. The idea came out while we were brainstorming. The kids really seemed to like the idea. They researched it and saw that it's been done for weddings and funerals."

The students were inspired to do the ceremony because of the deaths of several students in the past few years, including Lance McKay, who was killed in an automobile accident in Canton last month.

Beauchamp along with teacher Wendy Grimm sponsored the ceremony which was based on the native American legend

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Bryan Sylvester listens to see if his butterfly is alive.

Goodfellows use open house to recruit volunteers

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Memorial Day is over and many people will be planning their summer vacations — not thinking about Christmas.

With requests for assistance nearly doubled since 2007, the Westland Goodfellows are working now to recruit volunteers and increase their

fund-raising efforts. The Goodfellows, whose motto is "No Child Without a Christmas," are holding a volunteer open house 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Friendship Center.

"It's the first time we've had an open house. What's happened is that relative to the need, we need to change the way we have operated over the last 20 years," said Goodfellows co-president John Adams, a Westland

fire captain. "We've seen a 100 percent increase in requests over two years. To assist kids at Christmas, we need to have more volunteers and more depth."

That means the Goodfellows are looking for volunteers and new ideas to expand fund-raising efforts. The Goodfellows spent more than \$80,000 to provide gift cards for toys and holidays meals for Christmas

2009. The number of requests for assistance has grown from 400 to 1,000.

"We will embrace all kinds of ideas. If people only have a couple of hours a year available, we'll put them on the mailing committee — they can help stuff envelopes," said Adams. "If you've got time, we've got a job for

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Westland receives A+ bond rating from Standard & Poor's

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Financially speaking, Westland has received a good grade — an A+ bond rating from Standard & Poor's.

The rating for the city's general obligation bonds comes a few months after another credit rating service, Moody's, had downgraded Westland's sewer bonds to B+.

"The A+ is real good news. When Moody's downgraded us, we jumped on it and addressed the water rates," said Mayor William Wild. "We didn't want it to affect our general obligation bonds."

An 11 percent water-sewer rate hike was adopted by the council, along with a fee to recoup Detroit Water and Sewerage Department fixed cost charges, as part of the efforts to stabilize the water fund. Council members also agreed with the auditors' recommendation that looking at water and sewer rates twice a year, rather than the past practice of annual adjustments, would also help stabilize the bond ratings.

"With what happened in the water bonds, we were worried about the general obligation bonds. Those are for infrastructure," said Wild. "We could have paid a lot more for interest rates

with a lower bond rating."

Unlike school grades, A+ isn't the highest bond rating — AAA is the highest rating. However, the A+ rating from Standard and Poor's indicates Westland has "strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but is somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstance." The better the credit rating, the more attractive city bonds would be to investors.

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LIBRARY

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\$800,000," said Napsha.

The city has a practice of charging rent to departments with their own budgets and funds. Finance Director Steve Smith noted the water fund is billed for rent of space in City Hall occupied by the water billing staff. Other examples Smith cited included the Tax Increment Financing Authority, the Local Development Finance Authority and the Economic Growth Department.

"It's only appropriate that we charge back for the fair market value of the building space. We have never charged the library rent," said Smith. "The going rate of \$12 per square foot would be astronomical. We used a figure of \$1.50 per square foot."

The city had also done a one-time catch-up rent payment with the water fund,

Smith said.

"The library fund balance was accumulated over the years. Even if the fund balance dropped to \$800,000 that is well above what is recommended by the auditors," said Smith, adding 15 percent or \$300,000 would be the minimum recommended fund balance based on the library budget.

The \$500,000 would be added to the city's general fund balance taking it to about \$2.5 million. Westland's five-year forecast had projected a \$3.5 million deficit by the end of the upcoming fiscal year. Through early retirements, contract concessions and other budget cuts the proposed budget is balanced and the projected deficit at the end of five years has been reduced from \$32 million to \$16 million.

"That's pretty substantial and everyone deserves credit for that," said Mayor William Wild.

"I'm sure the library is not

overly ecstatic about the one-time catch-up," said Council President James Godbout. "It helps the fund balance but it is also carried forward. Savings that we have in years two and three will reduce the amount we have to cut in the future. The more that accumulates in the fund balance helps in the future years."

During the discussion, Councilwoman Christine Bryant commented that she and other council members elected in November — Adam Hammons and Meriem Kadi — were too new to be expected to come to a consensus on budget items with such short notice.

"I'm not going to vote on something unless I have it down 100 percent. It's not about convenience, it's about making sure I'm doing my job right," said Bryant, who didn't object to charging the library back rent.

Former council member Charles Pickering questioned whether charging library rent

was proper, noting the voter approved dedicated millage for the library.

"I question the need for that to be discussed tonight, there should be more information," he said. "It's not necessary to decide tonight. The money is not going anywhere. I have a legitimate concern about if you are able to do this."

Along with the money that would be transferred from the library's fund balance, Napsha said she was also concerned about the ongoing annual rent payment that would be charged to the library.

"We made a commitment not to reduce our services or our hours. Things are so close to the edge now, that if you \$50,000 more each year, I'm not sure how we can do it," said Napsha. "It would harm residents more than the \$50,000 going to the city each year would benefit them. This should have been viewed as a last ditch thing."

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GOODFELLOWS

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you. There are other activities that will take more time. We'll see what people want to give us to help the kids."

The Goodfellows have changed their fund-raising methods over the years. In Westland like some other area communities, the Goodfellows

no longer take to the streets for their traditional newspaper sale prior to the Christmas holiday.

"With the increased traffic flow and cell phone usage, safety is an issue. Other communities have had incidents — in Livonia, three people were injured in one year," said Adams. "In the interest of safety, we had to look at other method of fund raising."

Throughout the year, the Goodfellows have fund-raisers including weekly bingo games at the Wayne-Ford Civic League and charity poker games held at Vision Lanes and the Electric Stick. The Goodfellows also solicit donations through letters sent to local residents and businesses.

"With the Livonia Goodfellows, we have a canned goods drive and also

accept cash. We want to expand that," said Adams.

Anyone interested in helping the Goodfellows can come to the open house at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh south of Ford. For more information, call Barbara, Donna or Heather at (734) 721-5100 or visit www.WestlandGoodfellows.org.

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RATING

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wealth and demographics, budgetary performance, and debt burden and management. S&P reports that the Westland's income levels are good at 95 percent of national

levels. In fiscal year 2009, the city reflected growth in market values of 9 percent since 2004 to \$5.41 billion or \$65,736 per capita.

Further, Westland has a low overall net debt burden at 1.6 percent of market value or \$1,019 per capita. S&P gave Westland a Financial Management Assessment of

good, the second highest of four possible assessments.

"An A+ rating does not mean the city is immune to the financial challenges facing other communities, businesses and our residents," Wild said. "However, it does mean the city has practiced responsible economic stewardship."

With a continued focus on cutting costs and leveraging revenues, Wild said the city will be able to withstand these economic pressures, meet its obligations and continue to provide the quality of service to which taxpayers have become accustomed.

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Gun range hosts fund-raiser for mom battling cancer

The Firearm Exchange Gun Range in Livonia will host Shoot for a Cure, a fund-raiser to help a Livonia resident in her fight against cancer, from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Fay Remijan, 43, was diagnosed in January with invasive ductal carcinoma, an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Firearm Exchange Gun Range owners Wah and Tammy Wong want to help keep Remijan's future bright by hosting Shoot for the Cure at their 15,000-square-foot gun range. Proceeds will go to Remijan and her family for her medical expenses.

"This event is such a blessing," said Remijan, who is married and has three daughters. "I just can't believe the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Wongs for hosting this

event. It brings tears to my eyes."

Sue Policicchio, Fay Remijan's sister, is also thankful to the Wongs. "Shoot for a Cure is an absolute ray of sunshine during this time of darkness."

There will be food, beverages, gift basket raffles, silent auction items, games, a 50/50 and, of course, shooting contests including a 10 Round Program Shoot, Texas Star and Fallen Plate contest. The Wongs encourage people of all levels to come and shoot, even those who have never shot a gun before. There will be two to three winners in each category and prizes for each winner.

"This event is for everyone, even people that aren't interested in guns," said Wah

Wong. "We have received dozens of donated gift baskets that we will be giving away; this will be a fun event for everyone to enjoy while supporting a great cause."

The Firearm Exchange Gun Range is at 30305 Schoolcraft between Middlebelt and Merriman.

For more information on Shoot for a Cure, call (734) 422-4867.

Another Livonia business is also holding a fund-raiser for the Remijans for Fay's medical expenses.

George Murphy's at the Creek will donate a percentage of food and drink purchases made from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday to the family and hold a raffle ticket drawing at 10 p.m.

The raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. They can be purchased in advance by e-mailing Colleen Nowak at cnowak13@yahoo.com.

George Murphy's is in the clubhouse at Fox Creek Golf Course at 36000 Seven Mile, which is between Farmington Road and Newburgh.



Shoot for a Cause is a "ray of sunshine" for Fay Remijan (left, back row), who has an aggressive form of breast cancer. She is shown here with her husband, Leo, and their three daughters (from left) Alissa, Lauren and Courtney.

Friends produce audio tour of Garden City

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have a free Historical Audio Tour around Garden City.

The public can pick up the CD and brochure with map and pictures in Lathers General Store inside the Straight Farmhouse noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

The farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, is located on Merriman, north of Ford.

"It's a fun way to learn the history of the town in the comfort of your own car," said Muriel Grima, a longtime vol-

unteer. "The historical tour is a CD that you play in your car. It tells about each historical place. For example, the Henry Ford honeymoon house is one of the places on the tour."

When history buffs park in front of the home, they play the track that tells about the home, Grima said.

"In the brochure, it tells you what track to play," Grima said. "That's why people who are in their own cars go at their own pace. They can visit all of the places or pick out the ones they are interested in."

The tour is free, but donations are accepted to support the museum.

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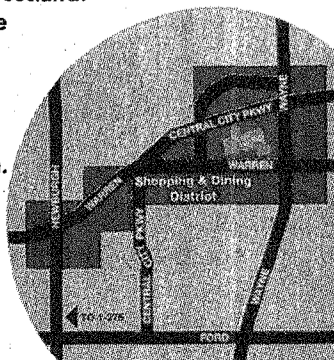
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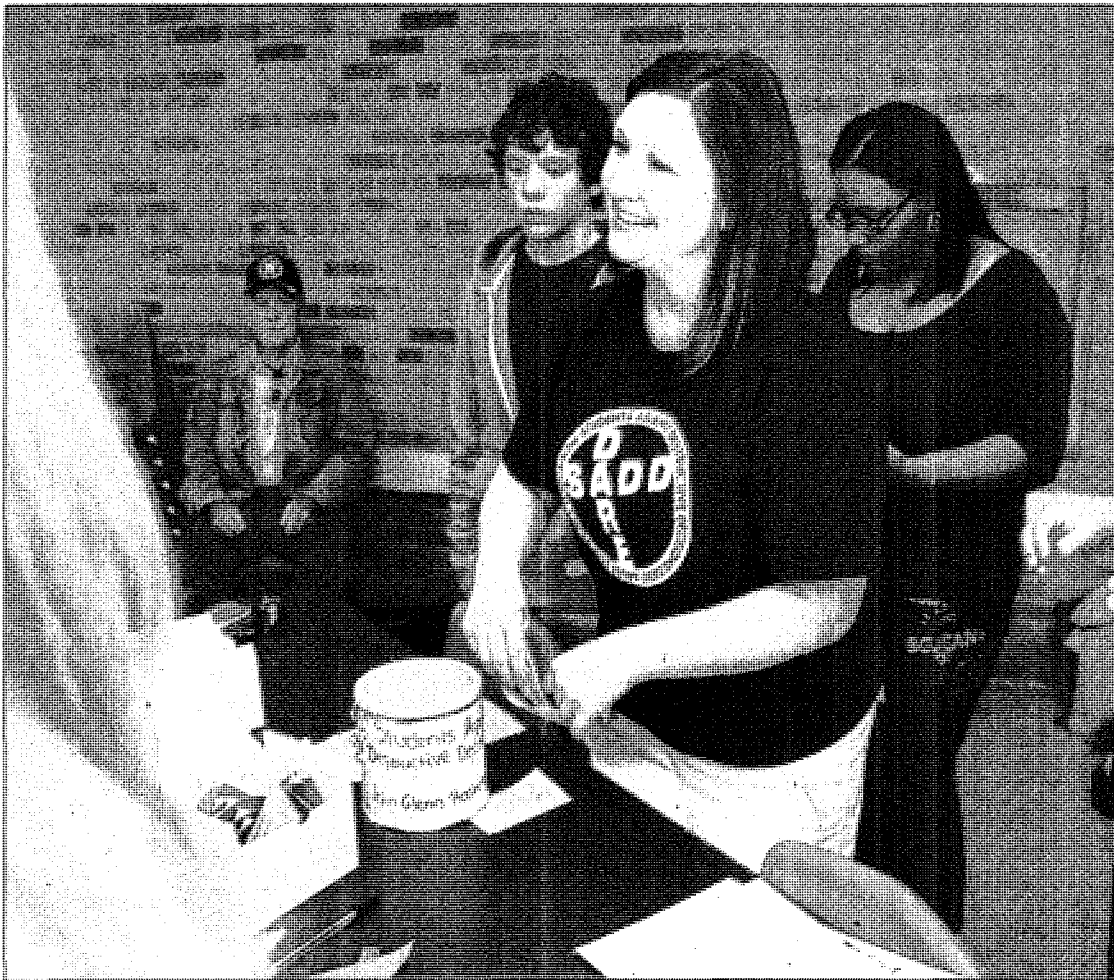
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EDUCATION



John Glenn student Ajee Hurst speaks to students on behalf of SADD and D.A.R.E. about making wise decisions and staying safe before the butterflies are released.



John Glenn High School teacher Angela Beaucamp hands out butterflies to students to release as part of a project sponsored by SADD and D.A.R.E. at the school.

BUTTERFLIES

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of the butterfly. It was meant to celebrate the culmination of high school and to encourage the seniors to make wise decisions as they move forward.

"One student did a speech and told them that as they change through life make sure they make decisions to stay safe and stay with us," Beaucamp said.

The live butterflies were purchased from a business that raises them. They cost \$5 each and the clubs were able to recoup some of the expense by selling them to the students for \$2 each. They were shipped overnight to the school in blue origami envelopes. Students who purchased a butterfly also received a postcard Grimm made containing the legend.

While the ceremony aimed at sending seniors off with a message of hope and freedom, all students were invited to participate. Many of those who bought a butterfly brought a friend with them, Beaucamp said.

"They loved it," she said. "I think the release and the cards my co-sponsor made up as a souvenir provided some posi-

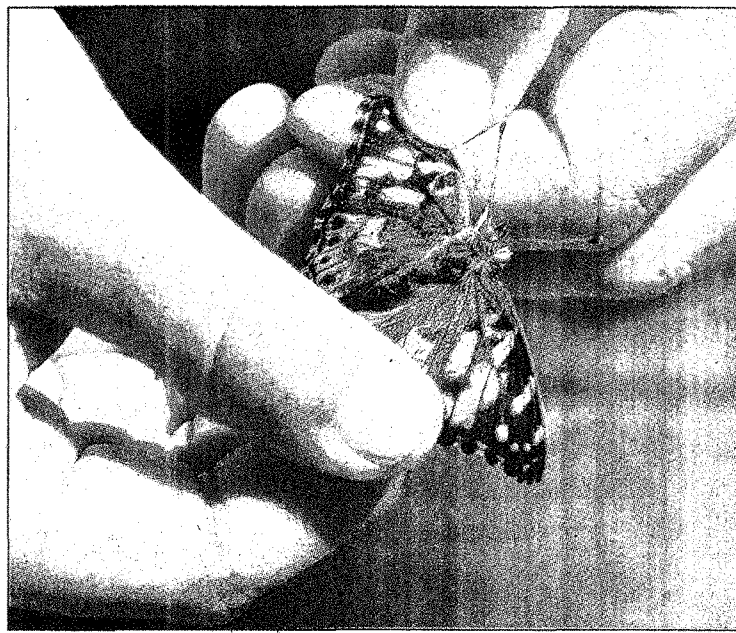
tives for them."

The two teachers have deemed the release a success, and they're already looking at how to do it next year, including raising the butterflies inhouse. Beaucamp has a friend who has done that in her day care. The butterflies come in boxes with all they need to live and are less expensive. Beaucamp also believes there's a few places in the school to store the butterflies until their release.

She's also considering one big release rather than this year's three small ones, allowing all students to be a part of the ceremony.

"I think we'll be able to do it," she added.

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The painted lady butterfly was used for the release.

Top graduates garner Rotary scholarships

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four graduating Wayne-Westland seniors were honored Thursday, June 3, with scholarships from the Westland Rotary Club.

Students received \$2,000 each to be used for higher education.

"It's just that Rotary believes in education for the future generation," said Don Douglass, a retired John Glenn High School administrator and club scholarship chairman. "A functioning democracy needs educated people."

The students are:

- Maggie Wacker of the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, also a John Glenn High School student. The daughter of Jeff and Linda Wacker, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College to study cosmetology management. She would like to own her own shop someday.

- Katelyn Thebeau of John Glenn High School, who plans to attend Wayne State University and become a physician, specializing in radiology. She is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Thebeau.

- Ilsi Lopez of Wayne Memorial High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to major in pre-medicine to become a surgeon. She is the daughter of Gerardo and Esther Lopez.

- Brittany Harden of John Glenn High School, who will study early childhood education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is the daughter of Dawn and Scott Harden.

Harden's scholarship is made possible by Don Douglass, who gives an annual scholarship in memory of his late wife, Arlene, who taught at Schweitzer Elementary School.

The other three scholarships are supported by Rotary through fund-raisers.

Antoinette Martin, Rotary president, praised the student honorees, who were looking forward to yesterday's graduation ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University.

"We can't tell you how proud we are of you all," Martin said.

Also at the luncheon was Westland Mayor William Wild.

"We're just very proud of all you guys," Wild said. "This is great."

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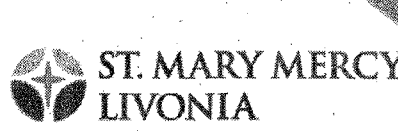
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June 12
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More information visit www.michiganeea.org or www.schoolcraft.edu.

American Harvest Friday Lunch Buffets
June 11, 18 and 25
On Fridays in June you can enjoy a delicious lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the college's American Harvest Restaurant for only \$10 per person. The theme for June 11 will be California Splendor; June 18 will feature Old Fashioned Midwestern; and on June 25 enjoy Fresh from the Garden.
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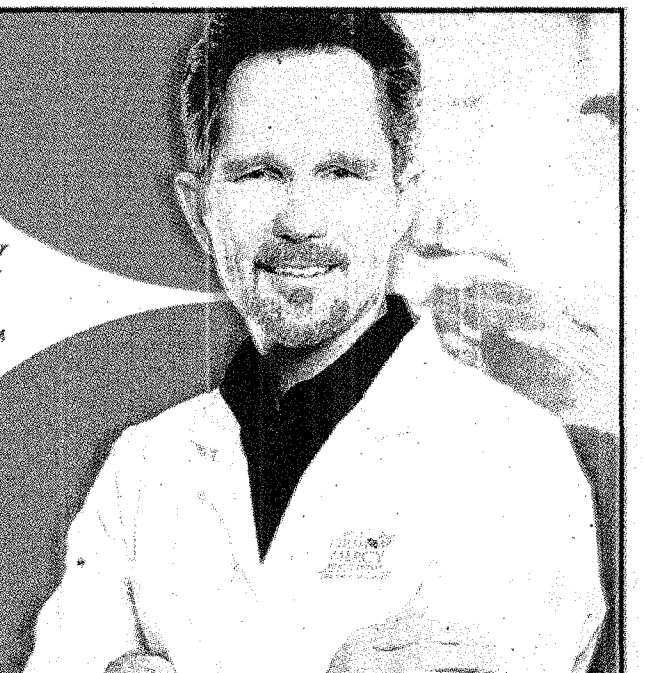
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Sailor's story inspires students to achieve

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When John Quinn speaks at Garden City High School's commencement ceremony Friday evening, his will be a message of believing in yourself and pursuing your dreams.

"I will tell you there's always a way, if you work hard, and you will persevere," he said. "Don't give up, work hard and dream. You can achieve great things."

It's the message his parents had for him while growing up in Garden City. He was raised to believe he could do anything he put his mind to doing. There's was never any discussion about the fact he had cerebral palsy; he just went to therapy and wore "clunky shoes."

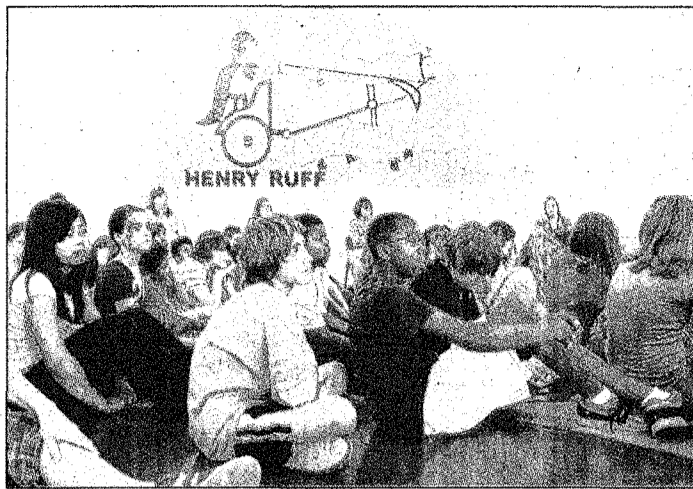
"My folks told me there's nothing you can't do, if you want to do it, I'm grateful for that mindset," said Quinn in a visit with fifth- and sixth-graders at Henry Ruff Elementary School. "My parents would tell me there was nothing wrong with me, go out and play and that's what I'd do. It was tough in grade school. I walked different, I stood different and when I ran, I looked a little silly."



John Quinn is back in his hometown of Garden City to share his inspirational can do story of overcoming cerebral palsy to serve in the U.S. Navy for 20 years.

What Quinn wanted to do was be a sailor and when he told his parents he wanted to join the Navy, they told him go ahead and good luck. When he went to enlist, he didn't tell the Navy he had CP. Quinn "didn't want to be treated differently."

"I didn't want to be a sailer



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Henry Ruff sixth-grade students listen to John Quinn talk about his life growing up with cerebral palsy.

with CP. I wanted to be a sailor," he said.

He was "crushed" when he failed his first try at enlisting because he couldn't do the duck walk. His body shook and he fell over. He was the only enlistee who failed. He went home and did exercises for a year. When he went back, "I was the best duck walker in the building."

"They told me, 'We don't know what you have, but we don't want someone like you.' That's where I

got the title of my book," he said.

For 20 years, Quinn served in the Navy and no one knew he had CP. Every four years he would undergo a physical for re-enlistment. It was a challenge he accepted and passed.

"When I run, I run differently, I'm not a smooth strider," he said. "People could tell there was something unique about me when they would see me run. My left leg and arm don't swing naturally, but I've done a marathon

and run five miles a day."

Now a retired senior petty officer, Quinn has turned his life story into a book, *Someone Like Me*, and is working on having it made into a movie. It isn't a military story, but one of a man who overcame his challenges — CP, alcoholism and the suicide of his brother — to live the life he had dreamed of as a child.

It took a year to write the book, then another year to find a literary agent and a stack of rejection slips — "I heard no almost 100 times." — before it was published by History Publishing Co.

"I was a young kid that wore special shoes, I was like Forrester Gump," Quinn said. "But my parents told me I could achieve great things, if I worked hard. When I finished boot camp, my parents had big smiles on their faces."

In answering students' questions, Quinn said he was motivated to write the book because of a young boy named Trevor he met who also had CP. The youngster had a lot of questions and didn't know what his future

held for him. And with his memoirs now done, he's thinking about writing a children's book and including some of the things he talks about in his book.

"I didn't write the book to win an award, I hope to, but it's not important," he said. "I wrote it for people to read and be inspired by it," he said. "I have achieved all the goals in my life, now I want to make movies, talk to people, travel the country talking to kids. It's going to be exciting, it's going to be fun."

One student listen to the presentation was fifth-grader Tasyanna Hall who would like to read Quinn's book.

"It's nice to know he got to do what he wanted to do," she said. "He's been through a lot of challenges."

Henry Ruff Principal Janet Blumberg echoed Quinn's comments in telling students the author is "proof you can be anything you want to be."

"You're my new American hero, Mr. Quinn," Blumberg said. "You're an awesome person."

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Women cherish 65-year pen-pal friendship

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Maxine Ellis still has the first letter she received 65 years ago from her pen pal, Helen Burns, then a mere schoolgirl in England.

Burns still wears a locket Ellis gave to her in 1969, the first time they met face to face when Burns traveled to America to cement a letter-writing friendship that had begun 24 years earlier.

"As soon as I got off the plane, it was like I had known Maxine all my life," Burns said.

True friendship knows no distance. It survives the deaths of husbands, the birth of children, then grandchildren, then great-grandchildren.

"Helen knows more about me than my own sisters do," Ellis said. "She's a gift from God."

Burns, 79, has visited Ellis, 80, several times, and she arrived Tuesday in Michigan for what the women say could be their last meeting. They're getting older, and traveling has become more difficult.

Ellis made just one trip to England, in 1977.

"That was the year Elvis died," she said.

"My mother died that year, too," Burns said.

Sitting in a gazebo behind

Waltonwood at Carriage Park, a senior independent living center near Canton Center and Ford roads, they held hands like schoolgirls as they laughed and talked about their friendship. They sat with one of Ellis' seven children, Wendy Niccoli, and one of Burns' two children, Penelope McMillan, who accompanied her from England.

On a two-week visit that includes a trip to Niagara Falls, Burns and her daughter are staying in their own Waltonwood guest unit.

"I have to get away from Maxine," Burns said jokingly.

Ellis was only 15 and living in Aurora, Ill., when she and Burns, then 14, began a school-orchestrated pen-pal friendship in early 1945. They have no idea how many letters have crossed the ocean, but now they seem to finish each other's thoughts.

"It cost me five cents to mail a letter back then, and it took two weeks to get there," Ellis said.

"World War II was still on," Burns chimed in.

Ellis recalled the time she sent Burns five sticks of chewing gum by mail.

"Her teacher told her to get rid of that filthy American habit," Ellis said.

Burns, the obedient British schoolgirl, said, "I did what I was told."



Maxine Ellis as a younger woman.



Helen Burns as a younger woman.

Over the years, their letters documented happy times, such as the birth of their children, and sorrowful episodes, like the time Ellis' first of two late husbands, Elmer Askeland, was killed in a car accident, and the time Burns' only husband, Peter, died 11 years ago.

Putting the past on pause for a moment, Ellis shared a little good-natured gossip. "Helen has a boyfriend," she said.

"He's only 84," Burns replied.

Ellis had moved to Raytown, a Missouri suburb of Kansas City, by the time Burns paid her first visit. They have traveled to places such as San Diego, the Grand Canyon and Tijuana, Mexico, and they had a scare during a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

On the way back to Ellis' home, Burns had a flare-up of appendicitis.

"Helen left her appendix ...," Ellis started.

"... at St. Joseph Hospital ...," Burns added.

"... in Denver, Colorado,"

Ellis concluded.

Ellis' one visit to England proved memorable, too.

"I saw the queen. She was in a distance, but Helen stood on a picnic bench with my camera and got a picture for me," Ellis said.

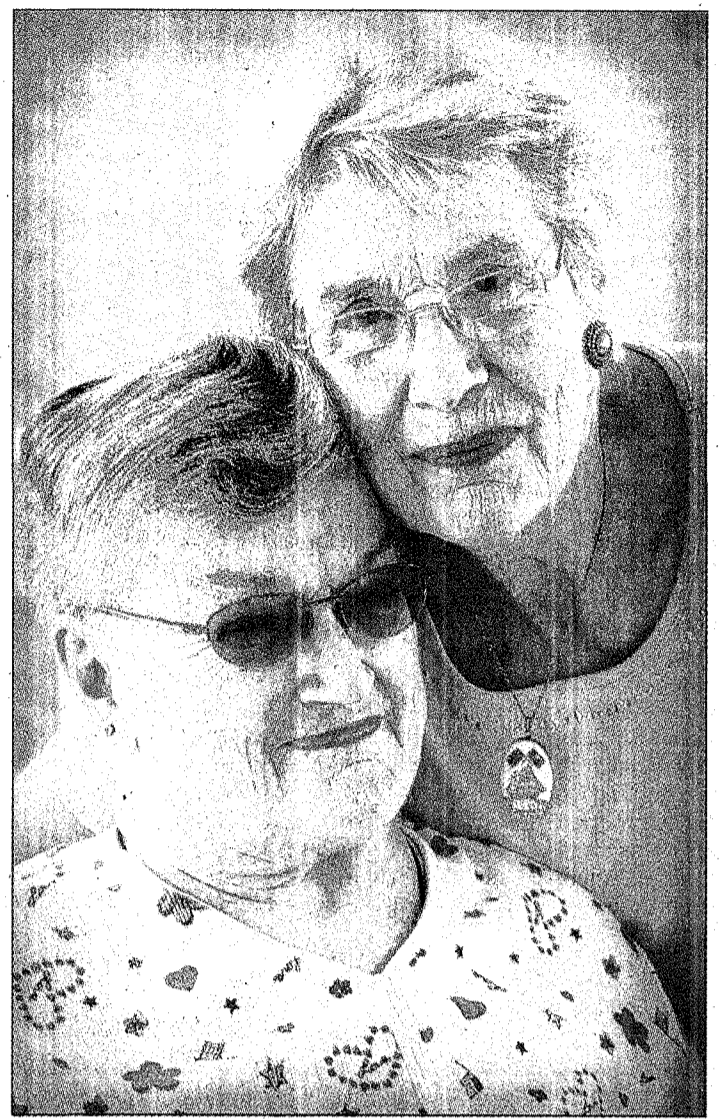
Though their lives were different, the pair shared a love of family, church and traveling. Burns retired as a schoolteacher, while Ellis did pedicures for senior citizens and worked in a drugstore, though she devoted most of her time to raising her seven children.

"I spent 22 years in the PTA," she said.

As modern communication has evolved, Ellis and Burns admit they occasionally correspond by telephone or e-mail, but they still prefer their letters.

A few special letters have been saved over the years — memories of a friendship that has never faded, even if the written pages have.

"My mother has gotten a really good friend out of this," Niccoli, Ellis' daughter, said.



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Maxine Ellis, left, and Helen Burns reunite again.

"My mother loves writing letters, and she loves getting letters," Burns' daughter, McMillan, said.

Smiling, Burns fondles the locket Ellis gave to her the first time they met. It sports small drawings of the U.S. and British flags and a sailing ship. Underneath, the year 1945 is written — the year two schoolgirls became

lasting friends.

Even after Burns returns to her Cottingham Village home in East Yorkshire, England, and after Ellis has bid her friend farewell, the letters will continue to cross the ocean.

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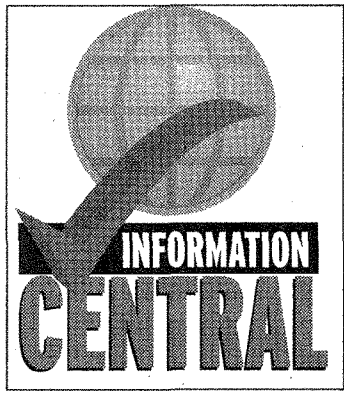
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Planning a trendy wedding

Whether your idea of breaking wedding tradition is by having a chocolate wedding cake or by dressing up like Princess Leia because Star Wars is just that important to you, pulling off a trendy wedding (or any wedding, for that matter) takes serious amounts of time and planning.

The good news is that some of the work has already been done for you! The Westland Library has plenty of books in the collection about celebrating your wedding in style, a monthly subscription to Brides magazine, and Internet access available, if you wish to create an account on www.theknot.com, all of which should take a load off your mind and keep your money in your wallet where it belongs.

The do-it-yourself mentality that so many have adopted is a trend that has recently made its way into wedding planning. If you choose this route, chances are that you'll need all the help you can get. "The Paper Bride" by Esther K. Smith is a recent addition to the library collection and has great ideas with detailed instructions about how to make your wedding celebration cheaply fabulous. Also, don't miss Cochran's "The DIY Bride" and "The



DIY Bride Crafty Countdown" for even more wedding craft project ideas ranging from accessories to the ceremony itself.

It isn't necessary to throw out all traditional aspects of weddings in order to have a modern, trendy celebration. One book, Sharon Naylor's "Your Wedding Your Way," offers step-by-step suggestions for tweaking a traditional wedding and making it tastefully modern without being wacky. Do good manners ever really go out of style? For those wedding planners interested in displaying a timeless sense of decorum before and during the event, be sure to check out

"Miss Manners' Guide to a Surprisingly Dignified Wedding."

The bottom line seems to be that these days, anything goes. Be it cosplay, a destination wedding, crazy themes, or traditional, when it comes to the big day, go wild! For more information drop by the library Monday through Saturday (summer schedule) or anytime online at westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Light Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. June 7 Homeowners can schedule a private, 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Call (734) 326-6123.

Author Visit - Colleen Gleason, Romance Author: 7 p.m. June 8, ages 14 and up Come hear romance author Colleen

Gleason talk about her recent historical vampire romance series, "The Gardella Vampire Chronicles," as well as her apocalyptic romance series, "The Envy Chronicles," written under the Joss Ware moniker. Gleason will be glad to take questions about the books and her publishing experiences throughout the event. Book signing will conclude the event.

Summer Concert Series: Bill Bynum & Company, 7 p.m. June 10, ages 14 and up, at the Library Pavilion

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Friday Night Movie Cult Classics: "The Big Lebowski," 7 p.m. June 11 Stop by the library every Friday

evening during the summer and enjoy a Cult Classic. This week's movie is "The Big Lebowski." Dude" Lebowski, is mistaken for a millionaire who seeks restitution for his ruined rug and enlists his bowling buddies to help get it. Rated R. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Photography: Seeing Beneath the Surface: June 12, Stop by the Library's Reference Desk beginning today and pick up a Grab a Photo form. Teens and adults are encouraged to participate. If you like photography and like to talk photos, this is a great program for you. Grab a Photo: Beneath the Surface list from the Reference Desk and take photos from now until the July 8. Scavenger Hunt Meet-Up and Discussion led by Washtenaw Community College instructor, Kate Barker. See July Events page for more information on the Meet-Up and Discussion.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job,

or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters. Special Demo: How to Block Finished Projects. Materials Provided.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Library Summer Reading Program Save the Date: June 12 Fun for children, teens and adults

Teens and Adults don't miss the Climbing Wall. Call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for time.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Mary Beth Bixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to www.westlandlibrary.org.

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Alert neighbor scares off man breaking into home

Even though a homeowner and his wife were inside a home in the 30400 block of Dawson between 9-10 p.m. May 29, they didn't hear a man who was trying to illegally enter their house.

A neighbor to the west of the home told police that he saw a man 17-25 years old with shoulder length sandy-colored hair trying to remove some screens on the west side of the residence.

When the neighbor yelled at the man, he ran out into the street and got into a sedan that had no a bumper.

Upon further investigation, the police found a window par-

tially open with a flower stand knocked down outside of the house.

Following this incident, the same homeowner said that his daughter had her 1996 Pontiac, which was for sale and parked in a neighbor's driveway in the 30400 block of Dawson when someone entered the car and tampered with the radio.

The driver's license of a 32-year-old Westland man was found near the vehicle.

The neighbors wanted police to investigate whether the same suspect was involved in both the home invasion and the unlawful entry of the vehicle.

By Sue Buck

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Walsh: More cuts needed in budget

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Guilfoyle wasn't talking about something most residents didn't already know.

They just never saw the numbers all lined up like that.

Michigan ranked 51st among the 50 states and Washington D.C. in growth of population, real per capita gross domestic product, employment and real per capita income over the past decade. "We didn't have a poor economic performance; we had a horrible economic performance," Guilfoyle said.

Guilfoyle, president of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, highlighted the



Guilfoyle

CRC's report on "Michigan's Economic, Revenue and Budget Outlook" at a town hall forum with Rep. John Walsh Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

Walsh scheduled the event to educate the public on the economic realities facing the state.

Guilfoyle said the state's retirement system changes will save \$98 million in fiscal year 2011, part of \$433 million in cuts including corrections reforms, private college scholarships, rescinding a nonunion pay bump, community health and human services. Stimulus spending has been supporting state budgets, Guilfoyle said, to the tune of 12 percent in the fiscal year 2010 budget.

Guilfoyle said the economy is starting to grow, but there is no quick recovery from an 18-percent unemployment

decline. "Spending, primarily due to health care costs, is poised to grow faster than revenue over the long term," Guilfoyle said.

"Other states and federal government face similar challenges with health care, but Michigan's economic problems accelerate the problem for us.

"Michigan's problems are long-term and structural. We need to start thinking and planning longer term."

Walsh said he hears from residents who call and write him about the budget. Some don't realize that rescinding cuts for certain departments will mean more cuts for another.

Term limits add to the inexperience in Lansing with a constant turnover of elected officials. "What we have is a perpetually amateur Legislature," Walsh said.

Walsh believes more cuts

are needed to address another \$1 billion deficit, the seventh consecutive deficit lawmakers face. "Despite the use of stimulus money and a tax increase in 2007, we still have a deficit because we haven't adjusted spending," Walsh said.

Walsh believes the next governor needs to be willing to take on bargaining units. "It takes a great deal of courage to open up contracts."

Greg Kremer, a Livonia resident and owner of St. Clair Systems in Romeo, agreed with Walsh's take on the budget. "The money just isn't there to support that level of government," Kremer said.

Kremer said Michigan should look at other states to see what incentives they're using to draw business. He would also like to see the state plan its budget like Oakland County does three years ahead of time.

Movie night at library

The William P. Faust Public Library is continuing its Friday Night After-Hours Movies through the summer, but with a twist.

Running through Friday, Aug. 20, the library will be showing Cult Classics — you know, the movies you just can't see enough. Stop by the library on any Friday and treat yourself an evening of fun and you might just meet someone who has seen *The*

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Westland woman honored by Visiting Nurses

A home health aide has been named the recipient of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan prestigious Sandra M. and Alfred I. Sherman Award recognizing excellence.

Roslyn Butler of Westland received the award on May 27, at a ceremony held at VNA's headquarters in Oak Park, Mich.

The Sherman Award is bestowed annually to a VNA home health aide who lives the organization's mission, vision and values. Home health aides typically work under a nurse's supervision and assist home care patients with personal care needs such as bathing, dressing and grooming.

In 2001, Sandra Sherman, VNA board member for 35 years, and her husband, Alfred Sherman, M.D., continued their commitment to VNA by creating a living legacy through an endowment that funds the award. The award is among the first of its kind to acknowledge the contributions of home health aides, the often unsung heroes and heroines of the home health care industry.

Butler has worked for VNA for eight years and has more than 25 years of experience in hospice care. According to the VNA, she is a role model for delivering patient-



Dr. Alfred Sherman (left) and his wife Sandra Sherman (right) congratulate Roslyn Butler, a home health aide with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, for earning the Sherman Award, the top award of home health aide excellence named in their honor.

centered care. Through her gentle approach and positive attitude, Butler repeatedly earns the trust and admiration of her patients and their families who reside primarily in Sterling Heights, Madison Heights and Livonia.

In addition, her dedication and high degree of professionalism have earned her the respect of her peers. Being a health aide is not simply her job, but her passion.

Founded 112 years ago, VNA of Southeast Michigan was the first homecare organization to serve southeast Michigan and

currently helps approximately 7,500 people each year live with health, independence and dignity in the comfort of home.

VNA is a Medicare-certified, not-for-profit organization that provides home health care, hospice and corporate wellness services to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. For the past four years VNA has been named one of the 101 Best and Brightest Places to Work in Metro Detroit by the Michigan Business and Professionals Association.

MESP is great gift for newborns, grads

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column about gifts for graduates. In it, you mention the Michigan Education Savings Plan. A friend's daughter just had a new baby and I was thinking of opening an account for the baby. Does this type of gift make sense for a newborn? Another idea I had was to buy U.S. Savings Bonds. If you think this is a good move, should I open the account in my name or in one of the parent's name? Lastly, what happens to the money if the child ends up not going to a Michigan school?

A: It is great that you're considering the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) for a newborn. I can't think of a better gift than helping with future education. College costs are increasing faster than anything in our society other than health care, therefore, anything to help defray some of the costs of a college education is a great gift.

I believe it makes sense to name one of the parents as custodian (person in charge) on the account. The custodian selects the investment portfo-



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Rick Bloom

lio and makes withdrawals from the account.

In this situation, I definitely recommend that you name one of the parents. In situations where the grandparents are opening an account for a grandchild, I suggest using the grandparents as custodian.

One of the beauties of the MESP is it does not have to be used exclusively in Michigan. The money accumulated within the plan can be used for virtually any public or private institution in the country. If the future student does not go to a Michigan school, no problem.

In addition, the MESP is not exclusively for tuition. It can be used for room, board, books and required fees. If a child is lucky enough to receive a scholarship, there are still plenty of uses for the money in the plan.

It is very important for children to get a good college edu-

cation. When I graduated from high school, college wasn't necessary to get a good job.

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One side note, the MESP also makes a great gift for birthdays, graduations or for the holidays. It is easy to establish and takes only \$25 to start a plan. Therefore, if you are looking for a gift for a newborn, a toddler, or a teenager, consider MESP.

MESP money grows tax free, it is a commission free investment and most importantly, it's a gift that truly can affect someone's future in a positive manner.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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HOMETOWN LIFE



6-23 Rockets bring home district championship

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Records can be deceiving. Exhibit A is a 6-23 Westland John Glenn team, which captured Friday's Division 1 district championship with victories over host Wayne Memorial, 8-1, and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7-4.

Nobody was happier than Glenn interim coach Dan Danic, who gets to keep his team on the field for another week before moving on to the regional semifinals Saturday at Allen Park.

"We've had a rough season, but coming into the postseason here, we fixed all the issues we had," Danic said. "It's a young team that really came together. We've been expecting our bats for a lot of games. And you know what? It hit at the right moment. We're catching lightning in a bottle here."

Glenn got a sterling pitching performance in the opener from right-hander Spencer Dowd, who limited Wayne to three hits and three walks while striking out three.

"Spencer Dowd's been our ace all year," Danic said. "He's a senior - per-

formed real well. He minimized his walks and had a great pitch count. His curveball was working great for him - throwing hammers. To have an upperclassman go seven innings for us is monumental. Just a great performance from him."

Glenn got an RBI single from Caleb Clenny in the first inning and put it out of reach with six runs in the fifth.

Derrick Ammons and Rob Schurig each delivered 2-run singles, while Shane Anderson also singled in a run as Glenn sent 11 batters to the plate. Wayne starter Zach Lloyd, who

pitched well through the first four innings, was victimized by two balks, three walks and an outfield error in the sixth.

Lead-off man Jacob Lefler had a single and double to pace Wayne.

"We just didn't hit - bottom line," Wayne coach Paul Cavanaugh said. "We didn't put pressure on them all day. You don't put pressure on a team you won't win many games."

The Zebras, who swept their rival earlier this season in a double-header,

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Spartan golfers squeezed out of state final field

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So close, but yet so far. Livonia Stevenson wasn't perfect like Armando Galarraga, but the Spartans came painfully close to their preseason hopes of qualifying for the Division 1 state boys golf finals in Thursday's regional hosted by West Shore Golf Club in Grosse Ile.

The Spartans missed the third and final team qualifying berth by a single stroke as Temperance Bedford (297), Plymouth (300) and Northville (300) earned a trip next weekend to Michigan State's Forest Akers (East Course) in East Lansing.

It was a bittersweet finish for the Spartans, who got through one individual qualifier when sophomore Dante Cicchelli, who shot a 72, won a playoff against Canton's Zach Conrad for the third and final spot.

Stevenson's fourth-place 301 was followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer (309), Salem (310), Saline (316), Livonia Churchill (320), Ann Arbor Huron (320), Brownstown Woodhaven (321) and Southgate Anderson (323).

Stevenson had three other players shoot in the 70s including Drew Mossoian (75), Christian Debay (76) and Adam LaPorte (78). Adam Giordano added an 85.

"We thought if we'd shoot 300, I thought that would get us in," Stevenson coach Jim Omietski said. "It's heart-breaking because it was our goal at the beginning of the season. To come that close... I'd rather lose by 10. It's a tough blow for our four seniors because for awhile I thought we'd be in. But overall I'm happy and proud of them."

Cicchelli, a 5-foot-10, 200-pound lefty, scored a five on the par-5 17th hole in playoff to become Stevenson's first individual qualifier since Mossoian did it as a sophomore in 2008.

"Dante has been coming around of late and has had some good rounds," Omietski said. "His grandfather is a member there (at West Shore) so he's played there at least two or three rounds."

"He's a real good ball striker. The only thing that he's had to work on is his putting. He's normally very aggressive and

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Redford Thurston's Michela Andrus (white jersey) races a Divine Child opponent for possession Thursday during Division I district soccer action. The Eagles saw their season come to an end with an 8-0 defeat handed down by the Falcons.

PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Falcons' fast start grounds Eagles

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford Thurston's girls soccer season came to an abrupt end Thursday night, courtesy of Dearborn Divine Child.

The high-flying Falcons used a five-goal first half to provide a comfortable cushion, added three more tallies in the second half and soared to a lopsided 8-0 triumph over the Eagles in a Division I district semifinal contest played at Thurston.

"We just weren't ready to play today," Thurston coach Scott Bridges said. "Divine Child came out and scored early and kept it up. We weren't able to keep pace with them."

Not only the loss, but the performance as a whole was disappointing to Bridges, as only two days earlier he watched his Eagle kickers put forth an inspired effort in knocking off Melvindale 6-1. In that game, senior Ashley Wheeler scored three times to run her season total to 41.

But it was a completely different story against the Falcons as Wheeler and her teammates had all sorts of

difficulty generating any steam offensively.

"We got to a lot of balls first, but they always seemed to push us off it or come away with possession," Bridges said. "We didn't seem to click and play with the same energy. We had played them earlier in the year and lost 4-0, but that was a real close game before they scored a couple of goals late. Today, we just weren't ready to play."

With the loss, the Eagles finished the 2010 campaign 15-13 overall and Bridges is "cautiously optimistic" over the prospects of next year.

"We got a whole lot better playing offense this year and last year we were better defensively," Bridges said. "We had a switch of personalities and excelled at what we worked hard at and set out to do. Next year we're going to have to look for a team with better balance."

Better balance and trying to replace the offensive prowess of someone like Wheeler.

"The sheer volume of goals she was scoring is going to be hard to replace," Bridges said. "I'm optimistic about next season because we have so many

kids back who have started for us. But my biggest concern is where will our goals come from?"

GARDEN CITY 4, FORDSON 1: Garden City's girls soccer team earned a berth in Division 1 district final play with this triumph Wednesday over Dearborn Fordson.

The Cougars, 11-5-4 on the year, netted a pair of goals 10 minutes apart midway through the first half and picked up two more tallies within the first five minutes of the second half.

Fordson knocked in its lone goal with 10 minutes remaining in the second half.

Senior Alex Johnson spearheaded the effort with one goal and three assists. Mariah Carver, Becca Collins and Erin Buza chipped in with a goal apiece.

"This was pretty much how we played them the last two times," Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "It was a good game and a nice way to advance to the district final."

The Cougars were slated to take on Canton Saturday at Dearborn Edsel Ford for the right to move onto regional play.

Glenn snaps 16-year girls softball drought



TIM MORAN

Westland John Glenn players celebrate their first district softball title in 16 years after defeating Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4-1.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elisabeth Tyzo could sense something good was going to happen when her Westland John Glenn girls softball team boarded the bus for the Division 1 district tournament Friday morning for Wayne Memorial.

"They told me," said the Glenn co-coach. "They came in wanting to win, they were focused."

It has been 16 years - 1994 to be exact - since the Rockets last captured a district crown and the drought came to an end with victories over Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4-1, and Wayne, 8-0. In 1994, Glenn, coached by Linda Jimenez (now at Livonia Franklin), defeated Belleville for the district title and finished 25-11 overall.

"It's been an aim and a goal all year even though we don't have

a good record," said Tyzo, whose Rockets will take on the Dearborn district champion in the first round of the regional.

Freshman pitcher Claire Truskowski won both games as the Rockets will take a 6-26 record into next Saturday's regional semi-final at Allen Park.

Truskowski pitched a 4-hitter, striking out four and allowing just one walk in the victory over Crestwood, which bowed out with a 14-12 record.

The Rockets racked up 11 hits as Danielle Saunders led the way going 3-for-4.

After Crestwood tallied a run in the top of the second inning, Kate Moran's 2-run single in the bottom half of the second gave Glenn the lead for keeps, 2-1.

Nicole Quaine singled in a run

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SIDELINES

All-Star spikers

Livonia Churchill second-team Class A All-Stater Sarah Suppelsa, bound for Schoolcraft College, has been selected to play in the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic on Friday, June 30 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Churchill's Mark Grenier, who guided the Chargers to the 2009 state Class A semifinals, has also been selected to coach.

Matches begin at 5:30 p.m.

Sorenson All-Star

Livonia Stevenson senior pitcher-outfielder Jeff Sorenson has been selected to play for the East squad in the annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21 at Comerica Park.

Fire burns Bucks

Midfielder Mark Blades knocked home a loose ball in the 94th minute to give the host Chicago Fire a 2-1 Premier Development League soccer victory Thursday night over the Michigan Bucks in a match played in Bridgeview, Ill.

The loss drops the Bucks to 3-2 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL, while Chicago improves to 3-1-1.

After a scoreless opening half, the Bucks got on the board first in the 54th minute on Rubin Bega's goal off an assist following a 20-yard run by Kofi Sarkodie.

The Fire evened the count at 1-1 on Sam Redmond's goal to beat Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) in the 63rd minute.

Soccer sign-up set

Registration is ongoing for the The Garden City Soccer Club's Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 seasons. This is the only opportunity to take advantage of the dual season registration discount.

Games for the fall season begin the Saturday after Labor Day.

The GCSC is also accepting registrations for its annual SUMMER BLAST camp.

All forms and information (including Select try-out dates) can be found on the club's website at www.gardencitysoccer.com.

Summer hoops

Garden City High School will play host to the Garden City Summer Basketball League, beginning June 28 and running through July 1. The league, open to the first eight varsity teams to register, will run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Each team will play two games per day. Rules that will apply include games tip off hourly, two 20-minute halves, one timeout per half, all shooting fouls are one-and-one, bonus on seventh team foul, sudden death overtime and clock stops in final two minutes if score is close.

Cost is \$350 per team and more information is available by phoning (734) 762-8350.

Girls soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton Soccer Club's under-18 girls 'A' team will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, June 14 at Independence Park in Canton.

For more information, e-mail coach Dave Hebestreit at dhebestreit@livoniaschools.org.



Indoor champs

The Horny Rams indoor soccer team captured its 10th division title with a 6-4 victory over Jolly Roger in a tie-breaker match held May 19. The Horney Rams, who compiled a 5-1-1 division ledger, were led by (back, left to right) Dan Dapprich (Redford/Farmington Hills), Stefano Giammarco (Northville/Livonia), Chris Jackett (Redford), Andy Rushlow (Redford/Commerce), Nick Giammarco (Northville), Jeremy Furget (Redford/Westland), (middle, l-r) Chelsea Gregg (Livonia), Karen Jackett (Redford), Megan Kelley (Redford) and (front) Phil Calleja (Livonia). Not pictured are Melanie LaDuke (Redford) and Andrew Brockie (Garden City).

Trojans' fast start grounds Hawks

A four-run opening inning set the tone Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville's baseball team registered a 13-4 non-conference win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. Ben Gehan ripped a 2-run double and John James added a 2-run single in the frame as the Trojans quickly rebounded from 1-0 deficit in the top of

the first inning. Clarenceville would add three more in the second and single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to ice the win. Damien Quarles collected three hits and an RBI, while Gehan double twice and knocked in four runs as the Trojans improved to 14-17 overall.

Mike Schiffman worked five solid innings on the mound to pick up the win. Reliever Eric Trotter fanned five over the final two innings to seal the triumph. Andy Barber was the losing pitcher for the Hawks (15-2), the Red Division champions of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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finished 10-17 overall. "We had a lot of seniors that didn't play up to their potential," Cavanaugh said. "We didn't hit the ball. We were a very Jekyll-and-Hyde team. One game we'd have pitching, but not hitting. The next game we'd score 16 runs and lose 17-16. It's just a disappointing year."

Crestwood, which bowed out at 16-13 overall, reached the district final with a 15-11 victory over Romulus.

And the Chargers started off well in the championship game, jumping out to a 3-1 lead after two innings. But Glenn roared back with three in the third. Two of those runs were scored on a Crestwood throwing error.

Nick Gruz's RBI single in the fourth evened the count at 4-4, but Glenn went ahead for keeps on Dowd's RBI single in the bottom of the fifth scoring

Clenny.

Andrew Benyo also contributed an RBI single in the sixth.

Andrew McGrath led Glenn's 8-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a run scored.

And the Rockets got another complete game from junior right-hander Rob Schurig, who scattered seven hits, seven walks and a hit batter.

"I don't even know what to say, just a great feeling, great game," Schurig said. "I was pumped up and I was hoping to follow Spencer's performance. He pitched a great game in the first one, so I wanted to match it, or come close to it. I had a few walks. I was nervous because it was a championship game. I was freaking out."

Schurig, who struck out six, settled down after allowing two runs in the first and one in the second.

"Rob's a real tough worker," Danic said. "We know he's had good stuff all year and he's had some great games and struggled before. I wish we could have gotten him more

work before the game, but once he gets in a rhythm, once he got out of the first and second innings, it was lights-out from there."

After the Rockets hoisted the district trophy, Danic wasn't dwelling over his team's overall record.

"There's two ways to look at it," he said. "You reminisce about everything we did before the season, all the work we did for it, and think how it all paid off at the end. And to have three seniors and a young squad... there's nothing more than I wanted to do is to give those three seniors a win. They've spent four years at our high school without a championship game and finally get to here and take it - it's the best feeling in the world."

The underdog Rockets will now take on the winner of the Dearborn district in the opening round of the regional.

"The sky's the limit," Schurig said. "If we play our game, we can go as far as we want."

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usually he's had those two-to-three footers coming back. Dante is a great kid who comes from a great family. His dad never missed a match."

The Spartans got a sterling effort from LaPorte, a senior who was filling in for injured senior captain Tom Cullum.

"Tom's had a problem with his thumb the last couple of matches," Omietanski said. "He gave up his spot to Adam, but Tom was still out there to support the team. He showed a lot of courage and is a classy kid."

Bedford's Justin Gross was medalist with a 69, while Evan Bowser of Dearborn and Brendan Muir of Canton earned individual qualifying spots shooting 70 and 71, respectively.

Two sophomores led Churchill as Ben Proben and Eric Hill carded 78 and 79, respectively.

Junior Chris Theile added an 80, while senior Adam Yarber carded an 83. Sophomore Dominic DiLisi contributed an 85 for the Chargers, who return five of their top six players next year.

"If you kept the ball in the fairway, you could score," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "But once you were in the rough, it was pretty thick and you couldn't hold shots."

Junior Drake Hermann's 79 led Franklin's three individual qualifiers. Senior Jimmy Johnson added an 81 and junior Jon Holmes, who blistered the tough front nine with a 35, finished with an 83.

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in the third and Brooklyn Holbrook, who had two hits along with Samantha Fox, also singled in a run in the sixth to give Glenn a 4-run cushion.

Crestwood starter Rachel Riley took the loss.

In the district semifinal, Glenn disposed of the host Zebras (1-16) behind the 3-hit

pitching of Truskowski, who struck out three and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"She's a freshman, but she's been very impressive the whole year," Tyzo said. "Today she did very well. She allowed just one walk (in two games). She had her focus."

Offensively, the Glenn bats were booming led by senior Katie Down, who went 5-for-5 with a walk. Fox added three hits and an RBI.

Other Glenn offensive

contributors included Moran (two hits, two RBI); Saunders (two hits, RBI); Quaine (single and RBI double); Rachel Romanek (two hits); and Holbrook (RBI single in the first inning).

Wayne starter Nicole Odom took the loss.

Crestwood, meanwhile, advanced with a 7-2 win in the district semifinal over Romulus.


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Gehan sparks C'ville's season-ending victory

Livonia Clarenceville ended the girls softball regular season on a high note Wednesday with a 14-2 drubbing of visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Senior pitcher Chelsea Gehan chalked up her fourth victory of the year by allowing just the two runs on two hits. She walked five and struck out one.

Junior Reba Bibik and sophomore Angela McAlpine each reached base three times and scored three times.

Senior Megan McLaughlin and junior Kiana Smith contributed to the offensive attack, which featured the Trojans (10-15) tallying 10 runs in the opening inning.

Andrea Scharitor and Chelsea Wood each had a hit and scored a run for the Hawks.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ladywood golf outing

The 17th annual Ladywood High School golf outing, a fundraiser to benefit the athletic department, will be Monday, June 21 at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

Check-in is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start for the four-person scramble beginning at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Included in the cost is 18 holes (with cart), lunch and dinner. Hole sponsorships are available, along with prizes.

Franklin needs coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls volleyball and freshman girls competitive cheer coach for the 2010-11 seasons.

For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammie at (734) 744-2889.

Bon Secours Golf outing

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours fourth annual family golf outing will be Saturday, July 12, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Included in the \$125 cost is 18 holes (with cart), continental breakfast, lunch and steak dinner.

For more information, call Jim Greene at (734) 207-0503 or Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

St. Mary Mercy 5K

Registration is on for the fourth

annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The race begins at 9 a.m. on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan roads.

The cost is \$22 for runners-walkers who register on or before Sept. 3 (race T-shirt guaranteed). It's \$27 for those signing up after Sept. 3.

Awards will go to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female finishers in each age group of the 5K.

Following the 5K, a Community Open House will from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. offering music, games, food and health information and screenings. You can register online at Active.com or by visiting stmarymercy.org.

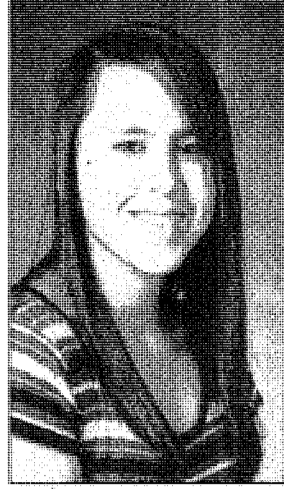
Livonia skate park hours

The Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park will offer free hours on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Normal hours (weather permitting) are 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday.

Day pass or annual membership is required. Ages 11-and-under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years and up. First-time visitors must be accompanied by a parent to show proof of residency to the LCRC. Skate Park participants much have a special wristband or an LCRC non-resident day pass. Proper safety equipment is also required.

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Net gains

Livonia Franklin junior Angelica Woods, a Division 1 individual state qualifier, split her pair of matches in Friday's state finals held at the Midland Community Center.

Woods defeated Rylie Dushane of Holland West Ottawa, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, before losing in the Round of 16 to Hailey Barrett of Grand Ledge, 6-1, 6-1. Woods finished the season with a sparkling 20-3 record.

Capoccia propels Blazers past Chargers in semifinal

Kelly Capoccia's two goals and two assists propelled Livonia Ladywood to a 4-2 Division 2 district semifinal soccer victory Thursday over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Blazers, who improved to 15-5 overall, will take on Dearborn Divine Child, an 8-0 winner Thursday over Redford Thurston, for the district championship beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ladywood.

Ladywood led 3-1 at halftime as Capoccia got things rolling in the third minute on a header from Paige Brennan.

Crestwood's Bianca Berry tied it three minutes later off a corner kick from Loyal Haidar, but Capoccia gave the Blazers the lead for good off a restart with Brennan assisting in the 12th minute.

Brennan then made it 3-1

when she scored off a 20-yard shot that caught Crestwood goalkeeper Andrea Clemmons off her line. Capoccia drew the assist.

"Kelly got us off to a great start and just continued to play outstanding from there," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We knew they had an extremely talented player in Loyal Haidar to deal with. We used Mary Vance and Kelly (Capoccia) to man mark her throughout the game. Both of them did an excellent job limiting her to no shots on goal."

In the 57 minute, Rachel Maceri finished off a header on a cross by Capoccia.

Berry and Haidar then teamed up for Crestwood's final goal in the 74th minute.

Ladywood had the edge in shots, 14-7.

The Blazers' Maddie

Reed had three saves, while Clemmons had four for the Chargers, who bowed out at 15-5 overall.

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0: In a Division 1 district semifinal Wednesday at Dearborn Edsel Ford, it was all Chiefs (16-1-3) from start-to-finish against Livonia Franklin (2-16-2).

Allison Krause tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal as Canton led 5-0 at intermission. The Chiefs ended the game early on the eight-goal mercy rule with three more in the second half.

"Canton controlled the game and did whatever they wanted," Franklin first-year coach Dean Kowalski said. "They finished their opportunities and played very well."

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 16 saves for the Patriots.

GABRIEL RICHARD 5, C'VILLE 0: In a Division 3 district semifinal Wednesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (6-10-3) bowed out of the state tournament at the hands of Riverview Gabriel Richard.

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Enduring love

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Yvonne Pelachyk says she feels blessed to see her parents mark their 70th anniversary.

"It's great because you don't often see that connection between people who have known each other for 70 years. You don't see that with a lot of people today."

Ira and Gisele Wing of Farmington met in 1938 and were married on Aug. 31, 1940, in St. Anne's Church, in Detroit. Ira will be 95 years old on Oct. 26 and Gisele will be 89 on June 18. The following day her children will honor the couple with an anniversary celebration.

"We haven't really told them yet. If we tell our dad, he shares everything with our mother. To him it's still like they're 18 years old. They love each other very much. He's so good to her," Pelachyk said.

Although Gisele suffered a stroke two years ago, she recovered almost completely and has no significant disability other than short term memory loss. She still loves to crochet and make blankets.

Ira enjoys taking care of the house and yard and often walks through the Botsford Hospital underground tunnels several times a week for additional exercise.

"My dad still cuts the grass. He's still driving. Until two years ago he was still deer hunting. My dad reads a lot and does a crossword every day."



Gisele and Ira Wing mark their 70th anniversary this year.

Ira, a U.S. Navy veteran, also marches in the Farmington Memorial Day parade every year. Pelachyk said he hoisted the flag this year and recited "In Flanders Fields" from memory.

"Five years ago we sat down with a video camera and let them talk. They both shared stories," Pelachyk said, adding that many detailed their lives as children during The Great Depression.

Gisele was born in Quebec and moved to Detroit as a small child with her parents and older sister. Ira was born and raised in Cheboygan. He was one of 14 children.

When he was about 17 he decided to try his hand at local, organized boxing in Cheboygan and was involved in matches in the surrounding towns. He moved to Detroit in 1935 and continued his short-lived boxing career in the light/heavy weight category. Because he didn't win many matches, he had to work at other jobs to pay his bills. He



Gisele and Ira Wing's wedding photo.

worked briefly for Turnstead Manufacturing, General Motors (now Detroit Diesel) in the metal shop and also at Briggs Body. He worked on the side installing furnaces and ductwork in homes.

LEAVING THE RING

When the couple met, Gisele demanded he quit boxing because she feared he would be hurt.

"My mom was only 18 when they met. She knew right away that he was 'the one.' She got kicked out of senior year high school because the nuns saw her being picked up by my dad in his car. When she was in her 60s she went back and got her

GED," Pelachyk said. "My dad never finished. He went to maybe seventh grade. But he worked for all of those companies ... for Detroit Edison and Chrysler. He's a good guy. I don't think ever heard Dad swear and he never laid a hand on us."

After the couple's first daughter, Jeannine, was born, Ira joined the U.S. Navy rather than wait to be drafted. Meanwhile, Gisele took in borders and baby-sat to make ends meet. Although she was a stay-at-home mom for most of her career, she also assembled sections of airplane cockpits in 1943 at Willow Run.

Please see **LOVE, B8**

Two couples mark major anniversary milestones

Gisele and Ira Wing of Farmington make a great love story. So do Charles and Isabel Rollins of Farmington Hills.

The Wings, marking 70 years of marriage in August, will celebrate their anniversary with family this month.

The Rollins look forward to their 71st anniversary this fall. They celebrated their 70th milestone with a party last summer, and are expecting a new great-grandchild in August.

Their children were eager to tell us more about their lives and we couldn't resist sharing it with you.

Farmington Hills couple met at the lake

Diane Joki says it was her parents' "commitment to the family" and "their love for each other" that helped cement their marriage of nearly 71 years.

Charles and Isabel Rollins of Farmington Hills were married Nov. 29, 1939, at St. Michael's Church in Pontiac. Last August they celebrated 70 years together with an outdoor celebration that included food, games, music, dancing and a slideshow of memories. The party drew more than 100 relatives and friends together.

"We're looking forward to their 75th and 80th," Joki said. "We'll probably have a big celebration for Mom's 90th birthday next February. And there is another great-grandchild on the way this August."



Charles and Isabel Rollins will mark their 71st anniversary this year.

Her mother was born Isabel Francis Weber, on Feb. 16, 1921 in Weston, Wis. Her father was born Aug. 16, 1919 in Detroit. Isabel's family lived on a farm in Wisconsin before moving to Michigan when she was 15. The couple met at Elizabeth Lake in Pontiac, where both of their families lived.

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This marks Ronnie's first solo appearance in Michigan. Although currently known for his role as good cop "Ronnie Domestico" on ABC's hit daytime drama *General Hospital*, Ronnie Marmo is a versatile actor of the stage and big screen. Originally from Brooklyn, this New Jersey raised boy spent a year as "Tony" in the national tour of *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*, and can be seen in more than 15 feature films including *Deuces Wild*, *Limbo Lounge* and *Pizza with Bullets*. He is also the co-founder and artistic director for Theatre 68 in Los Angeles - ask him how the name came about when you see him. Not one to rest on his laurels, he is one of the hardest working actors today - and was recently recognized in March with the Robert Pastorelli Rising Star Award.

Passionate about his craft, Ronnie is a great champion for whatever project he is involved with. He is excited to be in Michigan for this fun and memorable weekend. It's a "can't miss event" and tickets are limited, so reserve yours today!

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LOVE LETTERS

"My dad wrote to her every single day. We have a copy of each letter. It is pretty amazing to think that back then, he was in the war, and wrote every day."

He returned from duty in December 1945. He worked at Detroit Edison for three years and then at Chrysler Corporation as a sheet metal pattern maker, retiring after 25 years.

The couple raised five children: Jeannine lives in Florida for 6 months of the year, spending summers in Bay Harbor. Pauline lives in Texas; Pelachyk in Leonard; Allan in Milford and Joanne in Farmington. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Waterford, Farmington, West Virginia, Maine, California, North Carolina, South Lyon, Rochester, and Canton.

While raising their own brood, the Wings also took in foster children. They cared

for more than 80 babies and older children from Catholic Charities and Plymouth State Home for Children during a 50-year period. Many of the children had developmental challenges. One foster daughter still keeps in touch with the Wings.

"It was good because we had to share. It was hectic, but we grew up that way. Somehow my mom still managed to come up with 50 cents a week for piano lessons for me and my older sisters."

Gisele also befriended injured animals in the neighborhood. "There'd be a knock at the door and some kid who found a hurt animal would be there with a shoebox. She'd take the animal in."

Pelachyk, who is licensed to rehabilitate wildlife, said her parents' compassion and kindness have influenced all of the children in the family.

"They really stayed on us, especially my mom. They were always kind people and I think we're all kind people today."

- By Sharon Dargay

COUPLE FROM PAGE B5

"My mom made friends with a lot of his half-sisters. He had asked which one of the five Weber girls was the prettiest and they said my mom. That's how they started a friendship," Joki explained.

The couple has lived in Farmington Hills, where they raised their five children, for 63 years. As soon as their children all were in school, Isabel took a job as a caretaker and continued in that role for the next 20-plus years. A devout Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday, Isabel passed her love of baking, crocheting, and gardening to her children and grandchildren.

Chuck is a veteran of WWII and is retired from GM. He is a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Pontiac and attends services there every Saturday where he sings with the choir. He also enjoys playing the organ, singing, and doing brain teasers and puzzles.

"They both have such a deep faith in their religion," Joki noted, pointing out that in spite of their religious difference, the couple made the marriage work.

FAMILY MEMBERS

In addition to Joki, who lives in Harrisville with her husband, Joel, the Rollinses' children include

Sharon Provo (Allan) of Farmington Hills, Charles (Bonnie) of New Hudson, Stephen (Karen) of Howell, and Daniel (Joan) of Alpena. Chuck and Isabel also have 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and several step-grand and step-great-grandchildren. Their youngest great-grandchild was born on Isabel's 89th birthday.

In earlier years, Chuck and



A prized family painting of a young Isabel Rollins.



A painting of a young Charles Rollins.

Isabel enjoyed square dancing, golf, and camping with their children. They have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. primarily by RV, visiting 49 of the 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii. Until recently, Chuck and Isabel spent their winters in Arcadia, Fla.

Joki said they continue to enjoy good health, traveling, playing cards, watching the Detroit Tigers, and visiting with family and friends.

"My dad still drives. My mom still picks up the great-grandkids and plays with them. She's like the Energizer bunny."

- By Sharon Dargay

Front load washers remain an issue

Stephanie's e-mail is just one example of the many I have received since I expressed my views on the front load expensive washing machine.

She writes: "Love your column in the Observer and try to listen to the radio show, but not often. I was very interested in your living commentary on front load washers, and wished I had paid more attention. We have had ours for just about a year and wished I had made a different choice."

I remember you had an article about a musty smell and how you could remove 'something' to clean 'something' out to remove the smell. Is there any way I can get that information or a reprint or a date of that article? I have such mixed results with the washer, that my husband has threatened to purchase a top loader in addition to the front loader. My husband is quite the handy man and has repaired all our previous washers; this was our first purchase in about 30 years. What I wouldn't do for an old sudsaver."

A while back I wrote about the man who discovered a lint filter located inside the lower front panel and how he got rid of the odor by simply cleaning this filter. The shame is that the manufacturer never wrote one word about this filter in their literature which leads to millions of consumers unaware of a simple solution. By the way, only certain models of these front loaders have this filter that can be cleaned. You may have to remove the lower front panel to see if you have one on your product.

I also mentioned smelly washer. com which sells a product proven

successful at getting rid of odors. I also talked about using less detergent than recommended and leaving the door open.

It is of my opinion — and not only mine — that you may never be satisfied with the smell of your washing machine or the clothes you wash. The Internet is filled with complaints and even though this washer can save a lot of money on energy consumption and water usage, many people today wish they had purchased an old-fashioned top load washing machine. It is totally wrong that an industry can design a new product, double the cost of it for consumers, promote it with advertising that creates a huge demand, sell it and have millions of dissatisfied homeowners. But it's legal and reminds me of how government works sometimes.

There are now top load washing machines available in stores which don't have a hot cycle for wash. Even though the dial may say "hot," the water for a hot wash will be no higher than 120 degrees. The person who's been washing clothes a certain way for the past 30 years will not appreciate the fact that the water is not hot enough to do the job she has been accustomed to. No more clean underwear (bacteria free) or whites that are white. Wait until you see how big a complaint factor this becomes.

This is all being done so the manufacturers can build a product that reaches a certain standard of energy savings which helps to sell the product to an unsuspecting consumer who wants to be a good citizen. Politicians should keep their fingers out of technical matters that require tools and dirty fingernails.

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@twi.r.com.

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- Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest. An extra rule of thumb is the "shadow rule." If your shadow is shorter than you are, ultraviolet (UV) exposure is high; if your shadow is longer, the UV exposure is lower.
- Do not burn. Sunburns are serious and should be avoided at all costs. A person's risk for skin cancer doubles if he or she had had five or more sunburns at any point in life. Not only can they significantly increase your chances of getting skin cancer, but severe burns can make you ill. For severe burns, you should see your doctor.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths. Ultraviolet radiation from tanning machines is cancer-causing to humans. Indoor UV tanners are 74 percent more likely to develop melanoma than those who have never tanned indoors. Additionally, the more time a person has spent tanning indoors, the higher the risk.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For proper UVB protection

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends using SPF 30 when spending extended time outdoors. For effective UVA protection, select products that also contain some combination of avobenzone, oxybenzone, mexoryl, zinc oxide and titanium dioxide.

- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating. This means that a 6 ounce bottle of sunscreen offers two full days of sun protection for prolonged outdoor activity.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses. Clothing can be your most effective form of sun protection, so make the most of it with densely woven and bright- or dark-colored fabrics, which offers the best defense. The more skin you cover, the better, so choose long sleeves and long pants whenever possible.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months. Children are extremely vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation. Just one severe sunburn in childhood doubles the chances of developing melanoma later in life.
- Examine your skin from head-to-toe every month. While self-exams shouldn't replace the important annual

skin exam performed by a physician, they offer the best chance of detecting the early warning signs of skin cancer. If you notice any change in an existing mole or discover a new one that looks suspicious, see a physician immediately. To find out more about how to spot a skin cancer and for information on self-exams, visit www.SkinCancer.org/selfexamination.

- See your physician every year for a professional skin exam. Check www.SkinCancer.org for information on when the Skin Cancer Foundation's Road to Healthy Skin Tour will be in your area. The Tour provides free, full-body skin exams by local dermatologists. The tour will stop in Michigan this week. Look for it from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 9-10 at Rite Aid, 2971 W. Maple, Troy; 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, June 11, at Rite Aid, 37399 Six Mile, Livonia; and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Rite Aid, 2980 Packard, Ann Arbor. Screenings are first-come, first-served.
- The Skin Cancer Foundation is committed to educating the public and medical professionals about sun safety. As leaders in the fight against skin cancer, the Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. For more information, visit www.skincancer.org.



Physician honored

On May 19, colleagues, hospital officials and family were on hand at the annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician's Service Awards Dinner to help Dr. Herbert Mendelson, M.D., (middle with tie) celebrate 45 years of service at St. Mary Mercy Hospital including (from left) hospital Chief of Staff Prasad Mikkilineni, M.D.; and members of the Mendelson family including son, Stephen Mendelson, M.D., holding his daughter, Shira Mendelson; Ben Mendelson (standing in front of his dad, Stephen); Herbert Mendelson, David Mendelson, M.D., son; Alice Mendelson, M.D., daughter-in-law; Ella Mendelson (standing in front of her mother, Alice); and David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy. The Mendelsons are of the Mendelson Orthopedics in the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

U-M researches Parkinson's

University of Michigan researchers are a step closer to understanding how medications affect learning in patients with early-stage Parkinson's disease.

The research, published in the *Journal of Neurophysiology* shows that patients are better able to learn tasks necessary for adapting to their disease — how to button their shirt differently or how to use a cane or walker for steadiness — when they are not medicated during early stages of the learning process. This is particularly true for early-stage Parkinson's patients.

Most Parkinson's patients suffer from four main symptoms: Tremors, stiffness or rigidity of the limbs and trunk, slow movement, and impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced and the disease progresses, patients may have difficulty walking, talking, or completing other simple tasks and often require physical therapy to help them learn how to manage.

Previous research showed that Parkinson's patients performed learning tasks better off medications than on medications, but

U-M researcher Rachael Seidler was particularly interested in the effects of medication early in the learning process. Parkinson's disease often affects the upper region of the brain first, gradually working its way down to the lower region of the brain, where learning sequences of actions takes place. Normally, the brain relies on the chemical dopamine for communication between its parts. In people with Parkinson's disease, reduced levels of dopamine hamper such communication. Several drugs currently used in Parkinson's treatment boost dopamine, but some of these medications can "overdose" unaffected regions of the brain, interfering with learning.

Seidler and colleagues figured that patients would learn new sequences better and faster when "off" medication early in the learning process. The researchers expected this to be particularly true of patients with early-stage Parkinson's, because the lower parts of their brains would not yet be affected by the disease.

The study tested Parkinson's patients over two days, both on

and off medication. Healthy people with no neurological impairments also were tested for comparison. The Parkinson's patients stopped taking their regular dose of dopamine-boosting medication 12 to 18 hours before testing.

All subjects in the study were given a learning task that involved pressing a key in response to something flashed on a computer screen. Participants also were instructed to press the appropriate button as fast as possible when an "X" appeared, and to press the key in a specific sequential pattern. Different sequences were tested over the two-day period to assess new sequence-learning behaviors, the idea being that as patients learned the sequences, they would become faster at pressing the appropriate buttons.

Seidler and colleagues found that Parkinson's patients off medication responded exactly like healthy controls, while patients on medication showed clear signs of impairment. The researchers concluded that dopamine overdosing in healthy parts of the brain indeed hampers early stages of sequence learning.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Audra Frye, from Arden Courts Assisted Living, will be the speaker at 7 p.m., June 9 at a program, Building Mental Muscle, that will teach how to "exercise" your mind to improve or maintain cognitive skills and memory. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation open to the public. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabe-

tes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for information. The hospital is at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. • 15th Annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital "Tee It Up" Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 21, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Proceeds will support a new initiative at St. Mary Mercy Hospital - a new Senior Emergency Center. This funding will assist in providing special equipment, staff training and create a healing envi-

ronment to accommodate the needs of elderly patients. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts, one at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1 p.m. Individual Par Golf Package is \$350 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. Package includes beverages and refreshments at the turn; breakfast and lunch for morning golfers and afternoon golfers will receive lunch prior to golf, followed by cocktails and dinner after the turn around. To register, call (734) 655-2980, or visit www.stmary-mercy.org.



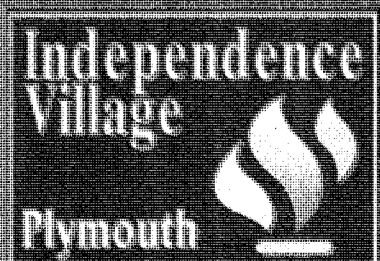
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