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IN BRIEF

Reappointed

Roderick Curry has been reappointed to a term on the Westland Local Development Authority.

The Westland City Council recently confirmed the mayoral appointment of Curry, whose new term will expire April 4, 2015.

E-waste disposal

Wayne County is holding an electronic waste (e-waste) collection 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library at 16301 Michigan Ave., south of Greenfield, in Dearborn.

Wayne County residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge. Items include TVs, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, mp3 players. No other household appliances will be accepted. For more information, call (734) 326-3936.

Easter activities

The Westland Jaycees are holding an Easter Egg Scramble 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Westland Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road.

The scramble for youngsters age 14 and under. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 226-0400.

The Westland Civitan Club and Westland Parks and Recreation

Department are sponsoring a Bunny Brunch 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland.

The an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast that includes a special visit by the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$3 for children ages 1-12 and \$5 for those age 13 and older. Children are encouraged to make and wear an Easter bonnet or hat for their picture with the Easter Bunny. Bring your own camera for Easter Bunny portraits. Tickets are available at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 729-8075.

An Easter Festival Egg Hunt will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, rain or shine, at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. There will be an Easter storytime, coloring contest, craft and project to benefit area programs serving the homeless. A free will donation is appreciated.

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department is holding an Easter Delight Night 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Kids ages 3-12 (children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult) will decorate their basket and make different types of Easter eggs. The cost is \$10 per child and includes all supplies included. Parents can bring their cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Preregister by April 15. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

Westland woman to repay money stolen from mom

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman will spend five years on probation and be required to pay restitution after being sentenced Monday for embezzling more than \$350,000 from her elderly mother.

Carol Brazeika, 50, had avoided a prison sentence by entering a guilty plea to three counts of embezzlement over \$100,000. Sentenced by Wayne

County Circuit Court Judge David Groner Monday, Brazeika is required to make all reasonable efforts to have full-time employment and must pay \$600 restitution monthly during the five years probation.

Required to pay \$1,600 in restitution prior to sentencing, Brazeika owes \$355,800 in restitution and the probation department will periodically require that she disclose bank records, assets and other information that can

be used to determine if she is capable of paying more than the minimum amount of \$600 monthly. If Brazeika's mother dies during the five-year probation period, she is required to make the restitution to her estate.

"The victim was left about penniless. After a conversation with the victim's family, they decided they would rather that she work to pay back the money than be in prison," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Spada,

head of the elder abuse unit. "She was locked up on a high bond during the pendency of the case."

Originally facing 14 felony charges and up to 20 years in prison, Brazeika was charged with siphoning money from her 76-year-old mother's accounts containing retirement, pension and Social Security funds. The stolen money was unrecoverable — Spada

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A grim reminder



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Victim David Osborne walks the halls of Wayne Memorial High School followed by "Grim Reapers" - Brittany Nichols, Kellie Spehar and Rediana Afesllari.

SADD 'graveyard' warns students about drinking and driving

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"I love my job," said Rediana Afesllari, pulling down a skeleton mask over her face and heading out into the halls of Wayne Memorial High School to look for new victims.

Dressed in black, Afesllari was one of four Grim Reapers who cruised the school last Friday, calling out students to join them in the graveyard as part of a day-long reminder that alcohol and driving don't mix.

"We want to get the word out," said Afesllari. "Every 33 minutes someone dies in a car crash. We want to show them that person dying. Someone in

the office rings the bell to drive home the point."

"It's not for shock therapy, but to shake them up," added Marguerite Foshee, the advisor for the school's Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions. "They don't think about their own mortality."

The school bell rang every 33 minutes, a sign that the reapers — Afesllari and fellow seniors Brittany Nichols, Kellie Spehar and Bobby Prough — were coming to collect some of the 110 students who had volunteered to be victims. They were taken from their classrooms and sent to Room 247 where they changed into black clothing and selected a story

board about a drunk driving victim to wear for the remainder of the day.

As victims, they couldn't speak to anyone and at the end of the day stood in a long line in the main hallway as their classmates left school.

"I think this makes the biggest impact, but it startles them as well," said Foshee. "It's a lasting visual reminder."

This is the third year SADD has done the Grim Reaper just before spring break and the prom and graduation season. The students used the MADD website to find the names, photographs and stories of actual

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Bowling for Heroes benefits Stiggy's Dogs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About a month ago, Westland resident Terran Frye was matched with Hershey, a Labrador mix, but the dog isn't a family pet.

Hershey is a Psychiatric Service Dog provided through Stiggy's Dogs, an organization serving military veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Having served in the U.S. Marine Corps until 2005, Frye and Hershey will be on hand at Bowling for Heroes, along with other veterans and their PSDs, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford in Canton.

"We've not done a fundraiser in this area before," said Michelle Frye, Terran's wife. "We made the mistake of not asking people to sign up in advance. I think we have about 75 people signed up with friends and family. A lot of people have said they would try to come and we put out a lot of flyers."

There is room for about 150 bowlers for the event, which costs \$25 per person, including three games of bowling, shoes, a slice of pizza and a soft drink.

Based in Northville, Stiggy's Dogs is a non-profit organization formed in honor of honor of fallen Corpsman Ben "Doc Stiggy" Castiglione. The group pairs rescued trained PSDs with returning military veterans suffering from PTSD. The group's motto is "Rescuing One to Rescue Another."

Like guide dogs for the blind, PSDs aid people with mental illnesses, from anxiety disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The dogs are taught specific tasks ranging from reminding veterans to take their medicine, waking them up from a nightmare or alarm clock ringing, to directing them through a crowd.

For more information about the bowling fund-raiser, contact Rachel Cullen at (248) 330-9707 or fidhingflygirl@gmail.com. People interested in helping Stiggy's Dogs or a veteran interested in a dog, can send an e-mail to jennifer@stiggysdogs.org.

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Man charged with biting off part of brother-in-law's nose

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A Westland man has been charged with assault with intent to maim his brother-in-law by biting off a portion of his nose during an altercation early Sunday morning.

John Gossett, 37, has been charged with the 10-year felony, as well as felonious assault, which has a sentence of up to four years in prison, and aggravated assault, a one-year misdemeanor.

Gossett and his wife had been visiting the Wayne home of her brother Kenneth Montrose, said Westland police Sgt. Thad Nelson, where they all had consumed alcohol. At some point, Gossett left and while driving on a suspended license, was involved in a traffic accident in



Gossett

Norwayne, said Nelson, but fled the scene, returning to the brother-in-law's home.

"John and his wife got into a fight over the accident and he bit her on the arm. Then Kenneth stepped in to break it up," said Nelson, which resulted in the two men fighting.

Gossett then went back to the couple's home on South Hambleton where he was joined by Thomas Dzugan, 38, a homeless friend who was spending the night, Nelson said.

Montrose, his girlfriend and another woman accompanied Gossett's wife to the home to pick

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said much of the money was spent at area casinos.

It was also charged that using her mother's identity, Brazeika purchased a car, opened credit card accounts and obtained loans.

"It's a growing problem — the financial exploitation of

elders. Those are the new victims. When it comes to exploitation, it can come from family or paid caregivers," said Spada.

In this case, Spada said Brazeika initially had a springing power of attorney which would have allowed her to pay bills for her mother, if she suddenly became incapacitated.

"Carol talked her mom into giving her a durable power of attorney," he said. "She said mother was ill and emptied the

accounts. Her mother wasn't sick. You really need a tight power of attorney."

Brazeika's siblings noticed money missing and other irregularities in their mother's accounts, then contacted police.

"I don't know what she (the victim) could have done differently except that she trusted her daughter," said Spada.

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Relay for Life looks for more teams to join in annual walk

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Westland's 11th annual Relay for Life is a month away. That means there is still plenty of time to get involved in the 24-hour American Cancer Society fundraiser.

With 20 teams signed up, it's looking like the Westland Relay for Life won't meet its goal of 39 teams but organizers are hopeful the \$110,000 fundraising goal will still be met. This year, the relay will be held 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, in Jaycee Park.

"It could be the economy or a lot of different things. We're trying to put out more feelers through the website, Facebook and in the *Observer*," said Westland Councilwoman Meriam Kadi,

who is co-chairing the event. "Whether we have 20 teams or 32, we'll do the best we can. It doesn't mean we can raise a much money. We're looking for sponsorships, too."

Over the first 10 years of Westland's Relay for Life, an average \$100,000 was raised annually for a \$1 million cumulative total.

"Some people have combined teams or a couple of people have moved their teams when they moved out of the city," said Kadi.

It's the first year American Cancer Society representative Marie Matuszak has worked on the Westland relay so she can't offer any comparisons to prior years.

"We're not seeing a problem to this extent in other communities," said Matuszak, who also works on relays in

Garden City and Belleville. "We're making sure the teams feel loved and know what is going on. We want to make it a simple process for them."

Online donations are up this year but pre-event fundraising numbers are down, said Matuszak.

"It's not likely at this point that we will meet the 39-team goal, that doesn't mean we can't use the teams we have to reach the \$111,000 goal," she said. "You can sign up for teams until the event — the sooner the better but teams can do post-event fundraising, too."

Teams can sign up and donations can be made at www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi.

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victims and spent about four weeks getting ready.

"They worked very hard on this. They worked on it after school and on their lunch hours," said Foshee.

Wayne students had two

weeks to sign up as victims, however, they were still trying to get on the Reaper list the day before.

"We had to start saying next year," said Foshee.

"The worst part was typing the names and doing a spread sheet of 100 plus students," said parent Debbie Gush who volunteered to help. "I kept adding names and changing it around to make slots."

Foshee did a similar activity as a high school student and decided to do it at Wayne Memorial. She came to the high school six years ago and said she was lucky when there was an opening for SADD.

The school office helped with the project by providing "the sound effect," and even teacher got involved, even some as victims. They also wore T-shirts and sweaters to promote the message

of not drinking and driving.

According to Foshee, a lot of people are touched by drunk driving like "victim" Max Merritt. In addition to wearing black clothing, Merritt also wore a black mask "to accentuate that I'm dead."

"I decided to get involved when I heard about a lot of people doing stupid things, but a lot of people don't do anything," he said, adding that "my mom was hit by a drunk driver. She survived, so did the other guy."

While some seniors will head south for spring break, Merritt is going to Ohio for three days to meet some friends and their relatives. He doesn't plan "to get wild."

"I have two wonderful parents, they taught me right," he said. "I love them."

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up some belongings so that she could spend the night elsewhere, Nelson said.

Once his sister entered the home, Nelson said Montrose told police he remained outside but could see his sister through a window being assaulted by Gossett. Since he was locked out, Montrose told police he broke a window.

"Another fight broke out," said Nelson.

Gossett is charged with felonious assault, accused of hitting his brother-in-law in the face with a broom handle.

"Then they were on the ground and the victim was bit on the forearm and the nose," said Nelson. "The suspect still

had a little piece of the victim's nose in his mouth."

Dzugan is charged with assault and battery, a 93-day misdemeanor, accused of kicking the victim while he was on the ground and sucker punching him as he sat on the porch after the fight had ended.

Police reported that victim, driven to the hospital by his girlfriend, had a significant injury from his nose being bitten, a broken nose and orbital socket, received eight stitches to his lips and five stitches to close a bite on his left forearm.

"The victim undoubtedly will need surgery for the fractured orbital socket," said Nelson, adding he was out of the hospital.

Gossett and Dzugan had both fled before police arrived. Nelson said Gossett was subsequently arrested by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Dzugan was arrested at Westland Meadows Mobile Home Park.

Both defendants have entered not guilty pleas. Gossett is being held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond and is scheduled for preliminary examination April 21 in 18th District Court.

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Bowling benefit
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, check-in is at 4 p.m.
Location: Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Come and enjoy cosmic bowling, 9-pin no tap and help Team AMVETS Post 171. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes. Check-in is at 4 p.m.
Contact: For more information, contact the AMVETS Post 171 Team at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.

Creative Memories
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Bring your friends and family and have some fun scrap-

booking - traditional, digital, shop and make memories. Team AMVETS 171 will receive 30 percent of sales which will go toward the team goal for Westland Relay for Life. The event will be held in the club room and a cash bar will be available.

Quarter Mania
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 7
Location: Westland AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland
Details: Join us to shop, book parties, d ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters (per paddle,) depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing. Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.
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School funding forum draws record crowd

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Laura Brinker was somewhat encouraged about state funding for public schools after Monday's forum attended by four state lawmakers who represent the Livonia area.

"I was pleased that no one was in full agreement with the governor's proposal — all want to find more money for schools," the mother of three Livonia Public Schools students said.

But Paula Nowell, an LPS teacher and the mother of three students at the district's Jackson Early Childhood Center, said she is taking a wait-and-see approach.

"I'm happy they came," she said. "But what they say here and what they vote on are two different things."

The Legislative Hour, held at Stevenson High School in Livonia, was sponsored by the LPS District Communications Team. The crowd of teachers, staff members, parents and students spilled out into the hallway from the cafeteria. "I think we have maybe double what we had last year," Supt. Randy Liepa said of attendance at the second annual event.

Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed cutting school funding next school year by \$300 per student. That, combined with a \$170 cut last school year and the state's projected increase in retirement costs averaging



Parents fill the cafeteria of Livonia Stevenson High School to listen to lawmakers, including State Sen. Glenn Anderson and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, both of Westland.

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\$230 per student, will create a \$9 million budget shortfall for LPS, according to administrators.

WALSH ONLY REPUBLICAN

State Rep. John Walsh of Livonia was the only Republican at the forum. The House speaker pro tem said he doesn't agree with all aspects of the governor's proposed budget and will continue his efforts to reduce the \$300 cut by as much as possible. However, he said, it's unrealistic to think there won't be any cut because of the state's \$1.4

billion deficit. He said other state departments are seeing double-digit cuts, while the proposed cut to schools is 4 percent.

Walsh, who worked last year with Livonia school officials and parents in Lansing to restore lost 20(j) money to the district, said it's "incredibly helpful" for people to let their voices be heard.

Amy Dutton, a teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, said she was "pleasantly surprised at what Walsh said." However, she said it's still unclear what's going to

happen. "It's scary," she said.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) said he will vote against the governor's proposal to use \$900 million in the School Aid Fund, which has a surplus, for higher education. "I pledge to everyone sitting here that I'll oppose it fervently," he said.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said the state's longtime financial problems won't all be fixed with the new budget starting Oct. 1. "If this year, we left the school fund alone, we would not have to have this conversation," he

said, referring to the forum.

TAX POLICY PART OF PICTURE

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh (D-Redford), a member of the Tax Policy Committee, said he is a small businessman who ran for office last year because Lansing was broke and the Michigan Business Tax wasn't working. However, the freshman lawmaker said he's disheartened by the major changes the governor has proposed, including having some small businesses pay no taxes at all.

"Businesses locate in our state first and foremost because of education, then public safety," Cavanagh said. Businesses won't want to move to Michigan or stay here even if they don't have to pay taxes if the schools are poor, he said, because they want to attract and hire educated employees. "We need to look at the whole picture," he said.

That resonated with Nikkyy Ferrell, a senior at Stevenson High School. Cavanagh may be the new guy, she said, but what he said made a lot of sense to her.

Walsh said that the \$170 cut shouldn't come as a surprise to school boards or bargaining units since it was one-time stimulus money.

He said he may support using money from the School Aid Fund for community colleges and universities for one year. "It's all taxpayer dollars," he said. The School Aid Fund received money from the gen-

eral fund for 15 years, he said. "I don't remember any hearings like this. It's a difficult decision, but it's gone both ways," he said.

He said the School Aid Fund grew every year until 2009. If districts suffered cuts, it was because their enrollment declined, he said. Yet the amount of money schools spend per student continues to increase, he said. Pay and benefits make up 85 percent of a district's budget. "That's going to have to be taken care of," he said.

LeBlanc, a former school board member in Westland, said he would not support allowing school boards to ask voters for millage increases. "I think these things get carried away. I don't think that's the way to go," he said, referring to how school boards used to wear down the electorate with repeated proposals until one finally passed.

There wouldn't have to be funding cuts to K-12 schools if not for the plan to use \$900 million for higher education.

"It's a manufactured problem," he said.

Walsh said he is studying how Proposal A can be changed to allow adjacent communities to ask for millage increases together. However, he said, he's a true supporter of Proposal A, which has provided stable funding for schools over the years.

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Life Remodeled ready to build new home in Norwayne

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Money has been raised, volunteers lined up and a family selected and a week of construction that will result in a new home being in Norwayne has been scheduled to begin Monday, April 25.

"We're pretty excited. We still need a lot of volunteers for beautification and hospitality — talking to people, serving food to workers," said Chris Lambert, a pastor at Ekklesia which is sponsoring the Life

Remodeled project.

Life Remodeled drew applications from 111 families seeking to become residents of the new home at 32231 Oscoda Court. A selection committee narrowed the applications down to three families.

"The pastors (of Ekklesia) chose one of the three families. All three families were qualified — it was tough," said Lambert, adding that the family selected will be announced Sunday.

The city had received a blighted abandoned home and

garage on the Oscoda Court property which has been demolished and provided the lot to Life Remodeled as part of the Neighborhood Stabilization project.

Life Remodeled has raised more than \$27,000 for the project, received donated materials and has construction trade professionals donating their services during the build, Lambert said.

Students in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have constructed exterior walls for the new home.

Like Life Remodeled, which is described as a holistic program that will provide financial planning and spiritual counseling to the selected family, there are also plans for a beautification project on Oscoda along with a free medical and dental clinic and

free activities for families and children.

"We'll do a beautification and cleanup of the whole street, offering people on Oscoda Court helps as they see fit," said Lambert.

At the conclusion of the construction project, Life

Remodeled has received permission for a party noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School.

For more information, visit www.liferemodeled.com.

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City honors student's Skills USA effort

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Medel didn't have much experience in carpentry before taking his first year of construction technology but that didn't stop him from placing in recent skills competition.

A junior at Westland John Glenn High School and a student at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Medel placed first locally and fifth in the region during the Skills USA Individual Carpentry Competition.

Students were required to interpret prints and construction drawings, then build the structure within 4.5-6 hours, depending on the scope of the

work. The students were given a print and pile of lumber, then worked alone to build the structure.

At a recent Westland council meeting, Medel was presented with a certificate of achievement by Mayor William Wild. Instructor Mike Koelzer noted that Medel didn't have a lot of experience but he was the only one among 48 students in the class to have perfect attendance.

"I'm not saying that that is what made the difference entirely, but he is dedicated. There was a written test with math and blueprints he had never seen before," said Koelzer. "They give them a pile of lumber and what they

build has no physical use in the real world."


Judged by industry professionals to within 1/16th of an inch, Koelzer said that what the students build focuses on including as many skills as possible.

"As a junior, he can come back next year and take first place," said Koelzer.

The first-year construction technology class taken by Medel prepares students for the second year in which they will put their skills to work in the field.

"Thanks to everyone who donated so I could participate in this competition," said Medel.

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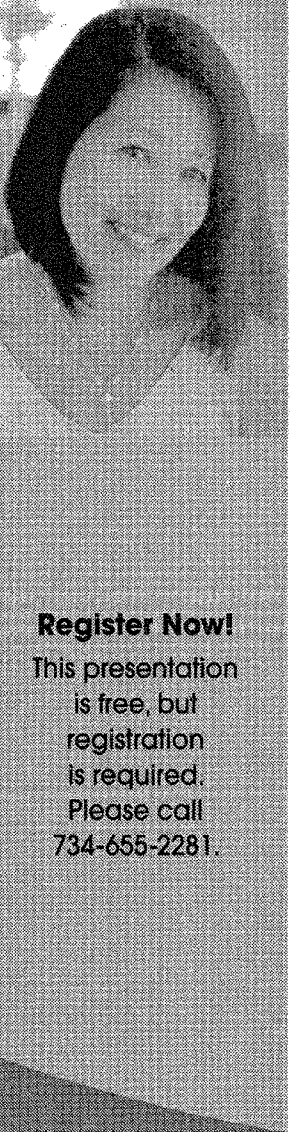
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Theft of game system ends in 4 arrests

Break-in

Police arrested a Westland man for breaking into an apartment in the 36000 block of Hunter early April 9. The owner told police that she had awakened to find the sliding glass door open. Reported missing were a Nintendo Wii, a black purse and a DVD player valued at \$750.

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Later that day, the owner told police she had contacted the Game Stop, 7044 N. Wayne Road, and asked if anyone had been in trying to sell a Wii game system like the one stolen from her apartment. An employee reported that a man had been trying to sell a system early that morning but the store had no cash and hadn't been able to complete the purchase.

An officer visited the store which had obtained a name of a man who was found to have an expired driver's license listing an Oak Park address. Checking further, the officer found that the suspect had more recent police contacts listing an apartment in the 6600 block of Yale in Westland.

When officers went to the apartment, several people were inside, including the suspect. He told officers that he had bought the game system he was trying to sell from a man he met walking along Hunter. He later told police the game system was inside a backpack in the trunk of his

girlfriend's car. The girlfriend told police she had picked the man up in her car at the apartment on Hunter and he'd placed a backpack in the trunk which she allowed officers to retrieve.

Officers noticed the smell of marijuana in the vehicle and ticketed the woman for marijuana possession after retrieving a container of numerous burnt butts.

The suspect was arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property after officers also found numerous receipts for selling game systems.

After he was arrested, the suspect told police there was no other stolen property in the apartment and consented to a search. Officers found that the man's brother, who was inside the apartment was wanted on a Westland warrant for driving with a suspended license and he was arrested.

A third man, a Detroit resident, was arrested on a felony warrant for second-degree home invasion.

Break-in

An 82-year old resident of the Riverbend Apartments, 30580 Warren Road, told police April 8 that someone had broken into her apartment and stolen a jewelry box, containing 30 pairs of diamond earrings valued at \$30,000. She said there was no forced entry, so she suspected an apartment complex employee who has keys was responsible.

Strong arm robbery

On April 9, a Grand Rapids man told police that he was in town visiting his ailing mother who lives in the 6900 block of Yale. The man told police that he was walking back from a liquor store at Wayne Road and Hunter at about 11 p.m. When he reached the area of Yale and Hunter, he said he was suddenly struck on the side of his head by a hard object. Wearing a winter coat with the hood up, he said he didn't see who had hit him.

The man told police he fell backward and was grabbed by someone who lowered him to the ground. Stunned at first, the man said he realized three men were pulling his property out of his pockets and throwing it on the ground. The man said the suspects took his cell phone and state identification card.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 34000 block of Hively told police April 7 that overnight someone had stolen a loaded 9mm semiautomatic handgun in a holster from his Dodge Ram pickup truck. There was no sign of forced entry but the owner said he had locked the car the night before.

Along with the \$600 gun, a GPS unit and iPad Touch valued at \$500 were also stolen. The owner said he found his cell phone and other items on the ground near his home.
-By LeAnne Rogers

Kill switch foils theft of pickup but not the tools

Stolen tools

A kill switch foiled a thief who tried to take a 2000 Dodge Ram parked in the 1600 block of Helen April 11. But, that didn't prevent him from stealing an assortment of tools valued at more than \$700.

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The thief cracked the steering column and tried to pull out the ignition.

Home invasion

A resident in the 6000 block of Cardwell reported that someone unlawfully entered a home in the 5100 block of Cardwell through an unlocked bathroom window about 1 p.m. April 8.

An observer saw what looked like a blond, 16-year-old male pull a ladder over and enter the window but didn't say anything to the resident until she returned home 45 minutes later.

During that time many items were stolen, including 10 gold rings, 15 bracelets, 15 pairs of earrings, an iPod and a camcorder.

Home invasion

A resident in the 30000 block of Krauter reported an unlawful entry April 9. An unlocked door allowed a thief to enter and steal electronics, including a Wii game system and Wii games.

Stolen auto

Someone stole a 2003 Chevy Trailblazer that was chained and parked in the lot at Lee's Auto Sales, 6969 Middlebelt, April 7-8. There was no license plate assigned to the vehicle.

Receiving and concealing

A 23-year-old Inkster woman was arrested at the CVS store at 27435 Ford about 7:30 a.m. April 10 when she tried to get a refund for three First Response pregnancy kits that her friend stole earlier in the day from the same store.

Each kit cost about \$50, according to the police report. According to police, the friend knew that she was a drug addict and needed money to support her habit and thought that he was helping her by committing the theft.

Theft

The 83-year-old wife of an 89-year-old patient at Garden City Hospital on Inkster Road, north of Ford, said that someone took her husband's dentures after he was admitted to the hospital March 11.

On March 12, she noticed that they were missing. A nursing supervisor was unable to locate the man's dentures which were valued at \$1,600.

Arrest

The police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit man at 10:10 p.m. April 9 at Garden

City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman after they saw him sitting in the main pavilion after park hours.

He was arrested on an outstanding Detroit warrant and for obstructing the police in not giving his correct name.

He was also ticketed for being in the park after closing.

Graffiti

Someone spray painted in black the brick wall and door of Rick's Custom Cycle, 21532 Ford, sometime before 1:30 a.m. April 11.

A video surveillance camera captured the image of an unknown man who wore a blue jacket, blue T-shirt, black pants and carried a blue and silver bag.

Theft

Someone broke the passenger window of a 1996 Toyota Corolla that was parked at the Robert Lee Dance Studio, 29855 Ford, on April 10. The thief took a purse and its contents which included cash and a debit card, that were left on the front seat.

The police officer noted in his report that the owner of the purse worked as a bank manager at a Southfield bank.

Property destruction

A 23-year-old Westland woman wants to press charges against her ex-boyfriend after he broke both side mirrors and made three dents on the driver's side of her 1997 Ford Taurus.

She said that she left the locked vehicle in the 5600 block of Middlebelt after her ex-boyfriend gave her and her friends a hard time. When she went back to the car, she discovered the damage.

She said he called her and asked her how she liked her car.
-By Sue Buck

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, April 28th, various items of the City Westland - DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 9:00 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
7983936	1992	Dodge	Ram Wagon	2B5WB35ZKNK119623
7983942	1998	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71WXWX147346

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, April 27th, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the May 3, 2011 School Board Elections for Wayne-Westland, Garden City and Inkster School Districts on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **April 22, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Police Department Lobby Renovation

For this project, there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Westland Police Station located at 36701 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. Questions may be directed to Deputy Police Chief Greg Angelosanto at (734) 467-3235. Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204 or at www.cityofwestland.com. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel
City Controller

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ORDINANCE NO. 255-A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 26-902(10) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL RENEWALS OF THE REGISTRATIONS FOR DEALERS OF PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS

Section 1. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-902(10) of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"(10) A certificate of registration shall expire one year from the date of registration. A Dealer shall apply for a renewal of a certificate of registration by paying the fee and complying with the requirements of subsection (2) above."

Section 2. That all other provisions of Section 26-902 and Chapter 26 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

ADOPTED: April 4, 2011
EFFECTIVE: April 14, 2011
PUBLISHED: April 14, 2011

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, April 28, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
7646338	2002	Pontiac	Gran Prix	1G2WP52K2F206121
7730656	1997	Ford	Explorer	1FMDU35P4VZC41538

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, April 27, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 19, 2011 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1996 Chevrolet	Lumina/4D	White	2G1WL52M9T9177065
1997 Chrysler	Town & Country	White	1C4GF64L9VB246084
1999 Mercury	Sable/4D	White	1MEFM53S4XG622402
1997 Ford	Econoline/VA	White	1FTEE1422VHB73794
1994 Ford	Escort/SW	Teal	3FARP15J9RR104807
2001 Volvo	S80/4D	Black	YV1TS94D111188302
1998 Lincoln	Town Car/4D	Black	1LNFM82W2WY645897
1991 Ford	F-150/PU	Brown	1FTEF15N9MLA67506
2006 Ford	Fusion/4D	Gray	3FAHP08196R104156
1998 Chrysler	Sebring/CN	Black	3C3EL55H4WT290428
1992 Chrysler	New Yorker/4D	Tan	1C3XC66R8ND764889
2001 Ford	F-150/PU	Green	1FTRX18L51NA09658
1995 Ford	Thunderbird/2D	Blue	1FALP62W9SH110360
2002 Chevrolet	Venture/SW	Red	1GNDX03E12D106965
1998 Buick	Skylark/4D	White	1G4NJ52MXWC415815
2002 Nissan	Altima/4D	Blue	1N4AL11E22C211414

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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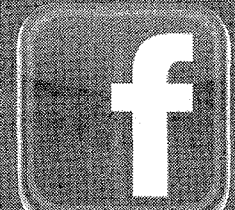
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 19, 2011 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1981 Yamaha	CYL	White	3Y0102323

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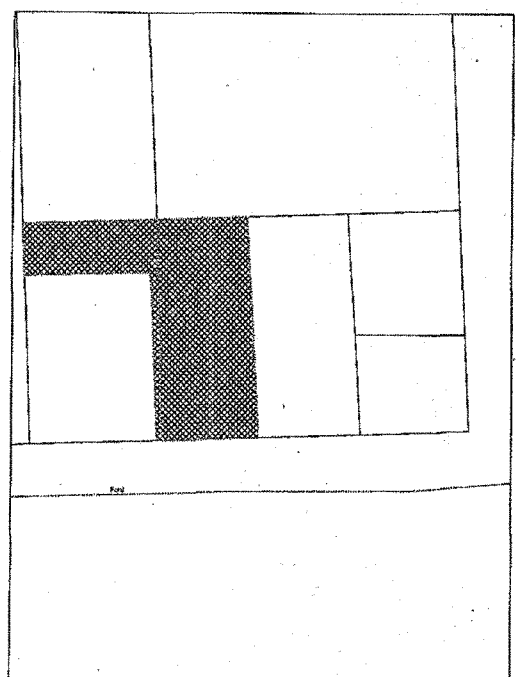
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1212B, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-4, Vehicle Service I-1, Light Industrial, Parcels #038-01-0021-304 and -0022-000, North Side of Ford Road, West of Venoy Road, John Romano (Vince DiDomenico) and,

Case #1212C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Indoor Shooting Range, 33000 Ford Road, Parcels #038-01-0021-304 and -0022-000, North Side of Ford Road, West of Venoy Road, John Romano (Vince DiDomenico)



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
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Michigan Industrial Shoe stays true to its innovative heritage

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the heyday of manufacturing, each auto plant had its own industrial shoe store. But by 1961, those on-site stores began disappearing as corporations began looking for ways to trim costs. That's when Victor Girolami, then a sales rep for Hy-Test safety shoes, saw and seized an opportunity to create a new business that flourishes to this day — 50 years after Vic decided to hit the road.

Rather than opening a traditional shoe store, Vic packed his steel-toed shoes and boots in a shoemobile and started making the rounds at factories.

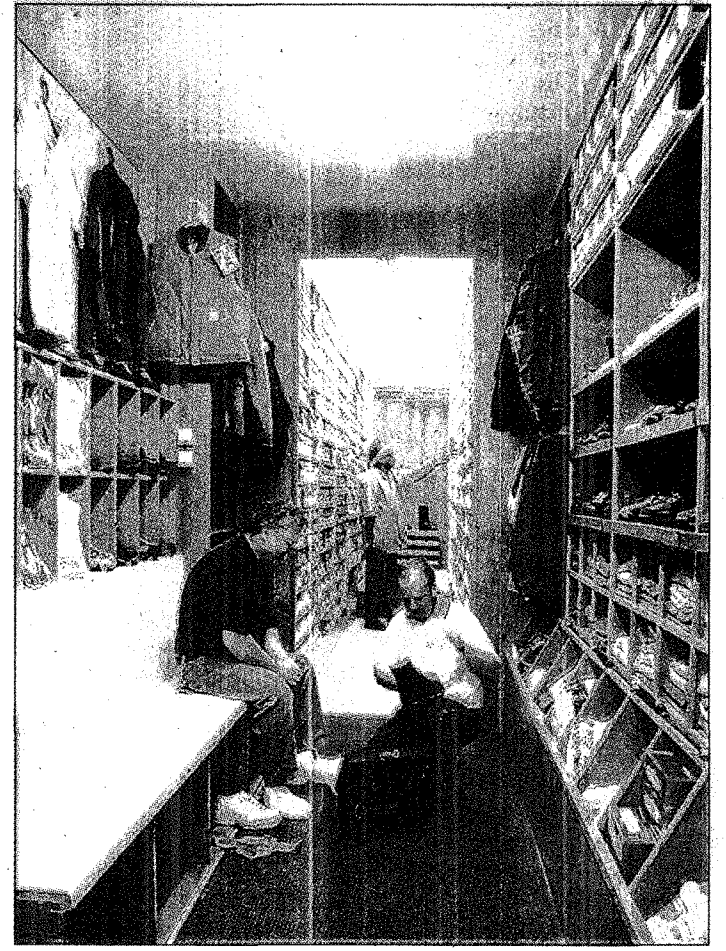
He stored shoes in the family garage until it resembled a warehouse but by 1968, his wife Gale had had enough. Get a proper warehouse, she warned. So Vic rented a 3000 square-foot warehouse on 8 Mile Road in Southfield and the business grew. More shoemobiles were added and by 1976, Michigan Industrial Shoe needed more space. The problem was solved with the purchase of a 16,000 square foot warehouse and headquarters at 25477 W. 8 Mile Road, in Redford.

"My dad sold a lot of shoes," said Mike Girolami. "At our peak, he sold 250,000 units a year. But our core customer is the manufacturing sector and Michigan has lost 500,000 of those jobs in the last 10 years."

But Mike and his sister, Linda Girolami Petty, are following in their father's footsteps by continuing to innovate.



Michigan Industrial Shoe has a fleet of eight mobile shoe stores or 'shoemobiles' servicing Michigan, northern Indiana, and northern Ohio. Each safety shoe mobile is stocked at our main warehouse with specific styles for your work environment before we drive to you. Every 48 foot mobile shoe store carries over 80 styles and 1,200 pair of safety shoes for men and women.



Bringing the product to the customer was the concept that made founder Victor Girolami a success.

The business grew because Vic had a good idea — offering auto plants all the services they were used to with-out the overhead of paying to run an on-site shoe store. Vic kept a database to show when employees needed another pair of shoes, which type and size they preferred and he offered top-notch service after the sale.

The concept was a winner. Gale and Vic's oldest son, Tom Girolami, moved to

Akron, Ohio, when the company expanded in 1983 to open Great Lakes Industrial Shoe. Gale and Vic eventually retired to Florida and sold both shoe companies to their children, with Tom owning Great Lakes Industrial Shoe and Mike and Linda owning Michigan Industrial Shoe.

Mike said the Redford location still employs 20 workers, down a bit due to the economy, but the company is still going strong thanks

to expanding its product line.

They now sell hi visibility work clothing by Wolverine, Carhartt and Bulwark in retail stores and online at www.Workwear1.com as well as expanding their sales at their online shoe store, www.michiganshoe.com.

"I don't think people will be buying shoes on their cell phones any time soon, but you have to keep up and offer new products," said Mike. "We are selling to food

services like Kellogg's and Campbell's and trying to get into the medical field. We've had a little success so far, but it is different trying to suggest to a doctor or nurse what shoes they should be buying."

Mike, who started in the family business running a shoemobile, remains upbeat and mentions that new battery facilities are opening up in Michigan to support the auto industry. He's ready to add them to his client list.

"I don't think things are ever going to get back to where they were in Michigan," he said. "But things are getting better."

Based on the number of shoes sold and the percentage of accidents in industrial settings, company officials estimate they've saved 10,000 toes from injury in its first 50 years of business.

For more information about Michigan Industrial Shoe, call (313) 532-0902.

DTE Energy to provide summer jobs for area young people

If your teen is looking for a summer job, DTE Energy Foundation just might have the answer.

"Summer employment is one of the best ways to help young people prepare for their future and to start them on the road to success," said Fred Shell, president of the DTE Energy Foundation and vice president of DTE Energy. "It introduces them to the demands, expectations and rewards of the workplace — being responsible, being a good team member and being proud of a job well done."

Along those lines, the foundation has partnered with City Connect Detroit to provide 333 summer jobs for youth in Metropolitan Detroit at the second annual Youth Employment Summit, hosted by City Connect Detroit.

With the creation of job opportunities for young people serving as the primary focus of the summit, the DTE Energy Foundation grant of \$500,000 is the largest private donation toward a fundraising goal of \$1.2-million to \$1.5-million. The gift will go to support the "Grow Detroit's Young Talent" program, run by City Connect Detroit.

Entitled "Homegrown

Talent: Envisioning Detroit's Future Workforce — Are you Ready?", the summit will highlight the collaborative efforts of the DTE Energy Foundation and City Connect Detroit to identify hundreds of summer jobs for young people ages of 14-24.

Last year, City Connect Detroit launched the community campaign, "Grow Detroit's Young Talent Program," with support from The Skillman Foundation. The campaign raised more than \$1 million to provide work experiences for 600 teens and young adults.

"DTE Energy Foundation's generous gift will allow us to make a tremendous step forward in transforming our community by increasing job opportunities for young people," said Dr. Geneva J. Williams, City Connect Detroit's founding president and strategic executive consultant. "The creation of sustainable, high-quality jobs not only has a huge impact on our youth, but also provides a great value to employers. The summit will address strategies and tactics to accelerate youth employment."

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) will deliver the keynote address,

"Growing Young Talent for the World of Work."

Other dignitaries include Kieth Cockrell, Michigan president and regional executive for Bank of America; and representatives of Mayor Dave Bing's office. Steve Kurmas, President of Detroit Edison and Larry Steward, Vice President of Human Resources will represent DTE Energy at the summit.

This year's summer jobs are designed to help hundreds of young people learn what it takes to be a good employee and to develop critical work skills that will be invaluable as they look forward to being a part of the Michigan workforce one day.

"Support for summer employment programs like this is a critical element in a young person's future success," Shell said. "It speaks to the need to develop Michigan's future workforce now, as well as, promote the importance of cultivating home-grown talent at an early age."

The summer jobs program begins in July and goes for six weeks. For more information on how to participate or to provide additional job opportunities call 313.879.1476 or go to www.growdetroityoungtalent.org.

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various other

Farmers' Market sites, and its inclusion on market posters for the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

Market Level 2 is a one-year sponsorship and includes the name of business attached to Market sign at the entrance.

The Market Level 1 sponsorship costs \$1,000 (\$500 per year), and businesses must provide a color copy of their business logo. The Market Level 2 sponsorship

costs \$250.

For more information, call the chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

Opening day at the Farmers Market will be Wednesday, May 4. The market has new hours - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - and as always will be set up at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in downtown Garden City. See you there!

Amelia Oliverio
Executive Director

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Calley pitches governor's message

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, addressing a Canton crowd Monday afternoon, championed a new bridge to Canada, a controversial pension tax, state budget-cutting measures and less business taxes and regulations as critical to reinventing Michigan and creating jobs.

Calley didn't stray from the message Gov. Rick Snyder has pitched since he began leading an economically wounded state clamoring for jobs and a more promising future. Even though some polls have indicated Snyder's approval rating has dipped, Calley said it's imperative to stay the course rather than bow to political pressure and protests in Lansing.

"We decided to disregard the political ramifications of fixing these problems and go ahead and do it anyway," Calley told nearly 100 people during a Canton Economic Club luncheon at Summit on the Park.

"There will be protests. There's only one way to avoid protests — and that's to do nothing," he said later. "We're also not willing to govern thinking toward the next election."

Calley received a warm welcome at the Summit. After his speech, he was approached by local resident Phyllis Hampton, who told him, "I think you're on the right track."

VITAL NEEDS

Calley touted a new bridge to Canada, two miles south of the Ambassador Bridge, as vital to boosting Michigan exports. He said he is hopeful the state can seek bids next year from the private sector to design and build the estimated \$950-million



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Lt. Gov. Brian Calley didn't stray from Gov. Rick Snyder's message during a speech to the Canton Economic Club Monday.

bridge, finance it and operate it, with Canada shelling out money for a new interchange on the U.S. side.

Calley said Canada receives some 60 percent of Michigan's exports.

"If we're going to operate the state like a business," he said, "it's time we start thinking of who our customers are."

After his speech, Calley said the bridge construction would create 10,000 jobs. Moreover, he said one in eight jobs in southeast Michigan are dependent on trade with Canada.

Calley bemoaned statistics indicating Michigan has amassed nearly \$50 billion in debt, saying the state has to

stop borrowing its future and trim spending. He said Snyder proposed slashing most government departments by 5 percent, though some sectors, such as higher education, fared even worse.

Calley said critical areas such as Medicaid, early childhood education and mental health services were mostly spared, though he said Michigan, despite opposition, should join other states in taxing pensions and ushering in what he called a more equitable system.

"Think opportunity for the next generation," Calley said.

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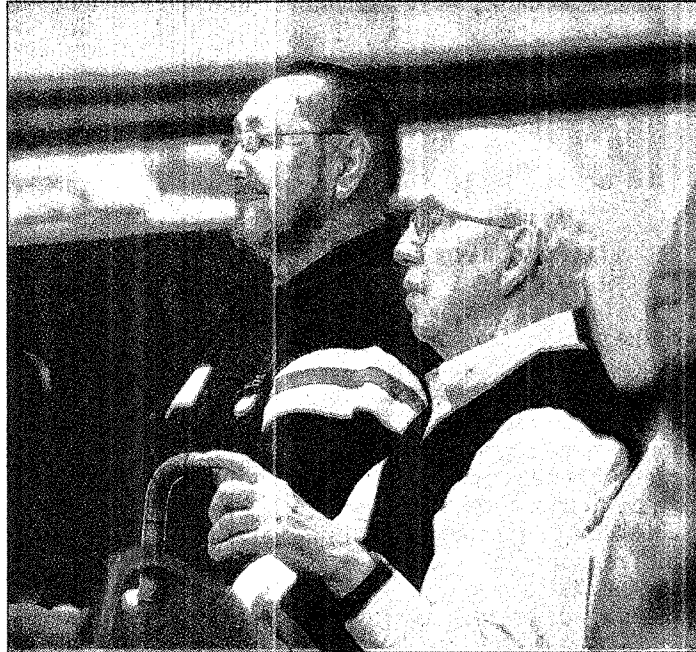
By 2032, he said, retirees

are expected to account for 20 percent of the population, and he said pension-taxing revenues can't be ignored.

In a compromise announced after Calley's speech, retirees who will be at least 67 come Jan. 1 would continue to be exempt from pension taxes, while people 60-66 would keep a smaller exemption but pay some taxes. Pensions would be taxable for younger retirees.

Calley also sounded a familiar theme of eliminating the Michigan Business Tax for small businesses, saying they also pay an individual income tax.

"Double-taxing the home team is a bad strategy," he said. Calley called for easing cer-



Mel Morris and Ron Lieberman listen to Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley's speech.

tain business regulations he said have made it difficult to compete. He cited what he considers overly burdensome licensing rules for day care, saying "neighbors can be good neighbors without interference from the state."

He also hailed an end to item-pricing in places such as grocery stores, saying the measure should reduce what consumers pay.

SHARED SACRIFICE

Calley acknowledged that some changes proposed by Snyder's administration are painful and require shared sacrifice, yet he said the goal is to boost the state's image and create jobs.

"We've had our heads down for a long time in the state of Michigan," he said.

On a personal note, Calley, 34, became Michigan's second

youngest lieutenant governor. Only former Lt. Gov. John Swainson in 1959 was younger. Before his speech Monday, Calley was greeted by township officials who, hopeful of eventually snagging a larger share of state-shared revenue, schooled him on how Canton has adopted "best practices" and shared services with other communities.

Calley also saw a video filmed last year by *Inside Business Report*, a national show hosted by actor-politician Fred Thompson to showcase communities that have shown economic success.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who formerly served in the state House with Calley, welcomed his visit.

"I think it will be good for Canton," LaJoy said. "He has been 'Cantonized.'"

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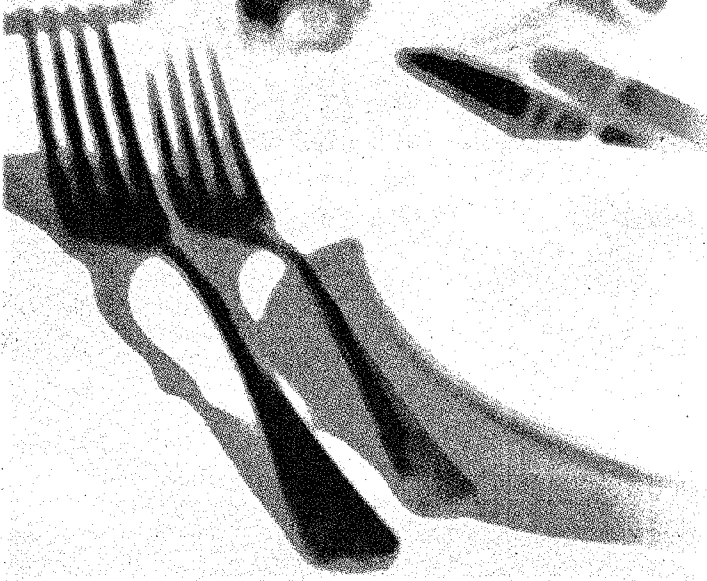
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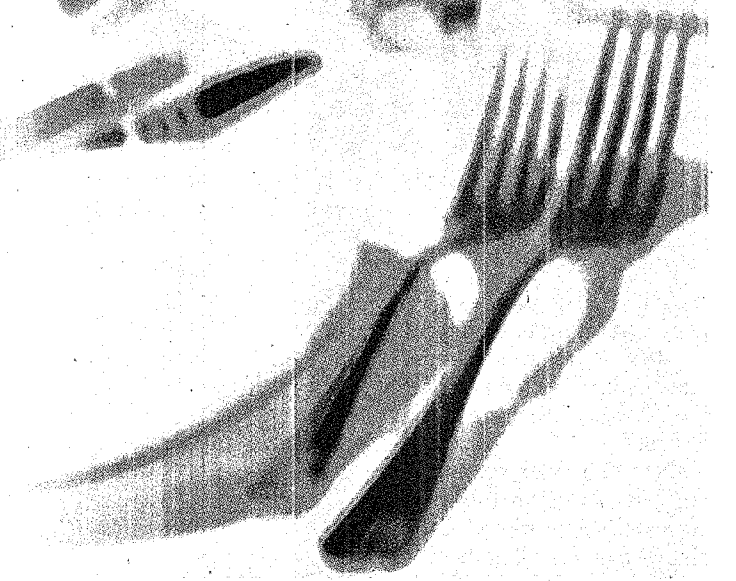
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W-W recruits Realtors in fight for state funding

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Each year the Wayne-Westland Community Schools invites area Realtors to lunch to provide them with a look at the good things happening in the district.

According to Deputy Supt. Charlotte Sherman, talking about things like all-day kindergarten in all of the K-4 buildings, a talented and gifted program and Smart board in the K-12 classrooms would have taken at least "60-70 minutes."

However, she and Supt. Greg Baracy spent time talking to the folks who sell homes in the district about a looming state crisis that could significantly impact the district, its 12,000-plus students and the six communities that are within its boundaries.

"We know good schools make good communities, but this is so important, so significant, that it will impact all school districts in the state," Sherman said of Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed school aid budget. "We have a crisis in Michigan and if this funding crisis isn't resolved, these program in this district and districts around the state will be affected."

"We're all dealing with the same issues," Baracy said. "We understand the sacrifices Realtors have made, we also have been sharing in those sacrifices. But we are going to be impacted very seriously, if the governor's proposal comes to fruition."

Baracy's comments came just hours before more than 450 parents, students and staff members gathered at the Dyer Senior Center to hear state lawmakers talk about the proposed school aid budget that if approved will eliminate \$14.5 million in funding for Wayne-Westland.

Baracy used the luncheon, which was prepared and served by students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, to explain the situation to Realtors and elicit their help to preserve the district's educational program.

"Our board of education is proceeding cautiously and methodically as they analyze the governor's proposed budget and not overreacting, but I want you to know that our board has not cut one student program," he said. "Their intent is to preserve every program they can and go elsewhere to cut costs."

According to Baracy, the "most devastating" part of the governor's proposal is the elimination of \$6 million in "equity funding" the district has been receiving in lieu of millage not included in its Proposal A funding formula.

"We closed six elementaries to right-size this district. We had no idea this would happen," Baracy said. "We could turn off the lights, the heat and water and barely reach \$12 million. What we're telling the Legislature is that if they say education is the foundation for recovery, then they need to fund it. The money is there to fund the cuts."

Baracy added the same legacy costs — health care and retirement — that almost put the Big Three under also are impacting school districts, but school districts have no control over the latter, which will jump to 24.46 percent of payroll, meaning almost 25 cents of every dollar spent on employee wages will go to the state to cover retirement costs.

The most telling fact Baracy presented to Realtors was that if the governor's proposal goes through, 33 of the 34 school districts in Wayne County will be in deficit at the end of the current budget year. The 34th one, Gibraltar, will join the crowd at the end of 2012-13.

"Our goal in the next eight to 10 weeks is to have enough influence to change the bill before it comes out of the Legislature," he said. "We urge you to pick up the phone and call your legislators and ask them not to cut K-12 education. We will be in deficit next year. We will file a deficit elimination plan, but it will be worse, if we can't find our way out. We don't want to talk about an emergency financial manager. We want to work this out ourselves."



Reflective of the state of the economy in Michigan, guests filled only a portion of the lecture hall in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center during Wayne-Westland's annual Realtors Luncheon.



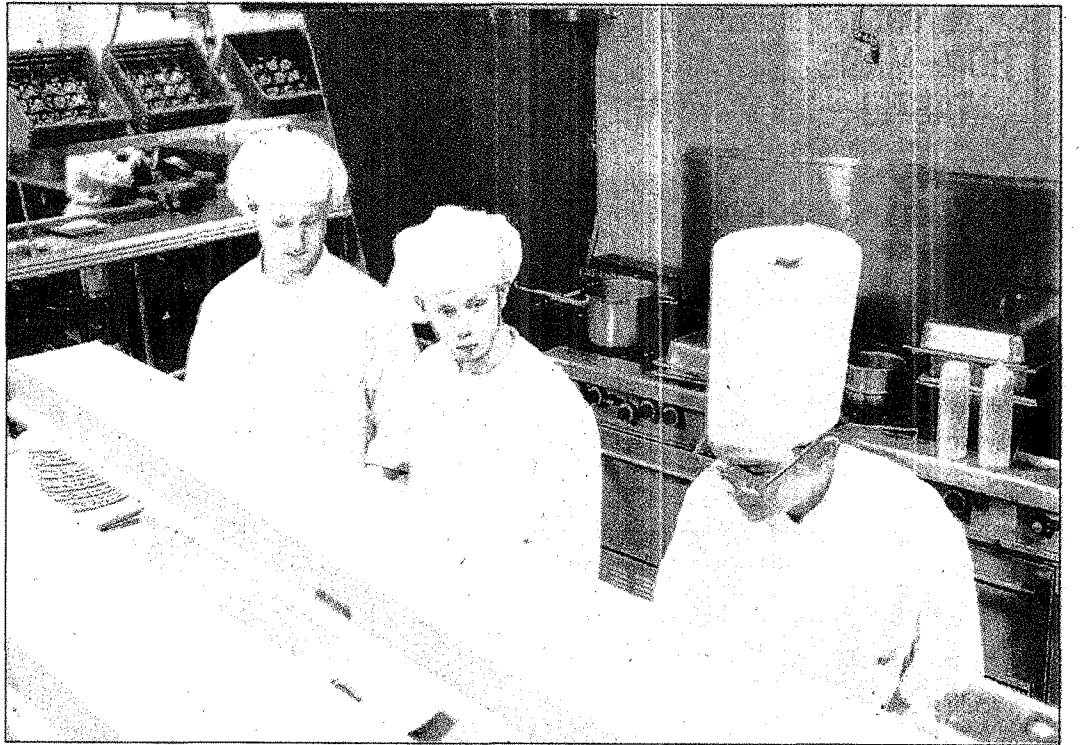
Randy Bennett, the pastor of Westland Free Methodist Church, looks over a Legislative Tool Kit Wayne-Westland school officials included in a folder containing information about the district.



Sheila Grimes-Bhirdo (from left), Ann Pawlak and Alisson Nead of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth were among Realtors who attended the annual luncheon held at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland enjoying lunch.



Ashley Abbott and Sam McIntosh, both members of the John Glenn JROTC program, greet guests arriving at the luncheon.



Culinary arts students Tyler Hagadorn (from left), Don Keiper and Aubry Gross work behind the scenes to get food plated to serve to the luncheon guests.



Wayne-Westland school board Trustee and Westland city Controller William Gabriel (from left) enjoys lunch with Wayne Mayor Al Hadius and School Superintendent Greg Baracy.

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THOMAS BEAUDOIN**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tapestry display

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through May 27

Location: William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Farmington Hills Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is displaying the guild's national tapestry, "America the Beautiful" at the Costick Center through May 27. This tapestry, depicting the U.S., its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24 inches by 48 inches. In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.

Contact: For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

Easter program

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, and Friday and Saturday, April 22-23

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Warren Road Light and Life Church and the Garden of Eden Church are teaming up to present an Easter experience. "Journey to the Cross" is an engaging hands-on experience that will make Easter come alive for the audience. Instead of the audience sitting in an auditorium and watching the drama of Easter be played out before their eyes, "Journey to the Cross" will give them an opportu-

nity to "walk through" the reenactment of the life of Jesus Christ as they journey from one powerful scene to another. "Journey to the Cross" allows the audience to be in the same room with Jesus as He heals a leper and raises a 6-year-old boy from the dead. The audience will be able to touch the crown that was pressed into Jesus' forehead and hold the spikes that were driven through His hands.

Contact: The program is free to the public. For more information, call (734) 458-7301 or (734) 968-8222.

Karate Tournament

Time/Date: Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15

Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland

Details: The Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan is hosting a 2011 Michigan Karate Tournament at the Bailey Center. Spectator/parent fees (paid at the door) are: \$5 Adults 15 years and older, \$3 senior citizens age 65 and older, \$3 for children age 5-14 and children free age 4 and under. Check the website - www.karatemi.com - for up-to-date tournament information.

Contact: For more information, call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: Saturday, June 4

Details: Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more.



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Coin flip

Gary Kelly of Canton, president of the NW Detroit Coin Club, along with Diana Jellinek of Troy and Vic West of Brighton, sold a lot of coins at the 49th semiannual NW Detroit Coin Show in Livonia. Kelly said the show brought together coin sellers, collectors and those interested in an investment for the future - in coins, paper money, and tokens. The NW Detroit holds its meetings at the Livonia Senior Center on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Contact: Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or go online to www.therouge.org for more information.

American Legion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website, at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile

roads, Livonia
Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland

who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volun-

teers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

Drivers Needed

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

Contact: (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

Seasons Hospice

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: (800) 370-8592

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NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND
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May 3, 2011**

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot. There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon, vacate, and terminate an easement for public utilities, twelve (12) feet in width, located in the City of Westland, Wayne County, State of Michigan, described as:

A 12 foot wide easement for water main being a part of the NW 1/2 of Section 9, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence N 89°53'28" W 890.71 feet (recorded as N 89°57'15" W 888.60 feet); thence due South 963.99 feet (recorded as 964.61 feet) to the NW corner of Lot 1 of "Tonquish-Geronimo Subdivision", according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 83 of Plats, Page 89, Wayne County Records and the Point of Beginning; thence along the boundary of said subdivision the following six (6) courses and distances: 1) due South 135.93 feet, 2) S 16°03'50" W 91.23 feet, 3) S 45°00'00" E 100.00 feet, 4) S 45°00'00" W 72.36 feet, 5) S 23°55'59" W 35.26 feet, 6) due South 784.93 feet; thence N 89°56'14" W 104.82 feet (recorded as 106.92 feet) to the centerline of an existing 12 foot wide water main easement, as recorded in Liber 25282, Page 870 & 881, Wayne County Records; thence N 00°16'05" W 356.32 feet along the centerline of an existing 12 foot water main easement to a point being the Point of Beginning of the water main easement to be vacated; thence along said centerline of vacated easement the following Six (6) courses: 1) N 00°16'05" W 12.0 feet to a point referenced as Point "A", 2) N 00°16'05" W 325.0 feet to a point referenced as Point "B", 3) N 00°16'05" W 60.49 feet, 4) Northeasterly 128.54 feet along the arc of a circular concave to the Southeast, radius 225.0 feet, central angle 32°43'59", chord N 16°05'56" E 126.80 feet to the Point of Ending.
Also Beginning at Point "A", 5) S 89°47'26" W 171.74 feet to the Point of Ending.
Also, Beginning at Point "B", 6) N 89°41'15" E 15.0 feet to the Point of Ending.
Contains 8,409 square feet or 0.19 acres of land. Subject to all easement and restrictions of record, if any.
(Also known as the water main easement located at 6800 N. Wayne Road, East side of Wayne Road, south of Warren Road, Parcel #034-99-0003-705.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in the Westland City Hall Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC, Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG: 8-4/4/11**

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
51: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 3/21/11.
- Appr. req. from Kroger to open a "Garden Center" in their parking lot from 4/24/11 thru 6/22/11.
- Appr. req. from Am. Leg. #251 to hold poppy sale from 5/19th-22nd, Ford & Wayne, Wayne & Warren, & Wayne & Cherry Hill.
- Appr. Life Remodeled to have Celebration Party at Jefferson-Barnes on 5/1/11.
- Appr. contract w/Wear It Again Collection Boxes for recycling of clothing & textiles for 1 yr. period w/option to be terminated with 90 day notice by either party.
- Adopt. Budget Amendment 2011-12; General Fund \$206,250.
- Adopt. Ord. 255-A to amend Ch. 26, Art. XIII, Sec. 26-902(10) of City Code to provide for annual registrations & renewals for precious gems & metals dealers.
- Adopt. Ord. 192-A-3-C to amend Ch. 22, Art. VI, Sec. 22-131 & 22-132 of the City Code to adopt International Property Maintenance Code as amended.
- Adopted Prep. Res. to recognize Trinity Foundation as local non-profit organization.
- Adopted Prep. Res. for NSP Acquisition to purchase 4 properties.
52: Conf. re-appt of R. Curry to LDFA for 4 yr. term to exp. 4/4/15.
53: Appr. checklist: \$242,426.67 & Prepaid: \$764,156.79.
Mtg. adj. at 7:54 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
MAY 3, 2011**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that a School Board Election will be held in part of the City Westland for Wayne-Westland Community School District, Garden City School District and Inkster School District residents on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: **Two (2) Wayne-Westland School District School Board Trustees for four (4) Year terms ending June 30, 2015; Two (2) Inkster School District School Board Trustees for four (4) Year terms ending June 30, 2015; Three (3) Garden City School District School Board Trustees for four (4) Year terms ending June 30, 2015 and One (1) partial Garden City School District School Board Trustee for a two (2) Year term ending June 30, 2013.**

The places of voting for the School Board Elections to be held on May 3, 2011, will be as follows:

Wayne-Westland School Precincts

City of Westland	Locations
1 & 13	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2 & 11	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
17	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

Garden City School Precinct

City of Westland	Location
31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.

Inkster School Precinct

City of Westland	Location
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis

The polls for said elections will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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OUR VIEWS

Our choices

Griffin, Davis are best picks for W-W school board

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is at an important crossroads, and the direction it takes will be determined by the district and its residents, the governor and state lawmakers.

If Gov. Rick Snyder has his way, the district will lose more than \$14 million in state school aid, the most of any district in the state. Tough decisions will have to be made, if that happens. But even if school officials are successful in hanging on to some \$6 million in Proposal A equity funding, the district's belt will have to be tightened more than a notch or two.

The school board will be a major player in decisions that will need to be made now and in the future. And with the district losing veteran board member Skip Monit, it's important that voters look closely at the six candidates who hope to win one of the two four-year terms that will be filled in the Tuesday, May 3, election.



Griffin

We are glad to see an interest in serving on the board. The candidates — Thomas Buckalew, Andrea Clawson, Scott Davis, Harold Dunn, Charles "Trav" Griffin and Jeffrey Hayton — each bring different skills and different thoughts on the what must be done for the district to survive the financial tsunami it faces. Their interest in serving during a most difficult time is admirable.



Davis

In reviewing their answers to questions we provided them and in their responses during one-on-one interviews, we believe the students, parents and employees of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools would be best served by electing **Charles "Trav" Griffin** and **Scott Davis** to the school board.

Griffin has been on both sides of the fence when it comes to education. On the one side, he has been a teacher and a UniServ director for the Michigan Education Association. On the other side, he has been school board trustee and served as a member of the district's Citizens Bond Oversight and Building and Site Fund committees.

As we see it, Griffin has the knowledge to make good decisions. He knows what it takes to survive a crisis. As mayor of Westland, he had to make the tough choices to erase a budget deficit. We believe he is prepared to do what is necessary to save the school district. He knows it will be tough, but we believe he is up to the task.

We like that he wants the community more involved in process. According to Griffin, every stakeholder in the district needs to be a part of the solution to minimize the impact of the cost-cutting measures. We also like his idea of the school board should send out a newsletter to residents, talking about the major issues. Not everyone attends school board meetings or watches the meetings on cable TV. A newsletter is one way to better educate the public about the issues facing Wayne-Westland.

Davis brings a business acumen to the mix. He has both an education and business background and through his position as a general manager for Value City Furniture, he understands the idea of doing more with less. He has been able to maintain profitability at the Westland store for the past three years, by far the most difficult time to do business since the Great Depression.

Davis wants what's best for the community and that includes the very best schools so people will want to live here. He understands the magnitude of a loss of a \$14 million in revenue and believes any cuts that are made must be done with the least amount of impact on the children. All areas of the budget must be looked at for cost savings, but the bottom line is the students.

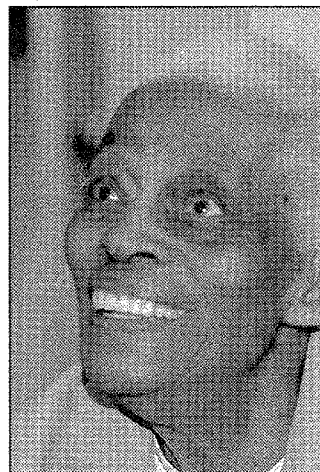
We believe Davis has the experience to deal with the issues facing the district. As a business person, he has had to make tough decisions to maintain the viability of his store and we believe he will be able to do what's best for the Wayne-Westland school district and its students.

That said, we also urge residents to get out and vote, whether by absentee ballot or at the polls on Election Day. These six candidates have taken the time to get involved, and so should every resident in the district. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., plenty of time to let your voice be heard.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Will higher gas prices make you change your plans for Easter?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



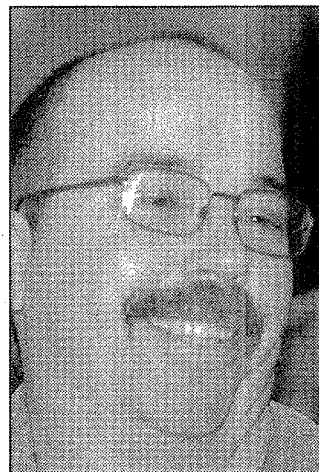
"I don't have a car, so my kids come and get me. I could afford the car, but I couldn't pay that amount for insurance."

Gigi Warren
Westland



"Oh, yeah. I always go to Brighton and Adrian. The price of gas is going to cut that down."

Mary Attwood
Westland



"Nope, I don't travel that far. I go to my stepdaughter's house; she lives four miles away."

Ron Haas
Dearborn Heights



"There'll be no change. We go out for dinner."

Pat Gazepis
Canton

LETTERS

Disappointed about views

Dear Sen. Colbeck,

I was extremely disappointed with many of your views on public education expressed at the legislative forum held at the board office/Dyer Senior Center on April 7.

I also want to thank you for attending because I have a good idea who will help the public education system and who will not. I was extremely impressed with the comments that Sen. Hoppood made regarding finding additional funding for the public school system. In addition, Rep. LeBlanc seems to be a supporter of public education. I commend Rep. Slavens who quickly spoke up when you said "no one will care if our public schools are not meeting the needs of students when choosing a new state to live in."

While I agree throwing money at schools is not the answer, but at least decrease the cuts to the districts that are successfully running their school districts with the current budget. My husband and I are responsible for raising our two boys and making sure they have the best education possible. We are blessed with jobs, and enough money to live comfortably. We do not have additional funds to send our children to private school, and we are not happy with the charter schools in our area. The closest charter school is Gaudior Academy and the children that live on our street and attend that school are not as advanced as our boys.

One of the boys is very bright, but he told me that they have not learned how to add double-digit numbers in second grade. My kids love yelling out math problems just to see who will get the answer first. I'm sorry to say that they win most of the time among our neighbors and their cousins who go to Detroit Public Schools.

I am impressed with the Wayne-Westland school district because most of the children I have met or know personally are academically successful. Even the students who are struggling which one of my sons was last year are quickly assisted. My son received services, such as speech, free summer school, and free after-school tutoring. I am so impressed because his reading level went up from a beginning first grade level to end-of-year second grade level half way through his second-grade year. That makes me wonder why Wayne-Westland is receiving the most cuts.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

E-mail: smason@hometownlife.com.

Read or comment online: www.hometownlife.com

Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

After listening to you, I feel that you want the public schools to fail so that we have to send our children to charter schools. I was appalled and amazed at your comments regarding the lottery. Your idea is to cut the education budget, and you don't like piggy backing on gamblers. What do you propose? I think any funding we can get is welcomed. If you or someone else has a gambling problem then they need help. If people gamble responsibly then I would like that money to benefit K-12 public schools. I also would love to see the cigarette tax, alcohol, beer and wine tax to help meet the budget and eliminate the need for these cuts. Why don't you stop worrying so much and get creative about finding the funding we need?

The budget should not include colleges and universities. K-12 schools are more deserving of the money. If you are not successful in K-12, you can't go to college anyway. College is a privilege, not a necessity. There are many people who are very successful who have never attended college.

I graduated from college, but I still don't support the idea of lumping K-12 together with the colleges and universities. In fact, use the money that you are giving to colleges and universities to prepare high school students to become entrepreneurs and become plumbers, electricians, etc. How can we remove the colleges and universities from the equation? This needs to be done now not later. College students and parents need to get

creative and be responsible for paying for college.

I am not sure how you got elected, but you need to speak and listen to your constituents. If they feel the same way you do that is great! Thank goodness I don't live in your district. Your views are scaring me to death. Good luck in your future endeavors. Also heaven help our children if there are more people who think like you do.

Vonda L. Newborn
Inkster

Don't cut K-12 funding

I am writing as a parent of students who attend the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district in response to the proposed cuts in K-12 education.

Our school district has faced cuts over the last several years in funding from the state. To deal with this decrease in revenue, the school board closed elementary schools and reconfigured the grade levels in the remaining buildings to utilize them more efficiently. They also fedrew the bus routes to maximize the number of students on every bus.

Our district purchases natural gas, fuel and electricity as part of a consortium with other districts to save by "buying in bulk." The Wayne-Westland Schools has created the I-Save Program to teach students and staff the importance of saving energy and the planet, which has saved additional money in utility costs.

Many school employees have lost their jobs due to cutbacks. Building and departmental staff are working hard to keep up with the same amount of work with less people. Supply budgets have been cut; purchases have been put "on hold."

My neighborhood school has closed. My children get home later than before because of the new bus routes. Every year I watch the school district struggle with budget concerns due to the issues with state funding. In spite of all that, Wayne-Westland continues to provide a quality education for my children — a foundation for life-long learning.

I implore you to not cut any funds to K-12 education for the future of my children, yours and the state of Michigan's. The backbone of a great society is educated people, education is an investment with an excellent return.

Jessica Baker

It's easy to criticize when it's not your budget to solve

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF COLUMNIST

It's pretty easy for us to sit back and tell legislators how they should be solving Michigan's budget crisis or, even more locally, how Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools, Canton and Plymouth Township boards and Plymouth city commissioners how to resolve their financial situations.

I've had more than one board member say to me, "How about giving it a try yourself?" To which I frequently say, "No, thanks. I'd much rather be in my position



Brad Kadrich

than yours."

While dealing with stories on the school budget, I had the opportunity to talk to Sheila Paton, a parent and co-chair of the Legislative Action Network, a committee she helped form to deal with legislative issues pertaining particularly to the school budget. She knows everything there is to know about what the state plans and the roadblocks Plymouth-Canton faces financially.

She told me about a tool on The Center for Michigan's website (www.thecenterformichigan.com) that puts you in the budgetary driver's seat. It lays out Gov. Rick Snyder's plans for balancing the budget and lets you make the decisions for him. You can raise taxes, cut revenue sharing, close prisons ... pretty much all the options the

governor is considering.

Don't agree with him? Do it yourself. Here's my word of caution: It ain't easy.

The first thing it does is ask if you support the governor's plan to cut business taxes by \$1.2 billion, while admitting that plan increases the budget deficit. I didn't support it, because I'm not sure the best thing to do when you're dealing with a \$1.4 billion deficit is to increase it. I was on a bit of an island here, because less than 49 percent of the people who took the test did what I did. Here's what you've got to consider:

- Education: You can cut funding 15 percent to state-funded universities, which saves you \$222 million but would result in tuition increases. You can also shift funding for community

colleges or fund universities out of the school aid fund, but that would cost public schools dearly. I didn't do it. I adopted the first plan because, to me, the other plans put K-12 funding at risk to a greater degree than I would have been willing to do.

- General government: I supported cuts in revenue sharing. It seems like the governor's still going to get money to communities who demonstrate the ability to be creative in sharing expenses and programs. Both Plymouths and Canton Township have shown that inclination and would likely benefit from the governor's plan. I also asked for the 10-percent, across-the-board cuts from each department.

- Prisons and police: I supported a suggestion for prison sentencing reform, which would

use various approaches to reduce prison population. I also supported the idea of prison operations reforms, including closing a prison, because if we're going to reform sentencing guidelines and get nonviolent people out of the prisons, perhaps we don't need as many beds.

- Public workforce: I supported the governor's plan for concessions from state workers.

- Welfare and health care: I don't know if I agree with cutting people off of welfare after 48 months, but there's probably a way to weed out those who abuse the system from those whose very lives depend on it.

- Tax increases: I had no trouble raising the tax on beer and wine; to me, it's the biggest no-brainer in the entire plan. I also supported extending sales

tax to personal services because it lowers the sales tax to 5.5 percent overall, and I don't do all that much of the "services" thing. With my car, having car maintenance taxed higher could hurt me, but overall it falls under the "something has to be done" category, and this, to me, is the lesser of the evils.

None of it was easy, and I was playing with "pretend" money. I had no skin in the game, other than trying to understand. My decisions aren't going to impact anyone. Remember that before you blast legislators out of hand for their decisions.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (313) 222-8899.

Garage Sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland. There will be a \$2 bag sale at 3 p.m. All large items will sell for \$2 during the bag sale.

For more information, call Mae Bray at (734) 722-8209.

Easter Week

Easter activities at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, include:

- A soup and roll dinner at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 21.

- A Good Friday Worship Service at noon April 22 at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt Road south of Ford, Garden City.

- An Easter vigil service at sundown on Saturday, April 23.

- A Deacon Easter Breakfast 8-10 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.. Sunday, April 24. Breakfast tickets cost \$8 per household, \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 5-12 years, free for children under age five.

For more information, call (734) 728-1088.

3 day benefit

We Love Tatas is holding a benefit bowling event at Vision Lanes on Ford west of Newburgh in Westland, on Sunday, May 1. Reserve a spot by Sunday, April 17. Shoes, bumper lanes, pizza and loads of fun (raffles will be held which is extra) and a way to meet and greet others who are

walking and participating or volunteering their precious time to meet their goals.

The event is for survivors/warriors and for others affected by breast cancer and a way to meet and greet others who are walking and participating or volunteering their precious time to meet their goals.

For more information, call (734) 721-6475.

Silent Auction

Personalized Hearing Care is hosting a silent auction for two pairs of hearing aids to benefit Life Remodeled. Available to the highest bidder is an entry level set of hearing aids, valued at \$2,800, and a second set of premium hearing aids, valued at \$6600.

Each set of hearing aids will be programmed to the individual hearing needs of the winning party at no charge. Reserve minimums will apply for each set of hearing aids. Bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. Friday, May 6. The winners will be notified by phone and in the event of a tie, will submit their best and final offer upon notification.

Bids can be made at the Westland store, 35337 W. Warren Road, (734) 734-467-5100 or (734) 751-9709, or the South Lyon store at 321 Pettibone, Suite 105, (248) 437-5505

School enrollment

Gaudior Academy, a prekindergarten-eighth-grade public charter school authorized by Eastern Michigan University, is accepting applications for all grades for the fall 2011 school year. The open enrollment period is now through

Saturday, April 16, for the school which is at 27100 Avondale, Inkster.

For more information, call (313) 792-9444.

Pavilion rentals

Summer is fast approaching and many people are planning for their summer events.

Picnics at one of Westland Parks and Recreation's park pavilions are great for a family reunion, child's birthday, graduation party or church picnic.

Tattan Park, home of the Play Planet Playstation and the H2O Zone, provides an ideal place for events with lots of children. Jaycee Park and Corrado Park have play equipment for children, as well as large grassy areas for a game of Frisbee or soccer.

Every pavilion will accommodate groups of 50 comfortably. Reservations for the summer of 2011 have already begun and weekend dates are going fast. For more information contact the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Sell*A*Bration

A vendor and shopping expo to benefit the Salvation Army's Girl Guards and Rangers has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

It will be second annual Sell *A* Bration and feature more than 30 independent business consultants and business owners from all over southeast Michigan representing a vast array of goods and services.

The vendor and shopping expo will be held at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland. Admission is \$1.50

per adult and includes coffee and hot tea.

This is a fundraiser that will help support the Girl Guards and Rangers, scouting type groups, in their plans to attend Jamboree 2011 in July. The Jamboree will be held at the Salvation Army Northwood Camp in Finlayson, Minn.

For more information, call Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660.

Baby shower

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and Warm Hearts are again hosting their annual Community Baby Shower for women who are pregnant or the mother of an infant under 1 year old.

The shower will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Corps Community Center at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served, and all moms will receive prizes and gifts. No children will be allowed at the event.

To reserve a seat, moms can call (734) 722-3660, Ext. 107.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road,

Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Singles skate

Looking for a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun atmosphere? Look no further, come and enjoy a great night out at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. Singles Skate Night is every Tuesday 9-10 p.m.

Rates for residents are \$4 and nonresidents are \$4.50. Skate rental is \$3. This event is for ages 18 and older. For more information, visit www.cityofwestland.com.

Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer — mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8.30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

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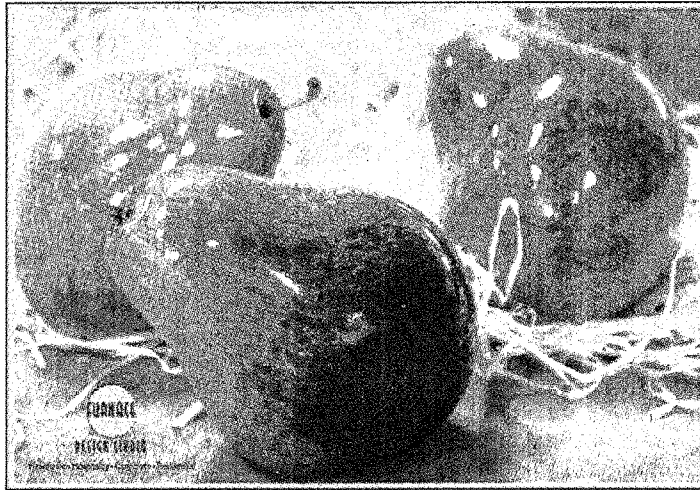
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For over the past 30 years, Michigan has celebrated the rich tradition of glass as an art medium by recognizing April as Glass Month.

In honor of this designation, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts an exhibition of glass works created by artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn. This exhibition of color and light captured in glass works of art runs through Saturday, April 29, in the Gallery@VT at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Glass art enthusiasts and collectors, as well as the general public, are encouraged to explore the exhibition, which showcases the art of glass as expressed in all forms from glass objects and vessels to mixed media. Although every unique piece is made from the magical medium of glass, each retains its own personality and style. Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

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An exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill recognizes glass works through April 29.

tionally-acclaimed glass artists Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearborn-based glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces and hospitality interiors. These artists are also known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces which range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail.

Works of these glass artists will be on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillageheater.org. For more information about The Glass Academy, visit www.glassacademy.com.

Monitoring spending helps save for retirement

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

I recently saw a new survey that deals with retirement for the baby boomer generation.

The baby boomer generation, born between 1946 and 1964 and nearly 80 million strong, are now beginning to turn 65. The generation, which changed all the rules in America, is now facing retirement and the results of the poll show there are problems on the horizon.

According to the poll, 24 percent of baby boomers say they have no retirement savings other than their home. In addition, of the individuals who have saved something for retirement, on average they have about \$100,000 in savings and only one in 10 have put away the at least one-half million dollars needed for their retirement. The bottom line, the results of the survey clearly show that the baby boomer generation will face some extraordinary problems in the near future.

When you read that 44 percent of the members of the baby boomer generation have little or no faith that they will have the money necessary to retire, the question I

have is why they aren't doing something now to correct the problem?

The results of this survey should not surprise many people. There have been many surveys and polls done in the past that show the same thing, that people are not saving nearly enough for their retirement. Yet they are not doing anything to correct the problem. We need to look at our situation and ask the question: What can I do to assure myself a quality of life in retirement?

Just as state and federal governments have to tighten their belts and reduce spending, you and I need to do the same thing. For the baby boomer generation, one of the best things to better improve retirement is to get expenses under control now. There is no time to delay. Look for opportunities to reduce your cost of living.

The best way to start the process is to analyze where your money is going today. It is so important to do a cash flow statement, a listing of what's coming into the family and what's going out. It is what's going out that you and I need to focus on. We may not be able to control our income but we can control our expenses.

Every family situation is different. Therefore, it's hard to tell exactly how to reduce expenses. However, there are some general themes. Too many Americans are still pay-

ing excessive rates of interest on charge cards and other types of debt. Reducing debt and refinancing under low interest rates are both options to explore. It's amazing that I see people with money in the bank getting virtually no interest and, at the same time they have substantial charge card balances with 18.5 percent interest. It makes sense to use the savings to pay off the charge cards.

When people start looking at expenses they find ways of reducing their cost of living while not affecting their quality of life. However, sometimes people do have to reduce their lifestyle in order to protect their future. Whether that's keeping your car longer before you get a new one, or not going out to eat as much, the bottom line is the baby boomer generation needs to face the reality of what happens if the money runs out.

We live in the greatest country in the world. However, America is not a great place if you're old and poor. Don't delay, start getting a hold of your expenses today, and don't forget to take the money that you're saving and begin an investment program. Good luck!

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

City inks contract to recycle clothing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Clothing and textiles aren't accepted for curbside recycling, so Westland residents may be faced with a question about what to do with unwanted clothing.

An option aimed at keeping discarded clothing and shoes from being sent to the landfill could soon be available. The council has an approved agreement with a Canton-based company, Wear It Again, to place drop boxes around the city to collect clothing, shoes and textiles for recycling.

"This contract is to expand

our recycling program. We will put containers at different city buildings," said Mayor William Wild. "It's similar to what we did with paper a few years ago. The containers will be very presentable."

The collection containers would be located at City Hall, the Friendship Center and fire stations.

"If we move forward, we'll come back with more information. We are looking to the first of May," said Wild.

Under the one year agreement which can be terminated by either party with 90 days' notice, could also generate some revenue for the city — 2 cents

per pound for recycled clothing.

The proposal from Abdul Saleh, vice president of Wear It Again, estimates the revenue for the city at \$34,000 based on 1.7 million pounds of clothing, shoes and textiles recycled over the year. That's an estimated 68 pounds recycled by 25,000 households.

Saleh also cites statistics from the Council for Textile Recycling which reports the clothing recycling industry presents 2.5 billion pounds of post-consumer textile waste from entering landfills each year.

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Hiser's heroics boost Chargers to a 4-0 start

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gusting 35-to-40 mph Santa Ana-like winds played havoc with balls hit the to outfield during Monday's Livonia Churchill-Livonia Stevenson girls softball encounter.

But there was one player — Churchill senior pitcher Natalie Hiser — who managed to be a calming effect amid the swirling breeze as she starred on the mound and at the plate in the Chargers' 3-2 victory over the visiting

Spartans.

Hiser, a left-hander, did not allow a hit in seven innings. She struck out six and walked four.

But it was her lead-off triple in the fourth inning followed by a one-out single in the bottom of the sixth that led to the tying and go-ahead runs for the Chargers, who improved to 4-0 overall.

"She was in good command of her stuff today," first-year Churchill coach Steve Gentilia said of his senior ace. "First inning we had a couple of

GIRLS SOFTBALL

errors there and they got some runners on base, but when she had control of the moment, she took control. She's going to be our leader this year. We're going to go as Natalie goes. That's going to be our way through the league."

Stevenson (2-1) jumped out to a 1-0 leading in the top of the first.

With one-out, Sarah Fier and Becca Zarras drew back-to-back walks and clean-up

hitter Ashley Avery hit a ground ball that appeared headed for a double play, only to have Fier race home after the throw was dropped at first.

Churchill evened the count at 1-all in the third thanks to back-to-back doubles by Rachel Jason and Nikki Salloum, the latter being of the wind-blown variety.

Abby Jewell's first-inning double for the Chargers was also an adventure for the Stevenson outfield.

"I don't know if I've ever

seen a day like this," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "Their first double — it's a routine fly ball. It came back and our third basemen and shortstop could have caught the ball. We should have taken advantage of that (the wind), too, but they (Churchill) hit the ball hard."

Stevenson regained the lead in the top of the fourth without benefit of a hit.

Zarras opened with a walk and Avery followed with a

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

Franklin pulls off surprise in 1-1 tie

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As far as ties go, this one really actually felt more like a victory for the Livonia Franklin girls soccer team.

The host Patriots got a goal Monday night from sophomore Jessica Maurer with only 6:20 left to earn a 1-1 deadlock with last year's Division 1 state runner-up Plymouth.

"The kids are ecstatic," said Franklin second-year coach Dean Kowalski, whose team is 1-2-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the KLAAs South Division. "Last year we got beat by them 8-0 and 8-0, so this is the kind of game we've been looking for to turn around our program and they did the trick today."

Alyssa Dillon's goal off a free kick with 10 minutes remaining gave the Wildcats (1-1-2, 0-0-1) a one-goal advantage.

But dual-sport athlete Chelsea Williams, who is also a senior member of the Franklin softball team, set up the game-tying goal off a free kick.

GIRLS SOCCER

"The new rules allow her to play two sports and the kids on the team just love her," Kowalski said.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith, a junior, made 12 saves.

The Patriots' defense was anchored by sophomore sweeper Natalie Desautel.

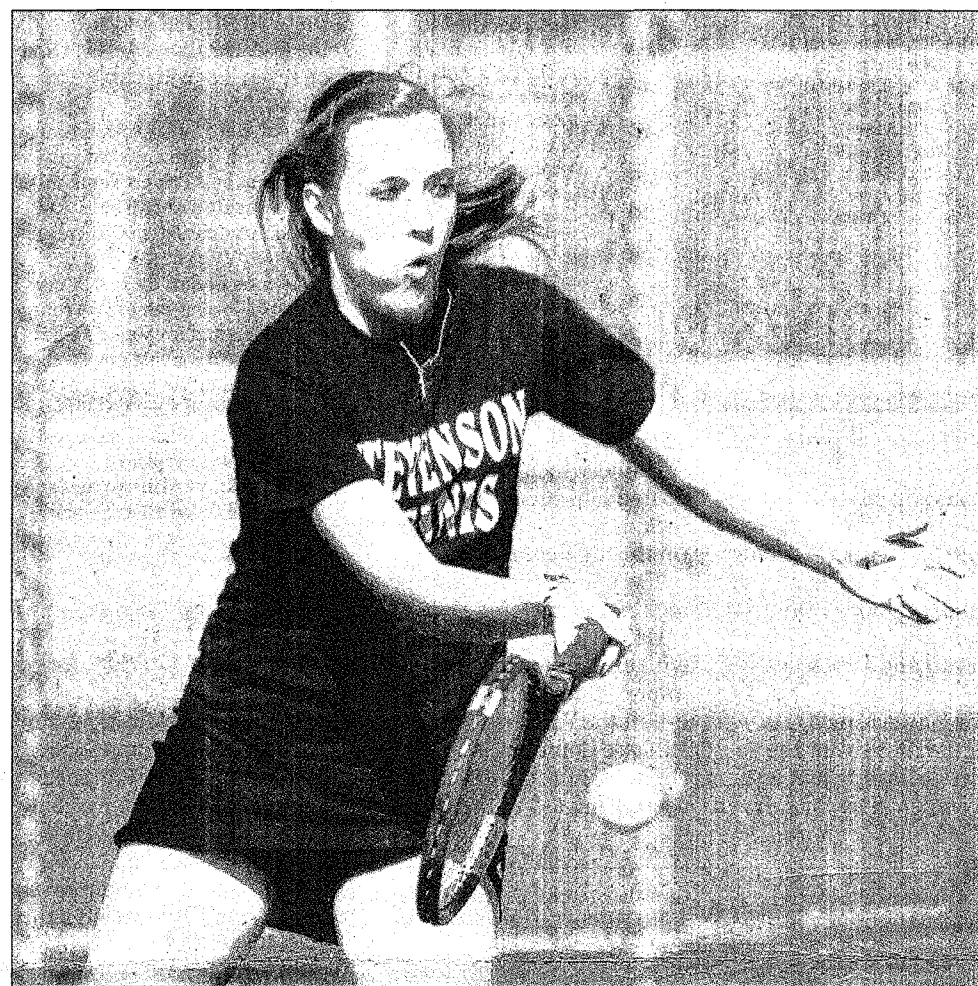
The other four Franklin defenders who contributed to the tie included sophomore Danielle Howard, who marked Plymouth's dangerous scoring threat McKenzie Hengesh, along with Emily McCullen, Jenna Michniewicz and Colleen Anthony.

"It was the first time McCullen played a marking back," Kowalski said. "It was a joint effort."

Meanwhile, Plymouth's All-State goalkeeper Marissa Williams made only one save.

"We only got two shots and we scored on one of them," Kowalski said.

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tennis anyone?

Stevenson's No. 2 singles player Laura Gumper controls the forehand during Tuesday's dual meet match against visiting South Lyon East. For more girls tennis results and a story on the Saturday's Stevenson Invitational, see page B3.

MU sweeps 4-game set vs. Tech

Despite a depleted pitching staff and down to seven healthy arms, Madonna University team finds itself in good position in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference race.

On Sunday, the Crusaders improved to 25-10 overall and 13-1 in the WHAC by sweeping a twinbill on Senior Day from visiting Indiana Tech at Ilitch Ballpark, 7-4 and 9-6.

Aquinas leads the WHAC and in the loss column at 7-0.

Senior second baseman Jeff Bultinck continued his hot hitting going 3-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Crusaders in the opener.

Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) added two hits, including a homer and two RBI, while Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Mike Gansser also contributed two hits apiece as MU broke a 4-4 deadlock with a run in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Middle reliever Erik Wright (Canton) got his first win and Travis Schuba picked up his fourth save.

MU completed the sweep as Matt Kay (Canton) belted his seventh homer of the season, a three-run blast.

Pelletier added two hits, including his third of the year to go along with four RBI.

The Crusaders used four pitchers with reliever Logan Ryan going three innings. He allowed one earned run on

Please see **MADONNA, B2**

Blazers burn foes in Ohio tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF

Livonia Ladywood opened its softball season in impressive fashion Saturday by sweeping all three games in the Youngstown Boardman (Ohio) Tournament.

"It turned out very well," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "We saw two very good, highly-ranked teams in Ohio, both who lost in the (state) semifinals last year. We made no errors on the day."

The Blazers captured the opener 2-1 over host Boardman as junior right-hander Briana Combs outdueling Ohio State signee Alex DiDomenico.

Combs went the distance, allowing just two hits and striking out 10. She also hit the game-winning homer off the left field foul pole.

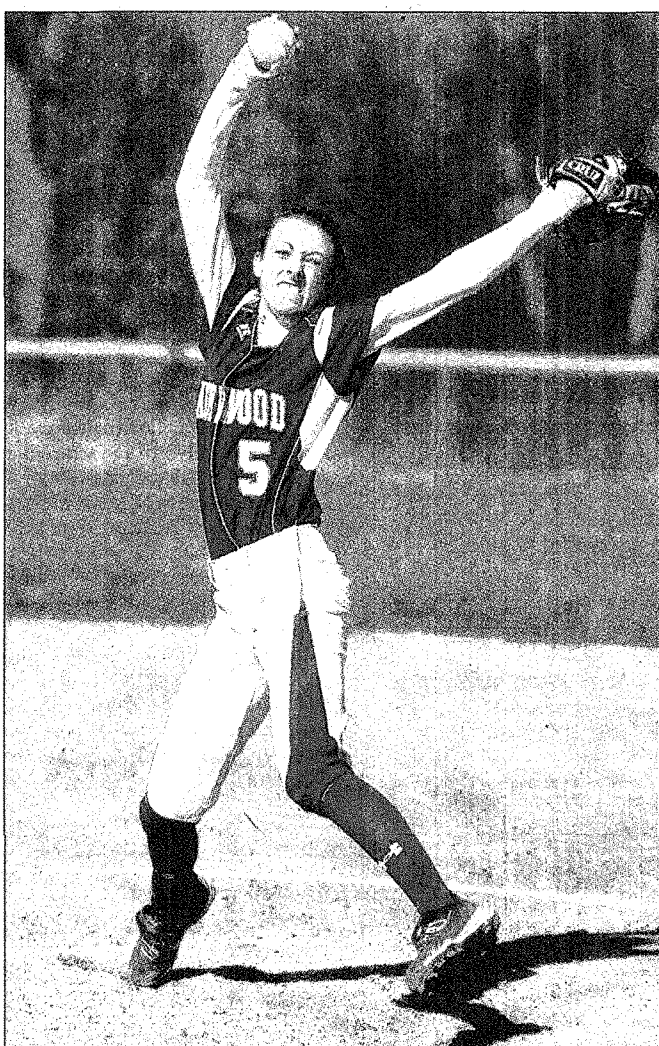
In the second game, freshman Lauren Hayes got the victory and Combs picked up the save as the pair combined on a four-hitter in a 4-2 win of South Grange (Ohio).

Andrea Gietl and Jenny Rohn both doubled in the victory, while Carli SanMillan, Alyssa Kashat and Combs each knocked in a run.

Ladywood then downed Boardman in a rematch, 4-0, scoring four times in the top of the eighth inning to break a 0-0 deadlock.

Consecutive hits by Kashat, Rohn, Combs, Celeste Fidge and SanMillan, the latter whom belted a three-run double, keyed the victory.

Hayes worked the first two innings, while Combs finished the final six to post the shutout and improve her mark to 2-0.



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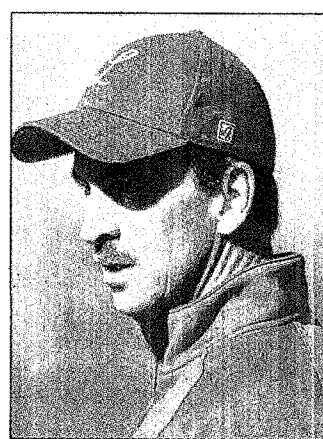
Ladywood junior pitcher Briana Combs had two wins and a save, along with a game-winning homer, in a three-game sweep Saturday in Youngstown (Ohio) Boardman Tournament. She also tossed back-to-back shutouts in a 1-0 and 6-0 double-header sweep Tuesday at Farmington Hills Mercy.

LADYWOOD 1-6, MERCY 0-0: On Tuesday, Briana Combs threw back-to-back shutouts as Livonia Ladywood (5-0, 2-0) captured both ends of a Catholic League Central Division double-header Tuesday at Farmington Hills Mercy (1-3, 1-3). Combs fired a one-hitter in the first game, striking out eight and

allowing no walks in a 1-0 win to outduel Mercy starter Kayce Nieto.

Combs also collected two hits, including a bunt single in the fifth inning where she eventually scored on a wild pitch after a pair of sacrifices.

Jenny Rohn also contributed two hits.



Ladywood head coach Scott Combs surveys the scene in Tuesday's Catholic League Central Division double-header sweep over host Farmington Hills Mercy.

In the nightcap, Combs hurled a no-hitter to go along with eight Ks and one hit batter in a 6-0 triumph.

Andrea Gietl and freshman Lauren Hayes each collected two hits, while Carli SanMillan delivered a key two-run double.

FRANKLIN 5, S. LYON EAST 0: Junior Tiffany Lambie tossed a two-hitter Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (2-0) downed South Lyon East (0-1) in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover.

Lambie struck out five and walked only one in going all seven innings.

The Patriots scored three times in the fourth inning as sophomore Katelyn Devers singled and scored on a two-run homer by Mariah Barcus. Devers went 2-for-4.

Sophomore Nicole Williamson doubled and scored a run, while senior Jessica Emery and sophomore Maggie Leins each singled and scored a run as well.

South Lyon East starter Olivia Nelson allowed five runs on six hits and two walks in going the distance.

LATHRUP 7, CLARENCEVILLE 6: On

Please see **ROUNDUP, B2**

SIDELINES

Jenkins resigns

Livonia Churchill High varsity girls basketball coach Chad Jenkins has resigned after four seasons, according to the school's athletic director Marc Hage.

The Churchill A.D. said the internal posting for the position will end this Friday.

Jenkins, a former Eastern Michigan University baseball player, posted a 30-55 overall record in his four varsity seasons, including back-to-back 10-11 seasons in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Churchill finished 3-18 this season.

"It was simply a personal decision to leave," said Jenkins, who serves as a math instructor and JV baseball coach at Churchill. "I enjoyed my four years coaching and have nothing but good things to say about Churchill and the kids I had the opportunity to coach."

Calka All-Academic

Eastern Michigan University sophomore Courtney Calka (Livonia Stevenson) was named to 2010-11 Academic All-Mid-American Conference Indoor Track and Field Team.

The exercise science student carried a 4.0 grade point average and was one of five EMU track and field athletes honored.

In addition to her perfection in the classroom, Calka only finished outside of the top five in two races the entire year. She was part of the distance medley relay team which finished second at the Penn State National Invitational this year, as well as opening the season with a 3,000-meter win at Grand Valley State.

In the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs at the MAC Indoor Championships, Calka took fifth and third, respectively, in helping to secure the Eagles' first MAC title in 11 years.

Academic All-MAC selections are for student-athletes who have excelled in athletics and academics.

To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the meets for that particular sport.

Dark Angels romp

Cheryl Luther caught four passes for 110 yards and one touchdown Saturday night as the Detroit Dark Angels improved to 2-0 in the Women's Football Alliance with a 33-7 win over the Cincinnati Sizzle at Westland John Glenn's Irma Kionka Field.

Luther's TD came on a 55-yard catch and run.

"We threw the ball more against the Sizzle because we just felt they didn't match up talent wise against our very athletic receivers," Dark Angels coach Darrin Wubbenhorst said.

Fullback Ramona Cox rushed for just 23 yards, but three of her carries went for TDs as the Dark Angels improved to 2-0.

Linebacker Cortney Tucker paced the Dark Angels defense with 10 tackles, including one for loss, along with a tipped pass.

The Sizzle (0-2) also turned the ball over four times with Enika Davison and Jennifer Parker-Bacchus coming up with interceptions, while Yarlen Henry and Takanta George each added a fumble recovery.

"Our offense played better," Wubbenhorst said. "Our defense only gave up seven points. The Sizzle had a very powerful running back we didn't seem to have an answer for at times, but when we needed the defense to get a stop they did."

The Dark Angels return to action 7 p.m. Saturday against the upstart Indiana Crush (0-1) at Park Tudor High School in Indianapolis.

Capoccia's 2 goals lift Ladywood

Kelly Capoccia tallied a pair of second-half goals to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 2-0 Catholic League Central Division girls soccer win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley in a match played Tuesday at Rochester High School.

Capoccia broke the scoreless deadlock in the 47th minute off an assist from Liz Dinger and scored again in the 75 minute with Paige Brennan drawing the assists.

"We got a great effort from the entire team," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is

5-1-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the Central. "I thought we did a nice job controlling play with the wind in our face in the first half. As soon as we got the wind at our back we really tried to push the tempo. Both of Kelly's goals were set up by excellent passes."

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed made three saves to record her fifth shutout of the year.

Rachel Fischer made nine stops for the Ventures (0-2, 0-1), who were outshot 22-5.

LUTH. WESTLAND 6, ST. FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Angela Morrison's hat trick sparked Lutheran High Westland (2-1-1, 1-0) to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph

Tuesday over visiting Southfield Christian.

Taylor Wiemer chipped in with two goals and two assists, while Julia Yancy had the other goal for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Rachel Rilett also picked up an assist in the victory.

Kendra Rilett and Morrison combined on the shutout in goal.

LIGGETT 1, CLARENCEVILLE 0: On Tuesday, Ellie Farber's goal with five minutes left in the first half proved to be the difference as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (1-1) edged host Livonia Clarenceville (0-2).

Clarenceville freshman goalkeeper Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz was heroic in defeat, stopping 26-of-27 shots.

First-year coach Amanda Moody also singled out the play of sophomore center-midfielder Ashley Murphy and

Stevenson offense clicks in 11-1 victory over Chargers

Six different players knocked in runs Monday as Livonia Stevenson romped to an 11-1 baseball victory at Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans, who improved to 5-2 overall, also got a sterling pitching performance from **KLAA BASEBALL** junior Chris McDonald, who threw all six innings allowing no earned runs on six hits and two walks.

Brendon Hayes went 2-for-3, including a homer and three RBI for the victorious Spartans, who scored five runs in the third inning and added three more in the fifth.

Also getting into the act was Mark Wagner (2-for-3, three runs, RBI); Mike Vomastek (three RBI); J.J. Pettersson (two RBI); Justin Small (RBI); and Troy Bodtke (RBI).

Ben Matigian and Connor Dwyer each collected two hits for the Chargers (4-2).

Troy Bogenschutz, the Churchill starter, worked the first four innings and suffered the loss. He allowed eight runs on seven hits with two walks and hit batter.

FRANKLIN 10, S.L. EAST 5: Sophomore pitcher Josh Gorman picked up win Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (6-1) downed South Lyon East (0-2) in a KLAAS Kensington Conference crossover.

Gorman worked the first 5.1 innings, allowing four earned runs on nine hits and five walks. He struck out seven before giving way to reliever Justin Forrester, who held the Cougars scoreless over the final 1.2 innings.

Bobby Andrus and Gorman each went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Andrus knocked in two runs and Joel Trudell added a 2-run single.

Steve Kopeck went 2-for-3, includ-

ing a 2-run homer in the first inning for East. Shane Taylor added a solo homer in the fourth.

NORTHVILLE 2, JOHN GLENN 0: Starter Jake Hansen and reliever Bobby Sable combined on a four-hit shutout Monday as the Mustangs (1-3) downed host Westland John Glenn (0-3).

Hansen worked the first five innings to pick up the victory, allowing three hits and a walk while fanning 10. Sable allowed just one hit over the final two innings.

Northville tallied the game-winning run in the fifth inning on a single by Jeff Gertley followed by an RBI sacrifice fly by Brett McDonald.

The Mustangs added an insurance run in the sixth when Brandon Patrone was hit by a pitcher on later scored on an RBI single by Gertley, who went 3-for-4 on the day.

Glenn starter Rob Schurig pitched well in defeat, allowing just five hits. He struck out nine and walked one. He also went 1-for-3.

NOVI 13, WAYNE 2: In a Kensington Conference crossover Monday, the visiting Wildcats (1-0) scored nine times in the fifth inning to mercy Wayne Memorial (2-2).

Tyler Schwanz went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, while Nick Bageris knocked in two runs for Novi.

Starter Tyler Root worked two innings to pick up the win, while Wayne's Brandon Harnos took the loss.

Kyle Casey had an RBI single in the fourth inning and Jacob Leffler scored on a passed ball in the fifth to account for the two Zebra runs.

FRANKLIN 7, EDEL FORD 3-4: On Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (5-1) swept both ends of a non-league double-header against Dearborn Edsel Ford (5-4).

Joe Barczuk went 3-for-3 with a double, two RBI scored two runs to pace Franklin's offense in the opener.

Tyler Dewhurst added an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Joel Trudell went 6.1 innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits. He struck out seven and walked five.

Senior reliever Dan Muller got the final two outs to earn the save in the 7-3 win.

In the nightcap, Brent Marzion scattered eight hits and two walks over 6.2 innings to gain the victory. The Franklin starter allowed four earned runs and struck out three. Muller got the final out to earn another save.

Justin Forrester's bloop 2-run single put Franklin up 3-2 in the seventh inning.

Ryan Gilbert belted a 2-run homer for the Thunderbirds in the third inning.

STEVENSON 15-4, WOODHAVEN 5-6: In a non-league twinbill on Saturday, visiting Brownstown Woodhaven (3-3) salvaged a split by scoring a pair of runs in the eighth inning of the nightcap to break a 4-4 tie and beat Livonia Stevenson (4-2).

Stevenson rolled 15-5 in the opener as starter Mark Wagner allowed just one hit over four innings to pick up the win. He also helped his own cause going 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBI.

The Spartans racked up 15 hits with Brendon Hayes going 3-for-4 (all doubles) with two RBI.

Other contributions came from Mike Vomastek (2-for-3, two runs, two RBI); Justin Small (2-for-2, triple, RBI); and Brandon Jurczyszyn (RBI).

Zach Tallman had a grand slam for the Warriors.

In the nightcap, Stevenson trailed 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh.

Piechota led off with a single, advanced to second on a steal, took third on a groundout and scored with another steal to send the game into extra innings.

Woodhaven got 11 hits with Tyler Timmes going 3-for-5 with two RBI and Tallman going 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Hayes knocked in two runs for Stevenson, while Nick Lagerstrom added another RBI.

Woodhaven reliever Zack Zsolesalz one-hit the Spartans over the final two innings to earn the victory.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Thursday, April 14
 Luth. Westland at St. Field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
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 Willow Run at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Clarenceville at Ferndale, 11 a.m.
 Milford at Franklin, 11 a.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 14
 Luth. Westland at Macomb Christ., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Willow Run at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
 Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Clarenceville at Ferndale, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 14
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Notre Dame Prep at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
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Friday, April 15
 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Lamphere at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 14
 Clarenceville at RU (Hilbert), 4 p.m.
Friday, April 15
 Mansfield (Ohio) Mechock Relays, TBA.
Saturday, April 16
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 Ypsilanti Relays, TBA.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 14
 Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at Country Day, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 Franklin at A.A. Pioneer Quad, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 14
 Farmington Inv. at Glen Oaks, 8:30 a.m.
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers)
Saturday, April 16
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 17
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)
Friday, April 15
 Madonna at Davenport, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

Saints spoil MU hopes of a sweep

After rallying for a win in Game One, the Madonna University women's softball team settled for a split Sunday at home in a double-header against Aquinas College.

MU took the opener, 4-2, sophomore Jackie Barley collected three hits while driving in the decisive pair in sixth inning.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin (13-4) allowed just one hit, walked two and struck out seven.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Aquinas scored three times in the seventh to beat MU in the nightcap, 4-2, as Whitney Hudson went all seven innings on the mound for the Saints.

Hudson allowed five hits, walked two and struck out four.

Junior Hallie Minch (11-3) pitched the first six for the Crusaders, allowing just one earned run on seven hits. Irwin

gave up one run on one hit in relief.

Hallie Minch (Garden City) posted four hits on the day, including a double and homer (in the nightcap).

The Crusaders committed four errors in Game Two.

Heidi Holmes went 3-for-4 with an RBI for the Saints, who improved to 23-11 overall and 6-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The loss drops MU to 24-7 overall and 5-3 in the WHAC.

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RU starter Lauren Brenner took the loss.

Kim D'Arcangelo collected two hits for the Panthers.

In the nightcap, Stevenson scored 12 times in the fourth inning to record a 14-0 triumph.

Zarras went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI to lead the Spartans' 17-hit attack.

Giavanna Glenn, Erika Randall and Avery each collected two hits and two RBI, while Morgan Copperstone went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Copperstone also got the victory, allowing two hits over five innings. She struck out 10 and walked two.

Clarenceville wins diamond thriller, 9-8

Zac Rosen's walk-off 2-run single in the bottom of the seventh gave Livonia Clarenceville a dramatic 9-8 prep baseball victory Monday over visiting Southfield-Lathrup.

The Trojans, who improved to 4-0 overall, collected a total of 12 hits with Rosen going 3-for-4 with a double. Damien Sanchez also went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Eric Trotter added two hits and two RBI along with Damien Quarles.

Trotter worked the final 3.2

innings in relief of Quarles to earn the victory.

"He did a nice job of keeping us in the game," Clarenceville coach Dan Miller said of his reliever. "We walked five batters and hit three batters. And they (Lathrup) took advantage. They hit the ball well."

The loss drops Lathrup to 1-7 overall.

"This is the first time we faced a little adversity and it was nice to be able to rally, and get the win," Miller said.

HURON VALLEY 19, LUTH. SOUTH 0: Alex Harris went 2-for-2 with three RBI as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-0, 2-0) took just three innings Tuesday to mercy visiting Newport Lutheran South (1-1, 1-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Brothers Ryan and Shawn Schaffer each went 1-for-1 and combined for five RBI in the win.

Winning pitcher Andy Barber struck out seven of the 10 batters he faced. He did not allow a hit and walked only one.

Phil Anderson took the loss.

ROUNDUP

Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-3) left 15 runners stranded in a loss to Southfield-Lathrup.

The Trojans collected just three hits and made four errors as starter Stephanie Bishop took the loss.

Bishop allowed four earned runs in four hits. She walked six and struck out seven.

Winning pitcher Jessie Bryant gave up three earned runs on three hits. She walked 13, hit five batters and fanned nine.

Marcia Clark went 2-for-4

for the Chargers, while Kellie Ankiel reached base four times for Clarenceville.

Lauren Katz added an RBI single and Brittany Tallman singled and scored a run for the Trojans.

STEVENSON 11-14, RU 0-0: Livonia Stevenson (2-0) opened its 2011 season Saturday at home with a pair of five-inning mercy rule wins over Redford Union (1-4).

Stevenson captured the opener, 11-0, as pitcher Jackie Johnson allowed just two hits and struck out seven.

Johnson and Ashley Avery each went 3-for-3 with three RBI apiece, while Becca Zarras added two hits, an RBI and scored three runs to

pace the Stevenson offensive attack.

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MADONNA

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one hit.

Wright, who picked up his first save, went the final 2.1 innings allowing just one hit and one walk in holding Tech scoreless.

Taylor Hosington and Mitchell Burton each went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Warriors (21-15, 4-6).

MADONNA 1-7, INDIANA TECH 0-4: Jeremy Gooding's first-game gem propelled the Crusaders (23-10, 11-1) to a sweep Saturday against the Warriors (21-13, 4-4) at Ilitch Ballpark.

Gooding (6-0), a Dearborn Divine Child High grad, allowed just five hits, walked only two and struck out 10 in a 1-0 MU victory.

In 56 innings, the Livonia native has allowed just five earned runs with 72 strikeouts and walked only 13. His earned run average is 0.80.

Senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) went 2-for-2 and drove in Dan Harder with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Brandon Alger (3-2), who allowed just five hits and two walks over 6.1 innings, took the loss for the Warriors.

WHAC salutes Pelletier, Gooding

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced that Madonna University sophomores Jeremy Gooding and Steve Pelletier have been named as the Baseball Pitcher and Player of the Week, respectively, for the week ending April 10.

Gooding, a Livonia native, tossed a gem in a 1-0 shutout of Indiana Tech on Saturday. The 5-foot-9 right-hander from Dearborn Divine Child High allowed just two hits in his fourth complete game of the year and did not allow a base runner after the third inning while striking out 10.

He is now 6-0 on the year

with an 0.80 earned run average in 56 innings.

Pelletier, who played at Farmington Harrison High, posted a .444 average for the week with six of his eight hits going for extra bases, including the first three home runs of his career.

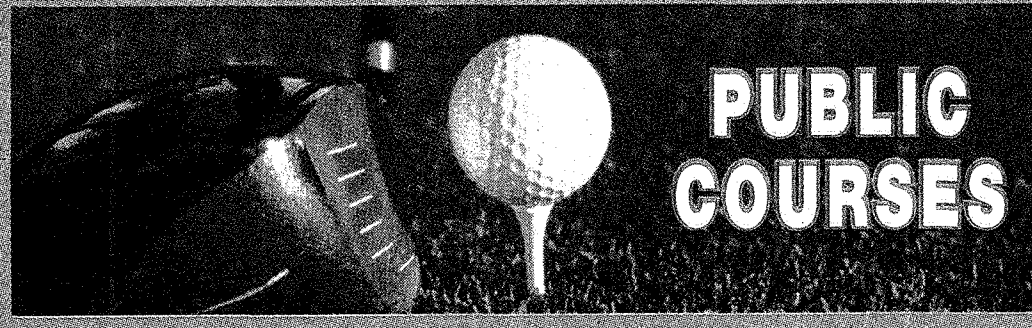
In MU's four-game sweep of Indiana Tech, Pelletier hit .583 with seven RBI, including a pair of doubles and all three of his homers.

The Crusaders' left fielder tied Game Two of the series with his first career homer on Saturday before hitting a homer in both sides of the twinbill on Sunday, including a grand slam in Game Two.

to pick up his first save.

Steve Pelletier belted his first homer of the year, while Jeff Bultinck, Matt Kay, Brad Lineberry, and Victor Barron also had an RBI each.

Third baseman Reinardo Scott went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Warriors.



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SOCCER

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JOHN GLENN 2, WAYNE 1: Jenna Williams tallied the game-winning goal with only six minutes left Tuesday to give host Westland John Glenn (3-1, 1-0) a KLAAS South Division win over rival Wayne Memorial (1-3, 0-1).

Glenn took a 1-0 halftime lead when freshman Evelyn Accerrano scored from fellow freshman Marissa Edwards.

Wayne got an "own goal" midway through the second half to knot the count at 1-all and Accerrano then set up Williams for the game-winner.

Emily Hinkle was in goal for the Rockets, while Nicole Johnson played in goal for Wayne.

CANTON 3, CHURCHILL 0: Despite playing with a player down for the final

75 minutes because of a red card, the host Chiefs (2-1-1, 1-0) still pulled out the KLAAS South Division win Tuesday over Livonia Churchill (1-3, 0-1).

All three Canton goals came during the final 28 minutes as Liz Ferrill tallied the game-winner followed by goals from Ally Krause and Kaitlyn Murphy.

Kayla Bridges and Danielle Schendel teamed up for the shutout in goal.

"Krause really gave us problems and we had missed marks where we gave up goals," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I thought Sarah Bauman played the best she's played in four years at Churchill, and Kelsey Rothermel and Lauren Favazza also came to play."

"But we handed it to them and maybe now all 19 players will be tired of the result. Some came to play and some did not."

STEVENSON 1, SALEM 1: In the KLAAS

Central Division opener for both teams Monday, host Livonia Stevenson (2-0-1, 0-0-1) battled to a draw with the Rocks (2-1-1, 0-0-1).

After a scoreless opening half, Stevenson's Dayna Stevens scored from Krista Kane at the 56-minute mark.

But Salem's Emily Barfuss scored the equalizer with only 12 minutes remaining.

"Salem controlled the play the first half more than we did," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "And when we got out and got dangerous, we weren't taking shots. The second half we played with more energy and the goal (by Stevens) was a good, hardworking effort. Both teams had their chances and worked hard. I think both teams deserved the result."

Stevenson goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk made four saves in the deadlock.

"She played great," Grodzicki said.

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Loss painful for Blazers

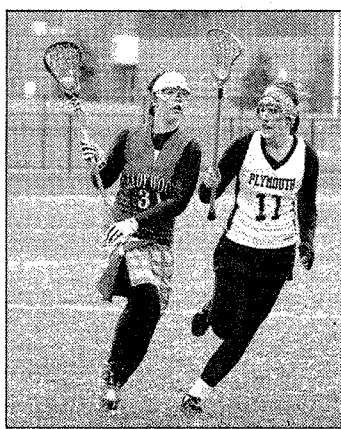
It just wasn't Livonia Ladywood's evening as the Blazers fell victim to host Ann Arbor Skyline, 8-7, in a non-division girls lacrosse match.

"This was not one of our better games tonight," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team slipped to 2-2 overall. "We just did not execute our passes well or were able to hang onto the ball. This was just an off night for us."

Jackie Marrow and Madison Chadwick scored four and two goals, respectively, for Eagles. Senior Alexa Burns paced the Blazers with four goals and three assists, while senior Niki Jacobs contributed two goals and two assists. Junior Kylie Birney also tallied a goal.

Ladywood goalie Lauren Perugi made 19-of-23 saves before giving way to Rana Freij in the final 10 minutes. Skyline goalie Nina Shahin made 19 saves.

LADYWOOD 14, PLYMOUTH 8: Hat tricks by seniors Alexa Burns and Erin Barnes carried Livonia Ladywood (2-1) to a non-division win Saturday over the host Wildcats.



JOHN KEMSKI

Ladywood's Courtney Smith (left) tries to maneuver past Plymouth defender Jill Sparschu (11) during Saturday's nondivision match.

Burns also collected five assists, while senior Niki Jacobs and junior Emma Ellswood each added two goals.

Other Ladywood goal scorers included junior Kylie Birney, junior Mary Maslak, senior Courtney Smith and junior Alyssa Day.

Katie Hill and Taylor Birman led Plymouth with three and two goals, respectively.

Junior goalie Rana Freij had 20 saves for the Blazers, while Plymouth's Sarah Misser had eight.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON INVITATIONAL GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

April 9 at Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 21 points (wins tiebreaker); 2. Livonia Stevenson, 21; 3. Livonia Franklin, 9; 4. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 3.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS (Round robin dual records)

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS); 3-0; 2. Angelica Woods (LF), 2-1.
No. 2: Nicole Kruse (LC), 3-0; 2. Carolyn McCullen (LF), 2-1.
No. 3: Ani Cooper (LC), 3-0; 2. Melissa Martinez (LS), 2-1.
No. 4: Mara Karagoezian (LC), 3-0; 2. Melissa Martinez (LS), 2-1.
No. 1 doubles: 1. Quincy Banini-Rylie Fallu (LC), 3-0; 2. Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS), 2-1.
No. 2: 1. Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann (LS), 3-0; 2. Kristi Fata-Jayde Shulz (LC), 2-1.
No. 3: 1. Maria Paul-Becky Snyder (LC), 3-0; 2. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault (LS), 2-1.
No. 4: 1. Melina Canzano-Laura Shureb (LS), 3-0; 2. Pankti Thaker-Rujuta Patil (LC), 2-1.
No. 5: 1. Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS), 3-0; 2. Allison Linder-Claire Rose, 2-1.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3 April 12 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Carolyn McCullen (LF) def. Jamatha Johnson, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Sara Aulidge, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Natalie Mays (LF) def. Shaina Jones, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Shannon McFadden-Desiree Clenny (WJG) def. Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Kelsey Sitariski-Brittany Borregard (LF) def. Rachael Alholinna-Montana Graszak, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Kyra Moorhead-Natasha Hawkins (WJG) def. Renee Kozakowski-Nicole Jarecki, 6-4, 4-6; **No. 4:** Jamie Buchancenko-Kayla Buchanczenko (LF) def. Eunice Onadia-Alyssa Napier, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 5:** Khayah McCloud-Juanita Varmah (WJG) def. Laura Corp-Zoe Riopelle, 6-2, 7-6.
Dual match records: Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 3-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAS South.

NORTHVILLE 8 LIVONIA STEVENSON 1

April 7 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Joanne Weber, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Erin Doud (N) def. Laura Gumpfer, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Alex Jeannotte (N) def. Melissa Martinez, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Christy Murphy-Danielle Romane (N) def. Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Ally Weaver-Jackie Kholhede (N) def. Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Elizabeth Sakorafis-Christy Snyder (N) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Lauren Starr-Emily Toupin (N) def. Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 5:** Ria Barad-Kelly Turner (N) def. Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay, 6-0, 6-0.
Dual match records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS Central Division; Stevenson, 3-4 overall, 0-1 KLAAS Central.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 MONROE 3

April 5 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Claudia Rodriguez, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Amanda Dziana, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Emily Sigler, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Celina Dusseau, 6-3, 7-6.
No. 1 doubles: Haley Anseau-Katie Knapp (M) def. Lexie Ranski-Katie Knapp, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann (LS) def. Rebecca Harwood-Sam Stalbaum, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Kylee Bezeau-Akane Ishikawa (M) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 4:** Brooke Langton-Kendall Addis (M) def. Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano, 6-7, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 5:** Janny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS) def. Haleigh Pekle-Kala Glasmo, 6-2, 6-0.
Stevenson's dual match record: 3-3 overall.

SOFTBALL

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sacrifice bunt that was air-mailed to center field and tossed away at third base leading to the Spartans' second run.

But Hiser got out of the inning with 9-6 double play.

"There were a few errors in the field for her," Gentilia said. "But she got back on top and she didn't let it bother her. She just threw the ball and got outs when she needed outs."

In the bottom half of the fourth, Hiser ripped a triple and pinch runner Jordan Lyndsey advanced home by beating the throw at the plate on a fielder's choice.

In the top of the fifth, Stevenson's Sarah King drew a one-out walk. And when courtesy runner Kristen Suzio broke for second with Allie Koesterer at-bat, the throw from the home sailed into center.

Suzio headed for third and got the green light to break for home and score the go-ahead run, but Stevenson courtesy runner got hung up in a run-down as Bias made the tag for the second out.

"She (Suzio) hit a soft spot approaching third base and she's just couldn't get her footing," Witherspoon said. "I had her scoring as soon as I saw it in the outfield. She's one of our better base runners. I didn't notice her stumbling until she got past me. Then it was too late."

In the bottom of the sixth, Hiser led off with a single and Bias doubled to left to bring Lyndsey (running again for Hiser) for the game-winning run.

"Hitting-wise today — she was clutch," Gentilia said of Hiser. "She had the triple, got things going there."

"Close games like this you know when players show up. She really showed up today. Her and Casey (Bias) — two big hits at key moments of the game. That's why they're great players and are going to do great things."

Stevenson pitcher Jackie Johnson went six innings, allowing six hits and no walks while striking out four in suffering the loss.

"We didn't hit the ball very hard," Witherspoon said. "Coming into the season I knew we were going to struggle putting the bat on the ball. But defensively, we have to play better than that."

"This is only our third game. It's a good one to start out with because we've had some good games with them in the past."

Gentilia, meanwhile, was elated with the way his team held on despite making five errors.

"Overall, I couldn't be happier with the way the girls played," the former Madonna University assistant said.

"From the time they got out on the field they were ready to go today. We made a few mistakes, but good teams rebound from those mistakes and they get the job done. That's what we did today and we didn't let it affect the way we played. We just kept battling. That's what this team does. They'll fight, scratch and claw."

"They're very determined to do the 'We's' this year and that's what we're going to try and do. Overall it was great team victory. From the overthrow to center field to the runner at the plate — everybody was in right position at the right time."

"If you make an error, we say 'So what?' Get up and do it again. Get up on the horse. That's how we're going to attack it this year."

Tiebreaker goes to Churchill

Chargers champs again at tennis tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Twice seemed to be just as nice for the Livonia Churchill girls tennis team, which captured a four-team invitational tournament Saturday hosted by Livonia Stevenson.

Churchill and the Spartans tied with 21 points apiece, but the Chargers repeated as team champion based on head-to-head matches.

Livonia Franklin placed third with nine points, while Dearborn Edsel Ford brought up the rear with three.

The tourney also served as the "city" championship between the three Livonia Public High schools.

"It was an exciting and good way to start the season," said Churchill coach Denise Berg, whose team repeated as champion. "The points came from all different flights. Our experience and depth helped. It was a total team effort."

Churchill garnered singles titles at No. 2 (Nicole Kruse), No. 3 (Ani Cooper) and No. 4 (Mara Karagoezian) in the round-robin format.

Kruse defeated Stevenson

senior Laura Gumpfer, 6-1, 6-7, 10-4, and Franklin freshman Carolyn McCullen, 7-6, 6-2, en route to the title.

"Number two (singles) was pivotal," Berg said. "She (Kruse) had two tough matches. She lost the second set tiebreaker (versus Gumpfer), 7-0, that was crazy. But she came back in the super-breaker. That first set was also long and tough vs. Franklin (McCullen)."

The Chargers also captured No. 1 (Quincy Banini and Rylie Fallu) and No. 3 (Maria Paul and Becky Snyder) doubles flights.

Stevenson, meanwhile, came away with three doubles titles

and one singles crown.

Freshman Aimee Moccia emerged the victor at No. 1 singles after Franklin senior Angelica Woods withdrew because of a calf injury early in the second set with the score tied at 1-1. That came after Woods rallied from a 4-3 deficit to capture the first set, 6-4.

Stevenson also posted perfect 3-0 records at No. 2 doubles (Taylor Tinham and Maiko Ruetimann), No. 4 doubles (Melina Canzano and Laura Shureb) and No. 5 doubles (Jenny Cami and Caroline Hay).

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

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April 12 at John Glenn

Shot put: 1. Barry Banks (WM), 39 feet, 9.75 inches; 2. Pat Cahill (WJG), 39-8; 3. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 37-10.
Discus: 1. Orr (WJG), 112-2.5; 2. Banks (WM), 110-6.5; 2. Matt Hansen (WM), 98-2.5.
High jump: 1. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 6-0; 2. Anthony Johnson (WJG), 5-10; 3. Chorey Stewart (WM), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. Maxwell (WJG), 17-3; 2. Robert Parker (WM), 16-1.5; 3. Diontae Casper (WM), 16-1.
Pole vault: 1. Quinn Dupraw (WJG), 8-6; 2. Nick Taylor (WJG), 7-0; 3. Sean Taylor (WJG), 7-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Maxwell (WJG), 15.4; 2. Kevin Newborn (WM), 19.0; 3. Anthony Long (WJG), 19.27.
300 hurdles: 1. Maxwell (WJG), 43.92; 2. Cameron Orr (WJG), 45.57; 3. Long (WJG), 51.8.
100-yard dash: 1. Mark Layne (WJG), 11:08; 2. Stefan Anthony (WJG), 11:21; 3. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 11:57.
200: 1. Beeman (WJG), 23.74; 2. Stewart (WM), 23.76; 3. Elroy Bell (WM), 24.51.
400: 1. Dane Foster (WJG), 54.0; 2. Newborn (WM), 57.66; 3. Carlo Tejada (WJG), 58.34.
800: 1. Daniel Malcolm (WM), 2:17.75; 2. Jewell Jones (WJG), 2:21.46; 3. Ryan Boes (WJG), 2:39.15.
1,600: 1. Malcolm (WM), 4:56.27; 2. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:57.16; 3. Jason Suarez (WJG), 5:10.36.
3,200: 1. Malcolm (WM), 11:00.0; 2. Maya (WJG), 11:06.0; 3. Tyler Gendron (WM), 11:59.0.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Rico Cole, Layne, James Williams, Anthony), 1:36.33; 2. Wayne, 1:40.74; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Foster, Tejada, Suarez, C. Orr), 3:53.51; 2. Wayne, 4:04.22; **3,200 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Foster, Maya, Suarez, Jones), 9:01.2; 2. Wayne, 9:20.15.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 84 PLYMOUTH 53

April 12 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 51 feet, 6 inches; 2. Jay Woolfork (LF), 47-7; 3. Alex Ford (LF), 38-9.
Discus: 1. Woolfork (LF), 117-2; 2. Clay (LF), 115-5; 3. Harrington (P), 92-7.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 116 WAYNE MEMORIAL 21

April 12 at John Glenn

Shot put: 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 32 feet, 8.5 inches; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30-7.75; 2. Brandi Jackson (WJG), 26.75.
Discus: 1. Gordon-McClain (WJG), 89-1; 2. Wright (WJG), 88-9.5; 3. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 87-0.
High jump: 1. Jazzelle Straka (WJG), 4-8; 2. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 4-8; 3. Holland Boertje (WM), 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 14-7.5; 2. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 14-4; 3. Meah Long (WM), 13-7.
Pole vault: 1. Andra Flores (WJG), 7-0; 2. Jenn Drum (WJG), 7-0; 3. Brooke Tarnat (WJG), 6-5.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 17-2; 2. Talour Phillips (WJG), 17-7; 3. Tania Lewis (WM), 17-2.
300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 50-7; 2. Ebere Ogbuaku (WJG), 53-56; 3. Phillips (WJG), 53-7.
100 dash: 1. Rheana Allen (WJG), 12:88; 2. Carmen Steen (WM), 13:16; 3. Kaira Barnes (WJG), 13:21.
200: 1. Allen (WJG), 27:92; 2. Long (WM), 27:46; 3. Steen (WM), 27:94.
400: 1. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:04:58; 2. Danielle Robins (WM), 1:07:61; 3. Arielle Crump (WJG), 1:15:42.
800: 1. Brown (WJG), 2:38.0; 2. Robins (WM), 2:54.31; 3. Amanda Hawkins (WJG), 2:57.0.
1,600: 1. Abbey Wright (WJG), 5:54:97; 2. Casey Butler (WJG), 6:20:0; 3. Courtney MacQuarrie (WJG), 6:42:31.
3,200: 1. Wright (WJG), 13:58.0; 2. MacQuarrie (WJG), 15:28.0; 3. Madison Gehr (WJG), 17:55.0.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Barnes, Jones, Allen, Aubrie Scott), 51:52; 2. Wayne, 54:05; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Jones, Allen, Straka, Brown), 1:50:97; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Phillips, Smith, Jones, Brown), 4:26:58; 2. Wayne, 4:53:1; **3,200 relay:** 1. Wayne (Robbins, Boertje, Emma O'Connell, Gema Lopez), 12:16:14; 2. John Glenn, did not finish.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 78 CHURCHILL 59

April 12 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 33 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Megan Ling (LC), 28.5; 3. Allison Murray (LC), 27-8.75.
Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 99-8; 2. Ling (LC), 87-5; 3. Lobb (Canton), 75-10.
High jump: 1. Sencair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 2. Lipa (Canton), 5-3; 3. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Clark (Canton), 15-5; 2. Lu (Canton), 15-3; 3. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-0.
Pole vault: 1. Long (Canton), 8-9; 2. Lindsey Kreuzman (LC), 8-3; 3. Amanda Fox (LC), 6-3.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.9; 2. Williams (Canton), 17.97; 3. Sharon McCall (LC), 18.12.
300 hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 49.85; 2. Williams (Canton), 50.81; 3. Milad (Canton), 52.16.
100 dash: 1. Clark (Canton), 11:91; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 12:97; 3. Valetti (Canton), 13:22.
200: 1. Clark (Canton), 25.16; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 27:28; 3. Piwowar (Canton), 27.79.
400: 1. Clark (Canton), 1:01:81; 2. Lipa (Canton), 1:04:44; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:06:85.
800: 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:29:35; 2. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 2:32:59; 3. Grimes (Canton), 2:38.1.
1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:24:47; 2. Kubicki (Canton), 5:27:43; 3. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:48:54.

High jump: 1. Smith (P), 5-6; 2. (tie) Woolfork (LF) and Tom Brokaw (LF), 5-3 each.

Long jump: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 19-9.5; 2. Brett Gutowski (LF), 18-11.5; 3. Jordan Bickham (LF), 18-8.

Pole vault: 1. Bihn (P), 11-6; 2. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 11-6; 3. Zuzo (P), 11-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Brokaw (LF), 16.76; 2. Edgerton (P), 17.62; 3. Chisholm (LF), 18.48.

300 hurdles: 1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 45.44; 2. Brokaw (LF), 45.73; 3. Chisholm (LF), 46.04.

100 dash: 1. William Askew (P), 11.49; 2. Ryan Hurt (LF), 11.7; 3. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.75.

200: 1. Askew (P), 22.66; 2. Perelli (LF), 24.43; 3. Pinard (LF), 25.12.

400: 1. Askew (P), 52.19; 2. Dave Koponen (LF), 54.26; 3. Gutowski (LF), 54.68.

800: 1. Rogowski (P), 2:08.55; 2. Balaze (P), 2:10.16; 3. Gabe Edwards (LF), 2:10.76.

1,600: 1. Austin Jones (LF), 4:42.93; 2. Eiben (P), 4:45.0; 3. Dalton (P), 4:59.06.

3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:28.11; 2. Jones (LF), 10:47.22; 3. Cardenas (P), 10:49.63.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Perelli, Jake Pinard, Cameron Pogorel, Hurt), 45.76; 2. Plymouth, 48.41; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Gutowski, Pinard, Woolfork, Hurt), 1:34.12; 2. Plymouth, 1:40.7; **1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (Hurt, Gutowski, Crechiolo, Koponen), 3:45.37; 2. Plymouth, 3:59.28; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Bobby Wilson, Jones, Edwards, Koponen), 8:30.89; 2. Plymouth, 8:35.14.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Plymouth, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 122 SOUTH LYON EAST 15

April 12 at Stevenson

Shot put: 1. Jon Aneel (LS), 48 feet, 6.25 inches; 2. Danny Pochalujka (LS), 38-11.5; 3. Ben Taber (LS), 37-0-25.
Discus: 1. Aneel (LS), 141-7; 2. Joe Murray (LS), 100-2; 3. Brandon Paulus (LS), 95-5.
High jump: 1. Scott Brewer (LS), 5-8; 3. Taylor Steele (LS), 5-3.
Long jump: 1. Nick Podulka (LS), 19-5; 3. Angelo D'Orazio (LS), 18-7.5.
Pole vault: 1. Ari Peppas (LS), 10-11; 3. Mitch Moore (LS), 9-11.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Joe Mims (LS), 16.27; 2. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 16.84.
300 hurdles: 1. Mims (LS), 43.5; 2. Kozler (LS), 43.67.

CANTON 95 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 42

April 12 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Blake Paddgett (LC), 46 feet, 1.25 inches; **discus:** 1. Jeremy Atkins (LC), 127-3; 2. Ryan Hall (LC), 125-3; **high jump:** 1. (tie) Ben Spreitzer (C), Matt Schacht (C), Zach Smilo (C), 5-8 each; **long jump:** 1. Nick Alavina (C), 19-11; 2. Carl Rayford (LC), 18-2; **pole vault:** 1. Alavina (C), 13-0; 2. Rayford (LC), 13-0; 3. Alex Rytarsczyk (LC), 11-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Spreitzer (C), 15.5; 2. Kennel Jefferson (LC), 17.6; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 17.7; **300 hurdles:** 1. Spreitzer (C), 43.0; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 46.5; 3. Matt Szuba (LC), 47.0; **100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.2; **200:** 1. Kevin Buford (C), 23.2; **400:** 1. Buford (C), 52.8; **800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:09.7; 3. Joe Haje (LC), 2:12.5; **1,600:** 1. Miles Felton (C), 4:43.7; 2. Wise (LC), 4:47.0; **3,200:** 1. Thomas Windle (LC), 10:33.41; **400 relay:** 1. Canton (Josh Nolen, Alavina, Colby Morris, Jones), 45.9; 2. Churchill, 49.1; **800 relay:** 1. Canton (Nolen, Sapan Patel, Morris, Buhrer), 1:36.9; 2. Churchill, 1:40.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton (Felton, Shean Krollick, Andrew Stephens, Austin Gollis), 4:47.2; 2. Churchill, 4:47.9.
Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South.

ROYAL OAK SHRINE INVITATIONAL MEET RESULTS

April 9 at Shrine

Lutheran Westland Ists: Micah Kempf, 110-meter hurdles (16.3); Jake Fairbairn, 300 hurdles (44.6); 2nds: Fairbairn, high jump (5-4).

ROYAL OAK SHRINE INVITATIONAL MEET RESULTS

April 9 at Shrine

Lutheran Westland Ists: Alyssa Shirkey, discus (93 feet, 3 inches); Amanda Terranella, 300-meter hurdles (50.9); Jess Rice, 1,600 (6:04.9); Sarah Maynard, 3,200 (13:24.1); 2nds: Shirkey, shot put (27.1); Terranella, 100 hurdles (18.3); Alyssa Flury, 300 hurdles (54.8); Rice, 800 (2:43.0); Maynard, 1,600 (6:06.8).

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BARBARA LEWIS
 Age 76, of Belleville, died Thursday, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born May 10, 1934 in PA, daughter of the late Dean Luther Kaylor & Dorothea Eleanor (Nagle) Hildebrand. Preceded in death by husband James F. Lewis, also daughter Carolyn Lynn Kissau. Survived by daughter Linda Cox of Canton, 3 grandchildren Jennifer (Philip) Denbo, Bradley Tait and Shannon Kissau, 2 great-grandchildren Dylan Dunlop and Lukas Denbo, 2 sisters Sandra (Charles) Rowlett-Wayne and Sharon Brokenshire, both of Belleville, also two nieces, a nephew, and many great-nieces & nephews. Visitation was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Memorial Service was held at Connection Church, Canton. www.davidcbrownfh.com

ROBERT EDWARD SINCLAIR
 Age 64, of Big Rapids, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Spectrum Health Butterworth. He was born September 19, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Robert and Jessie Anne (LaLonde) Sinclair, and was raised in Garden City, MI. Following his graduation from Garden City High School in 1964, Bob was a musician in the U. S. Navy. After being honorably discharged, Bob earned his B.S. Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University, and his Master of Education degree from Ohio University. He worked at SUNY College in Brockport, NY as Director of Intramural Sports, until moving to Big Rapids in 1995, where he was Director of Student Recreation at Ferris State University until retiring in February, 2008. Bob was a member of the Mid-Michigan Officials Association, and for many years officiated high school football and softball games. He was active in the Big Rapids Rotary Club, and in 2009 began the Rotary program to provide Thanksgiving meals for area needy families. Bob was also a champion skeet shooter, and enjoyed deer hunting. On October 10, 2008, he married Sandy Jacobsen, who survives. Also surviving are two step-sons, Eric (Amy) Jacobsen of Kirkwood, PA, Pete (Brandy) Jacobsen of Fairbanks, AK; two grandchildren, Avery and Evelyn; his brother Daniel (Karen) of Wayne; four sisters, Peggy (Jim) Burklow of Garden City, Kathi Sinclair (Steve Platt) of Carson City, NV, Eileen White of Warren, and Linda Sinclair of Garden City; dear friends Mike Haas, Ed and Bonnie Dorman, Bob and Bonnie Meadows, Marty Kelley, Donna and Norm Lytle, and Barb and Jim Dyer; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Noel White, and dear friend Dan Kelley. Memorial services for Bob will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with friend Ed Dorman officiating. Following cremation, burial will be in the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City later this Spring. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Rotary Club in Big Rapids, MI to help continue community projects. Contributions can be left at the funeral home or mailed directly to the Big Rapids Rotary Club at PO Box 521, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Bob's family will greet friends at the funeral home after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday until time of services. Share a memory or express condolences at: www.mohnkefuneralhome.com

SHANE STORM
 Age 24, of Belleville, died Friday at Oakwood Annapolis, Wayne. He was born May 18, 1986 in Garden City, son of David Stephenson Storm & Esther Marie Degillio. Shane spent many days at Childrens Hospital, Detroit and taught staff how to treat Juvenile Diabetes and give Insulin. Throughout his life, Shane kept a positive attitude and was a happy person who will be missed greatly. Survived by his companion Opal Allen, daughter Julianna Esperanza Storm, and a son on-the-way Shane Teddy Marshall Storm, all of Belleville, his mother Esther Degillio of Garden City, father Dave Storm of Riverview, step-father Harold Eugene "Bud" James of Romulus, grandfather Fred Degillio of Garden City, grandparents Florence & Emil Dragosits of Romulus, a brother Jacob Degillio, step-sister Lynn (Chris) Howe, step-brother Harold Eugene James, Jr., step-nephew Cody Howe, also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his grandmother Esperanza Degillio, also his dog Buster. Visitation 1-4PM & 6-8PM Wednesday at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Prayers 10:15AM Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the funeral home, processing to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville for an 11AM Funeral Mass. Memorials to Children's Hospital, Detroit would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



RUTH A. VENTURA
 Age 95, April 12, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Peter A. Ventura. Loving mother of Peter H. (Cindi) Ventura, Ruth J. (Jim) Frazier and David A. Ventura. Dear grandmother of Jeffrey and Heather, Madison and Olivia, Michelle and Melissa and Alexander and Philip. Proud great grandmother of Marc, John, Adam, Ella, Laiken, Gralon, Maya and Isaac. Ruth is also survived by her loving caregivers, Carole Chimelak and Denise DiBiase. A Funeral Service will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Michigan, Friday at 10 AM. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 - 9 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com.

ALBERT V. PAGNANI
 Age 95, of Farmington, MI. Passed away April 8, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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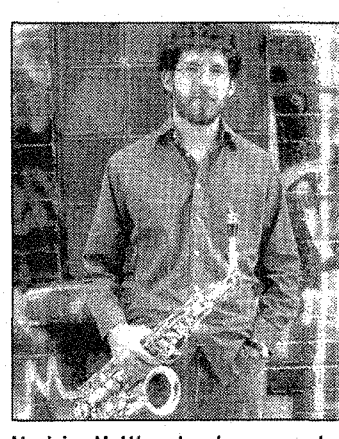
MARK W. VECELLIO
 43, of Livonia, died suddenly April 7, 2011. Mark is the devoted and cherished husband of over 10 years to Lisa; beloved father of Alison; and the dearest son of Joanne and the late Roger (d. 1993). In addition to his father, Mark was preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia, in 2004. Funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 13th at St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia. Visitation was held at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayer Service was Tuesday 7:00 PM. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Association, americanheart.org. heeneey-sundquist.com



Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Musician to highlight Prayer Breakfast

BY JULIE BROWN
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Worship and music go together, and Matthew Landry is pleased to perform at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

Landry, a December 2010 University of Michigan graduate, is teaching elementary music in Van Buren Public Schools as a substitute while looking for a permanent post. Landry, 22, is also assistant conductor of instrumental music at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

He will perform *Beautiful Colorado* by Joseph DeLuca and *It Is Well With My Soul*, arranged by Brent Olstad, at the May 12 event.

"The first is obviously secular, but is a beautiful piece that highlights the instrumentalist's technique as well," said Jerry Smith, a member of the Prayer Breakfast committee who plans music for the event.

"The second is an arrangement of the gospel hymn written by Horatio Spafford when he lost his daughters in a shipwreck — a very moving story."

"I am very excited about Matt sharing his musical talent with us at the breakfast."

Smith said he sought out Landry "because of his reputation, not only as a fantastic musician, but as a strong believer whose faith is very evident in his lifestyle."

Landry is a member of The Akropolis Reed Quintet, a new take on the traditional woodwind quintet, incorporating saxophone and bass clarinet to add a new timbre to the chamber music world.

Akropolis was formed at the University of Michigan in 2009. Its goal is to commission new works and help to establish the reed quintet as a canonized part of the chamber music world.

Landry will perform as a soloist for the Prayer Breakfast. "I have three members of my quintet in China with the University of Michigan Symphony Band," he said. A similar U-M band went to the Soviet Union 50 years ago, and the current China visit is to mark that anniversary.

"We've had a lot of great work with churches in the past. Unfortunately, we're just not available. I wasn't going to tell them not to go to China." Musicians had to be U-M students to go, so graduate Landry's no longer eligible.

Landry, who lives in Ann Arbor, grew up in Livonia. He commutes to Ward Presbyterian in Northville Township.

Musician Matthew Landry, a recent University of Michigan graduate, will perform on piano Thursday, May 12, at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

"If I'm not conducting than I'm playing saxophone or the piano."

Landry lived in New Orleans before his family moved to Livonia. "Music's everywhere down there." At age 5-6, he started piano, and began saxophone study in eighth grade.

His parents, Scott and Marlene Landry of Livonia, "definitely fostered in me how much I love it today. I think my No. 1 supporter has always been my parents. They're the best. Never told me I couldn't do anything I wanted to."

Akropolis performs at U-M and throughout the Midwest, was a featured performer on the university's collage concert in January 2010 and 2011 and was a semifinalist at the Plowman International Chamber Music Competition in March 2010. The quintet finished in the top six of the 2010 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition.

Landry played tuba with the Plymouth Symphony for several years and has performed frequently on clarinet and saxophone with the Plymouth Symphony, Orchestra Canton and Dearborn Symphony. He can also be heard on two U-M Symphony Band records.

Landry enjoys writing, reading essays, playing Chopin, running despite bad knees (he jokes about running more when he gets lost — often — in Ann Arbor), and trying to emulate the Southern cooking of his parents.

The 37th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held 7-8:45 a.m. Thursday, May 12, in St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. The theme is "Weathering the Storms of Life," with keynote speaker Chuck Gaidica, meteorologist for WDIV Channel 4. For ticket information, visit: <http://livoniaprayerbreakfast.org/ticket-information/>

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Livonia club encourages all members to exhibit their art

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sherry Eid's first place winner in the annual Artifacts Art Club exhibit in Livonia keeps viewers guessing — Is it a painting or pencil sketch? Is it an ocean wave or stampede of horses?

Take a closer look and you'll notice it's a bit of both.

"As a child I always liked to read Greek myths," said Eid, president of the art club and a Livonia resident. "I remembered there was the one about the horses coming from a wave. All of a sudden I'm seeing horses. I decided to picture them."

She sketched four horses into the ocean waves that make up the subject of the piece, and used both colored pencil and solvents to give the work a fluid appearance.

"That makes the pigment dissolve. Then you take a brush and it's almost like painting."

In addition to first place for "Metamorphoses," Eid won third place for her colored pencil drawing, "Red-Tailed Hawk". Second place went to Roberta McDonnell of Livonia for "Juvy Woodstork" and Lorelei Christy of Farmington Hills, earned a fourth place for "Les Sucettes."

Merit Awards went to Jim Goodman for "Pals," Christine Pegg for "Look," Mary Kehoe for "Field of Amaryllis," and Eid for "Kuna Indian."

INDEPENDENT JUDGE

Tim Marsh, who creates nature paintings in oil, judged the 42 art works in the show, which runs this month at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

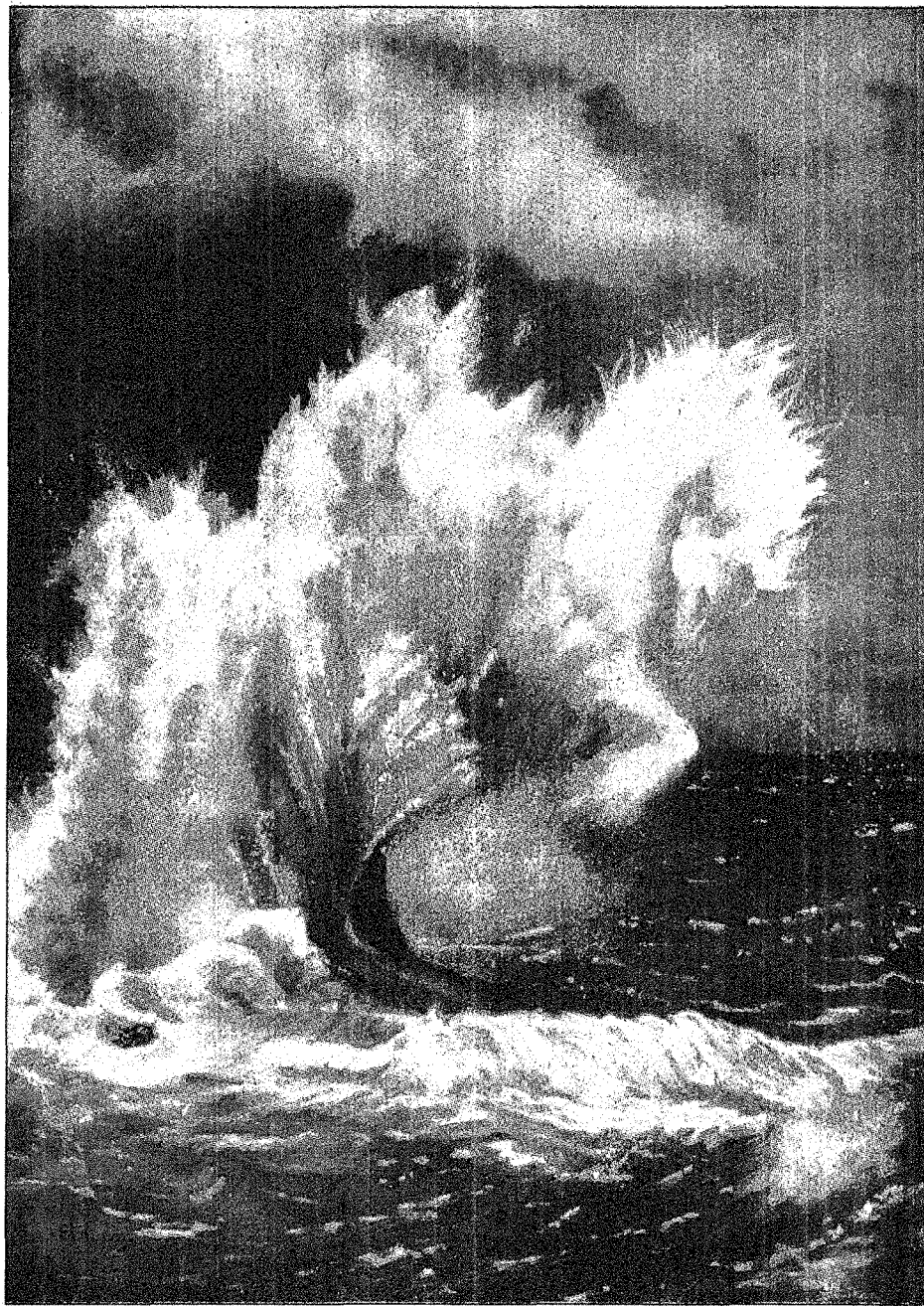
"We have just one show a year," said Eid, who joined the club after taking art classes with Dave Messing, a former art store owner in Livonia.

Messing started Artifacts Art Club in 1986 as a way for artists of all skill levels to meet, mingle and learn together. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, September-October and February-May, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Meetings often include a hands-on workshop, demonstration or guest speaker. Next month, Norma Gray will show techniques in acrylic painting.

"That's the advantage of being small. You can join in," Eid said, adding that the group numbers about 25 artists.

EVERYONE EXHIBITS

"One of our members lives in Cadillac but he drives down to bring his pictures



Sherry Eid used solvents on her pencil drawing, "Metamorphoses" giving it a fluid, paint-like quality.

to the show. What's nice about our group is we're a small group and we feel every member should have a chance to show their work. There's no jurying. Everyone can put their work on the wall. And what's nice is there's almost 100 percent participation."

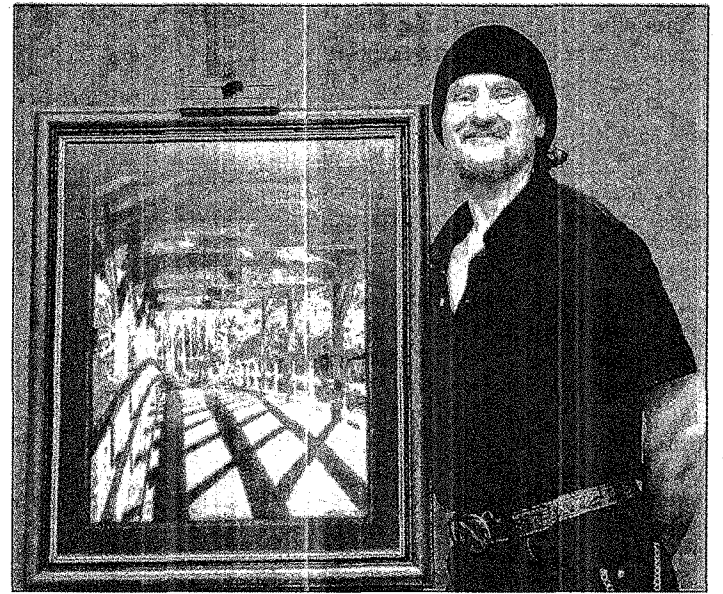
Eid, who teaches colored pencil art at Schoolcraft College, said she is thrilled when judges select her work for a prize or honorable mention.

"It's a thrill just to get into a show. Some of them, when you consider the talent

there and how many people have entered, you've just got to pat yourself on the back for even getting in. Last year at the Livonia Fine Arts exhibit I entered four pieces. They rejected three and the one that got in won a prize."

She said prize money helps pay for the entry fee.

Interested in joining Artifacts Art Club? Simply drop by a meeting. Annual dues are \$20. Send checks, payable to the Artifacts Art Club, to Connie Goodman, 9622 Sarasota, Redford, MI 48239.



Rusty Frentner shows his painting, "Over the River," which won first place in the Farmington Art Foundation's spring show.

Check out art shows in Plymouth, Farmington Hills

Winners in the annual Farmington Art Foundation's spring exhibit will accept their awards during a reception, Thursday, April 14 at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Rusty Frentner won first place for his piece, "Over the River," and second place for "Pretty in Pink." Billie Swelstad took a third place award for "Flower Market" and Fran Seikay won fourth place for "Cheryl."

The reception will start at 6 p.m. and artists will be honored at 6:30 p.m.

The exhibit and sale runs 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 16.

"The Farmington Arts Foundation has an annual art show each year in conjunction with the 'Art After Dark' wine tasting and party sponsored by Whole Foods," said FAF publicity chair Linda Shewbridge. "Also, the Farmington Public Schools will have the elementary, middle school and senior high school students art work on exhibit. The Senior Group of artists who take classes at

the Costick Center will also have their work on display."

Art After Dark starts at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Costick Center. Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. They're available online at recreg.fhgov.com or can be ordered by phone at (248) 473-1848.

The event pairs a wine tasting of more than 30 varieties of wine, with the exhibit and live jazz.

Lotus Arts Gallery in Plymouth also features artists from throughout southeastern Michigan this month at its 4th Annual Local Artist Exhibit.

The show includes works by Namrata Bajaj, Richard Emrich, Kim Ensch, Patrice Erickson, Patricia Izzo, Vic Leo, Nancy Paton, Rose Paulus, Ron Rolling, Wendy Soots, and Priyank Vora.

Contemporary glass, water-color paintings, oil paintings, pen and ink, photography, lithography, and experimental media are on display. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. through April 30, at 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 453-5400.

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Exhibit celebrates Glass Month at Village Theater

Artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn are showing their works through April 29 at the Gallery@VT, located in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The exhibit celebrates Glass Month in Michigan and shows glass in many forms — from objects and vessels to its use in mixed media.

Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

The Furnace Design Studio is the collaboration of internationally-acclaimed glass artists, Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearborn-based glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces and hospitality interiors. The artists also are known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces that range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail. The Furnace

Design Studio shares a 14,000 square foot working studio with The Glass Academy.

Works are on display 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday at the theater gallery, located at 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. The gallery also is open during public performances at the theater and by appointment. For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillage-theater.org. For more information about The Glass Academy visit www.glassacademy.com.

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LOCATION
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
50400 Cherry Hill Road
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See Grammy-nominated musician in Livonia

Trumpeter Wayne Bergeron will perform at Schoolcraft College's "Up Jumped Spring" concert, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, in the VisTaTech Center. The concert will also feature performances by the college's Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation Combo, and Synthesizer Ensemble. "We are thrilled to have such a talent like Mr. Bergeron come to our campus," said Riccardo Selva, director of jazz studies, the Jazz Ensemble and the Jazz Improvisation Combo. "Our students are very excited to have this opportunity to play with one of the best jazz musicians of our time."

Bergeron is one of the most active trumpet players in the world, busy with studio dates, international touring, jazz concerts, guest soloist appearances and clinics. In 1986, Bergeron landed the lead trumpet position with the Maynard Ferguson Band. As a sideman, Bergeron's list of CD credits reads like a who's who in contemporary jazz and pop, running the stylistic gamut from Ray Charles to Green Day, Beyoncé to Michael Buble, Josh Groban to Natalie Cole and more. Bergeron also has worked on more than 300 television and motion picture soundtracks including recent hits like *South Park*, *Toy Story 3*, and *Despicable Me*.

After being behind the scenes for so many years, Bergeron stepped out on his own with his first solo effort, *You Call This a Living?*, which earned him a Grammy nomination in 2004 and received rave reviews from fans and press worldwide. Bergeron's latest recording is *Plays Well with Others*.

Bergeron is also a National Artist for the Yamaha Corporation of America and is co-designer of the YTR-8335LA trumpet and YFH-8315G Flugelhorn.

In addition to the concert on April 18, he will conduct a special artist clinic at 2 p.m. with students in the college's credit and continuing education music programs.

"The clinic will take our program and our students to the next level," Selva said.



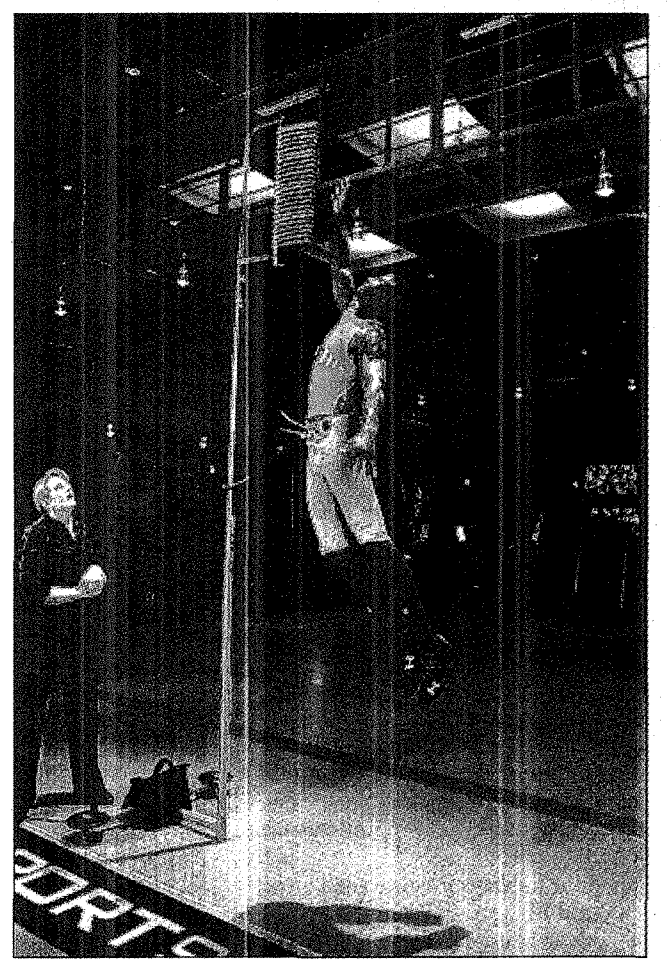
Wayne Bergeron will perform April 18 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The clinic will be held in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center and is open to the public.

"We feel this is not only a great opportunity for the public to see a great jazz musician like Wayne Bergeron, but to also see him in action with our students," said Cheryl Hawkins, dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "It is going to be a great experience for everyone."

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students (with identification) and seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. They're available at www.schoxoffice.com or at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore. For more information call (734) 462-4403.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.



Nominated for Emmys

Titus Young performs a vertical leap test using what are commonly known as slap sticks during "Sport Science" the television series that features Cynthia Bir (left) a Wayne State University professor of biomedical engineering. The show was nominated for two awards at the 32nd annual Sports Emmys, which will be held Monday, May 2 in New York. The "Sport Science" team is nominated for Outstanding Graphic Design and Outstanding New Approaches - Sports Programming - Short Format. The show's first two seasons earned a total of six nominations and three wins at the Sports Emmys. The series uncovers sports' biggest myths and mysteries by using cutting-edge technology to measure momentum, friction and the laws of gravity. Bir, who is the show's lead scientist, helps viewers understand the internal and external forces sustained and generated by the body during high-level athletic activities. The show airs in short segments at various times on ESPN.

The Michigan Philharmonic, formerly the Plymouth Symphony, performs the music of the Indian film industry with guest artists. This year's "Bollywood" show is set for May 6 at the Village Theatre in Canton.



GET OUT!



See "Tarzan's Secret Treasure" and "Tarzan's New York Adventure" on the big screen April 29-30 at the Redford Theatre.



Shape note singer, Tim Eriksen, will perform April 16 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

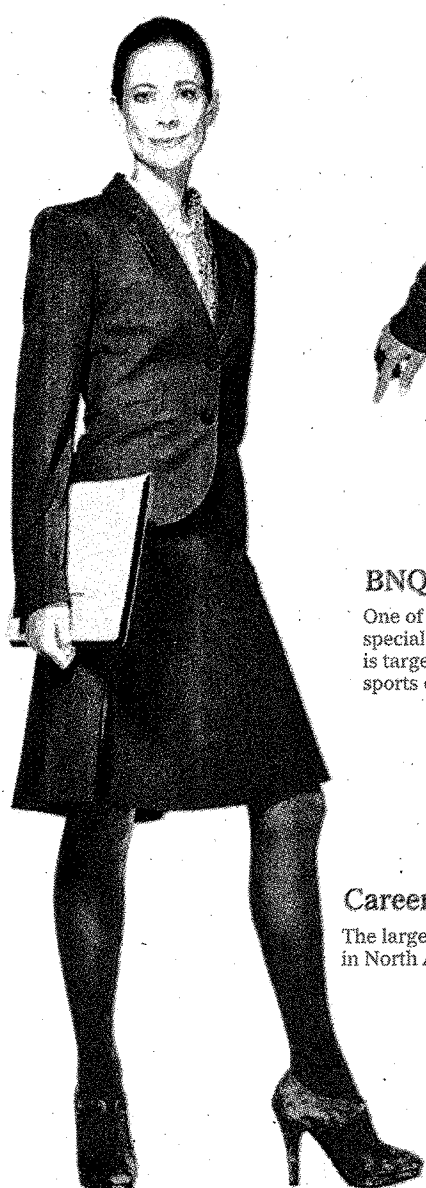


Angie Stone will perform April 23 at Music Hall in downtown Detroit.

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City Gallery

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Entry deadline April 27 for June 3-25 exhibit

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Call for entries into its "West of Center" all media show. Entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. Check the Web site for entry form and guidelines
Contact: www.northvillearts.com; (248) 344-0497

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Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
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JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Floyd J. Phillips, April 13-16; Mark Poolos, April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14
Benefit event: "Comedy for a Cause," runs 8-10 p.m. Monday, April 19 to benefit the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County's scholarship fund. The event features nine female comedians. Tickets are \$15 each, with a \$5 minimum food and drink order required at the show; (735) 464-3728 or www.zonta15.org
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Breathe Owl Breathe & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 17; Candye Kane, April 19; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 20; Crooked Still & Mike & Ruthy, April 21; The Paper Raincoat, April 22; Brian Vander Ark, April 23; Old Sledge, April 26; William Fitzsimmons & Slow Runner, April 27; Colin Hay & Chris Trapper, April 28-29; Uncle Bonsai, April 30; A Night of Ann Arbor's Best!, May 1; David Roth & Anne Hills, May 2; For Pete's Sake: A Birthday Tribute to Pete Seeger, May 3; Marshall Cranshaw & Freedy Johnston, May 4; Natalia Zukerman, May 5
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts. The next concert, April 16, features Pairadocs Trio, a group known for their renditions of PPSM, Paul Simon and the Beatles.
Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Jazz @ The Elks
Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Naima Shambourger will sing, Sven Anderson will play keyboard, Marion Hayden will be on bass and George Davidson on drums at the next concert on April 26
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

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Use walnuts in recipes, as a snack or topping

Superfood

If you're looking for an easy-to-eat snack food that packs in protein, or a tasty ingredient that adds fiber to your diet, consider walnuts.

Walnuts are unique among nuts because they contain the highest amount of alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), the plant-based omega-3 essential fatty acid, required by the human body. In addition to essential ALA/omega-3 fatty acids, walnuts rank high in antioxidants and offer a convenient source of protein (4 grams) and fiber (2 grams). Walnuts are also a good source of magnesium (44.79 mg/ounce) and phosphorus (98.09 mg/ounce) — both important minerals involved in the body's processes and necessary for achieving optimal wellness.

It's no wonder walnuts are included on numerous "superfood" lists. They've also earned the first approved health claim by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for a whole food.

To get more walnuts into your diet, try these fast, easy ideas from the California Walnut Board:

- In a smoothie! Cherries, skim milk, walnuts, cinnamon, Greek yogurt, brown sugar ... a cherry crumb pie without the guilt!
- Chicken breasts coated with Dijon mustard, then dredged with fresh breadcrumbs mixed with chopped walnuts and parsley. Sauté in a mixture of butter and oil
- Spread cream cheese on a bagel, top with walnuts that have been chopped and toasted. Sprinkle with cinnamon if desired
- Throw some in a macaroni salad.

All recipes courtesy of Mollie Katzen for the California Walnut Board.

SPINACH LASAGNA WITH WALNUT PESTO

This easy version of lasagna uses the rich taste of spinach and pesto instead of a heavy Bolognese sauce.

- A little olive oil for the pan
- 2 pounds fresh spinach, washed (or 2 10-ounce packages fresh baby spinach leaves, or 2 10-ounce packages frozen, chopped spinach, defrosted)
- 2 pounds nonfat ricotta cheese or nonfat cottage cheese
- 1 cup Walnut Pesto (recipe follows)
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup minced walnuts, lightly toasted
- 1 24-ounce jar low-sugar tomato sauce (or about 2½ cups of your favorite sauce)
- 16 fresh, uncooked green (spinach) lasagna noodles or, if using dried, 16 no-boil noodles
- ½ pound low-fat mozzarella cheese, grated

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil a 9- by 13-inch baking pan. If using fresh spinach, chop it fine. If using frozen, chopped spinach, make sure it thoroughly defrosted and squeeze out all the excess water.

Place the ricotta or cottage cheese in a large bowl. Stir in the spinach, pesto, garlic, salt, pepper, half the Parmesan, and the walnuts. Mix well. Spread half the tomato sauce in the bottom of the pan. Place a layer of uncooked noodles over the sauce. Spoon about ½ of the ricotta or cottage filling in dabs over the noodles (you can spread it a little, but not too much) and sprinkle with ½ of the grated mozzarella. Follow with another layer of sauce, then noodles, followed by another ½ of the filling, and another ½ of the mozzarella. Repeat one more time, and then finish up with a final layer of noodles. You will have some Parmesan left over.

If you are using fresh noodles, bake uncovered. If you are using dried noodles, cover the pan tightly with foil.

Bake for 50 minutes, uncovering the pan (if applicable) during the last 15 minutes, during which time you can sprinkle on the reserved Parmesan. (In the case of the uncovered pan, if the top of the lasagna becomes as brown as you like it before the full baking time is up, cover loosely with foil and continue baking, so it won't get too dark.) Remove from the oven and let rest for about 10 minutes before serving.

Serves 8

WALNUT PESTO

- 3 packed cups fresh basil leaves
- 3 large cloves garlic
- ½ cup lightly toasted walnuts
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ½ cup grated Parmesan
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: additional extra virgin olive oil (for storage)

Place the basil leaves and garlic in a food processor or blender, and mix well. Add the walnuts, and continue to blend until the nuts are finely ground.

Keep the machine running as you drizzle in the olive oil. When you have a smooth paste, transfer to a bowl, and stir in the Parmesan. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

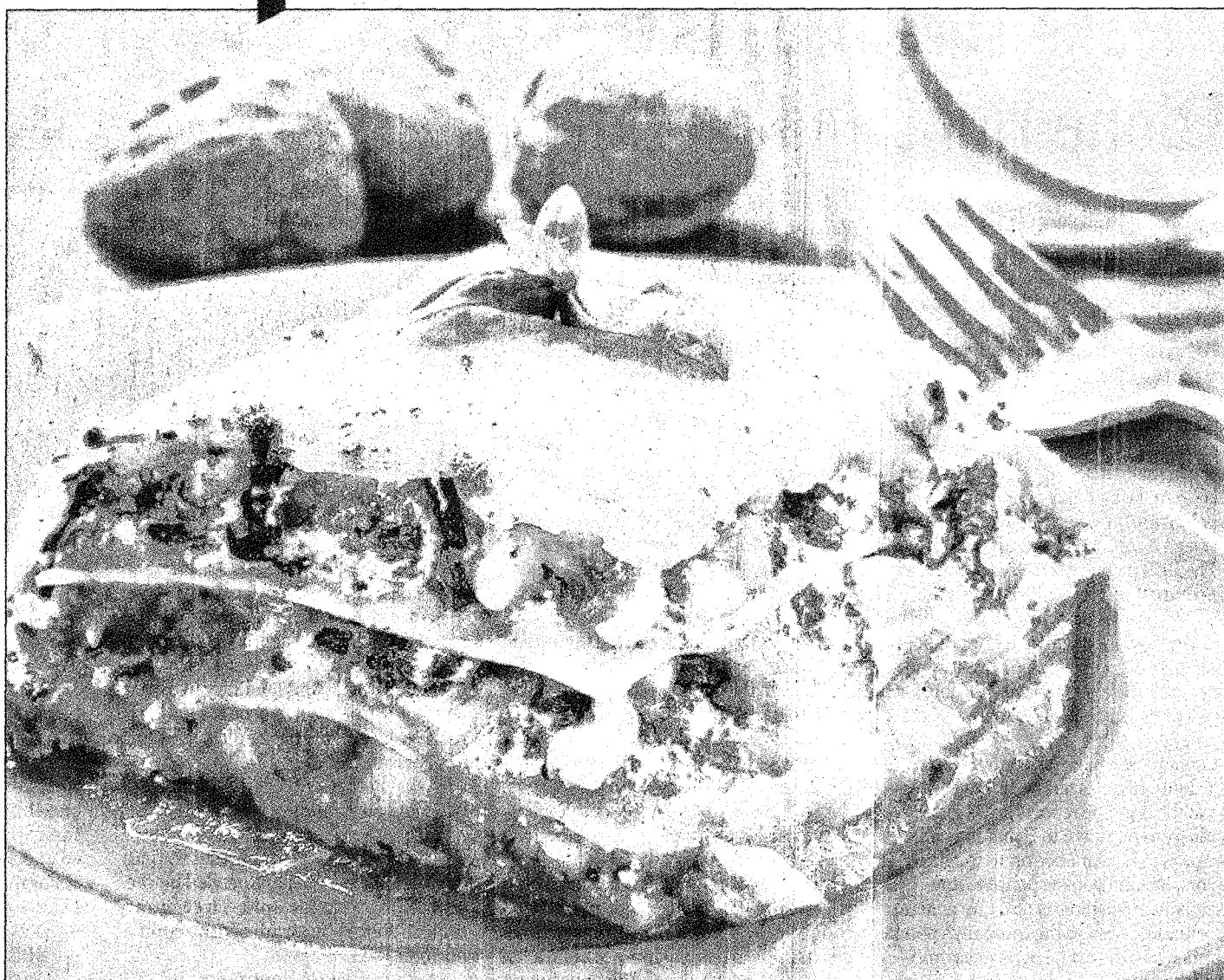
If you are not going to use the pesto right away, place in a container that has a tight-fitting lid. Smooth out the top surface of the pesto, and pour on enough olive oil to cover it completely. This creates an air-proof seal that helps preserve it well. Cover tightly and store in the refrigerator.

Yields 1 cup.

Nutrition information per lasagna serving: 560 calories, 24g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 9g monounsaturated fat, 6g polyunsaturated fat, 0g trans fat, 34mg cholesterol, 583mg sodium, 54g total carbohydrate, 12g dietary fiber, 38g protein.



Spring Couscous with Green Onions, Walnuts & Peas



Spinach Lasagna with Walnut Pesto

SWEET-SOUR STIR-FRY WITH WALNUTS

Stir-fry is all about very high heat and cooking things quickly in a specific order so that it all ends up at just the right degree of doneness at the same time. First, have all of your ingredients prepped and close at hand. Second, read the recipe carefully and really get it in your head before you start. The idea is that once you start cooking, it's continuous—you should never have to stop to search for something or read about what to do next. Once the cutting is done, the actual cooking time is just a matter of minutes.

A nice, large wok and a metal wok spatula are best for stir-frying, but a large skillet and a serving spoon will work well, too. You can substitute cooked chicken breast, cut into thin strips for the tofu if you wish. Start some rice before you begin, so it's ready at the same time as the stir-fry.

- The Glaze:
- ½ cup orange juice (from 1 medium orange)
 - 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar or honey
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
 - 2 teaspoons minced garlic (2 good-sized cloves)
 - 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
 - ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- The Stir-Fry:
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1 medium onion, cut into large (1½-inch) squares
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 2 medium carrots, sliced on the diagonal (1/4-inch thick)
 - ½ a medium head cauliflower, in 1-inch florets (about 3 cups)
 - ½ a medium head broccoli, chopped (about 3 cups)

- About 15 mushrooms — stems trimmed, wiped clean, and quartered
- 1 pound very firm tofu, cut into ¾-inch cubes
- 2 small zucchini (one yellow, one green), chopped or diced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1½ cups lightly toasted walnut pieces
- Green onions, thinly sliced, for garnish
- Orange zest, for garnish

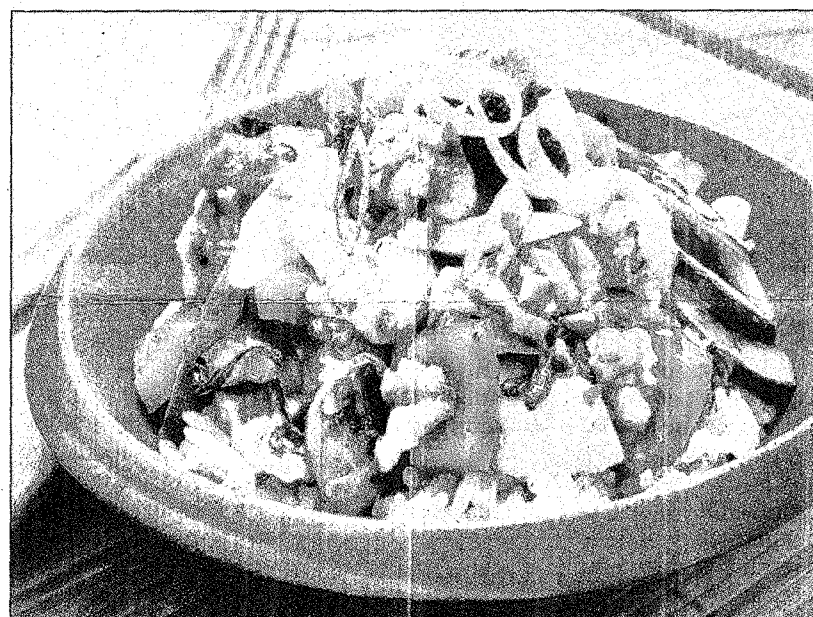
Combine all the glaze ingredients (except the cornstarch) in a liquid measuring cup with a spout, and whisk until blended. Place the cornstarch in a small bowl, and drizzle in about ¼ cup of the glaze, whisking constantly until the cornstarch is dissolved. The mixture will be cloudy. Pour this solution back into the measuring cup, whisking it in. Set aside, leaving the whisk in the cup.

Have all the vegetables and the tofu cut and in bowls or containers near the stove. Place a wok or large, deep skillet over medium heat and wait about a minute. Pour in 1 tablespoon of the oil, and swirl to coat the pan (or just push the oil around with a wok spatula or serving spoon). Turn the heat to high, add the onion and ½ teaspoon of the salt, and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add the other tablespoon of oil, plus the carrot, cauliflower, and broccoli — and another ½ teaspoon of the salt. Keep the heat high and the vegetables moving, and stir-fry for approximately 2 minutes, or until the broccoli turns bright green and shiny.

Add the mushrooms and tofu or chicken and the remaining ½ teaspoon of salt. Keep the heat high, and continue to stir-fry for another minute, mixing all the vegetables up from the bottom of the pan. Add the zucchini and bell pepper, and cook one more minute.

Whisk the glaze to reincorporate the cornstarch (it will have settled to the bottom) then quickly pour the whole cupful into the wok or skillet. Cook and stir for just about a minute more, adding in the walnuts at the very last second. The glaze will coat everything and thicken a little. Serve immediately, over rice.

Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 454 calories, 22g protein, 28g carbohydrate, 8g fiber, 32g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 7g monounsaturated fat, 20g polyunsaturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 455mg sodium



Sweet-Sour Stir-Fry with Walnuts

WALNUT BUTTER-RHUBARB-GOAT CHEESE CROSTINI

A blissful appetizer for an early spring party! You can make both the Walnut Butter and Rhubarb Sauce several days ahead of time. Store in the refrigerator until use. Assemble the crostini just before serving. If you can't find rhubarb you can use your favorite recipe of cranberry sauce.

- 1 fresh high-quality baguette (unseeded; not sourdough)
- 3 ounces very fresh goat cheese
- Honey to taste (optional)
- Walnut Butter (recipe follows)
- Rhubarb Sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the baguette on the diagonal into ½-inch slices, and spread them in a single layer on a baking tray. Bake in the center of the oven until lightly toasted. Cool just slightly.

In a small bowl, mash the goat cheese until spread-ably soft, and sweeten (slightly) to taste, if desired, with a little honey.

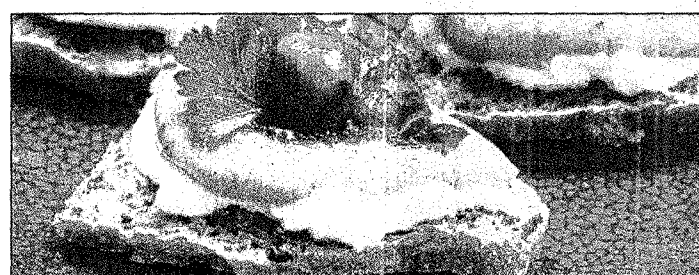
To serve: Spread each little toast with a little goat cheese, keeping the layer even so the other toppings won't fall off. Add a little Walnut Butter, pushing it down with the back of a spoon. Top each piece with a small spoonful of Rhubarb Sauce. Arrange on an attractive platter and serve to your delighted guests. Yield: 8 to 10 appetizer servings.

WALNUT BUTTER

- 2 cups very fresh walnuts
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 2 teaspoons walnut or vegetable oil
 - Optional: A little honey and a little cinnamon
- Soak walnuts overnight. Drain; discard water and then toast them, spread out in a single layer on a tray, in a toaster oven or oven at 250 degrees for about 20 minutes, or until aromatic. Don't let them get dark. Cool, then transfer to the small work bowl of a food processor and grind as far as you can before adding salt and as much oil as needed to bind it together. If you like add small touches of honey and/or cinnamon to taste. Yield: about 1 cup

RHUBARB SAUCE

- 2 heaping cups chopped rhubarb (fresh or frozen)
 - 2 tablespoons agave nectar
 - Small pinch of salt
- Place the rhubarb in a medium-small saucepan, cover, and cook over medium-low heat (nothing added!) for about 10 minutes, or until "saucy." Remove from heat, and stir in agave and salt. Let cool to room temperature. Yield: About ½ cups
- Variation: If you can't find rhubarb you can substitute the tart-sweetness of cranberries.



Walnut Butter-Rhubarb-Goat Cheese Crostini

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Storm damage? Make sure repairs are done right and on time

Severe weather can cause damage that prompts homeowners to seek repairs in a hurry. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises consumers to take a deep breath and check contractors out before signing a contract.

"When homeowners need repairs due to storm damage, they often consider it an emergency that must be fixed immediately," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations. "However, a quick decision may cause regrets. Consumers need to make sure that the contractors they hire are qualified and reliable before they sign a contract or pay any money."

The BBB recommends that consumers ask contractors for local references and check with those customers to see whether they were satisfied with the work. If possible, inspect completed projects as well. If customers are pleased with the jobs, they'll probably be proud to show off the results.

Consumers can check contractors' Reliability Reports on the BBB website, www.bbb.org. The reports give a letter grade from A+ down to F that indicates a company's performance on 16 weighted factors, including its response to any complaints. The reports also give general information, such as the company's phone number, length of time in business and owner's name.

On the Eastern Michigan and Upper Peninsula's BBB's website, easternmichigan.bbb.org, our "Request a Quote" feature can connect you with contractors that are BBB Accredited Businesses. These businesses have pledged to comply with BBB standards, such as advertising honestly, honoring promises and responding to customer complaints.

When you click on the "Request a Quote" button, you can select the type of business you are searching for and narrow your search to businesses within a specified distance from your home. (You can click on any business name to get a Reliability Report.) At that point, you may either contact the businesses directly or ask them to contact you. "Request a Quote" has a contact form that allows you to describe your project and ask contractors to contact you about it in the way you want to be contacted — by phone, e-mail, mail or fax.

The BBB has the following tips for hiring contractors:

- Be cautious of door-to-door salespeople who use high-pressure sales tactics.
- Seek at least three bids from prospective contractors based on the same specifications, materials and labor needed to complete the project. Homeowners should discuss bids in detail with each contractor and ask questions about variations in pricing.



The lowest-priced contractor may not be the best.

• Consumers should ask whether the company is insured against claims covering workers' compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents. Consumers should obtain the name of the insurance carrier and call to verify coverage.

• Ask whether the contractor meets licensing and bonding requirements set by the state, county or city.

• Check with local authorities to find out whether permits are needed before proceeding with the work. The contractor also should be aware of any required permits.

• Ask whether the contractor will

provide a lien waiver upon completion of the job. A lien waiver is a statement by the contractor that all suppliers and subcontractors have been paid for their work.

• Read and understand the contract before signing. Get any verbal promises in writing. Include start and completion dates in the contract.

• Remember the rule of thirds. Pay one-third at the start of the project, one-third when work is 50 percent completed and one-third after completion.

For more information to help you make smart, informed decisions about projects around your home, check with the BBB by going online to www.bbb.org or by calling (248) 223-9400.

Approach building ban with care

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: I am a member of the board of a commercial medical office condominium. We are thinking about banning drug and alcohol treatment facilities from operating within any unit where the drug or alcohol treatment facility either dispenses or prescribes drugs for treatments with opioids such as methadone or Suboxone. Do you have any comments?

A: This is a very difficult question as it may involve issues concerning public policy and/or discrimination such as the ADA. More than likely there is no fair housing issue because it is not a residential condominium. While it may well be an unsettled issue, I think there is a good argument that you can legally ban such a commercial operation, but I would



Robert Meisner

try to tie the ban to some operation or interest of the other unit owners such as loitering, trash or other negative factor more common to such a treatment facility, if at all possible. You should get an opinion from legal counsel as to how you can do this so that the board is protected in the event that there is future litigation. You might also consider banning "pill mills" in the documents. You should also look into whether this activity is preempted by zoning. Also, is this a prohibited business use, when the operation is creating increased risk, i.e., an increase in insurance costs, etc.

Q: Should we make our attorney or our managing agent the resident agent for purposes of service of process?

A: In this litigious world, it would be my recommendation that you have the attorney for the association be the registered agent and have his office as the registered office for the Association so that any and all legal notices including service of process and other requirements for reporting, etc. be sent to your attorney so that there is no question as to the receipt of same on behalf of the association as well as advising the board in a dispassionate way as to the consequence of any legal proceedings initiated against the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

SENIOR LIVING

Seniors: Consider costs, choice of lifestyle in move

BY NANCY AUSTIN
 SENIORS REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST

How do I know if you can afford to move? What are my options?

These questions are intertwined and also take into consideration your financial position. The majority of people will want to know what the equity is in their home. This will help determine the kind of move you make.

In almost every case, you will be downsizing. Here is a sampling of choices available.

Condo living: If you are presently in a house and merely wish to escape the outdoor maintenance, consider condo living. There are many choices within this category. It makes the most sense to purchase a one-story condo, ground

floor unit. Be careful here. A one-floor condo could be on the second floor of a building. Basements, garages and carports are all considerations.

Active Adult Community: This is for the totally independent person. Several floor plans are available for purchase including attached and detached condos.

Described as "carefree living," the village is built on several-hundred tranquil acres, offering a club house, often elaborate, indoor and outdoor pool, entertainment facilities, nature preserve, business center to name a

few. Activities abound. No medical facilities are within the "village" but are usually close by. They are for the seniors who remain very active, but desire the amenities of senior living. In southeast Michigan there are two such communities. Bridgewater in Brownstown and Grand Reserve in Grand Blanc.

Senior Retirement Living: In other parts of the country it may be referred to as a Senior Retirement Hotel, which describes the kind of building you frequently see. Some may be single story. Most of them are apartments you rent, but occasionally you may invest into the apartment. Commonalities include different levels of care including independent living, assisted living, and may include an

Alzheimer's unit. The more care and assistance you need, the higher the cost. All provide even the minimum assistance such as help with medications. At least one meal a day is provided and often laundry. Most have dining rooms, activity rooms, and bus transportation. Pull cords are in every apartment for emergencies. Nurses may be on staff or on call. Ages range from 62+ with the average being in the 80s. These proliferate all over the metro Detroit area and in most areas in the country both small and large cities.

To be continued...

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 27-31, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price
Canton	42233 Ashbury Dr	\$198,000	Livonia	34925 Six Mile Rd	\$128,000	Northville	19063 Angell Blvd	\$596,000
	42547 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$54,000		34145 Dover St	\$70,000		112 Hartsough St	\$93,000
	6565 Powderhorn Dr	\$124,000		18563 Gillman St	\$72,000		48655 Harvest Dr	\$250,000
	41622 Strawberry Ct	\$155,000		20375 Hubbard St	\$138,000		570 Jener Pl	\$460,000
Garden City	28529 Dawson St	\$23,000	Livonia	34145 Dover St	\$70,000	Plymouth	11900 E Hills Dr	\$330,000
	33614 Leona St	\$83,000		18563 Gillman St	\$72,000		112 Hartsough St	\$93,000
	29000 Marquette St	\$67,000		20375 Hubbard St	\$138,000		48655 Harvest Dr	\$250,000
	32543 Windsor St	\$70,000		11786 Hunters Park Ct	\$50,000		570 Jener Pl	\$460,000
Livonia	34925 Six Mile Rd	\$128,000	Livonia	18360 Lathers St	\$23,000	Plymouth	42217 Old Pond Cir	\$78,000
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Circuit Court - Family Division
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
In the matter of Nicholas Patrick Austin
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred of affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 15, 2011 at 9:00am at Coleman A Young Municipal Center Circuit Court before Judge Hubbard (Bar no. 44546) for the following purpose: I am leaving for the United States Marines on April 11, 2011 and I would like to have my father's last name. Petitioner names: Nicholas Patrick Austin
Address: 100 East Cady Street, Apartment 2 City, State, zip: Northville, Michigan 48167
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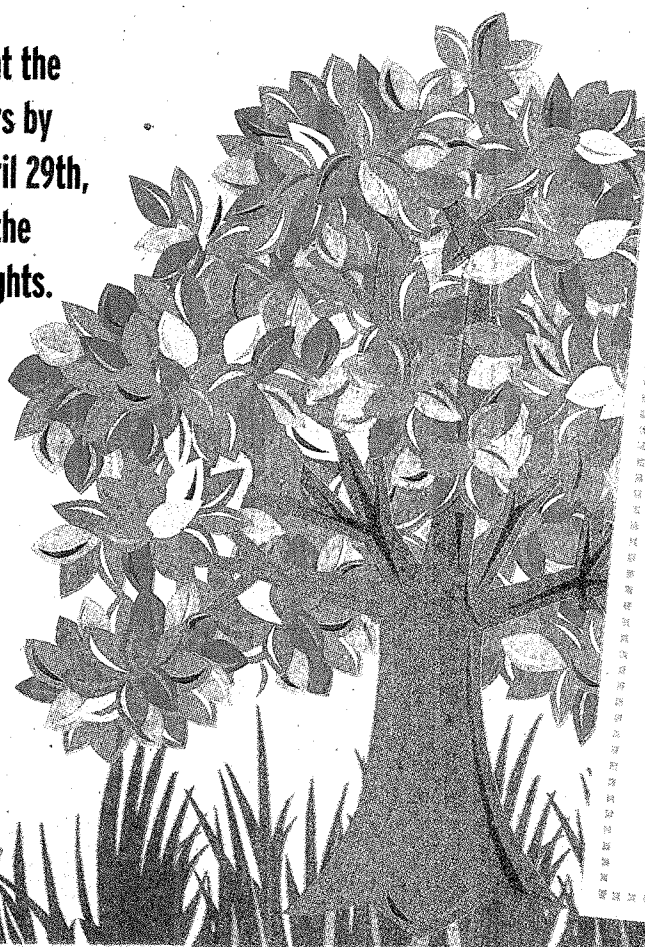
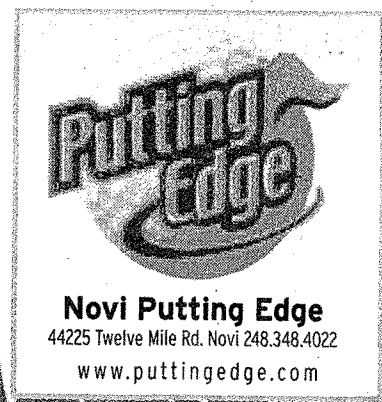
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Deadline for submissions: 4/29/11

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Lucky winners from last month's contest



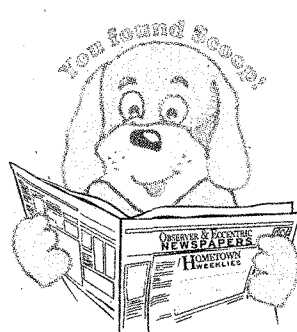
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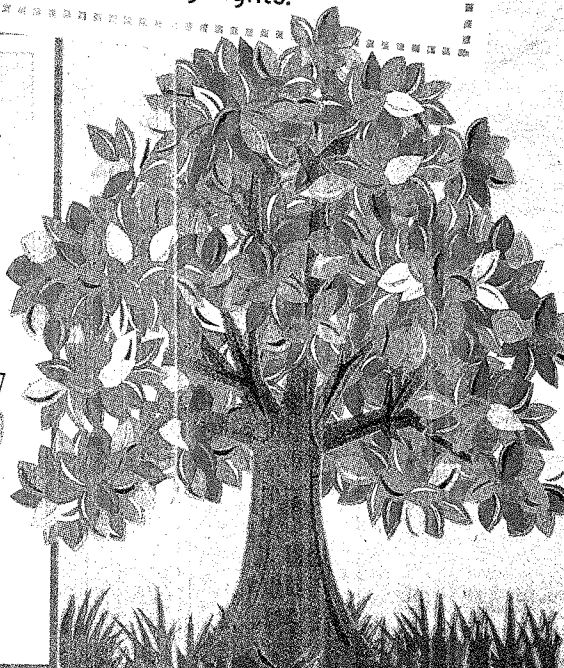
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