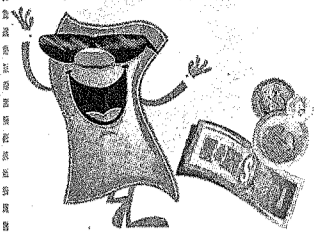


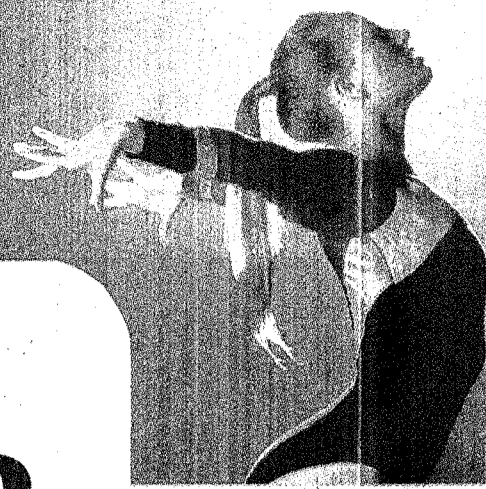
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IN BRIEF

Mother-daughter tea

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will host a Mother-Daughter Tea from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the corps center on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

Danielle Rieker will be special guest for the "Diary of a Princess" event, which includes a light lunch and appetizers and mother-daughter pictures and crafts.

Rieker leads the Orphan to a Queen Ministries and has 15 years of experience as a lay missionary, speaker, worship leader and musician.

Space is limited and reservations required. They can be made by calling to Capt. Joanna Rose at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 102.

Armed Forces Day

Re-enactors from different wars will be at the fourth annual Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Westland Historic Village Park 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

See and talk to re-enactors from such conflicts as the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Civil War and World War I and II. Listen to special presentations from experts about the lives of American soldiers. Experience a live weapons demonstration.

The annual event is hosted by the Westland Historical Commission and Westland Historical Society. Admission is free, and food and drinks will be available on site.

The Westland Historic Village Park is on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Drug take-back



If you have unwanted medications around your house, circle Saturday, April 30, on your calendar. That's when the Drug Enforcement Agency, in conjunction with local police departments, will host its second National Prescription Take Back Initiative from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The National Take Back Day allows people to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. The first National Take Back Day in September 2010 was a huge success in removing more than 121 tons of potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from the nation's medicine cabinets.

Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time, according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

Locally, residents can turn in their unwanted medications at the Livonia Police Department, 15050 Farmington Road; the Dearborn Heights Police Department, 25637 Michigan Avenue; the Canton Township Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center; the Plymouth Police Department, 201 S. Main St.; or the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 N. Haggerty.

For more information, visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

SCHOOL BOARD EVALUATION

Superintendent rated outstanding

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the Wayne-Westland school board have found the district's top administrator has been successful in his handling of such things as student achievement and parent and community relations in the past year.

The board Monday evening unanimously approved Supt. Greg Baracy's annual evaluation, giving him an

overall rating of 2.83 on a scale of one to three with three being the highest score.

"Based on the results, the board has reached consensus for an outstanding evaluation," school board President Skip Monit said in announcing the results of the March 30 review. "Dr. Baracy has shown his devotion to the job and understanding of what is best for the students of this district. He's deeply committed and exhibits his ded-

ication to this district on a daily basis."

The evaluation was based on two major topics — the high-priority goals set for Baracy by the school board and his relations with the board, community, media and staff. The latter area also encompassed his professional leadership abilities.

Baracy received a score of 2.73 for high-priority goals, which included student achievement, finance and his relationship with parents and

the community. The board looked at such things as his ability to increase academic achievement through data-driven instruction, improve test scores, achieve adequate yearly progress, continue cost containment, increased parental involvement and the effectiveness for parent/community involvement.

The board also gave him top marks

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Travis Manning, who graduated from Wayne Memorial in 2005, is back to play Edna Turnblad, mother of Tracy Turnblad, played by Sunnie Patterson (left).

Wayne alumni return for 'Hairspray'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild present its spring musical *Hairspray* next month, theatergoers will notice some changes from past performances.

For the first time in eight years, there will be a live orchestra and mixed in will be a few former Wayne High musicians. Even the cast will feature alumni who

have come back to work with drama teacher and director Katie Sullivan.

"It's unique to other productions because I opened it to alumni. I have them in the cast and the crew and even opened to pit orchestra to alumni," said Sullivan. "I knew it had a large cast and while we have a great talent pool here, I had the opportunity to pull from former students."

The alumni include a Wayne-Westland school board member

and two college students. There's even a student from John Glenn High School appearing in the production.

The high school crossover is Andrew Roberts. He has been appearing in Sullivan's production since he was in the fifth-grade at Edison Elementary. He started with *Music Man* and each year has been called in for other roles. This year he decided not to wait

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Westland's top cop Ramsden retiring

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will soon have a new police chief — the third top cop in two years.

Chief Alan Ramsden will be retiring effective May 5, exactly one year since he had been promoted to chief after serving three years as deputy chief under James Ridener.

A member of the police department since 1991, Ramsden will become athletic director at a private high school in West Bloomfield. Mark Engstrom, who retired last year as deputy police chief, is head of security at the school.

"I'm seizing an opportunity that presented itself. It will give me an opportunity to improve things for me and my family," said Ramsden. "I didn't plan for this, I heard of an opportunity. It's a good job and there is the buyout."

Like a number of other city workers, Ramsden will buy generic time which will allow him to collect his pension at the 25-year level.

A 1980 Livonia Franklin High School graduate, Ramsden earned a teaching degree from Western Michigan University and taught social studies in the Dearborn school district before putting himself through the Washtenaw County police academy.

"I taught high school and coached. One thing over the years as a police officer was that I would have loved to coach," he said. "Because of the shift work I wasn't able to do that. Even now, I have to be available for a lot of things outside regular hours. Coaching and working with kids will be great."

Deputy Chief Dan Karrick, who was promoted a year ago, and Deputy Chief Greg Angelosanto, promoted less than a year ago, are both eligible to test for chief. Written testing is scheduled for later this month with oral examinations in early May.

Turnover in the top spots is expected to continue as the generic time early retirement option will continue to be available for the next couple of years.



A year after being sworn in as Westland police chief, Alan Ramsden has announced he is retiring.

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Contractor resumes work on Central City Park remediation

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Construction activity on the Central City Park remediation project is gearing up after a break over the winter.

"They've started doing some small things, they're waiting on the frost line," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "They were supposed to start working full force Friday (April 15). It's going to be really good when it's done."

Last fall, much of the earth in the park had

been moved and graded with swales, bio-swales and the area for the parking lot put in by the contractor. ABC Paving of Trenton has been contracted to do the remediation and restoration of Central City Park, which is to be substantially completed by June 17.

"They're making sure all the leveling and the topography will be right. They want to make sure the landmarks for the parking lot are right," said Kosowski.

The remediation effort is focusing on the

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W-W's Baracy tells Senate panel cuts are 'too much'

BY SUE MASON
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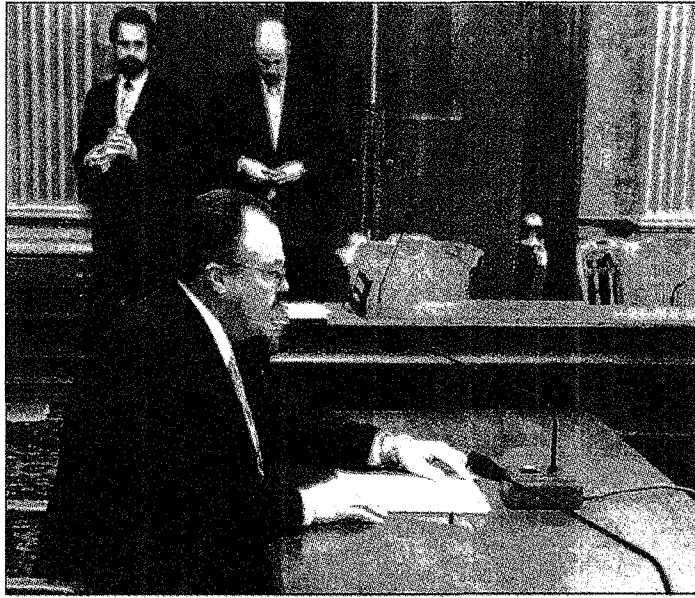
Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy went to Lansing last week with a laundry list to show state lawmakers the school district has done plenty to contain costs during these difficult economic times.

The list also came with a message: While Wayne-Westland might be the 14th largest district in the state with 12,500 students, it would be at the top in terms of revenue loss, if either Gov. Rick Snyder's or the Senate's proposed education budgets are approved.

"While we believe in shared sacrifice and pain, the Governor's budget proposal and the Senate Subcommittee recommendations, in my humble opinion, are not equitable or fair," said Baracy in testimony before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education last Wednesday. "Shifting the cuts from one category to another is not the answer and is not shared sacrifice."

In his testimony, Baracy pointed out that the financial loss goes beyond the governor's proposed \$470 per pupil school aid cut. The district faces an almost 20-percent increase in the retirement rate to 24.46 percent of payroll or an additional \$196 in per pupil loss, and a \$9 per student loss with the elimination of declining enrollment language.

However, the biggest blow is the governor's recommenda-



School Superintendent Greg Baracy testifies before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education to the effect proposed school aid cuts will have on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

tion to eliminate the Wayne-Westland post Proposal A adjustment to its foundation allowance, which represents another \$475 per pupil loss. When the numbers are crunched, the district faces a \$14.5 million dollar reduction or a \$1,150 per pupil cut.

'TOO MUCH TO BEAR'

"The proposed \$14.5 million in lost revenue is 13 percent of our total general fund budget of \$112 million," Baracy told lawmakers. "This is too much for one district to bear when we have already employed best practices, right-sized and cut so much more than other districts. If the \$14.5 million in cuts come to fruition, we will be in deficit next year. We

can't cut our way out."

While Gov. Snyder looks on the Proposal A adjustment as a categorical, Baracy said the money should be included in the district's foundation allowance. The money represents 7.75 mills of 10 mills that voters rejected due to confusion over ballot issues just prior to Proposal A. The district went from a 47-mill to a 37-mill tax base and loss in excess of \$12 million in revenue when Proposal A was implemented in the 1994-95 fiscal year.

The district "was turned upside down and cuts occurred at all levels including a five-hour high school day, elimination of bussing, loss of expressive arts at the elementary, pay-to-play and staffing

CUTTING EXPENDITURE

The list of "pertinent cuts" that School Superintendent Greg Baracy presented to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education last Wednesday, included such things as:

- Privatizing instructional substitutes.
- Privatizing our food service management to balance the lunch fund.
- Increased class size.
- Closing six elementary schools at the end of the 2009-10 school year and reconfiguring educational programs to maximize building utilization.
- Eliminating teachers, secretaries, custodians, skilled trades, food service workers and central office staff and all non-emergency overtime.
- Eliminating bus purchases and extending bus replacement to 10-

14-year cycles, as well as converting the transportation fleet to a soy/diesel mix to save on fuel.

- Eliminating warehouse operations and supply storage and converted to just-in-time deliveries and eliminated all staff associated with the warehouse.
- Forming consortiums to purchase district electric and gas and implementing a district wide energy conservation program.
- Negotiating alternative health insurance plans utilizing self-insured prescription drug and wrap plans and higher deductibles and co-pays for teachers in the MESSA plan, as well as second tier salary schedules in several support groups.
- Suspending textbook purchases and non-grant funded technology purchases.
- Delaying maintenance and repairs to buildings.

cuts at all levels, just to mention a few," Baracy said.

"In 1999 this language was supported by many legislators and signed into law by former Gov. John Engler," said Baracy. "This was a valid and legitimate adjustment based on the unique circumstances and confusion surrounding the implementation of Proposal A."

BELOW COUNTY AVERAGE

Baracy pointed out that Wayne-Westland's foundation allowance of \$7,959 per

student is below the Wayne County average and below average when compared to the top 20 largest school districts in the state.

"To reach \$14.5 million in savings, Wayne-Westland would have to increase class size by 14 students, that would mean a class size of 30 would increase to 44," he said. "If we lay off teachers to save \$14.5 million, we would eliminate 200 teaching positions. Neither of these options are plausible in a district that has already cut so much. The

restoration of the Wayne-Westland equity language of \$475 is critical to our survival."

Even with the Senate recommendations, Wayne-Westland is still looking at a \$970 per pupil cut which equates to approximately \$12 million. However, to achieve this, Wayne-Westland would lose funding for its adult education program, forcing its elimination, impacting approximately 120 adult diploma graduates and 80 adult GED graduates each year, Baracy said.

"It also would further impact our local economy and reduce our adult students' chances of obtaining employment," he said. "Adult education, for example, is the only hope many of our adult students have to a new start and bright future."

Baracy's suggestion to lawmakers is to not transfer the \$895 million from the State School Aid Fund into community colleges and higher education. Allocating these funds toward K-12 education, where they have traditionally been allocated, makes sense, he said.

Baracy's hope is that lawmakers will preserve K-12 funding.

"This is worth the battle and it's not over until its over," he said following his testimony. "All we want is fairness. That extra \$475 is devastating, it goes too far. Wayne-Westland will suffer more than any other school district in the state."

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BARACY

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for his relationship with the board, the community and media and professional leadership and relationships and a lesser score of 2.67 for his relationship with the staff, ending

up with an overall score of 2.92 for relational performance.

This is the first time the board has released information on how the trustees scored Baracy on the evaluation, and the 7-0 vote to approve the evaluation was in sharp contrast to last year, when two board members — Carol Middel and John Goci — voted

no. "I'm pleased with the evaluation. I think we have a real solid collaborative relationship to meet the mission of the school district and work for the good of the students," said Baracy, who received a one-year extension of his three-year contract. "I'm glad that they recognized that as a team

we are focused on the achievement of the students."

Monit noted that if the district were in a position of financial stability, Baracy's review would merit a pay increase. Instead, he has offered to continue a pay freeze for the third consecutive year.

"He leads from the top to show his willingness to help

battle our financial crisis," Monit said, adding that Baracy has "strong leadership, strong work ethic and commitment to the students of this district."

Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in the history of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. He has been the district's top administrator for 14 years.

"We look forward to working with you to move this district forward, despite the significant challenges in our future," Monit said. "We will continue to work together for the benefit of our district and, most important of all, for our students."

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Orange alert: Road work to snarl traffic on Glenwood

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Look for the orange construction barrels to appear Wednesday on Glenwood as a reconstruction project from Newburgh to Venoy gets under way.

"We did (Glenwood from) Newburgh to Hannan last year. Now we're doing the hard part — we have to cross the river, the railroad tracks and Venoy Road, too," Westland Department of Public Services

Director Kevin Buford said. What started out as a \$7 million three-mile road construction is now about a \$19 million project that includes replacement of the water main by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The street reconstruction was planned using federal money awarded through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The federal dollars would cover 81.5 percent of the costs, with Westland and the city of Wayne

splitting the local match. "Then we found out DWSD was planning to rip up the brand new road to put in a water main. They weren't going to replace the road — just patch it. It would have looked terrible," Buford said. "It makes no sense to do the road, then rip it up and patch it."

Buford credited Mayor William Wild's efforts in working out an arrangement with DWSD to coordinate the projects. As a result of the coordinated plan, DWSD agreed

to pay the local match on the project. That means federal dollars and DWSD are paying the full tab — Westland and Wayne don't have to pay anything.

It's expected that during the initial construction phase, the south side of the pavement will be removed on Glenwood between Wayne Road and Venoy. Only westbound traffic would be allowed on the remaining lane and would only be allowed to travel northbound at Wayne Road — no

through traffic.

For Glenwood between Wayne Road and Newburgh, the north side of the roadway would be removed. Traffic would be allowed eastbound only on the south side of the street and only allowed to turn south on Wayne Road.

The police and fire departments, along with Wayne-Westland Community Schools, have all agreed that this is the best method for rerouting traffic, Buford said. The second phase will reverse the traffic

flow to work on the other side of the road.

Once the roadway is removed, Buford said temporary ramps will allow access to Wayne Memorial for the rest of the school year. For summer school, there will be access from Fourth Street.

Work is scheduled to be completed by November, but Buford said he expects it to wrap up by late September or early October.

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Author talks about 'Rivers' for Earth Day 2011

In honor of Earth Day, author Dr. John Hartig will speak on his new book, *Burning Rivers: Revival of Four Urban-Industrial Rivers that Caught on Fire*, on Tuesday, April 19 at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland and on Wednesday, April 20 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



Hartig

Both programs will be at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Burning Rivers explores how four rivers in the Great Lakes Basin caught on fire because of oil pollution, including the Rouge River in Detroit. Hartig will discuss how indiscriminate use and abuse of these aquatic ecosystems led to them becoming polluted, culminating with the river fires. Also presented will be evidence of how today each is experiencing dramatic environmental improvement, as well as how it is being achieved. The book has been written for a lay audience. It presents insights on the environmental history, translates the science, and provides practical lessons learned in river stewardship. It will inspire people to be good stewards of rivers.

This story of burning rivers/river revival also gives hope. If these four river systems can be revived and made into community assets, there is hope for all rivers and all people and organizations working to restore river ecosystems. Everyone interested in the environment and sustainability will learn something from this book.

Some of the partners in this river restoration effort - Alliance of Rouge Communities, Friends of the Rouge and the Rouge River Advisory Council - will have representatives on hand to answer questions on how local communities and organizations are working together to improve the Rouge River Watershed.

Hartig is trained as a limnologist with 30 years of practical experience in environmental science and natural resource management. He currently serves as Refuge Manager for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

From 1999 to 2004 he served as River Navigator for the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative established by Presidential Executive Order. Prior to becoming River Navigator, he spent 12 years working for the International Joint Commission on the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Hartig has been an Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University where he taught Environmental Management and Sustainable Development. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 publications on the Great Lakes, including writing *Burning Rivers* and co-editing *Honoring Our Detroit River, Caring for Our Home and Under RAPs: Toward Grassroots Ecological Democracy in the Great Lakes Basin*.

He also has received a number of awards for his work, including a 2010 Green Leaders Award from the Detroit Free Press, a 2005 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation Award for Outstanding Leadership and Collaboration in the Great Lakes, the 2003 Anderson-Everett Award from the International Association for Great Lakes Research, and the 1993 Sustainable Development Award for Civic Leadership from Global Tomorrow Coalition.

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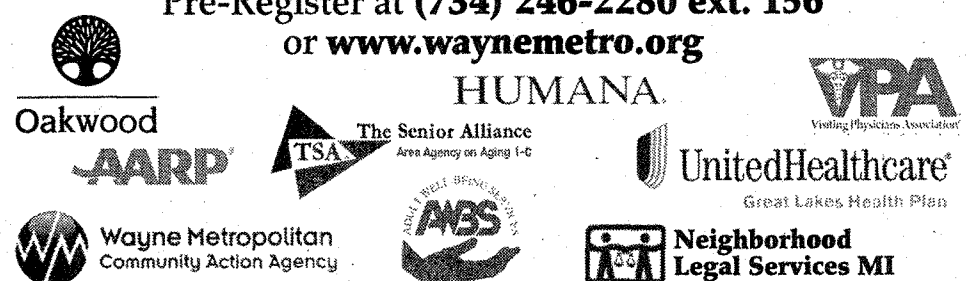
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to be called and came over to audition, landing the part of Fender.

"I've always loved this stage," said Roberts. "When I did my first play here, I didn't think I'd come back. This is my sixth play with Mrs. Sullivan. I absolutely love her, she has so much confidence in me. She sees me as a treasure and I see her as a treasure."

"I've taken drama, but I see her as my teacher," he said. "If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have discovered my passion for theater and my confidence on stage."

'PERFECT TIMING'

Among the alumni is Travis Manning who worked with Sullivan his senior year at Wayne High. He remained friends with her after leaving for Central Michigan University where he's studying public relations and marketing — "I may add a theater minor." He had heard about her idea to use alumni in the show and he was able to come back after taking this year off from CMU to spend five months in New York.

"I'm kind of nervous, I did some music since high school, but not theater," he said. "I've always wanted to do this show and the opportunity was perfect timing. The music is good, the story is good, it's relevant."

Manning has been cast as the very plus-sized Edna Turnblad. His plan is not to



Director Katie Sullivan plans on making the "Hairspray" performance unique to Wayne Memorial High School.

play the role as a woman and disguise his voice.

"John Travolta sounded like Dr. Evil from *Austin Powers*, I'll try to do it differently," he said. "He tried to sound like a woman when it was obvious it's a man. I'm not going to try and hide it."

But he does have to shave off his beard and somehow be stuffed to "fit" the part — Edna talks about her 54 triple E bust size in the play.

The musical is also a reunion of sorts for he and Roberts.

"I was a senior and he was a little kid," Manning said.

Also returning is Stephanie Huffman, a 2010 grad, who worked with Sullivan in last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Huffman is working around her college studies and work schedule to be there.

"The only day I have an issue with is Thursday, and she's



Andrew Roberts, a junior at John Glenn High School, has appeared in Wayne Memorial High School productions since fifth-grade. This year he decided to audition for its spring musical "Hairspray" and landed the role of Fender.

very accepting about the fact that I'm very busy," she said.

Beauty and the Beast was Huffman's first play. She got involved through her boyfriend who wanted to tryout and asked her to join him. She said she had wanted to do

plays "for a long, long time," but was too shy.

"I realized that these people aren't judgemental, it makes everything very easy to do because you know they're not going to judge you," she said. Huffman has been cast as



Sunnie Patterson as Tracy Turnblad belts out "Good Morning, Baltimore," during rehearsals of "Hairspray" at Wayne Memorial.

the crazy Prudy Singleton. Line wise it's not a very hard part, but personality wise ... "She's controlling, uptight and crazy and I wouldn't categorize myself as crazy," said Huffman. "When I got the part, I went home and started looking at YouTube videos of people who played the role on Broadway."

Huffman said she goes over her lines in her head and does feel kind of crazy because she talks to herself.

"When I do my lines I say no that won't work, it doesn't sound crazy enough," she said.

IN THE PIT

Skip Monit is the musical alumnus. He's pulled out his trombone to be a member of the pit orchestra.

"This is the first time in I don't know how many years I've done this," said Monit. "I played in the pit when I was a student at Wayne. My son is the technical director at Stockmeyer (auditorium). When he found out, he knew

the history and asked if I was interested."

Monit has a lot of history with his horn. He played in the marching band for four years at Michigan State University and was with the Plymouth Community Band for a number of years. He's been practicing and doing scales to get ready for the show.

"I have to play a lot to be confident with my horn," he said. "It was a lot of fun at the first rehearsal. It's going to be a lot of fun, I'm excited."

"At the first rehearsal, it sounded wonderful," said Sullivan.

The challenge for Sullivan is to come up with a production that isn't a repeat of the Broadway show or the movies.

"I don't want to reperform the movie or the Broadway musical, I want this to be unique to Wayne Memorial," she said. "While that would be the safe thing to do, it's not the most challenging."

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PARK

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12 acres in the eastern part of the park. Plans approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment call for mitigation of lead contamination by regrading and installation of a geotextile membrane covered by 12 inches of soil.

"They'll also be putting in the rest of the fabric — the geotextile liner. Then I hope

they'll put in the soil in the next couple of weeks, if they want to get the grass seed in," Kosowski said.

Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields and a walking path will be installed with pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand to follow.

"The contractor is still doing a lot of work with the soccer field and the drainage. That's the biggest thing — we don't want a wet field," Kosowski said.

The city has applied for a \$500,000 grant from

the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to fund the construction of the proposed park pavilion. The Westland Farmers Market is moving to the City Hall parking lot in anticipation of eventually relocating to Central City Park after a pavilion is constructed.

"Last year, we put in for \$4 million (grant) for the full park, we only put in for one item this year," said Kosowski. "We also raised our match to 40 percent — the DNRE asks for 25 percent. We are hoping

those extra points will move the project up."

Many trees in the park, especially along Carlson, had to be removed because they would interfere with the geotextile membrane or if left, eventually die, due to the impact of the membrane, and have to be taken out later.

Last year, Westland accepted ownership of the 33-acre park from Wayne County after having leased it for a number of years.

The park has been closed since January 2006 due to

the lead contamination that came from various sources and concerns about methane gas in areas used as a landfill. A passive ventilations trench and several monitoring probes will address the methane gas issues.

Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive.


As a result, that area will be restricted for the foreseeable future.

Once completed, the amenities added to Central City Park, such as restrooms and concessions stands, will complement the adjacent Play Planet play structure and the H2O Zone sprayground park located immediately to the north.

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Westland woman gets lucky at Northville Downs

Shirley Montville didn't expect to hit the jackpot when she and her husband went to Northville Downs on April 9, but the Westland resident did, winning \$25,000 as part of the race track's Lucky Seven Saturday promotion.

Each Friday and Saturday night at Northville Downs, one lucky patron is selected to play one of two games where the contestants can win up to \$100,000 in cash. Friday Night's are Royal Flush Fridays where contestants choose five cards from a game board and try to match a royal flush for \$100,000, four of a kind worth \$25,000, or a full house worth \$1,000. Lucky Seven Saturday's one contestant has a chance to correctly select the first seven finishers in a designated live race. Seven correct pays \$100,000, six correct pays \$25,000, and five correct pays \$1,000.

Montville had her chance on the 11th race. She handicapped the race with her husband and chose the numbers of 5-3-8-6-7-4-2. After a thrilling finish, the photo sign on the tote board illuminated and showed a win photo between numbers five and three.



Brad Cole, Publicity Associate, Shirley Montville of Westland shows off the \$25,000 prize she recently won at Northville Downs. Joining her are her husband William (second from right) and Northville Downs publicity associates Brad Cole (left) and Nicole Dalicandro (right).

After the stewards reviewed the photo finish the results of the race were posted. The correct order of finish was 5-3-8-6-7-4-9. Montville was ecstatic along with the entire clubhouse at Northville Downs, as fans realized she had just won \$25,000 in cash.

Montville visit the race track several times a year, and her visit April 9 was because she wanted to do something fun to clear her mind after attending a

funeral earlier in the day.

Northville Downs offers live racing starting at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday through April 30th. Upcoming events include the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 7, and for the first time ever, Northville Downs will be featuring a Bus Tour that goes to Churchill Downs for the premier event. For more information, call (248) 349-1000 or visit www.northvilledowns.com.

Friends of Rouge put out call for bug hunters

Calling all bug hunters. Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Spring Bug Hunt on Saturday, April 30.

Interested volunteers must preregister by Friday, April 15. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-DeARBORN Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers

are assigned to teams of four to eight people that will travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river.

The Friends of the Rouge monitoring program was started in 1998 as a way of involving a large number of volunteers in monitoring the health of the watershed by sampling the creeks of the Rouge River. The types and number of organisms found are used to assess

water quality, and the data are submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Rouge communities.

The program is supported by the Erb Family Foundation, and in part, by the Alliance of Rouge Communities and in cooperation with Wayne County Department of Public Services Water Quality Management Division. For more information, visit www.therouge.org.

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Looking for something to do during spring break this week? Then check out that's going on at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, Westland Municipal Golf Course and Concrete Jungle Skate Park.

The ice arena is offering a Learn to Ice Skate Clinic and open skating. Boys and girls ages 6-12 can learn the basics of ice skating 12:30-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the arena. More advanced skaters are welcome.

The cost is \$3 per person and includes skate rental, class and open skating from 1 to 2 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes and good, warm gloves.

The ice arena is on Wildwood just south of Hunter. For more information, call the ice arena at (734) 729-4560.

Learn to golf at the Westland Municipal Golf Course at 500 S. Merriman, 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. Skills to be taught include putting, driving and game etiquette. The cost is \$5 per person and the activity is for children ages 6 and up. In the event of inclement weather, the activity will be held inside on the golf simulators.

For more information, call (734) 721-6660.

Register for Learn to Skate and golf clinics at the ice arena, golf course or the Bailey Recreation Center.

The Concrete Jungle will be

open for a special session of skating 1-4 p.m. every day during Spring Break, April 18-22. The cost is \$3 per person. A Concrete Jungle T-shirt also will be raffled off every day at 3 p.m.

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.

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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.cityof-westland.com.

Cancer Auction

The Garden City Moose 538 and Women of the Moose 1339 are holding their ninth annual Fighting for a Cure Cancer Auction Saturday, April 30, at the lodge at 29137 Ford, just east of Middlebelt.

Bidding starts at 4 p.m. for the live auction which includes an autographed jersey, electronics, jewelry, Harley-Davidson items, men's, women's and garden baskets, golf basket and packages, outdoor furniture and decor and more.

There also will be door prizes and raffles, and food will be available.

All proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. People who would like to donate items for the auction can contact Kim Dowidait at (734) 564-5777.

Raion Taiko Drummers

Japanese drumming will be showcased when the Raion Taiko Drummers perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

Taiko is a drumming style of Japanese origin, characterized by its large drums and thunderous energy.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.50 or for \$6 the night of the performance. The show runs until 8:30 p.m., and proceeds will benefit a group of Garden City High School students who will visit Japan for

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two weeks this summer as well as the Japanese National Honor Society.

Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

Community Chat

Catch up on what's happening in Garden City with GC Community Chat with Kerry Partin at 9 p.m. every Thursday night at talkshoe.com/tc/82757. Also check out his website at communitychat.weebly.com. The talk show and website are dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City.

For more information, contact Kerry at gcommunitychat@gmail.com

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training,

coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande ParLOUR for social and business occasions.

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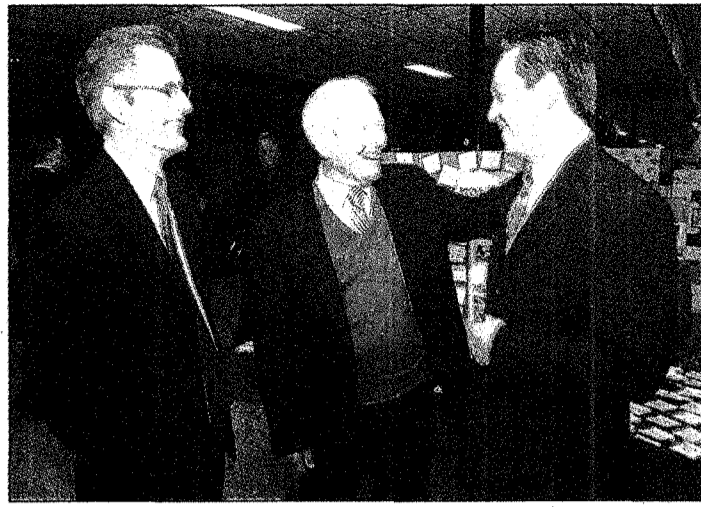
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Brendan and Bailey Churgin, students at Hayes Elementary School in Westland, baked, decorated and sold 459 cupcakes, donating the \$272 they raised to CancerCare, a nonprofit that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer.

Second-graders at Rosedale Elementary School in Livonia wrote letters of appreciation to veterans at the Veterans Administration hospital in Ann Arbor.

Lindsey Hoyer, a fourth-grader at Cleveland Elementary School in Livonia, donated several inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

These Livonia Public Schools students were among hundreds honored Tuesday for their volunteer work through the Youth Making a Difference program. The Livonia PTSA Council treated them to refreshments



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Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith share a laugh before Youth Making a Difference begins. All three spoke during the program, congratulating the students being honored for their volunteer efforts.

and a magic show by Jason Hudy at Franklin High School, Livonia.

The program is in its 20th year. Chairman John Grzebnik said approximately 2,800 students participated, and all received certificates at their schools. But an auditorium full of youngsters and their families

turned out for the recognition program at Franklin.

'FUTURE LEADERS'

Jade Smith, deputy mayor of Westland, attended for the first time. He said he was "blown away" by the variety of volunteer projects the students completed, many of which were



Joshua Woods, 10, and his mother, Christine Smith, look over a display telling about his volunteer project.

explained on poster boards for viewing before the recognition program began. "Everybody give yourselves a round of applause," he said, calling the student volunteers our "future leaders."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who's attended the Youth Making a Difference recognition program each year since

its inception, said there are always more people in need than people willing to help. He said the annual PTSA program helps connect the people who need help with people who can give it. "Sometimes it's a little thing," he said. "As we help others, we help ourselves."

LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa complimented the stu-

dents on their efforts. "You did a phenomenal job, remarkable work," he told them.

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Cara Cosgrove, a second-grader at Hoover Elementary School in Livonia, along with her class, made holiday treats for Meals on Wheels recipients, filling bags with candy for Halloween, making hearts for Valentine's Day and "little bunny things out of tissue" for Easter.

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If you would like to learn more about scuba diving, the Westland Public Library is a great place to start. You can start by checking out "Scuba Diving" by Monty Halls and Miranda Krestovnikoff, "Scuba Scoop: Answers to Your Commonly-Asked SCUBA Diving Questions" by Gary S. Shumway and "Diving on the Edge: A Unique Guide for New Divers" by Michael Bane.

Many people scuba dive to observe and enjoy exotic sea life and colorful coral reefs as well as ship wrecks and caves. To find out more about some available dive sites you can check out "Best Dives of the Caribbean" by Joyce and Jon Huber and "Dive Sites of Cozumel and the Yucatan" by Lawson Wood. You may think that in order to enjoy scuba, you need to travel far. There are actually many dive sites available right here in Michigan and you can find out more about them with "Divers Guide to Michigan" by Steve Harrington.

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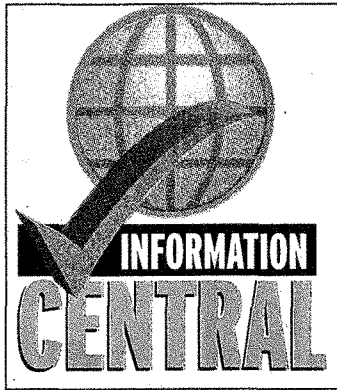
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Afternoon Movie Classics: "Singing in the Rain" 3 p.m. April 19, ages 12 and up

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sic songs and stories of American musicals films from the American Film Institute's top 100 movies of the last 100 years. Today's selection is "Singing in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds.

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Celebrate Earth Day: Dr. John Hartig, author of "Burning Rivers," 7 p.m. April 19, ages 12 and up

Dr. John Hartig, author of "Burning Rivers: Revival of Four Urban-Industrial Rivers that Caught on Fire," joins us to celebrate Earth Day and the good things people have done to care for our world. "He (Hartig) believes in the power of people to affect change, and his story about the destinies of the Rouge, Cuyahoga, Buffalo and Chicago rivers since they each burst into flames is clearly one of triumph over tragedy. It is the story of how everyday people, working alone or in concert with others, can move legal, political and bureaucratic mountains to do what is good and right for all of us." (Mlive.com) Panel discussion to follow. In partnership with the Holliday Nature Preserve.

Documentary Movie Night: "No Impact Man," 7 p.m. April 20

Join us for a viewing of the documentary film, "No Impact Man." In November 2006, Colin Beavan launched a year-long project in which he, his wife, his two-year-old daughter and his four-year-old dog went off the grid and attempted to live in the middle of New York City with as little environmental impact as possible. We watch as the family finds out just what it's like to live without electricity, television, cars, toilet paper, elevators or newspapers. Beavan's wife Michelle must contend with caffeine withdrawal, compost worms and no retail while still pursuing her own dreams and attempting to support her well-intentioned husband at the same time.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. April 21, adults and teens

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Friday Night Movies: "The King's Speech" 7 p.m. April 22, adults and teens

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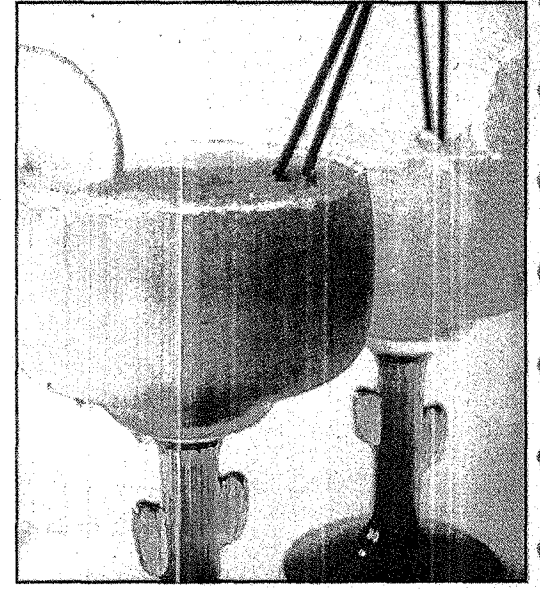
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Clarenceville's Quarles 1-hits Warriors in 3-1 win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Damien Quarles was in a groove Friday on the mound and he rendered the Lutheran High Westland batting order virtually helpless. The junior left-hander from Livonia Clarenceville allowed just one hit and two walks to go along with eight strikeouts as the Trojans turned back the Warriors, 3-1. "Damien was real sharp today," said Clarenceville coach Dan Miller,

whose team improved to 5-1 overall. "His last outing was a rough outing and he kind of took that personally. I think he was on a personal mission today to pitch better. He always seems to pitch well against these guys. He's faced them two or three times. He was sharp. He hit spots, he was able to get ahead in the count and was able to get his breaking stuff over which is big for him. When he mixes speeds and can

hit spots, he can be effective. And he did that today."

Quarles' favorite pitcher is the Tigers' Justin Verlander.

"I had to step it up this game," the junior said. "My curveball was working and I was spotting my pitches. It was really good pitching weather. The wind held the ball a lot. It helped me out a lot."

Clarenceville took a 1-0 lead in the first when Quarles, the lead-off batter, reached base on an outfield error, stole second base, took third on a fielders'

choice, and scored on Eric Trotter's pop fly beyond first base.

The Warriors then answered in the top of the fourth inning without the benefit of a hit.

Jake Andrzejewski reached base on an infield error and eventually scored on a fielder's choice after the Trojans failed to convert a double play.

In the bottom of the fifth, Dan Blacker singled and Quarles followed with a double, putting runners at

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SIDELINES

Taylor lauded again

A terrific offensive week by Grand Valley State landed the Lakers the GLIAC Softball Player of the Week award, as freshman shortstop Brianna Taylor earned the league distinction (ending April 10).

The Livonia Franklin grad helped the Lakers to a 6-0 record last week, hitting .667 with 14 base hits and scoring seven runs, becoming the third Grand Valley player to win the GLIAC Softball Player of the Week award this season.

In a pair of games against Northwood and four games against Lake Superior State last week, Grand Valley hit .455 as a team, totaling 12 doubles and 15 homers, while outscoring its opponents, 61-19.

Taylor was GVSU's top hitter with a .667 batting average, 14 hits, seven runs, one double, two triples, and one home run. She totaled eight RBI and owned a 1.048 slugging percentage and a .682 on-base percentage.

She recorded five multi-hit games and tallied three hits in a game four times last week. She notched an RBI in five of the six games and an extra base hit in four games.

Against Lake Superior State (April 10), she was 6-for-6 with a double, triple, three runs scored and three RBI.

Taylor is hitting .483 in 20 games played with 18 runs, three doubles, two triples, three homers, and 21 RBI.

During the 2010-11 basketball season, Taylor, a two sport star, was named the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week twice (Nov. 29 and Feb. 7). She was also named NCAA Division II honorable mention All-America and All-GLIAC North Division.

Ladywood toppled

Seven goals apiece by Brooke Ingraham and Mary Eicher propelled Pontiac Notre Dame Prep to an 18-17 Catholic League lacrosse victory Wednesday over host Livonia Ladywood.

Top scorers for Ladywood, 1-3 overall, including senior Alexa Burns (six goals, five assists), junior Kylie Birney (five goals) and junior Emma Ellswood (three goals).

Notre Dame Prep goalie Sarah Klieman made 20 saves.

Ladywood senior Lauren Perugi faces 14 shots and made five saves, while junior Rana Freij faced nine shots and had one save.

"It was anybody's game to win," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "Later in the second half we began to play without control and had too many yellow cards. We played down a player for nine minutes, which didn't allow us to maintain the strength we needed to finish strong."

KLAA BASEBALL

Churchill sweeps 2 vs. Glenn

Livonia Churchill's baseball team heads into spring break with a little momentum following a lopsided double-header sweep Wednesday of host Westland John Glenn, 11-3 and 11-1.

The Chargers, who improved to 6-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs South Division, won't play again until Wednesday, April 27 at home against Plymouth in a twinbill.

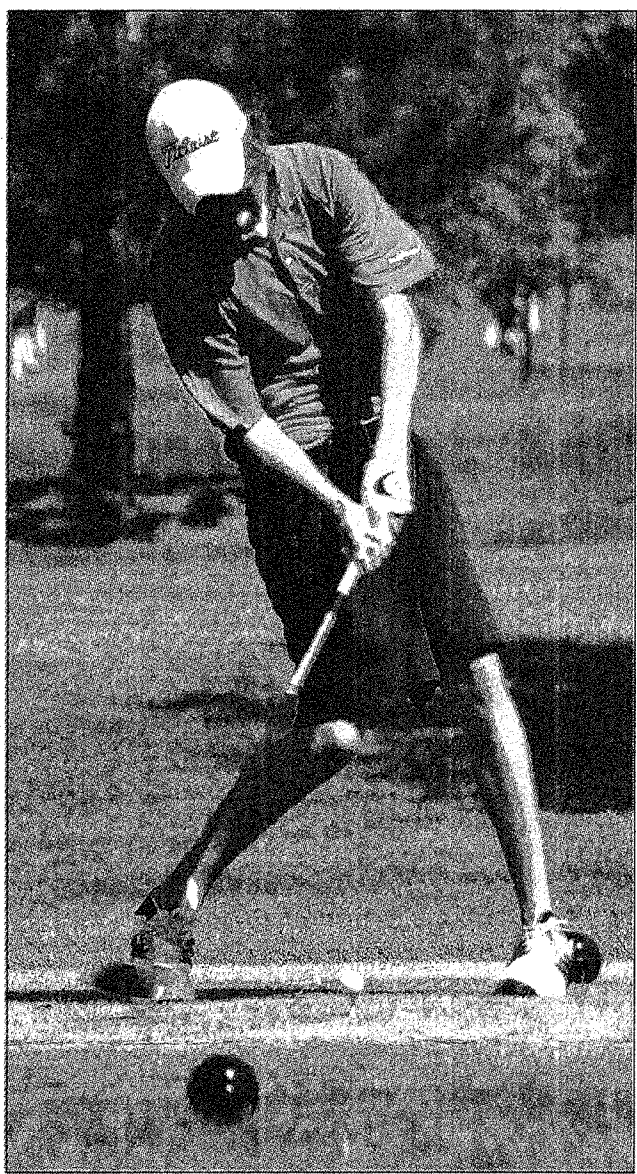
Catcher Joe Williams went 4-for-5 with three RBI in the opener and 2-for-4 with an RBI in the nightcap.

Also contributing to Churchill's 12-hit attack in the Game One was Connor Dwyer, who went 2-for-2 with three walks, an RBI and four runs scored. Troy Bogenschutz added two hits and two RBI.

Rob Schurig and Caleb Clenney each collected two hits for the Rockets. Mike Pietruszka added a 2-run double in the seventh inning.

Winning pitcher Brent Ochodnicki went the first six innings, allowing one run on eight hits and three walks. He struck out six before giving way

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Boys golf preview

Churchill's Ben Proben earned second-team All-Observer honors after carrying a 78.1 average for 18 holes and a 38.7 average for nine as a sophomore. For a preseason look at area team, see page B3.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Can't make ground: Crusaders get split

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball leader Davenport University held serve Friday in a pivotal double-header against defending champion Madonna University.

The host Panthers rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat MU, 7-6, in the first game, but dropped the nightcap, 13-6, at the Christian Recreation Center in Grand Rapids.

Davenport is now 27-14 overall and 14-2 in the WHAC, while MU stands 27-8 and 8-4.

Debra Burton's 2-out single with the bases loaded knotted the game a 6-all in the bottom of the seventh. Liz Veltman then came home with the winning run on an MU error to tag Jess Irwin (14-5) with the loss.

Brianna Carpenter (6-5) pitched the final 5.1 innings in relief to earn the victory. She also went 2-for-3 including a homer and three RBI. Veltman also homered for Davenport.

Tara LaMilza belted a solo homer for the Crusaders, while Jackie Barley also added two RBI. In Game Two, Madonna unloaded for 15 hits with Amber Rafko going 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI.

Also getting into the act was Barley (3-for-5, two RBI; three

runs); LaMilza (3-for-5, two RBI); Kelly Lesko (3-for-4, two runs); and Erin Mayes (2-for-2, two RBI).

Hallie Minch (Garden City) was the winning pitcher. She worked the first four innings to improve to 13-3. Irwin held the Panthers to one earned run over the final four innings to post her fourth save. Burton went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while starting pitcher Karlee Despres (7-2) suffered the loss.

MADONNA 31, SIENA HEIGHTS 1-0: Sterling back-to-back pitching performances by Jess Irwin and Hallie Minch carried the Madonna University (26-7, 7-3) to a double-header sweep Wednesday of visiting Siena Heights (12-31, 2-14).

Irwin, a senior from Monroe, ran her record to 14-4 with a two-hitter in the opener. She struck out 11 and walked only one.

Shortstop Jackie Barley went 3-for-3 with an RBI and scored two of MU's three runs. Ashley Shay and Tara LaMilza also knocked in runs.

Losing pitcher Tarran Donovan had the lone RBI for the Saints.

In the nightcap, Minch ran her record to 12-3 with a two-hit shutout. The junior from Garden City struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Katie O'Hotzke, who allowed just three hits, took the loss for Siena Heights. Kelly Lesko tripled in the third inning and scored on Shay's groundout. It was Shay's team-leading 28th RBI of the year.

GIRLS SOCCER

Fabulous frosh Chargers' Parrinello tallies 4 in victory

Livonia Churchill's Kelsey Parrinello must have been wearing a pair of golden boots in Thursday's KLAA South Division girls soccer match at Westland John Glenn.

The freshman had the Midas Touch, pumping in four goals as the Chargers improved to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South with a 5-0 win over the host Rockets.

Parrinello's goal during the 33rd minute off an assist from Kaylie Secord gave Churchill a 1-0 halftime

advantage.

Sam Beier then scored in the 45th minute off a nifty feed from Kelsey Rothermel to make it 2-0.

Parrinello's final three goals came just four minutes apart including one on a penalty kick in the 56th minute followed by feeds from Rothermel and Lisa McMullen in the 58th and 60th minutes.

Churchill senior goalkeeper Casey Manasian posted the shutout.

The loss drops Glenn to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the

division.

FRANKLIN 8, WAYNE 2: Jessica Maurer tallied two goals and two assists Thursday as Livonia Franklin (2-2-1, 1-0-1) stopped host Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Senior Chelsea Williams contributed two goals and one assist, while Alejandra Mesa added a goal and assist for the Patriots, who led 4-1 at halftime.

Other Franklin goal scorers included Emily McCullen, Natalie Desautel, Lauren Zentz and Sam Summers.

Freshman Amber Parrish

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Livonia gymnasts 1st

Livonia Ultimate Gymnastic's Prep-Opt Silver Team recently captured first place at the Infinity Gymnastics Mission Impossible meet held in Brighton. Team members include (from left) Allison McDonnell, Alexis Roupas, Madison Pargoff, Jessica Semaan and Melani Kieling.

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Blazers sting Regina twice

Livonia Ladywood continued its early season roll Friday by sweeping Warren Regina in a girls softball double-header, 11-2 and 13-2.

The Blazers collected a total of 14 hits on the day against Central Michigan University signee Chelsea DeLamilleure to improve to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Celeste Fidge, Carli SanMillan and winning pitcher Briana Combs each collected three hits, while Lauren Hayes and Andrea Gietl added two each for the victorious Blazers in the opener.

Combs allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out 12 to

earn the victory.

In the nightcap, Fidge collected four hits, including three doubles.

Hayes, the winning pitcher, also had four while Jenny Rohn and Combs each added two hits (with a double apiece).

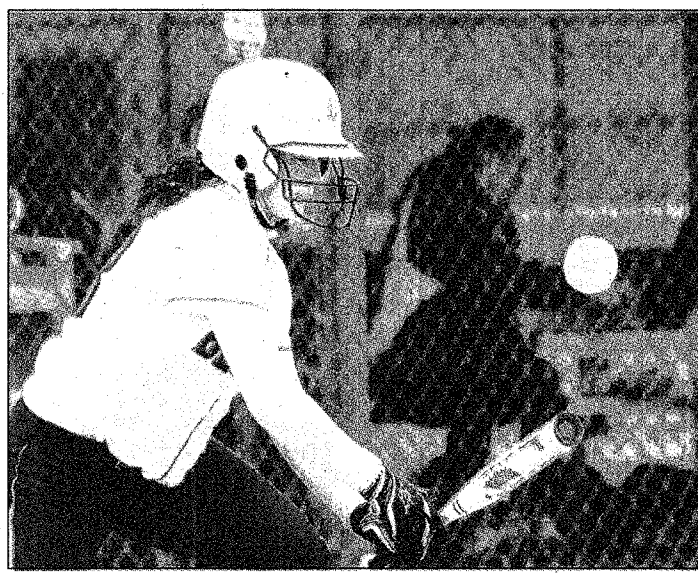
Hayes, a freshman, threw a three-hitter. She struck out nine, walked three and hit a batter.

The loss drops Regina to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the Central.

HARPER WOODS 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Emily Rogers threw a three-hit shutout Wednesday as the Pioneers downed host Livonia Clarenceville (1-4).

Rogers struck out seven and walked only three in going all seven innings.

Kiana Smith, Reba Bibik and Joanna Burling had the lone hits for the Trojans.



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Ladywood's Alyssa Kashat lays down a bunt during Friday's Catholic League Central Division double-header against Warren Regina.

Angela McAlpine also reached base twice on walks.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Bishop allowed three earned runs on seven hits and three walks while fanning five.

The Trojans committed five errors.

Tonya Smith and Koren Robinson each collected two hits for the Pioneers, who scored five times in the fourth inning and one in the seventh.

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second and third. Trotter's one-out sacrifice fly brought home the go-ahead run.

Clarenceville added another insurance run in the sixth when Zac Rosen was hit by a pitch, moved to second on Matt Kurdziel's sacrifice bunt and scored on Joey Schiffman's RBI single.

Meanwhile, Warriors starter Thomas Handschumacher was also effective. He went all six innings, allowing just three hits and two walks and striking out five.

"Our pitcher pitched well enough to win," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "He gave up an unearned run in the first, and a couple of other runs. It is what it is."

Handschumacher also had the lone Lutheran Westland hit off Quarles, a double down the right field line in the second inning.

"He's a good pitcher," Wade said of the Clarenceville left-hander. "He's only a junior and that's not good — we'll see him again. He pitched well. We couldn't get the timing, but not to make excuses — he pitched well."

Clarenceville's timing at the plate was also off against Handschumacher.

"It was really our approach at the plate," Miller said. "We were getting pull happy, try-

ing to pull the ball. It wasn't a hitters' day. When it's not a good day for hitters, we need to try stay more in the middle of the field and work the ball up the middle. Guys who did that were successful for us. We were swinging at bad pitches and trying to do too much."

Quarles got plenty of help from his shortstop Trotter, who had seven assists and one putout on the cold and blustery afternoon.

"Eric (Trotter) had a real nice game and that's what we expect," Miller said. "He's been playing shortstop two or three years for us now. It was kind of him and Quarles working together. I told Damien before the game that we've got to keep the ball on the ground. With the wind the way it was, everything in the air was going to be a tough play. He did that. He got a lot of ground balls and Eric did his job."

The loss drops the Warriors to 2-1 overall.

"We need to keep growing," Wade said. "It's only our third game. We've had some games rained out — field conditions and stuff like that. We just need to keep playing and get that experience. We could be good. I think we can compete with people in our league. We just have to come together and keep learning."

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Spartans bounce back; Charger homers pierce Rockets

Livonia Stevenson launched KLAAs Central Division softball play Wednesday by splitting a twinbill with host Northville.

The Spartans dropped the opener, 7-3, but bounced back to beat the Mustangs in the nightcap, 4-2.

Stevenson stands 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the Central heading into the spring break, while Northville is 7-2 and 1-1.

"We had one bad inning all day and it cost us the first game," said Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon, whose team squandered a 2-1 lead when Northville tallied five runs in the bottom of the fifth. "We made some mental mistakes and they capitalized on them."

"But I am very pleased with the way we bounced back for the second game. Our hitting is coming around, and defensively, we will continue to improve with the more innings we get under our belts."

Kaitlyn Fenech went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three RBI to pace Northville in the opener. Rachel Deacon also went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Becca Zarras paced Stevenson with a pair of hits and RBI.

Winning pitcher Ellie Asher scattered seven hits, walked one and struck out four in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Jackie Johnson gave up seven earned runs on 12 hits and one walk in six innings. She struck out six.

In the second game, Zarras went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI as the Spartans prevailed. Molly Knoph also added two hits, an RBI and stole two bases.

Morgan Copperstone, a sophomore, was the winning pitcher. She allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out four in going the distance.

Asher gave up three earned runs on nine hits and a walk while fanning five in six innings of work.

CHURCHILL 14-14, JOHN GLENN 1-2: Natalie Hiser belted three homers Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (6-0, 2-0) swept Westland John Glenn (2-4, 0-2) in a KLAAs South Division twinbill.

Churchill captured the opener in a five-inning mercy, 14-1, as Nikki Salloum went 3-for-4, including a 2-run homer, to go along with three

RBI.

Hiser, the winning pitcher, went 2-for-4 highlighted by a solo homer and two RBI.

She went all five innings, allowing just two hits and a run. She struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Lexie Lester took the loss for John Glenn.

Brandi Holbrook had both of the Rockets' hits.

In the second game, Hiser hit 2-run homers each in the third and fourth innings as Churchill rolled to a another five-inning mercy rule victory, 14-2.

Casey Bias also went 2-for-3 with a solo homer, while Missy Sidor added two hits.

Sidor, who threw the final three innings, combined with starter Abby Jewell on a two-hitter.

Nicole Quaine doubled twice for the Rockets. Dani Saunders also doubled and scored on a single by Kailey Vowles, who had two hits.

PLYMOUTH 6-10, FRANKLIN 1-0: Sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou won both ends of a KLAAs South Division double-header Wednesday as the Wildcats (2-1, 0-0) downed host Livonia Franklin (2-2, 0-2).

Plymouth took the opener, 6-1, as Gerou scattered eight hits, walked none and struck out 11.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble, a

junior, gave up all six runs on 10 hits and two walks.

Chelsea Williams, Mariah Barcus and Afton DeWyse each contributed two hits in the loss for the Patriots.

In Game Two, Gerou allowed just four hits in the six-inning mercy.

Franklin starter Nicole Williamson went all six, allowing 10 runs (only three earned) on eight hits and a walk. She struck out three.

The Patriots made a total of 13 errors on the day.

NORTHVILLE 9-22, JOHN GLENN 7-5: In a KLAAs crossover Monday, host Westland John Glenn (2-2) dropped both ends of a double-header against the Mustangs (6-1).

Top hitters for the Rockets, who lost Game One 9-7 included losing pitcher Lexie Lester, three hits and three RBI; Dani Saunders and Brandi Holbrook, three hits apiece (with a double each); Nicole Quaine, two hits (including a double); and Taylor Bonarek, two hits.

Lester struck out three and walked one.

Northville rolled in Game Two, 22-5, as Lester went all five innings in the mercy-shortened affair.

Saunders had four hits, including a fence-clearing homer and a double to go along with four RBI.

Kailey Vowles and Holbrook added two hits apiece.

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scored on a penalty kick just before the first half ended. The second goal was scored by Keeza Stamper off an assist from Alysia Escobar on a beautiful string of passes to start the second half.

Junior goalkeeper Nicole Johnson was busy for the Zebras, making 10 saves.

"Most of Franklin's shots were very well-placed balls," Wayne coach Jeff Parrish said.

STEVENSON 3, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:

Dayna Stevens tallied a pair of second-half goals Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (3-0-1, 1-0-1) tripped host South Lyon East (0-2, 0-2) in a KLAAs Central Division match.

Kim Griffith's goal in the 12th minute proved to be the game-winner. It came on a shot from the box off an assist by Carlin O'Malley.

Rachel Debolski and Griffith then assisted on the Stevens goals in the 58th and 62nd minutes, respectively.

Goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk and Caitie Marchione combined to make five saves in the shutout.



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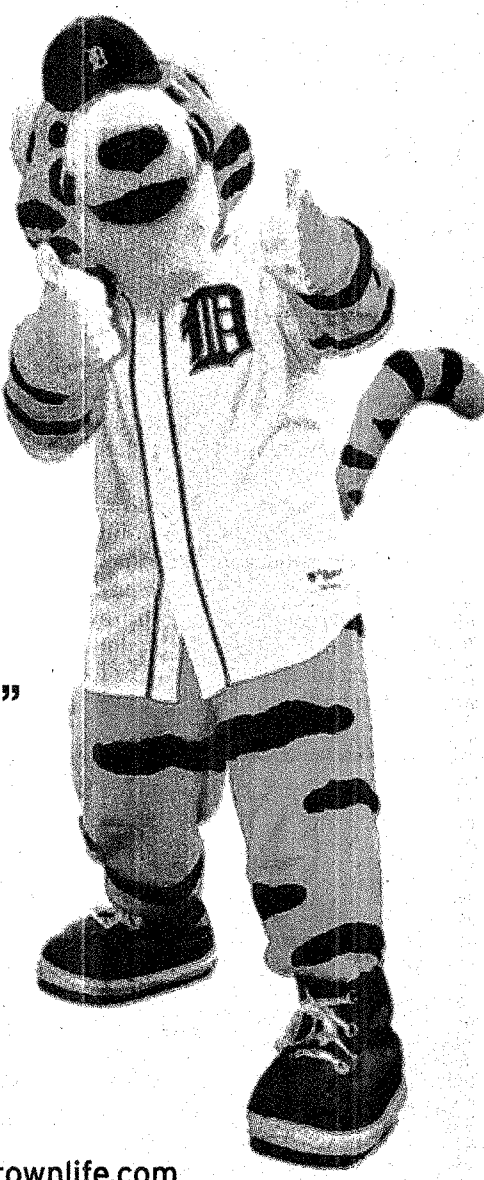
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Road rally

Solve your way through Plymouth in annual Newcomers event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Puff up your hair, pair a padded-shoulder top with acid-washed blue jeans and review Trivial Pursuit's Totally 80s version — you'll be more than prepared to join the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbor's annual Road Rally next month.

The clue-solving road game, culminating with dinner at a local restaurant, takes on a 1980s theme Saturday, May 14. Dressing in 80s attire is optional for participants, although rally clues will draw from the era's popular culture.

Some players will pick a name for their team and dress accordingly — like last year's first place winner, "Purple Haze," a foursome outfitted in tie dye T-shirts and head bands. Others prefer regular street clothing and a few will decorate their cars.

"It's a fun thing. You don't have to live in Plymouth and you don't even have to be new," said Jodi Heiner, who is co-chairing the event with Stephanie Fletcher. Heiner, Fletcher and their husbands, team Black-eyed Peas, won second place last year.

"We have had the



Reactions range from surprise to perplexed at the starting line during Plymouth Newcomers Club's annual road rally last year. Early bird registration ends April 25 for this year's rally on Saturday, May 14.

'Recessionistas' who carried Walmart bags and 'Bunco Babies' with fluffy dice in their cars," Fletcher said, recalling some of the costumed teams. "You can have a lot of fun with this."

Teams earn extra points for wearing costumes and decorating their cars. Winners collect the most points and arrive at the finish line ahead of others by correctly figuring the clues that lead them from destination to destination during the game. Players who are stumped by clues can phone for help, but lose points in the process. Every team keeps a map, telephone book and almanac at hand to

help solve puzzles and brain-teasers.

"It's a fun night to have with friends where you get to play games," Fletcher said. "I like the whole idea. It's not meant to be very hard although you will have to find things and travel to places and do various activities. The point is to have fun."

ACE PLAYERS

Pete and Eileen Ganster of Plymouth and Stan and Carolyn Gage of Plymouth Township have planned the rally twice, played in it five times and won first place last year.



Plymouth Newcomers Club members Pete and Eileen Ganster (left) and Stan and Carolyn Gage wear hippie costumes for the 2010 rally. Dubbed the "Purple Haze" team, they won first place in the road game last year.

Eileen Ganster's advice to first-time rally players is "not to stress out."

"It takes away from the fun," she said. "There definitely have been some hard clues but they aren't impossible."

Unusual rally stops have included a supermarket, where players assembled items that pointed to the next clue, and a studio where the teams were required to dance.

"We've gone to Skatin Station (in Canton), different bars and restaurants, a lot of parks where we did silly things and a cemetery," Ganster said.

Her team will dress in costume for the event next month. Heiner and Fletcher will too, although they'll be

coordinating the rally rather than participating as players. Last year they also planned parties for the club, which has approximately 80 families.

JOINING THE CLUB

Heiner grew up in Plymouth, moved away and then moved back to the area, settling into Salem Township with her family.

"Everyone else was gone when I came back. I felt isolated," Heiner said. "Newcomers was a great way to meet people."

In addition to organizing events like the road rally, parties for both adults and children, and an annual family picnic, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors

offers smaller groups that appeal to various interests. There's a dog-sitting co-op, a career network, dinner club, bunco nights, men's poker, euchre players, sports teams and more.

Fees this year were \$25-\$30 depending on when they were paid. Most Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors' activities run from September-May.

Road rally fees are \$25 for non-members. Members pay \$20 and earn 10 bonus points for registration postmarked on or before April 25 and \$22 afterward. All entry fees include dinner. Registration must be received by May 2. For more information e-mail Fletcher at roadrally@plymouthnewcomers.com



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Congregation celebrates Passover with annual seder

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bet Chaverim's annual congregation Passover seder is "near and dear" to Ilene Honess' heart.

"I joined the temple after going to one of their seders. I was invited by a friend, my family and I went and ended up joining for the next go around."

Now Bet Chaverim's president, the Canton woman says the Passover seder is the perfect place for unaffiliated members of the Jewish faith, those in interfaith families and even those of different faiths to get acquainted with the small, friendly congregation.

"It's a little family and in a family everyone is supportive," Honess described the Canton synagogue. "We're very accepting. All are welcome. Anyone hungry can come and join us. We're inclusive of all backgrounds."

"A seder is a beautiful time to feel us out and feel what we're like. It's one of our biggest non-temple holidays. It's like going to Easter dinner but not to Easter service. There's a ritual and order to what seder means, but it's not exclusive of anyone."

Bet Chaverim rents facilities at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, with services at 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month. The seder will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at



Youngsters learn about Passover at a children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton. Congregation members and guests from the community will participate in a family seder on Tuesday, April 19. That's Rabbi Peter Gluck standing at left.

Hanford Clubhouse, 48500 Hanford, Canton. RSVP to betchaverim@yahoo.com. For more information visit www.Facebook.com/betchaverim.

Passover marks the biblical story of the ancient Israelites and their freedom from slavery in Egypt. The story in Exodus describes the 10 plagues God inflicted on the Egyptians before the enslaved Israelites were released. To escape the final plague, the slaughter of first born children, the slaves marked their homes with lamb's blood as a signal for the Lord to "pass over," leaving them untouched. When the Israelites left Egypt, they fled without waiting for their bread to rise. In commemoration, those observing Passover today eat no leavened bread during the holiday. Matzo, a flat, unleavened bread, has become a symbol of Passover.

Bet Chaverim recently staged a seder for children in

its religious school, to help youngsters understand the ritual and taste the foods they'll eat on Tuesday.

"They'll know what to expect," Honess said.

The congregation seder is a pot luck event, with Bet Chaverim members supplying the food, often using favorite recipes from their own holiday meals. Honess gathered a few to share with *Observer & Eccentric* readers. The noodle pudding recipe is from Arleen Green, the cake and tzimmes recipes are from Roberta Malkowski and Honess supplied the roast recipe:

PASSOVER APPLE CAKE

2 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup white sugar
1 1/2 cups matzo meal
1/2 cup potato starch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
8 large apples - peeled, cored, sliced
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Preheat oven to 350°F
Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch glass baking dish. Combine eggs, oil and sugar in a large bowl and mix with electric mixer. Stir in matzo meal, potato starch and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
In a separate bowl, toss apples, brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg.
Layer half the dough in dish. Pour apple mixture over dough. Pat remaining dough over the apples. Sprinkle lightly with brown sugar, if desired. Bake for 45 minutes.

CARROT, APPLE, BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND SWEET POTATO TZIMMES

4 cups carrots, scraped and sliced 1/2-inch thick
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and slice 1/2-inch thick
2-3 medium apples, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick

1 medium butternut squash (optional), peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick
Cold water to cover
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup honey

1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour

Combine carrots, apples, butternut squash and sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Cook about 15 minutes or until tender enough to pierce with a toothpick. Add salt, honey, lemon juice, nutmeg and cinnamon. Cover and cook over low heat about 45 minutes. Reduce liquid to half way up side of pot.

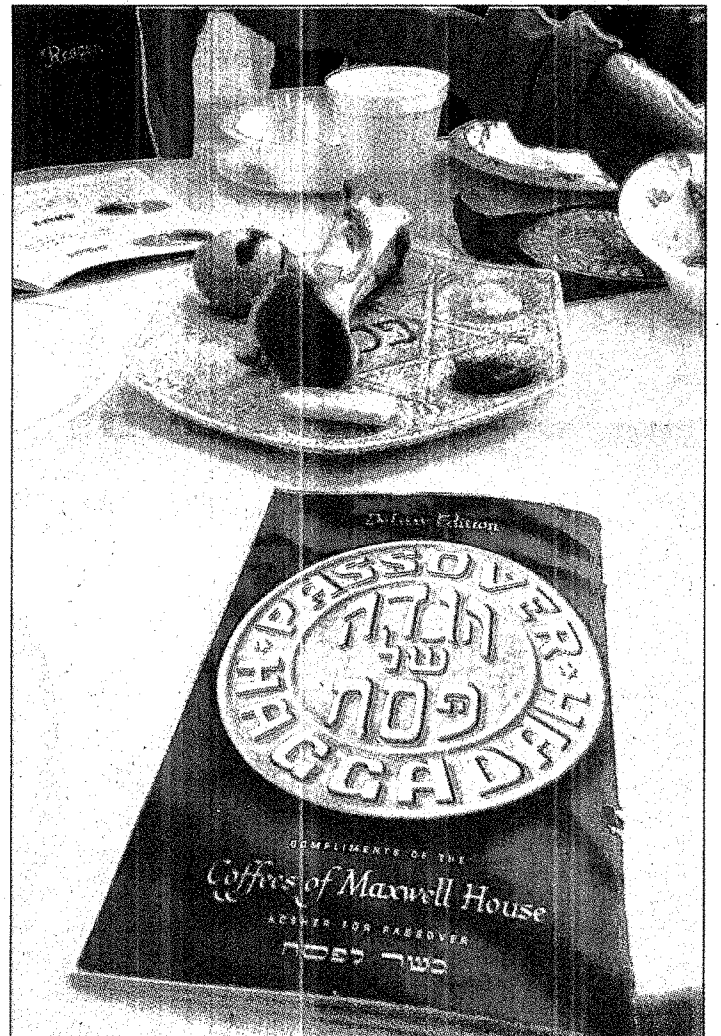
In another pot, melt butter and then mix in flour. Cook 1 minute.

Add to carrot mixture and cook 5 minutes longer until all mixture is coated.

Serve now, or turn into a shallow casserole and put under broiler to brown lightly before serving. Serves 6-8

NOODLE PUDDING, SERVES 20

16 ounce wide noodles
1 1/2 stick of butter (6 ounces)
3 eggs beaten
1 pint of sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pint large curd cottage cheese (creamy)
1 pinch of salt
1/4 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups crushed pineapple, or apple pie filling or raisins and thinly sliced apples
Topping:
1 cup corn flakes, crushed
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup brown sugar.
Directions:
Heavily butter a 3-quart glass baking dish. Boil and then rinse the noodles. Mix eggs Vanilla and salt together then pour over the noodles.



A seder plate and text, called a Haggadah, used at the children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton.

Add sugar, butter, sour cream, and cottage cheese (undrained) and fruit (pine-apple, apple or raisin apple) and mix into the noodles.
Pour mixture into glass baking pan and top with corn flakes, cinnamon and sugar. Dot with the remaining butter.
Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for an hour; cool before cutting.

VERY EASY ROAST RECIPE (CROCK POT)

1 beef round roast or brisket
1 2-liter bottle of regular Verners (ginger ale) pop. (there will be extra)

1 packet of onion soup mix
1/2 cup Ketchup (to taste)
Vegetables to go with roast are potatoes, carrots or onions cut into chunks
Place the roast and cut vegetables into the crock pot, pour Verners over the roast and vegetables until the crock is about 3/4 full. Sprinkle the onion soup mix on roast and into Verners. Squeeze Ketchup to cover the roast across the top and add an extra squeeze or two into the crock.
Cook on low for 8 hours or until the temperature reaches 145-160. Let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

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ACHES

Aching differs from pain. The difference is in the intensity of the discomfort. A pain in the shoulder or the leg stops the activity. A pain in the shoulder prevents a person from lifting a suitcase from the floor of a plane to the overhead storage bin. An ache allows one to complete moving the bag to the overhead compartment, but after doing so, the person wants to rub or rest the aching arm.

Pain in the arm or leg will awaken a person from sleep, aching occurs in the morning when the person arises from bed.

A physician can confirm if the problem is an ache by the physical examination. Pain will prevent an individual from walking with a normal gait or bringing the shoulder overhead in a smooth motion. An ache allows usual movement.

An ache reflects a strained tendon or ligament. The usual cause is injury, though often the injury is unapparent. Rest is the best treatment. Resolution of the injury may take months as the problem usually occurs in a shoulder or thigh which are joints that one must use every day.

A physician can assure the patient that the aching does not represent the beginning of a crippling arthritis, but beyond that assurance, there is little more he can do. Anti-inflammatory medications are not helpful, and in people over age 70 these drugs are a potential danger to proper kidney function. Massage helps but only for hours, heat is good, but has the same limitations as massage.

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Electronic components hurt purse

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

The following e-mail is an example of many I have received from homeowners in the area who are put out by the fact that their product can not be repaired even though it is fairly new. Parts availability should not be problem on major home appliances but it is. There is no law that makes the manufacturer responsible for providing parts for any period of time. If the part is not accessible to the repair industry, you are not going to get the product repaired. You are going shopping again and it's as if the plan was designed that way.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Dale writes: "My Whirlpool double oven went out on Friday (dinner guests Saturday). The display board (clock, temp, all electronics) wasn't working. A Whirlpool-authorized repair company came out Saturday morning

and told me that it needed Part #8302319 and that part is no longer available — ANYWHERE!

"I have checked everywhere including companies online. I contacted Whirlpool customer service and they are no longer making that part. Here is the kicker — my oven is just 7 years old! How can they not be making that part? Any suggestions? Whirlpool basically told me I'm out of luck. So, it looks like my only choice is to replace the ovens. Any suggestions on what I should buy? I'm thinking it won't be a Whirlpool!

"I'm also having issues with the Whirlpool washing machine I bought last year. I had it serviced three times before the warranty ran out in January and Whirlpool won't honor that, saying the warranty has expired and I'm out of luck on that also. Help!"

Dale sent me a follow-up e-mail a few days later: "There is a company in Texas that will 'fix' the part — 'mother board' electronics of my oven. I send the part in and for \$129.99 plus \$11.99 for shipping, they fix it and send it back. Do you know about this and if so, what do you think of my doing it? My Whirlpool double built-in ovens cost me \$3,000 seven years ago."

Reply: Geez Dale, if anyone needs something positive coming their way, it's you. I would be so disturbed I would hire an attorney and take this case all the way to the Supreme Court. Maybe then they would rule that parts have to be carried by the manufacturers for a reasonable amount of time. I wouldn't trust in a rebuilt board because they will replace the diode or resistor that is evidently burnt up, but all the rest of the components are used. Hopefully someone reading this column will disagree with me and call me with a way out for you. Let's hold off a bit on spending another \$3,000. With all the power interruptions lately a whole hose surge protector may be needed in your home. There is no doubt that electronics are adversely affected by power spikes that may occur when power is restored by your utility. If I live long enough I'll be hearing from folks who programmed their stove to cook dinner while they were driving home from work only to come home and find the house burned down. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmlrr.com.

Rev up your bike wardrobe at show

Kick off the motorcycle riding season by checking out the fashions at BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan's fashion show, "Real Gear for Real Riders," 6 p.m., Friday, April 29, at the store, 39933 Ford Road, Canton.

"BMW does fashion shows for dealerships once a year but this is the first at an actual dealership," said Theresa Bailey, store spokeswoman. "We'll demonstrate the function of the clothing, what's new on the market."

The store is asking for a \$15 donation towards the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation before the event or \$20 at the door. In addition to fashions, the show will include prize giveaways and hors d'oeuvres. The store choose the charity

because of a strong personal tie. Apparel manager, Audrey Wicke-Jackson, had a brother who suffered from cerebral palsy and died at age 22. She continues to be involved with the organization, which educates, advocates and provides support services for individuals with a spectrum of disabilities. UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network that has helped millions. All proceeds from show ticket sales will benefit UCP.

Motorcycle riders will walk the runway modeling highlights from the BMW, REV'IT, Olympia and Schuberth collections. BMW Motorcycles

Southeast Michigan sells bikes as well as helmets and clothing. New spring fashions include the REV'IT Ventura suit for women, an all-weather riding suit with a waterproof liner, ventilation, pockets and crash padding.

Bailey said motorcycle apparel is designed for casual riders as well as off-road "enduro" riders.

"Even the casual riders will find some of the less expensive jackets, like the Olympia line, that run \$200-\$300. It depends on what grade of armor you want."

To reserve tickets for the "Real Gear Real Rider" fashion show, call (734) 981-1479. — By Sharon Dargay

Buy a puzzle piece and support autism fight cause

Celebrities Against Autism is selling puzzle pieces for \$1 each this month to support its mission and observe Autism Awareness Month.

Pieces are available through April at the organization's Web site, www.celebrities-againstaautism.org or at one of its partners, including Women's Lifestyle Magazine, Magic 105.1, the Detroit Red Wings, and LaVida Massage. Val McFarland, a Livonia native and founder of Celebrities Against Autism said pieces are in 132 Kroger stores and 67 Great Clips salons as well as many other local restaurants such as Steve's Family Dining in Livonia.

Individuals also can help by volunteering, sponsoring a fundraiser, organizing a casual day for cash in offices, providing auction items and donating to help Michigan families.

One in 91 children is affected by the neurological disorder. With relatively no insurance coverage for the early intensive therapy the children require, the families are often left to cover most of the expenses, which can total \$50,000 per year. Celebrities Against Autism raises funds to provide assistance to them through the Family Grant Program.

"Michigan has become a destination for some of the finest autism treatment in the world," McFarland said. "I have met people from many different countries who have relocated to get their children the best care available. We are fortunate to have the many fine treatment centers right here in Michigan."

McFarland has personally been in the fight against autism. Her youngest son, Callahan, was diagnosed with autism age 2. After five years of intensive treatment, he remains autistic but can enjoy family activities, such as ice skating, jet skiing and bowling.

She founded Celebrities Against Autism with the mission to raise awareness and acceptance of individuals with autism. The group also helps families with funds and therapy. McFarland hopes to create the World's Largest Autism Awareness Puzzle. The completed puzzle will consist of 1.75 million pieces representing the 1.75 million individuals in the U.S. with autism. The completed puzzle will qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records to raise awareness and \$1.75 million for support to Michigan families.

For more information, visit www.celebritiesagainstaautism.org or call (248) 515-7423.

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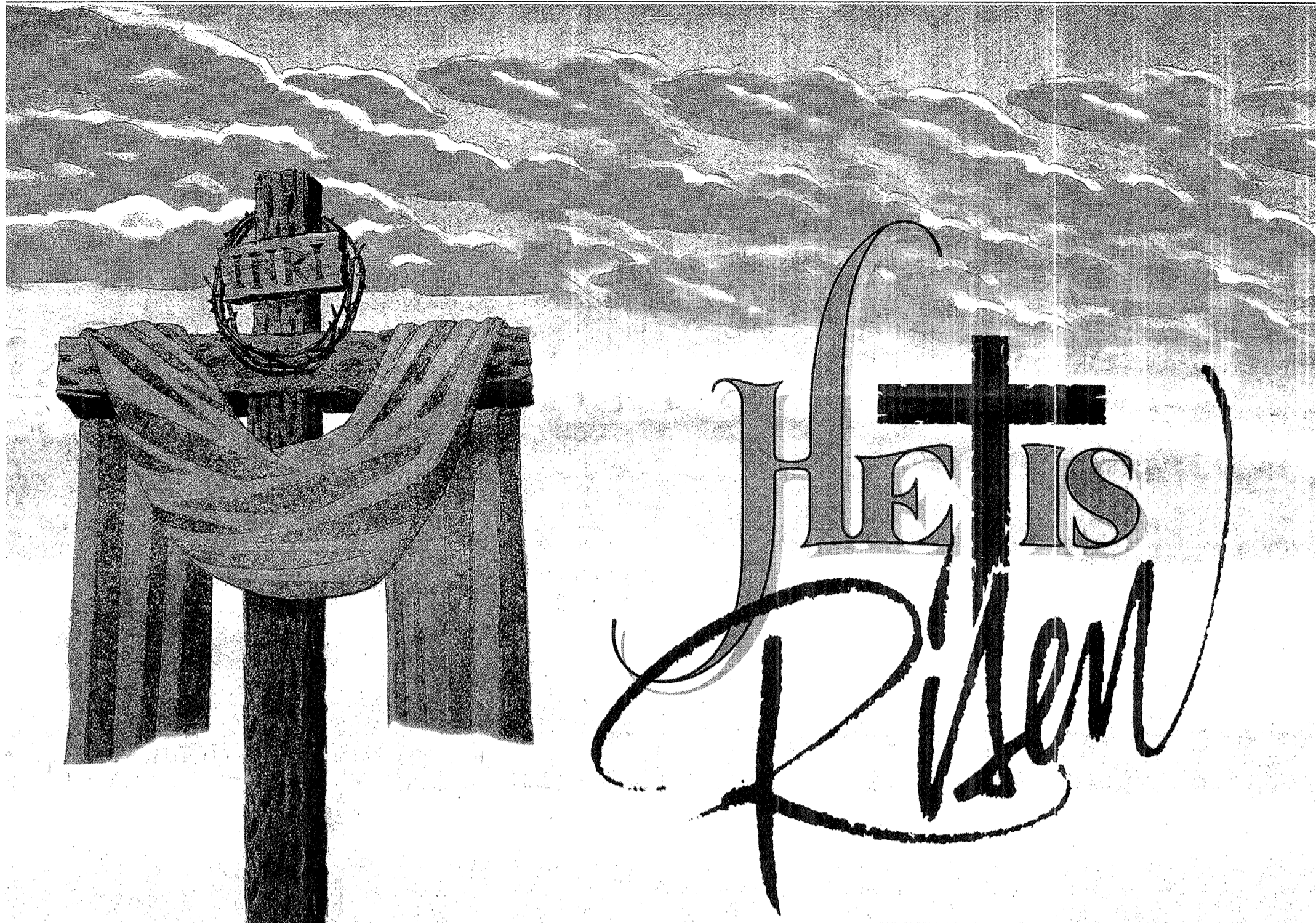
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Good Friday - April 22 - 12:30-2:00 pm - Come as you can, go as you must
7:30 pm - Tenebrae Service of Darkness

EASTER VIGIL - April 23 - Saturday 7:30 pm - Service of Light

EASTER SUNDAY - April 24th - 8 & 10 am
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Free DVD for all - "The Road to Emmaus"

HOLY WEEK
at Rosedale Gardens

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 17
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Orchestra

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 21
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall
Nursery Care Available

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 22
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)-Chapel
Nursery Care Available

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 24
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus"

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Easter Services

Sunrise Easter Service
7:30 a.m. - lead by our youth
9:30 a.m. Traditional
11:15 a.m. Casual

GOOD FRIDAY

Join us as six area churches combine for a Good Friday service. Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. Calvary, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian will partner together to remember and celebrate the work of Jesus Christ. Choir, drama, music, testimonies, and Scripture will challenge us as we remember Christ's suffering on our behalf.

EASTER
Celebrate our Risen Lord at Calvary on Easter Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

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APRIL 22 GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE OF REFLECTION 12 NOON - 1 PM

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22
12 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
7 p.m. Choral Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23
2 p.m. Children's Service and Easter Egg Hunt
8 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Resurrection Chapel
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Maundy Thursday - April 21st
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 22nd
Liturgy of Good Friday - Noon
Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross - 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday - April 17th
Low Mass - 8:30 am
High Mass - 10:30 am

Easter Sunday - April 24th
Low Mass - 8:30 am
High Mass - 10:30 am

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Sunday, April 24
10:00a

Saturday, April 23
3:15p, 5:15p, 7:30p

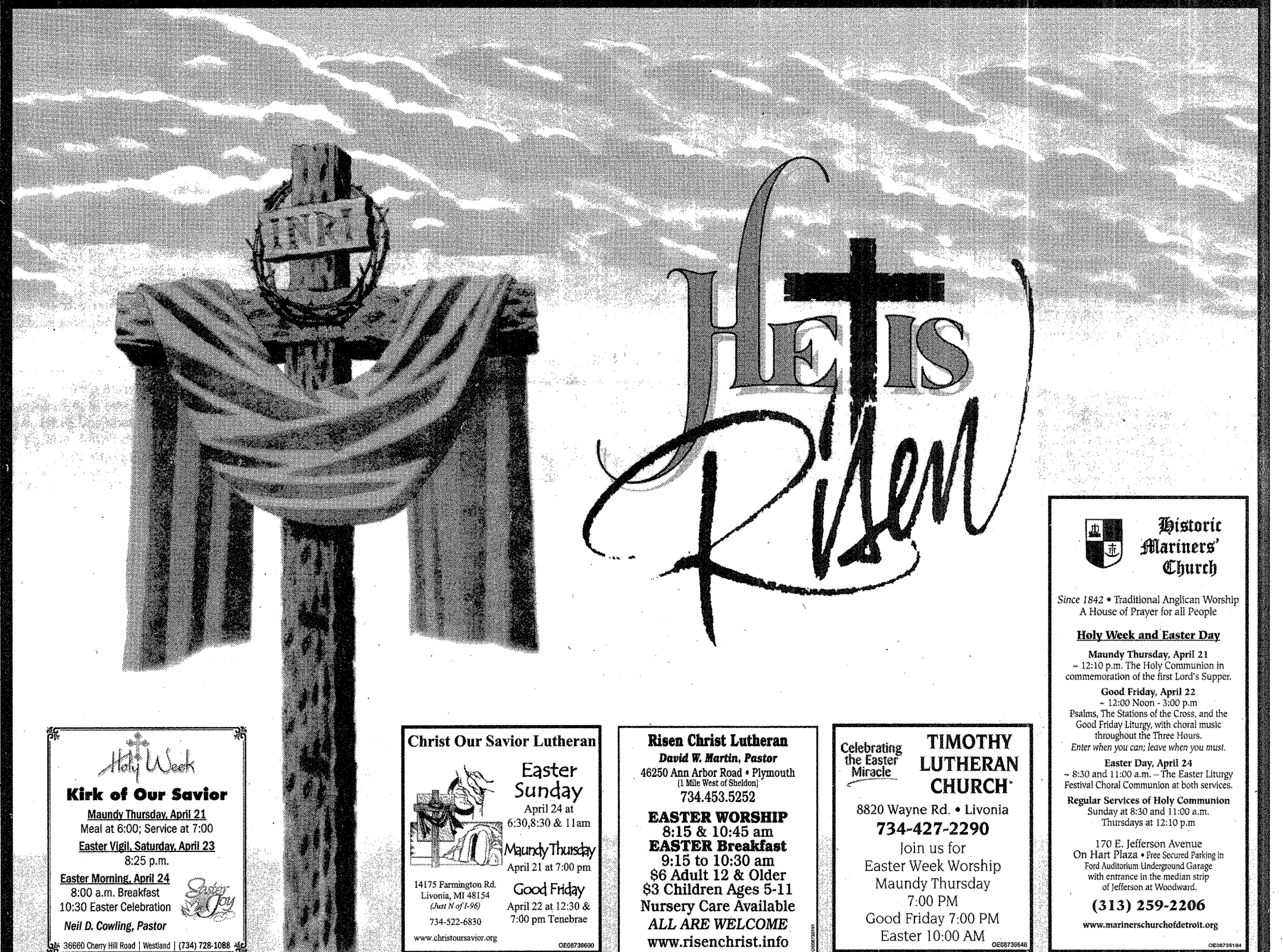
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Sunday, April 24
10:00a

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 Maundy Thursday, April 21
 Meal at 6:00; Service at 7:00
 Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23
 8:25 p.m.
 Easter Morning, April 24
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 10:30 Easter Celebration
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 April 22 at 12:30 & 7:00 pm Tenebrae
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 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM & evenings (M-F), 7:00-9:00 PM.
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 Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m. (at GreenMead 8 Mile & Newburg Rd.)
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SERVICES
 Palm Sunday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.
 Maundy Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
 Good Friday, April 22, at 12:00 noon
 Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.
 Easter Sunday, April 24
 9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. - Program in Fellowship Hall/ Children's Pageant
 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

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2011 Holy Week Worship Opportunities
 Palm Sunday April 17th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Maundy Thursday April 21st 6:30 p.m.
 Good Friday Afternoon..... April 22nd 1:15 p.m.
 Good Friday Tenebrae April 22nd 6:30 p.m.
 Easter Sunday April 24th 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24
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 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
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Maundy Thursday - 7 pm
 Good Friday - noon and 7 pm, Prayer Vigil 1-7 pm
 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 7:00 pm
 Easter Sunday - 8:30 and 11 am
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 Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.
 Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight
 4/22 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 1:00 p.m.
 Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
 No Confessions today.
 4/23 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 Easter Vigil 10:30 p.m.
 4/24 EASTER SUNDAY: Confessions 9:15 a.m.
 Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

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 Maundy Thursday 7:30p.m.

Community Good Friday Service 12:15p.m.
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Easter Sunrise Service 6:30a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt 10a.m.
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Resurrection Parish
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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
 Mass each day at 8:30 AM
 Holy Thursday, April 21
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM, followed by adoration until midnight
 Good Friday, April 22
 Scripture Service at 12:00 Noon, Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:15 PM
 Holy Saturday, April 23
 Blessing of Food at 1:00 PM; Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM
 Easter Sunday, April 24
 Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Church
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 9 a.m. - Early Service; 11 a.m. - Second Service
 Easter Breakfast Served 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
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Good Friday evening at 7:00 pm we'll have our own Service of Darkness.
Saturday at 5:00 we'll have a **Rejoicing Spirits Service** celebrating the gifts of people of all abilities.
Easter Sunday is the time when we'll celebrate Jesus' resurrection at our 7:00am Sunrise service, 8:30am Communion service and 10:00am traditional service. For children and a few zealous dads, we'll even have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00am service.
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Palm Sunday, April 17
 7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 and 6 pm Masses

Holy Thursday, April 21
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 22
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
 1 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 23
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 11 am Blessing of the Baskets
 Easter Vigil, 9 pm

Easter Sunday, April 24
 7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 pm Masses

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Grant designed to improve children's health care

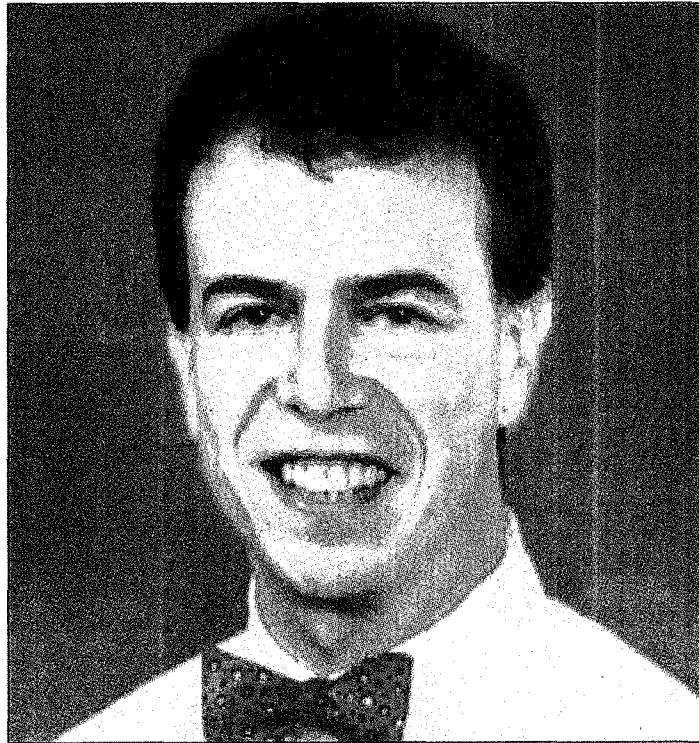
University of Michigan researchers have received a four-year \$8 million grant to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the United States.

Dr. Gary L. Freed, director of the division of General Pediatrics and director of the Children's Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit, will be the principal investigator leading a team of at least 10 researchers and at least 8 partners and research centers and organizations, including the State of Michigan Medicaid Program.

The University of Michigan was one of seven top medical centers in the country to receive such grants, which will be used to improve the quality and outcomes of health care for children, including the almost 40 million children enrolled in Medicaid and/or the Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP.

"We are thrilled to get started on this project, which will affect the way children are cared for in this country in profound ways," Freed stated. "There currently are only very limited ways to measure the quality of care provided to children for in this country. Having standard measures will help to improve the quality of care for our nation's children."

Funding for the work comes from the 2009 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, also known as CHIPRA. Since the law was passed, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have worked together to implement selected provisions of



Dr. Gary L. Freed of the University of Michigan will lead a program to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the U.S.

the legislation related to children's health care quality.

U-M researchers will develop new quality measures to meet objectives identified through a public process; enhance existing measures; develop or enhance methods to allow for data capture and sharing; identify and compare racial and ethnic, socioeconomic, and special health care need disparities; and engage health care providers, state programs, private insurers, patients and families to ensure measures are practical.

Partners include Altarum Institute; HealthCore, Inc;

National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions; National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality; Vanderbilt University Department of Medical Informatics; and the American Board of Pediatrics. The project will work with the Michigan Medicaid program, and will include a representative from the family advocacy group Family Voices to ensure involvement of families and patients. The project also will work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to ensure additional parent involvement.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

St. Mary Mercy

The Healthy Living, Healthy Woman, health seminar runs 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the hospital auditorium. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy physician, Paul Makela who will discuss effective solutions for common women's health conditions including stress incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, and difficulty emptying the bladder. The presentation is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-2281 to register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Developmental Disabilities Institute

Jeffrey J. Martin, professor, researcher and author, will speak from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Wayne State University's Welcome Center Auditorium, 42 W. Warren Road, Detroit. Martin will discuss his recent book chapter, "Exercise Psychology for Individuals with Disabilities," in Oxford University Press's "Exercise Psychology." Martin is a professor of kinesiology, health and sport studies at Wayne State University. The program is free and open to the public. http://www.ddi.wayne.edu/author_series.php

Arthritis expo

The Arthritis Foundation will present its annual expo from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Certified instructors from the Arthritis Foundation will demonstrate arthritis friendly exercise and tai-chi. Dr. Joseph Skender of the Oakland Arthritis Center will explain the basic forms of arthritis and how they affect different people. He will discuss some of the latest resources and pain management techniques and will have a question and answer time to hear what concerns the participants the most. Dr. Eric Silberg of Oakwood Hospital will talk about the latest in joint replacement surgery; Dr. Alan Biddinger of North Troy Associates will focus on

conservative treatment options for knee pain and how to better manage osteoarthritis; and Bahram Nadim will discuss the ways to prepare mind, body and home for surgery. He will walk participants through what they might expect during their recovery time. A "Resource Walk" will feature products and services relevant to those living with arthritis. Companies from Southeastern Michigan will be on hand with information. The expo is open to all ages. Boxed lunches will be served. Pre-register by calling the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030.

MAY

Michigan Bariatric Institute

The Institute will hold a plus-size clothing sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Many post-operative bariatric patients will sell their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL. (877) 949-9344 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Stroke seminar will include a robot demonstration, panel of expert, free blood pressure and stroke screenings and a question and answer session, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The seminar is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-2365, or visit stmarymercy.org/classes. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Skin cancer screening

Wayne State University Physician Group is offering a free screening 2:30-5:30 p.m. May 4 at 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, in Dearborn. Only walk ins will be accepted. For more information call 313) 240-4900.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadoworld.org.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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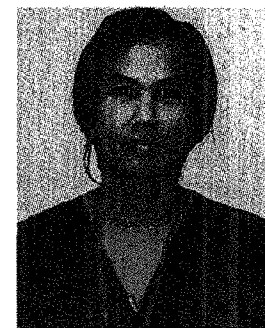
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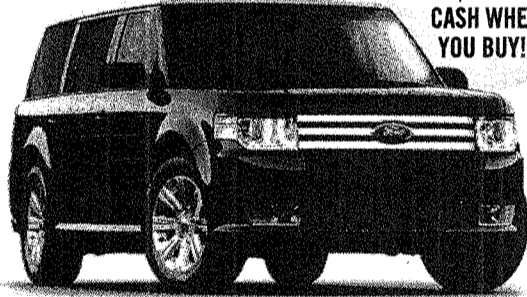
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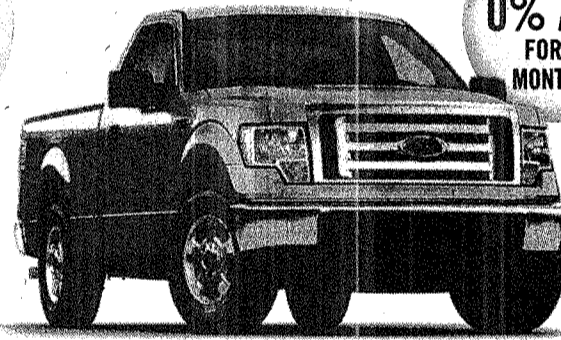


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