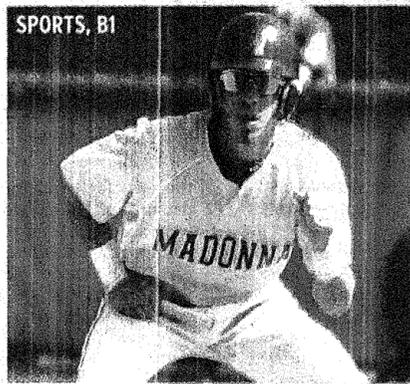


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Board appointments

Three reappointments to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals were recently approved by the council along with a new appointment.

• Art Woodruff was reappointed to fill a three-year term which will expire May 6, 2014. Woodruff has served on the ZBA since 2003.

• Dwayne Walker was also reappointed to fill a three-year term to expire which will expire May 6, 2014. Walker has served as a member for four years.

• John Marihugh, who served as an alternate in the past, was appointed to a three-year term to expire May 6, 2014. As an alternate, Marihugh attended the meetings fully prepared to cast a vote in case he was called upon to sit in.

• Hector Lebert was appointed as an alternate member to fill an unexpired term that will expire May 12, 2013.

"Board and commission members are vital to the City of Westland and we appreciate their willingness to serve their community," said Mayor William Wild. "We look forward to the knowledge they bring to the meetings and are proud to have members that request to be reappointed when their current term expires."

Serving on the ZBA is a thankless job, said Council President James Godbout.

"It's always about a dispute. Sometimes neighbors favor or oppose the variance," he said. "They spend a lot of time looking at both sides. Often only one side will be happy. It's an important board."

Sell 'A' Bration

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

The Sell 'A' Bration features more than 30 independent business consultants and business owners from southeast Michigan representing a vast array of goods and services.

The vendor and shopping expo will be held at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland. Admission is \$1.50 per adult and includes coffee and hot tea. This fundraiser will help the Girl Guards and Rangers attend Jamboree 2011 in Finlayson, Minn.

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

Farmers Market

Applications are now being accepted for Westland Farmers Market, which is moving to a new location for 2011. This year the market will be held in the Westland City Hall parking lot on Ford. The market will be open Tuesdays May 3-Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors must complete an application, which can be downloaded at www.cityofwestland.com, and return it with the appropriate vendor fee to the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department before being considered for acceptance in the market.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.



Marshmallow Drop

Kaylee Upshaw of Westland doesn't look very happy as her dad Jacob holds up Kaylee to get a better look at the Easter Bunny during the Marshmallow Drop. For more on the event, see page 5A.

Ground broken for community garden

Good Friday was also Earth Day this year, which seemed to make a propitious day to break ground at Westland's second community garden.

The new Norwayne Community Garden, located at Dorsey and Newago Court, has been a top priority of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

Dozens of volunteers were scheduled to work throughout the day to complete the Community Garden, which will consist of 20 raised beds, expected to produce more than 2,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for residents in Westland's neediest neighborhoods.

Westland Mayor William Wild and other city officials turned out for the groundbreaking with other dignitaries, including U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Detroit).

The Norwayne subdivision, one of the oldest areas of the city, was built by the federal government more than 60 years ago. The area was built during World War II to provide housing for workers of the



Head Gardener Pam Carter is working on the Norwayne Community Garden.

war effort. At the time, residents were an important part of the neighborhood's vitality.

The Norwayne Community Citizens Council has recently reformed to address the needs of the community. Led by long-time resident Henry Johnson, the group began meeting last year.

The garden committee needs to raise \$3,500 to pay for lumber, hardware, compost, split-rail fencing and

water storage units. Funds are being raised through donations and a garden bed sponsorship program.

"It is an honor to take part in an event that will provide fresh fruits and vegetables for those in need in our All-American City. Many families are struggling in this difficult economy," Wild said. "This will be the second community

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Law could keep teens off sex offender registry

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A teenager who has consensual sex with a younger teen will no longer automatically end up listed on Michigan's sex offender registry due to a change in state law that goes into effect July 1.

"If it's a boyfriend-girlfriend situation, they're not usually hardened criminals. They're stupid and there's no excuse for it," Westland police Lt. Michael Matich said.

"Should they get in trouble? Yes. Should they end up the sex offender registry? I didn't think so — they aren't predators. The sex offender registry is more for predators."

The two changes recently signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder are:

- Offenders who had consensual sex with a minor age 13-15 and were not more than four years older than their partner no longer will be listed automatically on the state's

sex offender registry.

- Those who committed the most serious sexual offenses will remain on the registry for life, instead of 25 years, and must continue to report their whereabouts to police four times each year.

The police department doesn't receive too many complaints about consensual sex involving teens who are in a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship, Matich said. State law sets the age of consent for sex at 16.

"Those come through now and again, but it's not one of the major contributors to our criminal sexual conduct (statistics)," Matich said. "Younger kids are being grown up earlier, but taking no responsibility. You know what the rules are, you should know there are consequences."

The change in the law is good for people who have

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Tent sale request rejected because of complaints

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual request for Art Van Furniture to hold its annual tent sale has been rejected by the Westland council in response to complaints about the business from neighboring homeowners.

The request was to allow the store at 8300 N. Wayne Road to erect two tents May 13-25 to accommodate the sale. Marina Court residents Dan Cook and Lorrie Morgan, whose homes back up to the Art Van, complained that the plantings that are to screen their homes from the commercial property haven't been maintained.

When the tent sale request was made last year, Cook said Planning Director Bruce

Thompson had been negotiating with the store about the problems and it appeared a solid agreement had been reached.

"We're asking you to deny the tent sale request. It seems Art Van has a track record of making promises and not following through," Cook said. "They made an agreement before the Planning Commission and haven't done it."

When the store was expanded about 15 years ago, a berm with trees and other plantings was required to screen adjoining homes, including those of Cook and Morgan.

"One resident has no privacy due to no screening. The employees gather 40-50 feet

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Neighbors buy vacant lots

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three Westland homeowners will soon have larger yards, in part due to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The council approved selling the homeowners adjoining lots that have been acquired by the city through NSP. Blighted homes have already been removed from the lots on Farragut and Newaygo with a home scheduled to be demolished shortly on the third lot on Allegan.

"They are not buildable lots. Much of Norwayne would not be buildable today," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "Selling the lots helps reduce the density in Norwayne, puts the property back on the tax roll and makes a nicer parcel for the family. It's a great use of the property selling it to the adjoining property owners."

Using the appraised value of the lot and factoring in

the costs for acquisition/demolition, Inglis said bids were accepted from the adjoining property owners. Two lots were sold for \$4,000 each with the third going for \$3,500.

"We reached out to about half a dozen homeowners and these three responded. I hope to see more requests in the future months," said Inglis. "The proceeds from the sales are program income. That's important — the money goes back into NSP, not the general fund."

Council members also approved the quit claim to transfer a vacant lot at 32231 Oscoda to nonprofit Life Remodeled for construction of a new home that will be occupied by an low income family. The blighted home and land were acquired through NSP. The city had approved a partnership agreement with Life Remodeled to build the new home, which starts construction Monday.

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GARDEN

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garden in the city. The DTE Energy Community Garden began last year and was a tremendous success."

The garden has long been a vision of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, which is striving to reunify the neighborhood through volunteer enrichment projects. Other projects in the planning stages include neighborhood cleanups, a city-wide Time Bank (labor exchange program) and improved neighborhood communications through newsletters and signage.

The committee is still look-



Henry Johnson of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council speaks during the Community Garden groundbreaking. A Community Garden had been a goal of the council.

ing for businesses and individuals that can lend a helping hand by preparing the garden, planting and weeding, har-

vesting the food, providing food for volunteers, supplying building materials and gardening supplies or sponsoring

a garden bed.

For more information, e-mail norwaynecommunitygarden@yahoo.com.

TENT SALE

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away from her home for cigarette breaks. I get the same from the loading dock," Cook said. "It's very disruptive. I want them to meet their obligations."

Store manager William Prowse told council that the store had replaced plants last year, but those had also died. "It's a five-foot berm, so I think it's not getting enough water," he said, adding the plantings haven't been addressed yet due to the weather.

Some of the other complaints will be addressed by changes under way at the store, Prowse said, such as

banning smoking anywhere on the property effective May 1. The store is also in the process of relocating its merchandise pickup to the south side of the building away from homes located to the east.

"I've talked to him (Cook) and attempted to satisfy him. We've tried to be a good neighbor," Prowse said.

While she hadn't filed official complaints like Cook, Morgan said she had similar concerns and was there to support Cook.

"I maintain the Art Van side of the property just to keep it out of my yard," Morgan said. "I want what was promised — nothing more."

There has been an ongoing issue between the neighbors and Art Van, Thompson said, with discussions about how to

resolve the problems.

"As the representative of the administration, a couple of times I thought we had an agreement, but it didn't come to fruition," Thompson said. "We're still working to reach a resolution."

Due to the severe change in grade, Thompson said a traditional screening fence wouldn't provide the desired privacy. A problem with plantings in the berm, he said, is that over the years pines trees have grown up with the lower part of the trunk bare and not allowing anything to grow properly underneath.

By relocating the merchandise pickup and prohibiting smoking, Thompson said the store has done well responding to those type of complaints.

"What's left is filling the void in the berm," Thompson said, adding he didn't expect a resolution before the May 13-25 date requested for the tents.

It was difficult to turn down the request from Art Van, council President James Godbout said, but this had been an ongoing battle year after year about cleaning up and maintaining the berm.

"I hope that we can work with them. We have another council meeting before the date their request started," he said. "They have time to come in with a request if they can reach an agreement. Last year, we told them this had to be addressed and it is still not addressed."

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made poor choices, said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz, who had some reservations about the change.

"Those poor choices don't necessarily deserve 25 years on the sex offender registry. But the gap between 17 and 13

years old is too big a gap," said Motz, who works with at-risk youngsters. "At 13, someone might be capable of (physically having) sex, but there is so much emotional involvement with it."

Early sexual activity is often a symptom of other problems, he said, and that acting out exacerbates whatever problems are affecting the youngster.

"I like the fact that there is

discussion. The age of consent is 16. Kids involving themselves in with sex at 13 are not emotionally ready," Motz said. "I have a hard time with them giving consent."

Matich was supportive of the other change in the law — to keep some offenders on the registry longer. Currently, the state lists 197 registered sex offenders in Westland — 80 living in the 48185 ZIP code, 117 in the 48186 ZIP code.

"For sure, some of the defendants require some extra watching. We do random checks on the people on the registry in Westland," Matich said. "The state does it also. If the crime involved a computer, there is another state unit that checks on them and make sure they don't have computer — that's condition for them (being on parole or probation)."

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Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all. She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea. She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not long lasting.

So as fate would have it, she met yet another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women on her bowling league... I told you she loved to bowl! This doctor was a *different* kind of doctor.

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Battlefield laser tag hits mark at Gamerz

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Military combat provides a popular genre for video games but it's a pretty stationary activity.

The war games aren't virtual at Gamerz USA where teams armed with replica laser guns battle it out.

"It's battlefield laser tag — it's team versus team. It's like Call of Duty," said Gamerz manager Maria Conte. "There are cars, motorcycles, buildings, crates and barrels. You have to have at least four people but we can accommodate 22-24 people at once."

At 10,000 square feet of the 22,000-square-foot Westland business, Conte notes the laser tag is the second largest in the state — and with the larger laser tag located in Alpena, by far the closest to the metro area. It's also 100 percent eye-safe, she adds.

The laser tag players start out in the briefing room where they watch a DVD explaining the game and the rules. Then they are outfitted with military vests and their guns.

"They are very realistic — we have M16s and M4s. Kids need to be 48 inches tall to play or if they can carry the gun," said Conte.

To help the scene, it's dark, lights flash and there are sound effects.

Gamerz owner Morgan Hammoud had operated Morgan's Arcadia in Dearborn Heights for eight years before losing his lease. He opened Gamerz at Wayne and Warren roads last fall.

"It's twice as big as what we had. This laser tag is completely different and more realistic — the one before was glow in the dark," said Hammoud, who gathered old vehicles and other items used in the laser tag. "It was an old go cart track. I took all the walls down and rebuilt it from the ground up. It was like that philosophy, 'One man's junk is another man's treasure.' I would buy things people were throwing away and make some-



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Nick Oynoian fires at the opposing team at Gamerz USA. Behind him is Nick Stec, another player.

thing out of it."

While the laser tag has been the most popular attraction at Gamerz, there are also state-of-the-art video games, Conte said, along with Xbox, Wii and Kinect gaming stations.

Gamerz also has a kitchen offering a full menu of pizza, calzones, pasta and wings.

"It's all homemade — we use fresh dough and sauce. We do a lot of parties — church teams, sports teams and Ford Motors," said Conte. "A lot of companies have parties here."

Considering the weak economy and opening after school was back in session in September, Hammoud said the business has

had a good start. He said the nearby Planet Fitness is drawing a lot of people who meet his customer demographics and he's looking forward to the MJR eater opening a bit further south on Wayne Road.

"We have entertainment and good value — that's the formula. One doesn't work without the other, they work together," said Hammoud. "People can see the value of the package and stretch their dollars."

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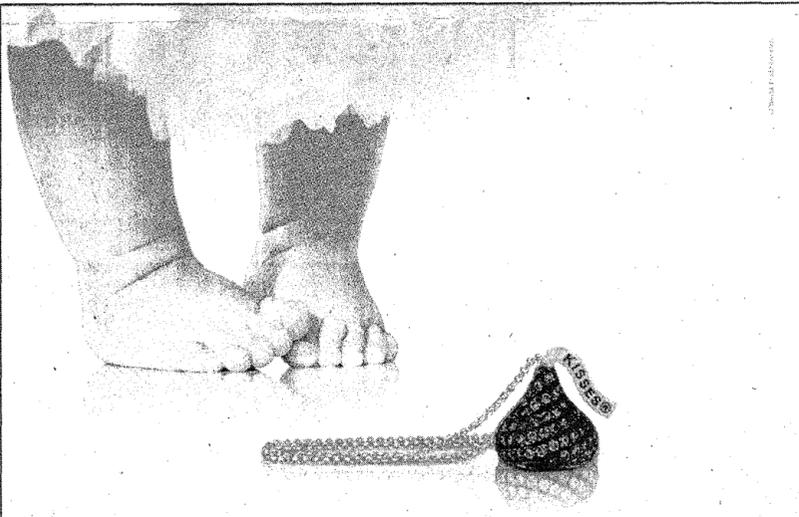
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Elliott students go crazy for words

BY SUE MASON
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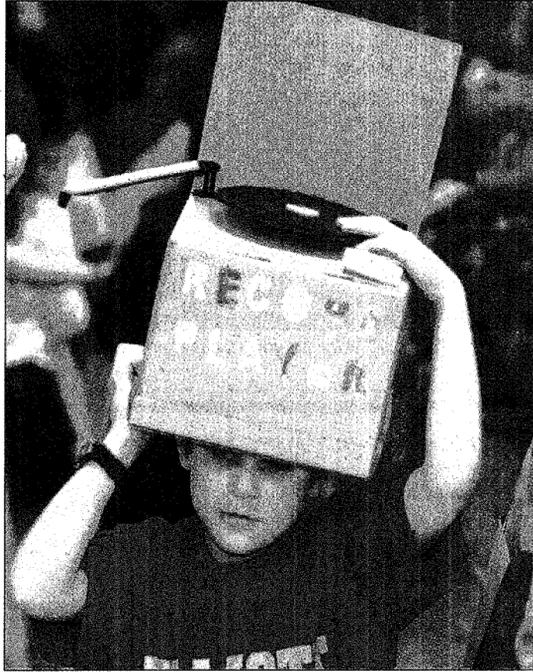
There were words all over the walls at Elliott Elementary School, but it wasn't caused by idle hands, but by teachers eager to ramp up reading during March in the Westland school.

Every year the school does March Is Reading Month and every year pick a theme, since vocabulary is the focus of the school, this year's activities were based on Debra Frasier's *Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster*. Throughout the month, classes decorated their doors with vocabulary words and there were activities that encouraged children to read leading up to the big celebration, the Spectacular Vocabulary Carnival complete with a vocabulary parade.

"Some did a particular word," said Nadine Burke who worked with Belinda Edwards in planning the month-long program. "Each room had a theme on their door. They picked different vocabulary and expressed it."

"The idea started with the book, we went to the website and took it from there," said Edwards. "We started with the vocabulary parade and built it from there."

The school's two kindergarten classes shared the wood friendship, one room was friend, the other ship. The third-grade class covered their door with compound words, another classroom door was decorated with bears covered with cotton balls to illustrate their word cuddly. And a fourth-grade class picked the ABCs and tried to use sen-



The turntable actually turned on the record player hat Kyle Palmer wore for the vocabulary parade.

tences with as many words as they could that started with the letter.

ANSWER PLEASE

Every morning there was the question of the day that had to do with a letter. Students wrote their answers and put them in jars in hopes of winning a Dr. Seuss pencil. Youngsters kept reading logs and as an incentive to read every night, those who reached their reading target for five weeks were treated to an ice cream sundae and dance party.

And if that wasn't enough

of a build up to the carnival, the students also had a read-in, bringing their blankets, stuffed animals and books to school to "spend the better part of an afternoon reading," said Edwards.

And there was more. The school's gym and media teachers put their heads together and came up with another project, teaching youngsters to dance to "Gotta Keep Reading" set to the music of the Black-Eyed Peas' *Tonight's Gonna Be a Good Night*. They worked on the dance throughout March and on the day of the carnival,



Mariana Mendoza and her brother Ian play the duck pond game where youngsters turned over duck and had to pronounce the word written on its belly.

the entire school did the dance. Westland Mayor William Wild, Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman and school board Trustees Carol Middel and Shawna Walker were there to witness the performance which was video taped and is playing on the city's cable channel.

"The kids now think they're rock stars," said Edwards.

CARNIVAL CROWDS

The two women estimate that at least 450 parents and children attended the carnival, many of the students came in costume and parade across the stage to show off their words. Even some teachers and the paraprofessionals dressed for the occasion as did Principal Johnnie Sommerville came as the spelling bee.

"We had so many interesting costumes that we did away with the categories," said Edwards. "There was ingenious and the student was dressed as Albert Einstein. For transportation, the child was dressed



Julian Jones wore a taxi costume for his word in the vocabulary parade.

as a boxcar. We had children wearing sandwich boards, some made costumes and some decorated hats. One hat was a phonograph and the turntable actually turned."

The whole carnival night was for the kids to play reading type games.

"They 'fished' for a word, they had to read the word to get a prize," said Mary Kanopka. "The games were vocabulary based, whether

they had to read the word, put words together to make a compound word, add the correct prefix or suffix, change the word to past or present tense, define the word or use the word in a sentence, etc. Everything was to encourage reading."

There was a vocabulary quiz, Miss Fortune Teller with a story to tell, *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of Fortune*, a word bingo, face painting and a book walk. Businesses like Sam's Club, CVS, Great Clips and Texas Roadhouse donated food, prizes and gift cards.

"The children had a blast and the parents seemed to have fun, too," said Burke. "The teachers had just as much fun as the kids."

"It was a big community project to help build a sense of community in the classes and in the building," Edwards added. "It's fun every year, the teachers always step up for this. Everyone pitched in to make it fun."

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Running for the marshmallows

It's raining ... marshmallows in Nankin Mills Park

It's a proven fact, at least in Wayne County, that when marshmallows begin falling from the sky, it's time for fun. Kids of all ages visited Nankin Mills Park in Westland for a chance to collect marshmallows that they turned in for prizes Friday at the annual Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop 2011. More than 20,000 marshmallows were dropped from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of eager children, who scrambled to collect those goodies during the county's 27th annual Marshmallow Drop. Children were divided into groups based on age, to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to participate fully.

Since Marshmallow Drop fell on Earth Day, there were booths from various environmental organizations with information on making the Earth a better place.

The Marshmallow Drop is the first of many fun-filled, warm weather events planned



A helicopter dropped 20,000 marshmallows to area youngsters who could turn them in for prizes.

by Wayne County Parks for 2011.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann

Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



Sarha Beeler and grandson Rick Ford from Holly posed with Wayne County's Miss Bear at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

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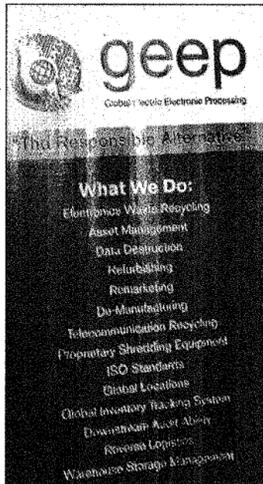
Area firm takes out troublesome e-trash

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

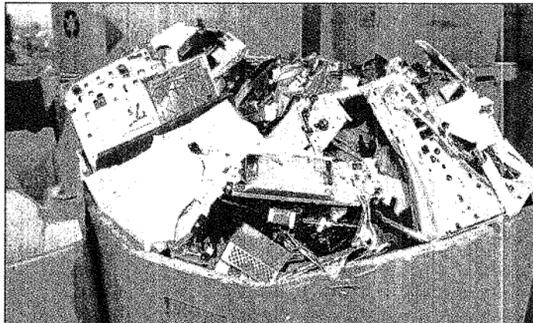
It's a familiar site on the curb — a discarded TV or computer. Doug Verkeyn and colleagues at Global Electric Electronic Processing are working to change that. "People are starting to become aware and educated about the importance of recycling," said Verkeyn, Business Development executive for the new location at 12237 Beech Daly (next to the post office) in Redford. GEEP, headquartered in Barrie, Ontario, provides electronic waste recycling. The Michigan facility had been in Warren the past several years, but the move was made to Redford to accommodate business customers in an area

ranging from Taylor to Ann Arbor. "We just moved here about two weeks ago," Ferndale resident Verkeyn said. "We needed a larger location." The Redford site, north of Plymouth Road, has some 50,000 square feet. E-waste services are much in need with technology advancing, Verkeyn said: "We're very happy to be here. A couple of local people stopped by to welcome us." Of interest to local people, you can drop off old electronics beginning this week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There's a list of acceptable items on the website www.geepmichigan.com. For more, call (877) GEEP-4-YU (433-7498). A fee is charged. Examples of e-waste include desktop computers, laptops,

monitors, printers, keyboards, mice, phones, VDRs, PDAs and televisions. GEEP also has operations in Canada in Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal and Vancouver. In the U.S., it's currently in Texas and North Carolina in addition to Michigan, although Verkeyn noted company plans to expand in the U.S., beginning with California. GEEP began with just a few employees in Barrie in 1984. GEEP also has a partnership with Fortech in Costa Rica and operates in southern Germany as well. "We currently have 12 (Redford employees) and we're hoping to grow," Verkeyn said. The privately held company will need varied skills, including information technology. Mike Kay is general manager for the Redford site, which serves the Midwest, including such states as Kentucky and Tennessee as well as closer. "We're excited," Verkeyn said. "We're happy to be here. Hopefully with people dropping off their mail at the post office, they can also drop off their e-waste." GEEP has proprietary software, EBAN, used to sanitize hard drives for business customers. Being delivered to Redford is a roughly 6-foot by 10-foot shredder for hard drives. For business customers, the data wiping is done to Department of Defense standards, Verkeyn said. Shredding is also effective and a bit less expensive. "It gives customers an option," he said. In the Redford conference room, there are small jars of circuit board pieces, copper, aluminum and mixed plastic. GEEP breaks down materials into those at Barrie and North Carolina facilities and sells them for reuse. "It makes it easy when you



Doug Verkeyn, Business Development executive, is glad to be located in Redford, next to the post office. Global Electric Electronic Processing is based in Barrie, Ontario, and just moved its Michigan facility from Warren to Redford.



Separated computer parts are stored at Global Electric Electronic Processing in Redford. For a fee, the firm welcomes residents to drop off electronics 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There's a list on the website of what's accepted.



End products from the recycling process at GEEP include copper.

waste, a scale for weighing and an area for sorting and demanufacturing. Ink and toner cartridges are removed and recycled. "We try to sort everything by like equipment," Verkeyn said of the EBAN technology which can process up to 200 machines at a time. "Security is of the utmost importance to us and our customers," he said of the fenced-in work area and numerous cameras. Verkeyn describes the "closed loop" recycling. "We don't outsource. We do it ourselves. Everything's being done responsibly. That's very important to us."

officials are careful about environmental standards and disposal. Verkeyn earned a bachelor's degree with a finance major from Wayne State University and has been with GEEP about five years. "Just with technology, e-waste is the fastest growing waste stream in our nation," he said. The Redford site has five bays for trucks to deliver e-

have a passion for recycling," said Verkeyn, dad to two daughters ages 8 and 5 and a recycler at home. "We want a cleaner, safer environment for the future generations." E-waste is a source of environmental toxins, with an average of six to eight pounds of lead in a CRT monitor. Exposure can cause brain damage, blood disorders and kidney damage, so GEEP



**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #11-004**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.065, PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS BY ADDING §154.071, ACCESS MANAGEMENT TO CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on March 10, 2011 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to add Section 154.071, Access Management.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of April 11, 2011 that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Section 154.065, Parking and Loading Requirements of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§ 154.071 ACCESS MANAGEMENT.

The purpose of this section is to protect the substantial public investment in the city's street system by preserving the traffic capacity of existing streets. It is the further intent of this section to promote safe and efficient travel within the city; minimize disruptive and potentially hazardous traffic conflicts; establish efficient standards for driveway spacing and the number of driveways; and ensure reasonable vehicular access to properties, though not always the most direct access.

(A) *Zoning districts.* The standards of this section shall apply to land in Garden City's nonresidential zoning districts only.

(B) *County or state access management standards.* Where Wayne County or the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have adopted access management standards which are more restrictive than the standards of this section, the adopted county or MDOT standards shall supersede the standards of this section.

(C) *Driveway spacing standards.* Each parcel or part thereof subject to the standards of this section shall have no more than one (1) driveway entrance and exit opening to a public street for each seventy-five (75) feet of frontage or fraction thereof.

- Where more than one (1) driveway is allowed, the driveways shall be located at least thirty (30) feet apart.
- No driveway shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of a side lot boundary, or within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection of two (2) or more street rights-of-way.

(D) *Shared access standards.* Vehicle access to parcels or parts thereof subject to the standards of this section may be provided by the development and use of shared driveways, cross-access drives, and similar means of shared access, subject to the following:

- Location.* New shared driveways and cross-access drives shall be aligned with existing or proposed drives on adjacent lots where feasible, and shall be located parallel or perpendicular to the street right-of-way, as appropriate.
- Cross-access easement.* Shared driveways and cross-access drives shall be located within a dedicated access easement that permits traffic circulation between lots. Such access easement shall be recorded with the County Register of Deeds.
- Maintenance.* The easement area shall remain clear of obstructions and shall not be used for parking unless otherwise approved by the planning commission. Each property owner shall be responsible for maintenance of the shared access easement area.

(E) *Allowed modification.* The Planning Commission may waive certain requirements of this section if practical difficulties exist on the site that make compliance unreasonable (i.e., sight distance limitations, existing development, topography, unique site configuration or shape) or existing off-site driveways make it impractical to comply with the standards of this section. The modification shall be the minimum necessary.

SEVERABILITY:
This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

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A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the School and Special Election, to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: April 27, 2011
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

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**City of Garden City
County of Wayne
State of Michigan**

Board of Canvassers Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2011

This is your official notification of a Board of Canvassers meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan to consider the following:

- Approval of the November 4, 2009 Board Minutes.
- Canvass and certify results of the City Special Election of May 3, 2011.
- Adjournment.

Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #11-005**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 8154.006, AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on March 10, 2011 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.006, Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of April 11, 2011 that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents;

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Section 154.006, Amendments of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

8154.006, AMENDMENTS

- (A) **Initiation of amendment.** The City Council may, from time to time, at its own initiative or upon recommendation from the Planning Commission or on petition, amend, supplement, or change the district boundaries or the regulations herein, pursuant to the authority and procedures set forth in Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended. Text amendments may be proposed by any governmental body or any interested person or organization. Changes in district boundaries may be proposed by any governmental body, any person having a freehold interest in the subject property, or by the designated agent of a person having a freehold interest in the property.
- (B) **Application for amendment.** A petition for an amendment to the text of this chapter, or an amendment to change the zoning classification of a particular property, shall be commenced by filing a petition with the Building Department, on the forms and accompanied by the fees specified. The petition shall explicitly describe the proposed amendment and shall be signed by the applicant. Petitions for rezoning of a specific site shall be accompanied by a plot plan or survey, which shall contain the following information.
 - (1) Applicant's name, address, and telephone number.
 - (2) Scale, northpoint, and dates of submission and revisions.
 - (3) Zoning classification of petitioner's parcel and all abutting parcels.
 - (4) Existing lot lines, building lines, structures, parking areas, driveways, and other improvements on the site and within 100 feet of the site.
 - (5) Dimensions, centerlines, and right-of-way widths of all abutting streets and alleys.
 - (6) Location of existing drainage courses, floodplains, lakes and streams, and wood lots.
 - (7) All existing and proposed easements.
 - (8) Location of sanitary sewer system, existing and proposed.
 - (9) Location and size of water mains and building service leads, existing and proposed.
- (C) **Review procedures.** After the completed petition and all required supporting materials have been received and fees paid, the petition shall be reviewed in accordance with the following procedures.
 - (1) **Planning Commission review.**
 - (a) The petition shall be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall review the petition for amendment in accordance with the procedures in subsection (C) (3) of this ordinance and hold a public hearing in accordance with Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.
 - (b) Notice of the public hearing shall be given in the manner prescribed by Public Act 110 of 2006, Sections 103 and 202. If an individual property or several adjacent properties are proposed for rezoning, the Planning Commission shall give notice of the proposed rezoning to the owner of the property in question at least 15 days before the hearing.
 - (c) In addition, any petition for amendment shall require a public hearing, notice of which shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall also be given by mail to each utility company, telecommunication service provider, and railroad operating within the district affected, and airport manager of each airport that registers its name and mailing address with the Clerk of Garden City for purpose of receiving the notice of public hearing.
 - (2) **Action by the Planning Commission and City Council.**
 - (a) Following the hearing on the proposed amendment, the Planning Commission shall make written findings of fact which it shall transmit together with the comments made at the public hearing, and its recommendations to the City Council.
 - (b) The City Council shall hold a public hearing per Garden City Charter, §5.03. The City Council may, by majority vote of its membership, at its next regularly scheduled meeting do one of the following.
 - 1. Adopt the proposed amendment with or without amendments. If amended as to any manner of substance, Council shall not adopt until the amendment has been subject to all of the procedures required above.
 - 2. Reject the proposed amendment.
 - 3. Whenever a written protest against a proposed amendment is presented in writing to the City Clerk, signed by the owners of at least 20% of the area included in the proposed change, or by the owners of at least 20% of the area of land included within an area extending outward 100 feet from any point on the boundary of land included in the proposed change, excluding publicly-owned land in calculating the 20% requirement, the amendment shall not be passed except by the favorable vote of three-fourths of the entire City Council.
 - 4. No application for a map amendment which has been denied by the City Council shall be reconsidered for one year unless there have been changes in the facts, evidence, and/or conditions in the case. Determination of whether there have been such changes shall be made by the Planning Commission at the time the application is submitted for processing.
 - (3) **Review considerations.** The Planning Commission and City Council shall, at minimum, consider the following before taking action on any proposed amendment.
 - (a) Will the proposed amendment be in accordance with the basic intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance?
 - (b) Will the proposed amendment further the comprehensive planning goals of the city?
 - (c) Have conditions changed since the Zoning Ordinance was adopted, or was there a mistake in the Zoning Ordinance, that justify the amendment?
 - (d) Will the amendment correct an inequitable situation created by the Zoning Ordinance, rather than merely grant special privileges?
 - (e) Will the amendment result in unlawful exclusionary zoning?
 - (f) Will the amendment set an inappropriate precedent, resulting in the need to correct future planning mistakes?
 - (g) If a rezoning is requested, is the proposed zoning consistent with the zoning classification of surrounding land?
 - (h) If a rezoning is requested, could all requirements in the proposed zoning classification be complied with on the subject parcel?
 - (4) **Notice and record of amendment adoption.** Following adoption of an amendment by the City Council, notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city within 15 days after adoption; in accordance with Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended. The notice shall include either a summary of the regulatory effect of the amendment, including the geographic area affected, or the text of the amendment; the effective date of the amendment; and the item and place where a copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected. A record of all amendments shall be maintained by the city. A master Zoning Map shall be maintained by the Zoning Administrator, which shall identify all map amendments by number and date.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY
BIENNIAL ELECTION
AND
CITY SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the biennial election for the School District of the City of Garden City, and the City Special Election, will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

At the biennial election of the Garden City School District there will be elected three (3) Members of the Board of Education for a four-year term each, ending June 30, 2015, and one (1) Member of the Board of Education for a two-year, partial term, ending June 30, 2013. The candidates for said offices to the Board of Education are as follows:

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- Darlene Jablonowski
- Andrew McMechan
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- Roy Watts
- Marty Williams

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(One shall be elected)**

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- Linda Williams

The following proposal will also be voted on:

PROPOSED POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE

A proposal to authorize the levy of 1.2 percent of the assessed value (12 mills) on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as new additional millage of five (5) year duration for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for the operation and equipment of the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is estimated that 12 mills would raise approximately \$6,601,218 when first levied in 2011.

Shall the proposed police and fire millage be adopted?
Yes No

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 22, 2011 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

**WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
City of Garden City**

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	08/06/1974 11/08/1988 08/06/2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 indefinitely 2005 indefinitely 2005 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES			
Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS			
Garden City Schools	06/11/2001 06/10/2002 06/10/2002	3.1 mills 18 mills 2 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years) 2012 non-homestead 2005 thru 2012

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

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 2, 2011, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

Allyson Bettis
City Clerk
City of Garden City

WESTLAND RELAY FOR LIFE

Holding a Relay for Life fundraising event? Let us know about it. Send your information to Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Wild's Walkers

Time/Date: noon check-in, event begins 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30
Location: Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, Westland
Details: Bowl with Westland Mayor William Wild and members of the city administration. This family friendly event includes 3 games of 9-pin no tap bowling, shoe rental and 2 pieces of pizza for \$25 per person. There will also be 50/50 raffles, mystery games and more.

Wild's Walkers

Time/date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 4
Location: Malarkey's Pub, 35750 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Tips for the Cure will feature Mayor William Wild as a celebrity bartender at this event and all tips will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Dance for a Cure

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 7
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia
Details: Join Sue's Sailors and party for a cause. There is \$5 cover charge. Drinks will be discounted for the entire evening and munchies will be available. There also will be music by a DJ and dance games.

Avon Fundraiser

Time/Date: Now through July 31
Details: Support Team AMVETS

Post 171 by ordering your Avon products online. Go to jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered.

Bowling benefit

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

Contact: For more information, contact the AMVETS Post 171 Team at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.

Dine and donate

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, May 25
Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne RD. Westland
Details: Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings with flier available from Relay for Life AMVETS Post 171 Team. Enjoy, lunch, dinner or a snack and they'll receive 20 percent of total sales.

Creative Memories

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Bring your friends and

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

Quarter Mania

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 7
Location: Westland AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland
Details: Join us to shop, book parties, ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters

(per paddle,) depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing. Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com. **Contact:** Stacy Edwards at quartermania.stacy@gmail.com or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the www.quartermaniami.event-brite.com.

GARDEN CITY RELAY FOR LIFE

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Cutest Pet Contest

Details: Fast Pace to the Cure is holding its third Annual Cutest Pet Contest at this year's Relay for Life event. The cost is \$5 and participants must submit a picture to the Fast Pace team along with it. To get an early start, people can provide their own canister decorated with their pet's picture, and begin collecting donations. The submitted picture must contain the pet's name, owner's name, address and phone number on the back on the back of the photo. The winner of the contest is decided by the largest amount of donations at the end of the day during the Relay event. To submit a Cutest Pet entry, contact Fast Pace Fitness team members at Fast Pace Fitness, 28505 Ford Road or Prestige Eyewear, 27854 Ford Road. **Contact:** Call Fast Pace Fitness at (734) 524-9502, or Opal Fearon at Prestige Eyewear at (734) 525-1145 or (734) 525-8657 for more information.

Mini Pies in a Jar

Details: Feel like a piece of pie? Briscoe Family Ties is selling mini pies in a jar, great for Easter or Mother's Day. You can freeze them or bake them and eat them. Flavors include cherry, blueberry, apple, apple crisp, raspberry, peach and mixed berry (blueberry, raspberry, strawberry). Other flavors can be made depending on supplies. Sugar free also available. The price is \$3 for a 4-ounce jar and \$4 for an 8-ounce jar. **Contact:** To order, call Toni at

(734) 772-7241.

Dine to Donate

Time/Date: Wednesday, April 27
Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Come eat at Westland Buffalo Wild Wings and support Big Cats for a Cure in their fight against cancer. Go into Buffalo Wild Wings any time after 11 a.m. and a percentage is donated to our team. You must have a flyer, available at Farmington Elementary 5/6 campus or contact teachers Lynn Collard or Kelly Carcone.

Jungle Java fundraiser

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 6
Location: Jungle Java, 6481 N. Canton Center Road, Canton
Details: Come on out to support Team Draggin' For A Cure while the kids climb, slide, and play at Jungle Java. Fifty percent of all admission fees will go directly to the Relay for Life.

Contact: For information on Jungle Java, go online to www.junglejavaplay.com/canton/Pages/home.aspx. For questions on the event, call (734) 968-1989.

Spaghetti Dinner

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. May 7
Location: First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City
Details: Briscoe Family Ties is holding a spaghetti dinner for Relay for Life. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12 years old and \$15 for a family of four. Children under age 5 are free. Price includes meat or marinara sauce, meatballs, pasta, garlic Hawaiian rolls, salad, beverage and dessert. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Contact: Call Toni (734) 772-7241 for tickets.

Mother's Day Bouquet

Details: Give the gift of pie with your Mother's Day bouquet or for any special occasion. The Briscoe Family Ties team is selling bou-

quets containing 13 pie-pops. Each pie-pop can be made with the favorite flavor of the recipient. Pie flavors include cherry, cherry/chocolate, blueberry,

raspberry, raspberry/chocolate, apple, peach, mixed berry (blueberry, raspberry, strawberry), mixed berry/chocolate and lemon. Sugar free also available and a

choice of glazed or sugar coated. The cost is \$20 per bouquet and \$25 per bouquet in a pot or vase. **Contact:** To place your order, call Toni at (734) 772-7241

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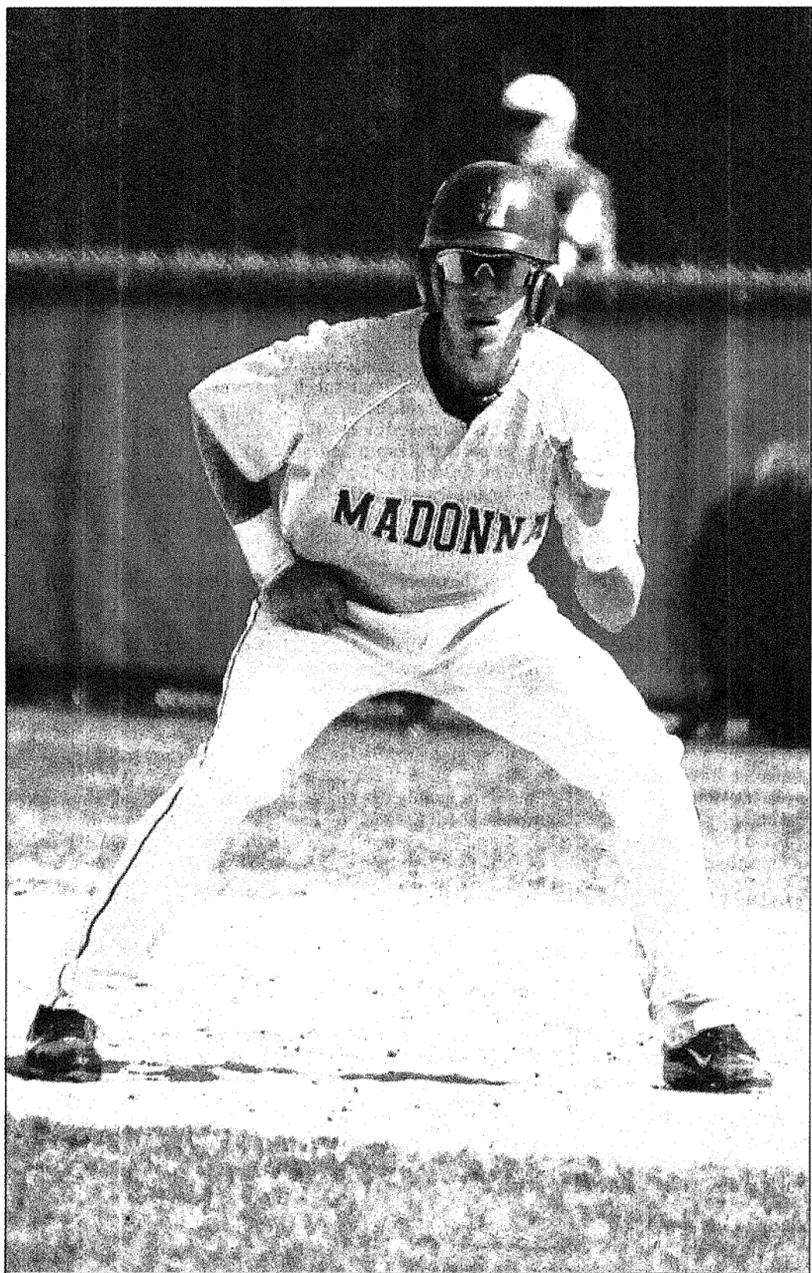
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— Romans 5:8-9

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MADONNA UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Madonna University outfielder Matt Kay is heading into the homestretch of an extraordinary college baseball career. The senior has already clouted 33 home runs in just two-plus seasons with the Crusaders.

Hit Crusade

Baseball never gets old for Madonna's 'Gramps'

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you take one of Matt Kay's nicknames literally, the sweet-swinging outfielder is not only a senior at Madonna University, he's a *senior citizen*.

"Last fall, a bunch of players on the baseball team would get together and bowl every Wednesday night," said Kay. "Before one game, I looked over at the score sheet, and they had taken my name off and replaced it with 'Gramps.'"

The good-natured jab was sparked by the 26-year-old Kay's advanced age for a college baseball player.

"My first year here, I was a 23-year-old sophomore," Kay said. "Some of the guys who had been around awhile would joke around and say, 'We're seniors and you're older than us.' I just took it all in stride. They only joke around with you if they like you."

If you believe Kay's other nickname, you'd think he's about as flexible as the metallic star of the *Wizard of Oz*.

"At one of my first workouts at Madonna, they pulled out these giant rubber bands that they put around your waist when you run sprints," remembered Kay. "The bands offer resistance and build leg strength. I always considered myself a pretty good athlete, but I wasn't used to the strength-and-conditioning-type drills. In high school, we'd run a little bit, hit, field and go home."

"I guess I looked a little stiff out there, so one of our coaches — coach Faulkner — nicknamed me 'Tin Man.'"

Kay looks anything but old or stiff when he steps into the batter's box for the Crusaders. Through Thursday's doubleheader against Concordia

University, the left-handed hitting machine had raked his way to a .360 batting average with eight home runs and 27 RBI from the clean-up spot in the batting order.

He was equally productive last season when he swatted 11 home runs and knocked in 48 runs on the way to earning First Team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Kay's path to college baseball stardom has been anything but ordinary, which makes his story that much more compelling.

"After I graduated from high school (Canton, Class of '03), I got a job with a furniture company, installing cubicles and stuff like that," said Kay. "I had bought a vehicle and I was prepared to work my way up at the company. I was ready for the real world and college baseball wasn't going to be a part of my future."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Given Kay's family tree, it's not surprising his diamond career has flourished.

His father, Jim, and older brother, Bryan, were both accomplished players who proved to be perfect role models for the youngest Kay boy.

"When I was young, I always wanted to be a better hitter than my brother," Kay said. "I always watched how he hit, what bat he was using."

"Growing up, we traveled around a lot to watch my dad play in baseball tournaments. When we got bored at the games, Bryan and I would go find an empty field and we'd pitch to each other. We'd take hundreds of swings at a time. That's where I developed my hand-eye coordination."

Kay excelled at Canton,

Please see **KAY, B3**

THE BOOK ON KAY

Name: Matt Kay

Age: 26 (born on July 4, 1984)

Hometown: Canton

Parents: Jim and Kay

Current status: Senior at Madonna University majoring in fire science

Baseball accomplishments:

Following an All-State career at Canton High School, joined Madonna in spring of 2009 and has hit 33 career home runs in three seasons. Has also been honored for

his glove work.

Advice to young hitters: "Don't treat batting practice like it's a home run derby. Work on going with the pitch, hitting to the opposite field."

GC's Shattleroe is armed and dangerous

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Given her incredible success rate of throwing out potential base-stealers, Garden City senior softball player Carley Shattleroe should have the following warning sign hanging from her catcher's mask: **TRY TO STEAL AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

Shattleroe is a catching rarity: a left-hander who can snap the ball to second base as fast as most pitchers can bring it home.

And while Shattleroe's physical skills are impressive, it's the intangibles she brings to the diamond that make her an ideal leader.

Shattleroe is the final active player remaining from the Cougars' 2008 state-championship team.

"Having played in a state championship game, Carley knows all about pressure," said Garden City head coach Barry

Patterson. "Nothing fazes her, which makes her a great team leader. She's never rattled."

"She's an outstanding catcher with a great arm. Hitting-wise, she's getting better all the time. Technically, last year was her first year as a hitter in high school because we DH'ed for her as a freshman and she missed her entire sophomore season due to an ACL. Considering this is only her second full season of hitting, she's come a long way."

Shattleroe has been instrumental in the Cougars' red-hot start this spring. Hitting from the No. 5 hole, she's among the team leaders in RBI and batting average.

She's also done an exemplary job of handling the team's talented staff of hurlers.

"I've always liked the competitiveness of softball," said Shattleroe. "The best part of my game is probably my throwing. If there's something I'd like to get

better at it's picking the ball out of the dirt."

The daughter of Clay and Jennifer, Shattleroe is an outstanding student who is carrying a 4.0 grade-point average into the home stretch of her high school career.

Shattleroe has her sights set on a collegiate softball career, naming Northwood, Concordia and Oakland Community College as a few potential landing spots.

"She'll play somewhere," Patterson assured. "Catchers who can throw and hit like her are rare."

Shattleroe enjoys staying active. In addition to playing softball in the spring, she plays throughout the summer and in the fall.

In the winter, she transfers her athleticism to the basketball court, having sparked for the Cougars' basketball program the past two years.

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Garden City senior catcher Carley Shattleroe possesses one of the best arms in the area. The four-year varsity player is also a serious threat at the plate.

SIDELINES

Glenhurst ace

Livonia resident Peter Owens Jr. registered a hole-in-one on the 119-yard fourth hole at Glenhurst Golf Course.

The 34-year-old's first ace was recorded with a 5 iron.

He shot an 86 for the round.

GCHS softball fundraiser

The Garden City High School softball program will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Friday, May 6, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Garden City Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford Road.

For a donation of \$10 for adults or \$5 for kids 12 and under, attendees will receive a meal consisting of spaghetti, bread sticks, salad and one drink.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffles and a bake sale.

Grid coaches needed

Farmington High School needs assistant football coaches at the freshman, jayvee and varsity levels. The varsity position is for a wide receivers and defensive backs coach. Qualified coaches should contact varsity head coach John Bechtel at jbechtel2345@aol.com.

2011 MWGA events

The Michigan Women's Golf Association has announced its 2011 event schedule. The season begins with a four-woman scramble and annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, at Mystic Creek.

Other events to follow include a two-person best ball at Whispering Willows, Livonia, May 28; President's Tournament stroke play at Pheasant Run, Canton, June 11; a two-woman scramble at Westwynd, Rochester, June 23; stroke play at Calderone Farms, Jackson, July 10; state championship stroke play at Hawk Hollow, Bath, July 23-24.

For more information, see the MWGA website at www.mwga.org or contact the office at tournamententry@mwga.org.

Stevenson cheer clinic

The Livonia Stevenson cheer clinic for girls in grades three-six will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$45 (includes lunch, instruction and customized routine).

Registrations are due by Wednesday, April 20.

To obtain a registration form, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lyman@livoniapublicschools.org

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FIRST-TEAM

Jordan Hornes, Soph., Westland Glenn: The sophomore reached pinnacle by capturing the coveted Division 1 state singles title over close friend Ryan Clark of Salem.

He also lifted the Rockets place runner-up in the MHSAA Division 1 team competition and was individual regional champion.

Hornes also helped Glenn to a first at the Plymouth-Canton-Salem, KLAAs Central Division and Kensington Conference team titles.

He averaged 214 per game with a high of 279 along with a two-game best of 515.

"What Jordan brought to the Glenn varsity team this year — more than his accomplishments — was a new attitude," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "Since last year, Jordan matured not only in his athletic ability, but more importantly his mental attitude. He learned to put aside a bad shot, or a bad break, and just roll with the flow."

Ryan Clark, Sr., Salem: There was little that the hard-working, team-leading senior wasn't able to accomplish throughout a high school career that culminated with an outstanding 2010-11 season.

Clark threw games of 279, 280 and 297 along the way for the Rocks, placing third at the Division 1 individual regionals before finishing second at the state finals. He lost the finals to Jordan Hornes of Westland John Glenn after finishing in a tie for fifth (with Hornes) in the qualifying block with a total of 1,280 pins.

He was the first pick for the Michigan High School Interscholastic Coaches Association All-State first team as well as a MHSAA Scholar Athlete for the third straight year.

"What a tribute to him to maintain a 3.7 grade-point

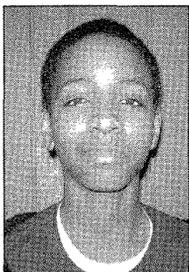
2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BOWLING FIRST TEAM
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 Ryan Clark, Sr., Salem
 Elliot Arnold, Jr., Wayne Memorial
 Jeremy Brown, Sr., Wayne Memorial
 Brian Monty, Sr., Westland Glenn
 Ross Terrasi, Sr., Canton

SECOND TEAM
 Erik Grinbergs, Sr., Farm-Harrison
 Davis Vandercook, Jr., Farm-Harrison
 David Nikkula, Jr., Salem
 Daniel Ammons, Soph., Westland Glenn
 Ryan Turner, Sr., North Farmington
 Ben Novak, Sr., North Farmington

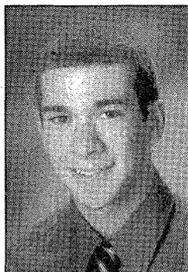
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 Thomas Brusseau, Jr., Westland Glenn
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 Tyler McLean, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville
 Alex Champagne, Soph., Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR
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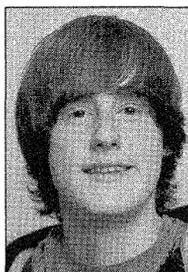
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Jordan Hornes
John Glenn



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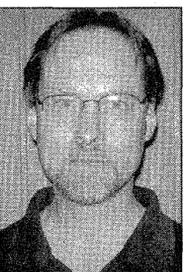
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John Glenn



Ross Terrasi
Canton



Ron Brusseau
John Glenn coach

average and also achieve so much in bowling," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "There is so much more about Ryan that I just can't put into words. He is truly a humble young man."

Elliot Arnold, Jr., Wayne: The junior helped the Zebras to a semifinal finish in the Division 1 state team finals and earned a top 16 finish individual after placing fourth in the qualifying block.

Arnold, seventh at the regional, rolled eight games over 256 with a high of 286. He also posted three 500-plus two-game series with a 535 high in KLAAs competition.

Arnold's best outing came in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament when he bowled a 732 three-game set.

He paced the KLAAs with a 230 average for the season.

"Elliot had a fantastic season for us this year, he was our

MVP and leader," Wayne coach Bob Jawor said. "He has really grown in the three years that I've known him. He's a great young man who never seems to have a bad day. I expect one more great year out of him next season."

Jeremy Brown, Sr., Wayne: The junior was a Division 1 state singles semifinalist after winning a roll-off for the 16th and final qualifying spot.

Brown, fourth individually at the regional, also helped the Zebras to the Final Four of the state team competition in Division 1.

Brown bowled a 300 game in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament and averaged 208 for the season.

"Jeremy is a fine young man who I enjoyed having on the team the last two years," Jawor said. "He is very intense on the lanes and very quiet off the lanes. He bowled very well and got strong as the year went

on. I wish him luck next year at the University of Toledo."

Brian Monty, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior captain made it all the way to the state singles quarterfinals before being ousted by his teammate and eventual state champion Jordan Hornes.

Monty averaged 200 for the season with a high game of 278. He also posted a two-game high series of 477 as the Rockets captured the KLAAs Central and Kensington Conference team titles, as well as placing runner-up in the regional.

"Brian was instrumental in leading our team to a 13-2 record in the Central Division," Brusseau said. "His leadership skills helped guide us to the P-C-S Tournament championship and runner-up finishes at the Ladywood Invitational, regional and ultimately the MHSAA state team finals. His senior leadership will be greatly missed next year."

Ross Terrasi, Sr., Canton: The senior brought leadership and other intangibles to the Chiefs, along with his excel-

lent bowling skills which enabled him to average 202.57 during conference meets, said Canton co-coach Jim Keppen.

"Ross is a leader for our team, and all year he displayed excellent focus and fine-tuned his game, working hard on different lane conditions and tough spares," Keppen said.

After finishing fifth at D1 regionals, Terrasi qualified for the individual finals — where he demonstrated his character during the qualifying block

Only the top 16 reach match play finals, and Terrasi gave it his all to try and make the cut.

"Ross was still in the hunt," Keppen said. "And true to his nature he was still battling with all that had. A couple of stubborn pins meant that he came up just short."

Terrasi, who rolled a 223 in one of the qualifying games, finished with 1,134 pins — just 21 short of 16th place.

During the regular season, highlights included high games of 254, 247 and 245 (on two occasions).

COACH OF THE YEAR
Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn: The fifth-year coach repeats guided the Rockets to a runner-up finish in the MHSAA Division 1 team finals after placing second at the regional.

Glenn also won the KLAAs Central Division crown with a 13-2 record and captured the Kensington Conference tournament.

The Rockets also won the Plymouth-Canton-Salem tourney and were runner-up in the Ladywood Invitational. Glenn also reached the quarterfinals at both the Wayne County and Tri-County invitational.

"I can sum up the season with one word — determination," said Brusseau said. "This season we had a good mixture of youth, experience, and leadership. There were five of the eight 2009-10 state finalists returning, three of the five with two state finals under their belt. Losing in the Quarterfinals last year made the returning starters even more determined to win."

"I believe the biggest reason for this year's success is that the group really came together as a team. There was no quit in any of the bowlers from the captains down the first year varsity starters."

Brusseau also credited assistant coach Steve O'Harris for the team's success.

"It was right after the try-outs that Steve and I saw that we had a team that could have a special season," Brusseau said. "We pushed them hard all season to get them prepared to win a state championship, and they responded well. Although we fell short of our ultimate goal, Steve and I could not be more proud of them."

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This project includes: Complete demolition of the Bulman Elementary School (approximately 46,750 SF); removal and capping of utilities serving the building and restoration of the site.

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A voluntary pre-bid meeting will be held on April 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at Bulman Elementary School, 15995 Delaware, Redford, Michigan 48239.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the Building Demolition on or before August 12, 2011. The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the Site Restoration on or before October 28, 2011.

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John Glenn baseball team sweeps T-Birds

There is no spring break for the Westland John Glenn baseball team and the Rockets took advantage with a double-header sweep over visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7-2 and 14-7.

The Rockets, who improved to 4-5 overall, got a complete-game, 14-strikeout performance from Rob Schurig in the opener.

The senior right-hander scattered five hits and one walk over seven innings.

Glenn broke a 1-1 tie with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Brian Monty went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Shane Anderson contributed two hits and knocked in a run. Tyler Hubbard added an RBI double.

In the nightcap, Schurig went 3-for-4 with a double, while Anderson added two hits and four RBI in the Glenn win.

Other offensive contributions came from Colton

Lipinski, who went 2-for-3 with two RBI; Monty, 2-for-4 and two RBI; and Hubbard, 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Glenn starting pitcher Brandon Caudill went the first five innings to pick up the win. He allowed five runs on five hits and six walks while fanning six.

Jesse Smitherman finished up in relief.

WAYNE 5, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Kyle Casey pitched a five-hit shutout Thursday as Wayne Memorial (3-4) blanked host Livonia Clarenceville (5-2).

Casey allowed five hits, walked five and struck out 11 in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Damien Quarles allowed three earned runs on six hits and three walks. He struck out four.

Chris Briggs and Jacob Lefler each collected two hits and scored twice for the victorious Zebras, while Brandon Harnos and Zach Lankton each knocked in two runs.

Quarles went 2-for-4 with a double and stolen base for Clarenceville.

John Glenn's softball team sweeps two from Willow Run

Westland John Glenn's softball team put a double-serious hurtin' on Willow Run April 15.

The Rockets launched a double-header sweep on the Flyers, winning 19-1 and 15-0.

John Glenn starting pitcher Lexie Lester earned the game-one victory, striking out six of the 15 batters she faced while yielding just two walks.

Offensively, the winners were paced by Dani Saunders,

who ripped three hits, including a double. Saunders also knocked in three runs. Brandi Holbrook and Lester contributed two hits and four RBI each. Taylor Bonarek chipped in with two hits.

Lester faced just 11 hitters in the game-two win, striking out five without giving up a walk. Sam Fox had two hits, including a triple. Nicole Ouaine added one hit, a sacrifice bunt and three ribbies.

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Madonna University sophomore pitcher Erik Wright earned the win in the second game of Thursday's double-header against Concordia, striking out nine while yielding just four hits and two walks in seven innings.

Madonna splits two with Concordia

Following a stunning setback to last-place Concordia University in game one of Thursday's double-header, the Madonna University baseball team got back on the "Wright" track in the nightcap.

Sparked by a strong mound effort from starting pitcher Erik Wright (Canton), the Crusaders earned a split with the Cardinals thanks to a 5-1 triumph in game two.

The 4-3 loss in game one broke a 15-game Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference winning streak for Madonna, which was 28-11 overall and 16-2 in the WHAC heading into Saturday's double-header at Concordia (7-24, 3-11).

After yielding a run in the top of the first frame, Wright didn't allow a runner past second base over the next six innings. Wright, who struck out nine while yielding just four hits and two walks to improve to 2-2, lowered his WHAC earned run average to 0.80.

Another Canton alum — senior Matt Kay — delivered the game's decisive hit when he laced a two-out double down the right-field line in the bottom of the sixth to score Steve Pelletier and break a 1-1 tie.

Madonna added three

insurance runs in the seventh, which started when junior Drew Adamiec was hit by a pitch. Pinch-runner Ryan Lech advanced to third on a single by Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Lech scored on an ensuing double-steal to make it 3-1.

Pinch-hitter Spencer Sarel drew a walk and Jeff Bultinck cranked a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Lineberry all the way from second base. Mike Gansser then doubled home Alex Charles — who had re-entered the game for Sarel — to improve the Crusaders' cushion to 5-1.

The Cardinals loaded the bases with one out in the eighth off relievers Andy Omilian and Travis Schuba, but Schuba escaped the jam like Houdini to preserve his team's four-run lead.

Schuba earned the save by setting down the Cardinals in order in the ninth.

Concordia's lone run was scored by Canton alum Ryan Neu, who led off the game with a single and scored on Matthew St. Kitts' ground out. Neu sparked in the twin-bill, going 4-for-6 and adding a leaping, run-saving catch in game two.

MU evened the score in the third when Bultinck's single

plated Lineberry, who led off the inning with a double.

Concordia set the tone early in the opener when it pushed across four runs against Madonna starting pitcher Aaron Saarela. However, Saarela was brilliant from the second inning on, striking out 10 in a complete-game effort.

The Crusaders pulled to within 4-3 in the second, which started with a Kay walk and an infield single by Dan Harder. Freshman Victor Barren knocked in Kay with a single to left center and Harder scored on Gansser's sacrifice fly.

Three batters later, Bultinck scored Barron with a single to center to make it 4-3.

The Crusaders threatened to knot the game in the fourth, but Charles was gunned down at the plate while trying to score on a Bultinck single.

Concordia's Brad Roettger earned the win, scattering eight hits and two walks in a complete-game effort.

Bultinck had a productive day at the plate for Madonna, contributing three hits and two RBI. Gansser, Kay and Pelletier all added a pair of hits while Gansser also drove in two runs.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, March 3
 Churchill at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Brighton, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Old Redford at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Birm. Roper, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
(MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS)
CLASS A
at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Warren Fitzgerald vs. Detroit Southeastern district champion.)

at ROMULUS
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Monroe vs. Lincoln Park district champion.)

CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Thursday, March 3: Highland Park vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Detroit Communication & Media Arts vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Dearborn Divine Child)

CLASS D
at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Birmingham Roper district champion.)

PREP WRESTLING
MHSAA INDIVIDUAL FINALS
(at Palace of Auburn Hills)
Thursday, March 3: Round 1, 2:15 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Round 2, 8:30 a.m.; Round 3, 11 a.m.; Round 4, 2 p.m.; semifinals, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 5: Round 6, 8:30 a.m.

Round 7, 10:10 a.m.; Round 8, 11:30 a.m.; Round 9 finals, 4:45 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING
(MHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS)
Friday-Saturday, March 4-5
 Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA.
 Div. 2 at Century Lanes (Waterford), TBA.
 Division 3 at Airport Lanes (Jackson), TBA.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
(MHSAA FINALS)
at DELTA PLEX-GRAND RAPIDS
Friday, March 4
 Division 4, 2 p.m.; Division 1, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 5
 Division 2, 10 a.m.; Division 3, 6 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, March 4
 Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 5
 Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
 TBA — time to be announced.

South Lyon East mercies Trojan kickers

Rachel Jankowiak and Heather Enke each tallied a pair of goals Thursday as the host South Lyon East girls soccer team downed Livonia Clarenceville in a mercy, 8-0. The Cougars, who led 3-0 at halftime, improved to 5-2

overall. Clarenceville goalkeeper Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz made 15 saves as the Trojans fall to 1-5. **FERNDALE 8, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** Leixie Boisson-Sast scored four goals and Michaela Ellis added two

Wednesday as the Trojans (6-3) rolled past Livonia Clarenceville (1-4). "We did not come out strong," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, whose team fell behind 5-0 at halftime. "I thought our non-starters, forwards Jeana Mariani and Tristyn Bean, gave us some good minutes."



Everson signs with University of Michigan-Dearborn

Livonia Churchill High senior outfielder Mackenzie Everson (center) recently signed a softball letter-of-intent to play at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is flanked by UM-Dearborn head coach Sarah Rotta and assistant coach Cindy Moore.

KAY

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where he earned three varsity letters and achieved All-State status as a senior in the spring of 2003.

"We didn't really have a lot of knowledge about college-baseball recruiting back then; we didn't know the ropes, so I took a job at the furniture company and was ready to move on," he said.



Kay

THE BIG BREAK

The following summer, while playing for the Michigan Bulls in the Livonia Wooden Bat League, Kay's sweet stroke was noticed by Henry Ford Community College baseball coach Jeff Child, who convinced him to enroll at the school and join the baseball

team.

"I played one season at Henry Ford, but I ran out of money, so I went back to working full time," Kay said.

In the ensuing months, conversations with a few Madonna players he had met at Canton and while playing summer baseball stirred his interest in playing for the Crusaders.

"I still had three years of eligibility and I could still hit, but the tuition was around \$10,000 a semester, so financially, I was in no position to go to school there," said Kay. "But (Madonna) coach (Greg) Haeger approached my parents during a summer-league game and talked to them about the possibility of playing at Madonna."

Over a year later — in the fall of 2008 — the 23-year-old sophomore attended the before-mentioned workout.

"I got a call around noon that the guys were getting together to work out," said Kay. "I was really itching to get

out there. I was geeked to see if I still had it."

He did.

FABULOUS FIRST IMPRESSION

In his first season at Madonna, the "Tin Man" blasted 14 home runs — the sixth-highest single-season total in the program's rich history — and won a gold glove for his play in right field.

Kay, who is well on his way to earning a degree in fire science, said he enjoys offering advice to his younger teammates.

"When I was young, I'd try to hit everything out during batting practice," he said. "Now, I try to work on different things in the cage: hitting the ball to the opposite field, things like that. I tell the younger guys that batting practice shouldn't be a home run derby."

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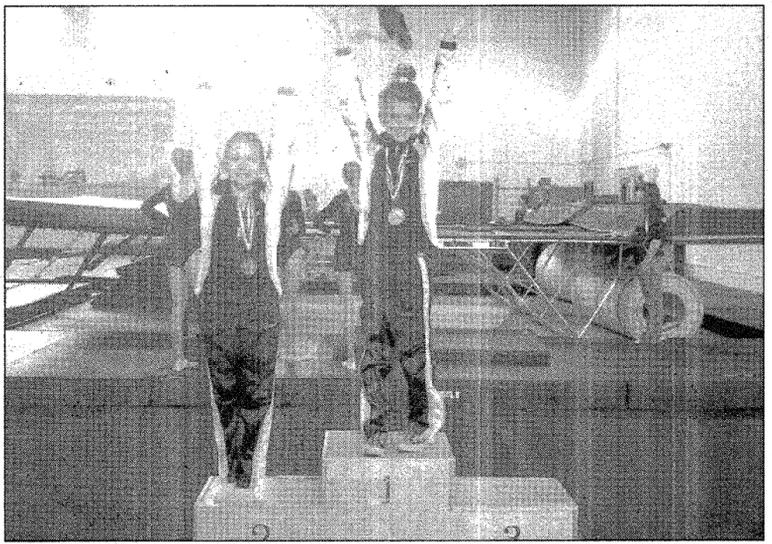
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Rock and Roll Cup champs

The Livonia Squirt Blackhawks recently captured the Rock and Roll Cup with a 2-1 victory in the travel division finals over Findlay (Ohio). The tournament was held March 11-13, in Cleveland, Ohio. Kyle Soroky, who scored 10 goals and added five assists in four games, was named tournament MVP. The Blackhawks also defeated Findlay, 6-3; Livingston (N.Y.), 6-3; and the Georgetown Raiders (Ontario), 5-4, en route to the title. Members of the Blackhawks, who improved their overall season record to 30-3-3, include (front row, from left): B. Stout, B. Merritt; (second row, from left) C. Hiliu, J. Gittins, D. Romaniw, G. Neary, C. Avila, D. Glenn, M. Behen; (third row, from left) G. Soave, Kyle Siroky, J. Diegel, D. Warner, J. Decina, T. Brashwitz, S. Carrier; (back row, from left) coach Sean Neary, coach Dan Behen, J. Behen, S. Neary, M. Warner, V. Glenn and coach Bob Warner.



Double gold medalist

Livonia's Ashlinn Nightingale (right), flanked by teammate Brianna Ferris, captured a pair of gold medals in Level 4 at the USA Gymnastics Tumbling and Trampoline state meet for Michigan held April 16-17 at the Summit Athletics Training Center in Crown Point, Ind. The fourth-grader from Cass Elementary captured the trampoline title with three 7.5s. She tallied a 6.8 score, along with a pair of 6.7s on the double mini. The 9-year-old, who trains under coach Alexis Diaz at AGT Flip City in Warren, has achieved mobility scores and qualified for the Level 5 regionals, May 20-22, in Bloomington, Ind.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Stevenson volleyball

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (incoming grades 7-8) and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (incoming grades 9-1), Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school competition gym.

The \$60 fee includes a T-shirt (\$50 with no shirt after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Kelly Graham at kgraham@livonia-publicschools.org.

Youth Tennis Skills

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a three-week tennis skills camp (ages 9-12) from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, 27-29; and Tuesday through Thursday, July 5-7, at Bicentennial Park courts, located a Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Registration starts Monday, May 2 at the Parks and Recreation office, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The cost is \$115 (resident) or

\$125 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson boys basketball camp (incoming grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 20-24, at the high school fieldhouse.

The fee is \$80 (includes T-shirt if registered by May 18). The cost is \$75 (with no shirt through the first day of camp).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Mike Allie MichaelAllie@yahoo.com; or call (248) 939-2692.

Churchill baseball

Livonia Churchill will stage a baseball camp for boys ages 7 (before Sept. 1) through 14 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, at the high school field.

The cost is \$55 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 1) or \$55 (after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org; or call the Churchill varsity coach at (734) 542-6844 (home) or (734) 502-4419 (cell).

Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

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Expo helps gay couples plan their weddings

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Todd Jordan and Tom Surnick of Royal Oak tied the knot in a group ceremony during the gay community's Pridefest last June.

Partners for more than 20 years, the couple celebrated afterward in a restaurant that looked out on "big hairy men in neon bikini bathing suits" at a car wash.

A few months later when Joe Plambeck and Joe Bailey wed in their Ferndale theater, a local actress officiated the nonreligious ceremony and guests partied afterward at a local comedy club.

"We made things up since there's not really a blueprint for a same-sex wedding," Plambeck said. "We didn't have to follow the regular wedding rules from previous generations. Neither of us wanted to subscribe to a format that's been handed down."

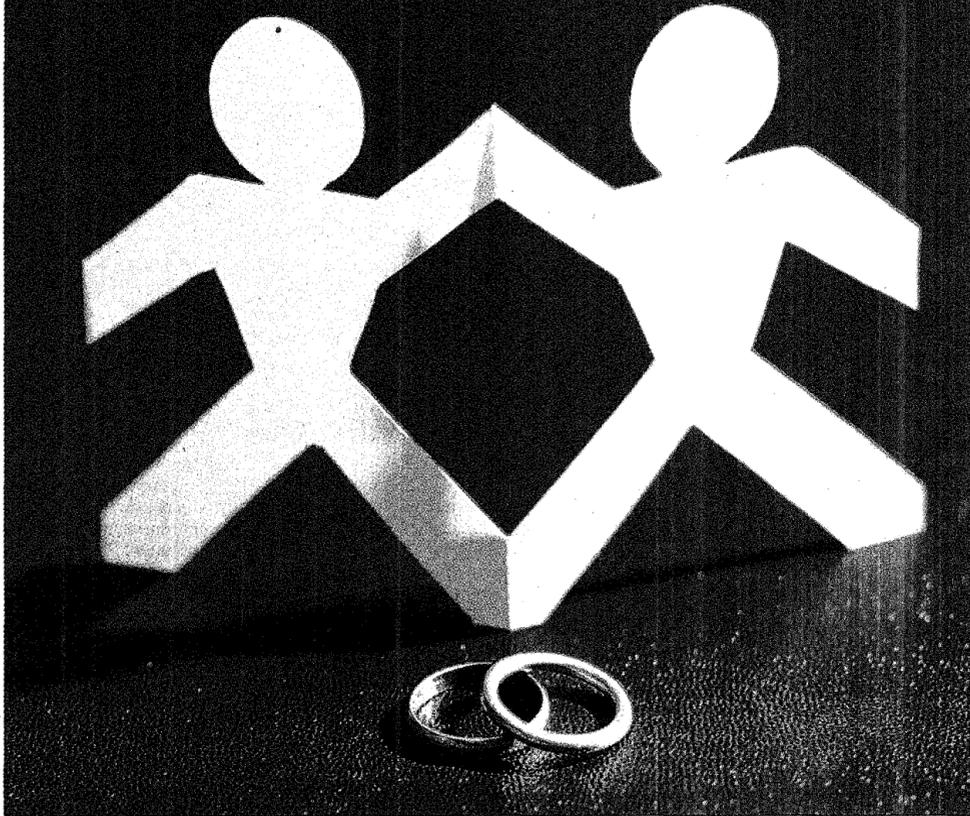
But Danielle Bastianelli, director of sales and marketing for the Detroit Marriott Livonia, suspects many same sex couples gladly would trade impromptu, off-beat or costly destination venues for more traditional trappings if local banquet halls and wedding services were more welcoming to the gay community.

"You may see a lot of unique receptions in this market. But it's stepping out of the box to come to a banquet center. There is a stigma about it ... that they won't be welcomed," Bastianelli said.

"We're excited to put ourselves out there. We'd like to offer a traditional option for the reception and ceremony. I'm hoping other people will sign on board."

Bastianelli, in partnership with Livonia-based Pride Source Media

To have and to hold



Group, has recruited approximately 40 vendors, including caterers, jewelers, salons, photographers, churches, florists, gift registries, clothiers, printers, travel agents and entertainers for the first annual "To Have and To Hold," wedding expo for same-sex couples.

The expo will run from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

Admission is \$10, with a \$2 discount for those who regis-

ter in advance online at www.pridesource.com. It includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, gift bags and raffle entries. Those who register in advance also are eligible in a drawing for a honeymoon.

TAG-APPROVED

Bastianelli reached out to Pride Source Media last fall after a few potential customers asked if the hotel could accommodate same-sex commitment ceremonies. Hotel

staff was surprised by the inquiry.

"We were disappointed to find out the reason they asked was that they had been turned down by other venues," Bastianelli said, adding that she began to wonder how the hotel could let gay couples know "that it's not a problem and we'd be happy to work with them."

The Detroit Marriott Livonia is a Travel Alternatives Group-endorsed hotel. The Community Marketing, Inc. in San Francisco,

Calif., launched the TAG program in 1997 to help hotels, resorts and bed and breakfasts to serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community. TAG approval is based on pro-LGBT business practices, including diversity training for staff, nondiscriminatory hiring policies and treating heterosexuals and same-sex partners equally.

Bastianelli asked her TAG contact for suggestions and then called Jan Stevenson, Pride Source publisher.

LOCAL VENDORS

"I had always wanted to do an expo," said Stevenson, a Farmington Hills resident.

She said it's important for the LGBT community to know which businesses are open to working with same-sex couples as they plan their special day.

"You want to work with people who support the community," she said, adding that the gay community "is a big market" with the potential to generate millions of dollars for local wedding services.

"People spend \$20,000 on weddings. I went to one wedding reception at Big Rock in Birmingham. That reception had to cost \$100,000. They flew in stars from Broadway and gave away party favors that cost \$40 or \$50 each."

She and her partner married six years ago in Canada, but held their reception in Michigan. Many of their friends have celebrated their weddings out of state. "That's a shame, because business is walking out of Michigan."

Bastianelli hopes the expo will help reverse that trend. She anticipates at least 200 attendees.

Lonnie Elswick, manager of Elite Sweets in Livonia, one of the expo vendors, welcomes the potential for more customers.

"The reason we're doing this is to open ourselves up to the demographic and explain our business," he said. The bakery will offer cake samples and show design options.

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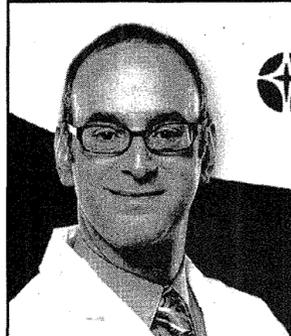


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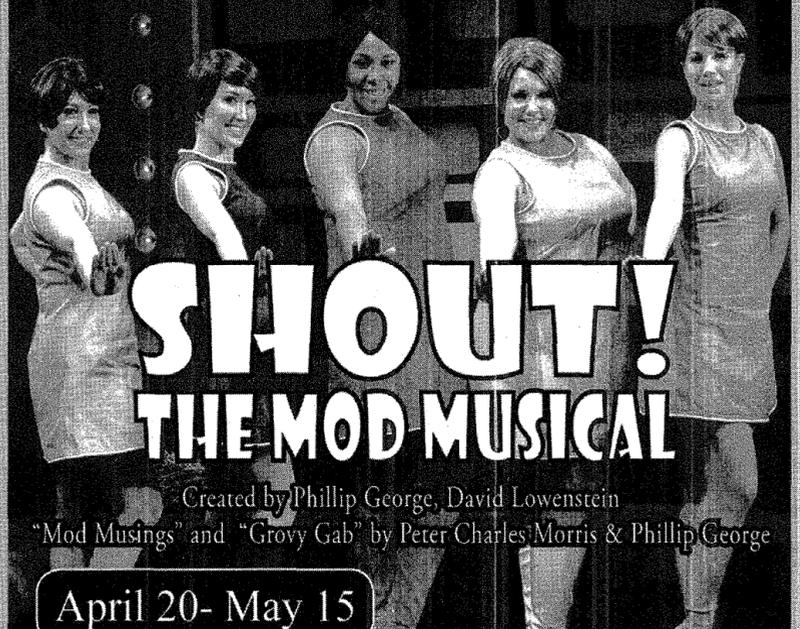
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Event raises funds for nonprofit groups

Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., the parent company of Parisian in Livonia, raised more than \$4 million for nonprofit organizations at its semiannual Community Day event, held earlier this year.

Twice a year, local 501(c)3 organizations, schools and churches sell \$5 coupon booklets to shoppers for use at local Bon-Ton stores to earn funding needed to support their mission. Groups selling the booklets keep all of the funds. Some

success stories from this year's event include:

• The Michigan Pug Rescue raises money to help with the veterinary costs that it incurs for the dogs it rescues. Through Community Day, it is able to pay outstanding bills and put away funds for future expenses. This year the group sold almost 900 booklets, raising \$4,375. Miss Sciuto, a former abused pug who lost her leg when she was 7 years old, found a last-ing home through Michigan

Pug Rescue. She takes her throne — the table where booklets are sold — during each Community Day event.

• Community & Home Supports, Inc. doubled its goal of selling 300 booklets and earned more than \$3,000 to support community awareness of the homeless population in the Metro Detroit Area.

• Chicks 4 Charity (Woman's Life Chapter 827) took in almost \$2,400 to help the eighth grade students of

Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth, attend their educational trip to New York by reducing their out of pocket costs. Also supporting education initiatives was the Greater Rising Star Grand Chapter of the Order of Easton Star which raised almost \$2,000 for its youth scholarship fund.

In addition to the money earned through booklet sales, 41 organizations also received donations of \$189.37 each from Parisian in Livonia.

Dehumidifier freezes, freezer defrosts

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

Jim writes: "I have a dehumidifier in my basement that freezes up in spring and fall. I read that they are temperature rated and mine could be for warmer areas, but there are no specs with it. It was from a Sears's store. It was pretty expensive then. Is there something wrong with it or do I need one for colder temperatures,

Sun for a few days. Just make sure it's dry.

Majid writes: "I have a (commercial grade) Gibson upright 20+ freezer in my garage. Once in a while, once every year, or so, it decides to stop and defrost everything. It acts more like a refrigerator. Then, it will come to life again. We are seriously thinking about replacing it as we are fed up with this behavior. I was told by my colleague at work that you advised him on a problem he had with his freezer and told him where to go and look underneath to replace a timer that apparently controls the defrost cycle! Could this be my problem and can you help me?"

Reply: Refrigerators and freezers made today are not meant to be located in areas where the temperature will fall below 55 degrees. I believe Whirlpool makes a model refrigerator that will operate in lower temperatures but it is expensive. In the case of your freezer what is happening is quite normal. The cold control is measuring the temperature in the cold garage and shutting off the compressor which may not start to run again for a long while. This allows the food to warm up to the temperature in the garage. And so you have a freezer which turns into a refrigerator. Another very important factor besides spoiling all of your food is that the compressor can lock up on you costing more than \$600 in repairs. The oil in the compressor will get as thick as molasses and when it tries to start, you'll break a valve. For those folks with a cottage up north, remember this tip when you winterize it next fall. 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@twm.rr.com.



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Joe Gagnon

that's too much."

Reply: There are dehumidifiers today that will operate during winter months where cold temperatures will not affect them. These are designed for homeowners with severe humidity problems and you're correct, they are expensive. The type of unit you have is for the normal basement used during the hot months. Your type can only function properly when the temperature and relative humidity are in the range of 70 degrees. In other words, if it's too cold downstairs the unit will form frost on the coils. That is normal when used too early in the year or too late in the summer. A dehumidifier should be cleaned every year with a garden hose making sure you don't bend any of the metal fins. A word of caution when doing this: Let the unit dry for a few days as the electrical components which are wet will be destroyed when you plug it in. You can use a hair dryer or let it sit in the

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much



less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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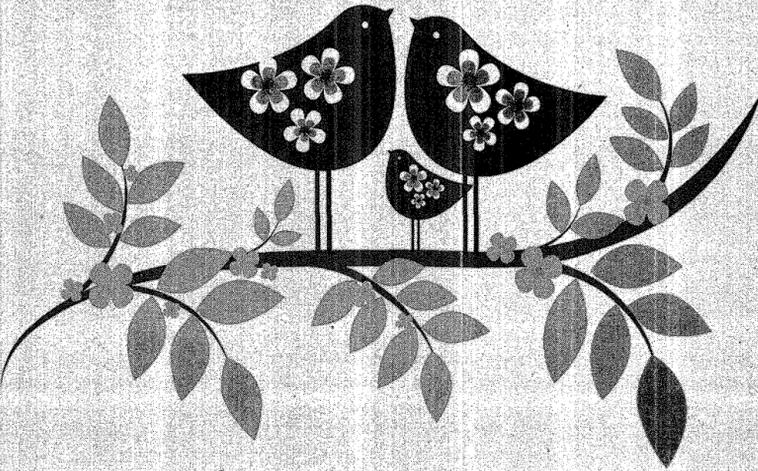
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The restaurant, with nine locations including Livonia and Farmington Hills, will create the "enrichment pizzas" in collaboration with the Zoo's animal welfare staff, kicking off a multi-year partnership agreement with the Detroit Zoological Society.

As the Detroit Zoo's pizza partner, Buddy's Pizza will offer discount coupons to Zoo guests who buy tickets to rides and attractions such as the Tauber Family Railroad, Wild Adventure Ride and Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater. Buddy's also will subsidize field trips to the Zoo for underserved elementary students throughout Metro Detroit.

Its special delivery on Wednesday will help to make the animals' environment more engaging and dynamic. Daily animal enrichment includes the introduction of novel and sometimes unpredictable elements such as objects, sounds, scents or other stimuli that give the animals choice and control in their environment and encourage them to respond in species-typical ways.

Zoo visitors can watch the animals devour their pizzas:

- 9:30 a.m. - polar bears will eat giant pizza with fish and peanut butter

- 10 a.m. - snow monkeys receive personal pan pizzas with cereal, honey, raisins and crackers

- 10:30 a.m. - wolverines love pizza with bones, meat and scents

- 11 a.m. - tigers will get meat lover's pizza

- 11:30 a.m. - reptiles take their vegetarian pizza with bugs and worms on top

- 1 p.m. - penguins like their pizza frozen with fish and krill

- 1:30 p.m. - meerkats won't pass up a pizza with baby food and meal worms

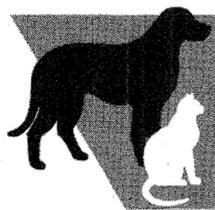
- 2 p.m. - coatis will wolf down pizza with honey and crickets

- 2:30 p.m. - anteaters will get pizza with avocados, oranges and bananas

In addition to the Zoo, Buddy's also is an "Official Pizza Partner" of the Henry Ford/Greenfield Village and Detroit Institute of Arts.

Patrons can register for a chance to win tickets to Buddy's partners by registering at its restaurants.

The Detroit Zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, on 10 Mile (1-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Admission is \$12 for adults, 15 to 61, \$10 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$8 for children, ages 2 to 14. Children under 2 are admitted free. (248) 541-5717; www.detroit-zoo.org.



PET PROJECTS

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Four years after it was founded, Shelter to Home, a rescue that takes impounded animals off death row, is poised to open its own office and adoption center.

"I think we're close to closing on the deal," said Jason Turri, a Canton resident who's helping with the organization's upcoming golf outing. Turri's wife, Kalin, is a manager at the Allen Park Animal Shelter and a founding member of Shelter to Home.

"We're having a golf outing to raise money for the building. We're hoping to raise \$10,000," he said.

The group is accepting registration for its second annual outing on May 21 at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph in Dearborn. Check in that day will be at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast and golf beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch and a steak dinner — or vegetarian option — are included.

"We'll have raffles and prizes, longest drive and closest to the pin competitions, and everyone will have a gift bag of goodies," Turri said.

Cost per person is \$90. Supporters can register online with PayPal at www.shelbertohome.com or can request a registration form by e-mailing to info@shelbertohome.com.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a hole on the course can obtain a sponsorship form online.

Shelter to Home's new office and adoption center will be located in downtown Wyandotte, although the group will continue to

Rescues work the greens, catwalk



A cat awaits adoption through Shelter to Home.

two blocks east of Main.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under.

Guardians for Animals founder Alex Whitney has worked for animal welfare causes for more than 30 years. She decided to create her own rescue seven years ago after witnessing "73 dead bodies," at a shelter where she was volunteering. She talked about her plans

show adoptable cats at the Petsmart on Ford Road west of Haggerty in Canton.

Shelter to Home is one of approximately 30 affiliate rescues assisted by Guardians for Animals. The nonprofit organization helps no-kill animal rescues with funds, food, supplies and animal placement.

POOCH-A-LICIOUS

Guardians for Animals will benefit from an event Saturday, April 30, that will include 30 fashion hounds, decked out in evening wear, sporty active attire and superhero duds, strutting and sniffing their way along the catwalk at Farmer's Market in Royal Oak.

The fun canine fashion show is one of several activities planned for Pooch-a-Licious, a first annual fundraiser and adoption event for Guardians for Animals. Six of its affiliate rescues will be on hand with adoptable animals. Games, raffles, a silent auction, pet vendors and prizes will keep animal lovers busy from 5-10 p.m., at the market, located on 11 Mile at Troy Street,

with her friend, actress and animal welfare activist Tippi Hedren, and in the process, clarified the group's purpose.

"If it's one rescue, it can help a couple hundred animals. If it's an umbrella group, it can help thousands," Whitney explained. "Last year we pulled, in a 50-mile radius, 3,241 animals from death row."

Her affiliates will bring approximately 70 adoptable animals to Pooch-a-Licious. Guardians for Animals also will offer stuffed animal toys for individuals who can't adopt a live pet. For a \$5 donation, adopters will receive the stuffed animal of their choice and an adoption certificate.

Tickets for Pooch-a-Licious are available at www.simplydonevents.net through PayPal or with a credit card. They'll also be available at the door. Visitors who donate pet food at the event will receive an entry into a raffle.

For more information about Pooch-a-Licious call Barbour at (248) 318-3353.

Class teaches eco-gardening

Learn how to create beautiful landscapes while protecting the Rouge River at a gardening seminar Wednesday, April 27, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Friends of the Rouge, a Dearborn-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River, and the City of Farmington Hills are offering the program, which is free and will run from 7-8 p.m. in the council chambers.

"The leading source of pollution in the Rouge River today is pollutants carried to

the river by rain water," stated Cyndi Ross, who manages the River Restoration Program for Friends. "Even more destructive to the river ecosystem is the amount of water that rushes to the river every time it rains.

"Since much of the land is covered by impervious surfaces — buildings, parking lots, roads, houses, — rainwater is directed to storm drains that carry the water directly to nearby lakes and streams to prevent flooding on our roads and in our neighborhoods. That rush of water scours stream banks and destroys habitat for fish and other

organisms." Gardening seminar attendees will learn about rain gardens that temporarily hold back rain water. These gardens are planted with native plants that can withstand the fluctuating water levels. Water evaporates or is slowly released to the sewer system over time. Residents who live along a creek or river will learn how to protect their property from erosion by planting native shrubs and wildflowers along the bank.

RSVP for the seminar by calling the Farmington Hills City Manager's office at (248) 871-2500.

WALK/RUN BENEFITS CANCER RESEARCH

North Brothers Ford and the City of Westland have teamed up for the 13th annual 5K fun run and walk to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event is at 9 a.m., May 14, starting at the Bailey Recreation Center, located south of city hall on Ford Road, north of Marquette, between Carlson and Newburgh, in Westland.

Registration includes prizes

and recognition for the top three male and female participants in all age groups, refreshments at various check points throughout the race, T-shirts if registered by May 5, awards for the top three handicapped participants.

Preregistration deadline is May 11. Registration fee for students, 18 and under, is \$10 and for adults is \$15. Late registra-

tion fee, after May 11, is \$18.

Registration will open at 8 a.m. on race day. No inline skates or pets will be allowed.

To obtain a registration form, call Jackie Marcaccini at North Brothers Ford, (734) 524-1243, or e-mail to info@northbros.com.

North Brothers will match the cost of all registrations with a donation to Karmanos.

Club shares plants, butterfly info

Learn about butterflies in the garden at Livonia Garden Club's next meeting, Tuesday, May 3, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association and an Advanced Master Gardener, will explain how to attract butterflies to the garden. The meeting, which is open to visitors, will start at 7 p.m.

The club also plans its annual plant sharing event from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Admission is free and will be held rain or shine.

For more information call Sue Rakay at (734) 425-6880.

Arthritis Today

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A NEW ARTHRITIS

Physicians are seeing a new arthritis, one with no name but an undeniable presence. The arthritis occurs in older people, usually over age 80 or 90, appearing as a sudden and intense pain that stops the person from any activity. The new arthritis has many of the characteristics of gout in its unexpected and rapid onset and its effect to cause incapacitating pain.

But the new arthritis exhibits features very different from gout. First, the pain is not accompanied by redness or swelling. Second, the ankle, toe or hand joints are not the places where the new arthritis hits. Rather, the arthritis will strike the middle of one of the bones in the hand or be on the top of the foot. When the physician palpates the involved site, the patient feels violent pain despite the absence of any visible inflammation.

Treatment poses another problem for the physician. An injection of steroid to the involved area stops a gout attack, but the same result does not occur in cases of the new arthritis. Injection will decrease pain but not eliminate it; if the doctor does not follow with oral cortisone, then the intense pain returns.

Furthermore, the patient needs a high dose of oral cortisone to control the pain and the doctor must keep the patient on this high dose for days or weeks. In patients in their eighties and beyond such steroid does cause osteoporosis, high blood pressure and impaired immunity. Therefore, the effort continues to find another and safer treatment for the new arthritis.

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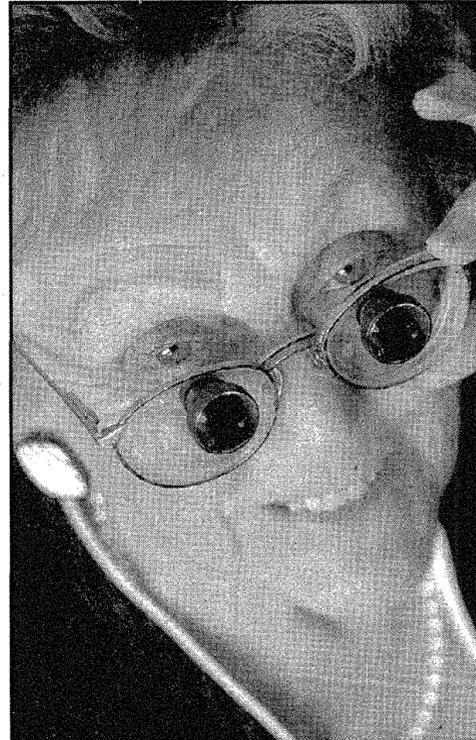
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MARCH WEDDING

Catherine Leigh Cezat and James Joseph Faysal II were married Saturday, March 19, 2011, by The Rev. Tom Belczak at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the bride are Liz Cezat of Canton and Keith Cezat of Plymouth. The groom's parents are George and Vicki Faysal of Novi.

The bride's brother, Daniel, served as a groomsman and her sister, Kelly,

was the Maid of Honor. The groom's sister, Amber, was a bridesmaid.

Other bridesmaids were Jaelynn Croyle, Jessie Miller, and Christina Moniodis, all friends of the bride.

Best Man was Christopher Johnson, friend of the groom.

Other groomsmen were Eric Aytes, Jon Hoffman and John Walzack, all friends of the groom.

The reception was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The bride and groom met at Hillsdale College, where each earned a bachelor's degree. James is completing his third year of medical school and will start an internal medicine residency in 2012. Katie, a CPA, works as an auditor at a public accounting firm in Southfield. The couple resides in Novi. A summer honeymoon is planned.



Faysal-Cezat
PHOTO BY SARA MICHELLE

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Floyd and Martha (Abraham) Ertman of Canton marked their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, April 21. The couple married in 1951 in Parisville.

Their children are Deborah (John) Tripp of Fairview, Dennis of Belleville, Patrick of Canton and David (Kathy) of Westland. They also have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Floyd, a former engineer for Wayne County, and Martha, a former executive assistant, both retired in 1983.



Floyd and Martha Ertman of Canton on their wedding day in 1951.

After retirement they moved to a home on a lake in the Mio/Fairview area. They also spent winter months in Florida.

Two years ago they moved back to Canton.

Floyd and Martha celebrated their milestone anniversary with their children at dinner.

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Ken and Yolanda Sabatini are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Michelle, to Keith Thomas Hunter, son of Helen Ogilvie of Topeka, Kan., and Jeff Hunter, of Mayetta, Kan.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 Garden City High School graduate. She is completing a physical therapy degree and plans to graduate from Wayne State University in April 2012.

Her fiancé graduated in 2004 from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and in 2009 from Eastern Michigan University. He earned a degree



Sabatini-Hunter

in accounting and is employed by Stefansky, Holloway and Nichols, Inc.

An August 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne.

2010 WEDDING

Kristin Witt and Carl Johnson were married Aug. 21, 2010 at Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, Racine, Wis. The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen officiated.

The bride, daughter of Skip and Sandy Witt of Canton, is an engineer at SC Johnson.

The groom, son of Wayne Johnson and Ruth Bradford-Johnson of Racine, Wis., is an attorney for the State of Wisconsin Public Defender's Office.

Matron of honor was Michelle Schafer, friend of the bride. The bride's attendants were Jeffrey Witt, the bride's brother, Jillian Gross, Ryan Majkrzak, Kelli Steckbauer, and Emily Reese. Flower girl was Neenah Hershberger, niece of the groom.

Best man was Todd Johnson, brother of the groom. The groom's attendants were



Johnson-Witt

Wesley Rohan, Javier Alaniz, Sarah Young, Leif Griffin and Matthew Johnson, the groom's cousin.

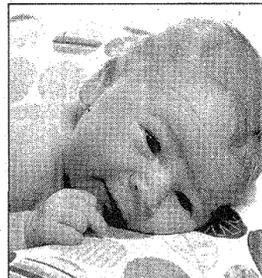
A reception was held at Racine Marriott Hotel.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Fiji. They have made their home in Kenosha, Wis.

ELIOT ARRIVES

Ian and Christine Moore of Canton announce the birth of son, Eliot Tadashi Moore, born Feb. 28, 2011 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, in Commerce Township.

Grandparents are James and Carolyn Moore and John and Carol Kapsusky, all of Northville. Walter Miyao of Redford is Eliot's great-grandfather.



Eliot Tadashi Moore

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL 24-27

Easter service
Time/Date: 10 a.m., April 24
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Rev. Kimi Riegel talks about "Miracles Abound." In place of an Easter egg hunt, the children will hunt for canned food to donate to Gleaners. The children will receive filled Easter eggs after the hunt.

Easter
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. April 24
Easter Sunday service: 8-9 a.m. free Easter breakfast
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Easter sermon theme is "It's all about Life." All visitors will

receive the free DVD "The Road to Emmaus."
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Easter
Time/Date: Services, 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24
Location: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington, Farmington Hills
Details: A children's Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. Easter Sunday
Contact: (248) 626-3620

Easter
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24
Location: The Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Agape service
Contact: (734) 422-0010

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BORTZ, JOHN 'JACK'
 Age 68, went home to his heavenly father on Monday, April 18, after a 2 year courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 9, 1943 in Detroit. Son of the late George and Claudia Bortz. Beloved husband of JoAnn for 32 years. Cherished and loving Daddy of Rebecca. Dear Step-Father of Debra Guyn and Tammy Durbin. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was kind, loving and funny. His legacy will be his sense of humor and the joy of laughter he shared with those who were lucky enough to know and love him. Funeral services were Thursday at the John N. Santeuf & Son Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice.
www.santeufuneralhome.com



CHRISTIE (STREMICK) LOU ANN M.

Age 74. Memorial services was held 12:00 Noon Saturday at Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home 667 Mentor Ave Painesville, OH with Rev. Jimmy Riley officiating. Born on August 29, 1936 in Nekoma, North Dakota. Mrs. Christie grew up in Plymouth, MI and was a resident of Painesville, OH and formerly of Gold Canyon, AZ. She passed away on April 17, 2011 at Kemper House in Mentor, OH. She was a Legal Secretary for Atty Joseph Dillon and an Executive Secretary for Howmet Mfg in Plymouth

Member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Painesville, OH

Lou Ann enjoyed singing with church and community choirs, playing the organ, gardening and arts and crafts

Survived by Husband Jack G. Christie, whom she married on March 10, 1979
 Daughters
 Cheri (Dan) Frantz of Painesville, OH
 Cindi (Tim) Chapman of Garden City, MI
 Lori Leveille of Greensboro, NC
 Son Doug (Jodie) Leveille of Royal Oak, MI
 12 Grandchildren
 Kim, Brian, Jacob, Jenny, Laurie, Christine, Ben, T.J., Gabrielle, Lauren, Michael, and Shannon
 Preceded in death by 1st Husband Dale Leveille in 2000
 Parents Louis and C. Mary (Spanier) Stremick

Friends received from 11:00 am to Noon Saturday at the Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home in Painesville, OH

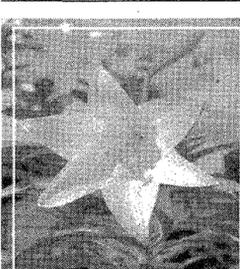
Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve 5786 Heisley Rd. Mentor, OH 44060 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation Cleveland Area Chapter P.O. Box 74924 Cleveland, OH 44194-4924

COIL, SANDRA JEAN

Age 56, April 16, 2011 Beloved daughter of Mary Ann and the late Harold. Sister of Ronald. Sandy was loved and cherished by all her extended family that cared for her. Funeral was April 20, 2011 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to ARC of Western Wayne, 2257 South Wayne Rd, Westland MI 48186.
 Online condolences:
www.obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com

HARRINGTON, RAMONA ELIZABETH

Age 88, a long time resident of West Branch and formerly of Southfield, passed away April 16, 2011 in Warren. She was born June 9, 1922 in Detroit to the late Marie and Rudolph Breitling. Ramona was a secretary in the manufacturing industry. She was a member of VFW Post 3775 Auxiliary of West Branch and was very active at St. Joseph Catholic Church of West Branch. Ramona was a very happy active person who loved people, sports like golf and Tiger's Baseball. She was very talented at quilting, baking and loving her family and friends. Survivors are her daughters Laura (George) Dutton, Lisa (Michael) Little and Marjorie (David) Heathcoat; eleven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert C. (2008) and siblings John and Anna. Visitation was 2-9PM Monday, April 18th with a 8:00PM Scripture Service at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 Twelve Mile Rd., Berkeley (2 Blocks West of Woodward). Her family would appreciate memorial donations to St. John Hospice. Share a memory at: www.sawyerfuller.com



HEDGER, KIMBERLY A.

April 17, 2011 Age 49 of Westland. Beloved mother of Tiffany Marie Hedger & Mariah Manier. Dear daughter of Geraldine (William) Smith & William (Joanne) Hedger. Loving grandmother to Devon, Owen, Savannah, Madison & Noah. Also survived by many aunts, uncles & cousins. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Thurs. 1 PM. Family will receive friends Thurs. 10-1 PM. Donations to the family appreciated. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com



MARSTON, GENEVIEVE

Died April 18, 2011 age 90. Beloved wife of the late Dr. George Marston. Dear mother of Blaine (Jeanette), Nancy (John) Nowak, Dr. Carol (Mark Foucher) Marston, and Joseph (Kimberly). Proud grandmother of Michael, Nicole, Julie, Elizabeth, Matthew, Christopher, Nick and Chris. Sister of Thaddeus Gudsen. Caring for her family was her passion in life. She was happiest at a sewing machine or in the kitchen. An accomplished seamstress and devoted gourmet cook, she took great joy in sharing her delicacies with family, friends and neighbors. Visitation was held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home. The funeral Mass took place at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



JONES, MARY R.

Mary Reneau Hunt Jones, 90, of Charleston, South Carolina lived a full and blessed life, with a peaceful passing, on Sunday April 17th, 2011. The family and friends of Mary are invited to attend her memorial service at The First Baptist Church of Charleston, 48 Meeting Street, on Thursday at 2:00 in the afternoon. The family will visit with friends directly after the service, and are invited to their home, in the Crescent, at 12 Johnson Rd., Charleston. Born on October 16, 1920, in Miami, Florida, Mary was the daughter of the late Mary Harris Hunt and Reneau Clyde Hunt. Mary is survived by her daughter Catherine Lee Jones Mitchell and her husband James Robert Mitchell Jr., of Charleston, SC and Highlands, NC; Granddaughters, Ashley Brook Mitchell, Senior at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH and Courtney Erin Mitchell, Sophomore, at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; Grandsons, Hunter Brendan Mitchell, Junior at Porter-Gaud School, Charleston, SC and James Robert Mitchell III of Charlotte, NC. Mary was a proud attendee of Miss Harris School in Coral Gables, FL. She graduated in 1938 from Miami Senior High School and then attended the Coral Gables School of Business. While volunteering for the US Coast Guard Reserve Auxiliary, Mary began her career with the Miami Air Depot War Assets Administration. She retired from South Miami Hospital, Development. Mary was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charleston. She was a faithful volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons. Mary lived to travel. Her heart will always remain in the mountains of North Carolina. Mary was never happier than when surrounded by her grandchildren, who sustained her with joy and a youthful spirit. Her infectious laugh and love of life will always be remembered amongst family and friends. She leaves us all with a legacy of love, and her life has served as a role model to guide us in our thoughts and actions as we honor and celebrate her life. Memorials may be made to The First Baptist Church of Charleston, Senior Garden, 48 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 or Roper Foundation, 125 Doughty Street, Suite 790, Charleston, SC 29403. Arrangements are by JAMES A. MCALISTER Funerals & Cremation, 1620 Savannah Hwy. Charleston. (843) 766-1365. Mary's guest book may be signed online at www.jamesamcalister.com

McKELLAR, MALCOLM R.
 Of Bloomfield Hills, April 8, 2011; Age 90. Husband of the late Noreen. Father of Diane Birrell. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954. SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



MENSER, BETTE G.

72, of Walled Lake, passed away at her home on April 15, 2011. She is survived by her high school sweetheart & loving husband of 52 years, William. She was a loving Mother to their 4 children, Grandma to 8. Caring sister, aunt, and friend to many. Bette's most enjoyable times were spent with her family and friends. She will be remembered for always putting others first, her loving thoughtful ways, and giving helpful advice whenever needed. A memorial service will be held at St. Georges Episcopal Church in Milford, MI on Monday April 25, 2011 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Lung Association.



SENKBEIL, DAVE

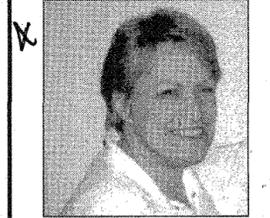
Age 64 of Livonia. Loving father of Justine (Allen) August, Danny and David (Cindy). Proud grandpa of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Service were held at Fred wood funeral home. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

STUART, ALAN D.

Age 81, April 18, 2011. Beloved husband of Lois. Dear father of Lisa (Brent) McVeigh, Jane Stuart and Celia Stuart Whitman. Grandfather of Mariah and Austin McVeigh. Memorial Mass Monday, April 25, 2011 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

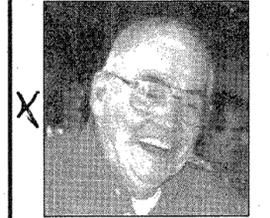
VALKA, JEAN E.

Of Pontiac, April 5, 2011, Age 85. Mother of Rene, Jeanette Cherry and Donald. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



BURTON, CYNTHIA MARIE

Age 56. Cindy passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express how much Cindy will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her mother Marge Burton of Check, VA, brother Steve Burton (Kelly) of Miami, FL, brother Terry Burton (partner Diane Belli) of Livonia, MI, sister Ann Harmon (Dave) of Hamburg, MI, sister Peggy Streetman (James) of Fountain Hills, AZ, and brother Michael Burton of Check, VA. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Leo R. Burton. Cindy happily lived her entire life in Westland, MI, dedicating her life's work to the restaurant business. She proudly began working at an early age at the family-owned restaurant known as the Windjammer Lounge in Livonia. Later, she continued her career at Sandy's By The Beach in Redford. She was very dedicated to her career, loved working with people, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Cindy also loved animals, especially her two four-legged friends Freddie and rescue dog Max. She gave freely to the Humane Society and had compassion for all animals in need. With respect to her wishes an anatomical donation for medical research has taken place. Close friends and family will gather together to celebrate her life. A "Celebration of Cindy" memorial will be held at "Slings" (formerly the Windjammer Lounge) located at 11791 Farmington Rd. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in loving memory of Cindy Burton.



CHAPMAN, HARVEY WALTER (MIKE)

Age 82. April 16, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Marie (Peterson) and the late Jenny (Neil). Dearest father of Nancy Kapitan (John), Mike (Mari), Kim, Carol Spreitzer, and Chris. Proud grandfather of Krista, Bryan, Joel, Faith, Christian, and Marie. Dearest brother of the late Butch, Earl, Josie, Hank, Bill, Don, Grace and Dick. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mike was born on July 28, 1928 in Farmington Township. He graduated from Farmington High School and served in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Groves Walker Post 0346. Mike was a co-owner of "Mike and Tom's Pub" in Farmington Hills for 26 years. He sponsored golf leagues, the March of Dimes Wild Game Dinner, and other charities. He loved baseball and he loved life! A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

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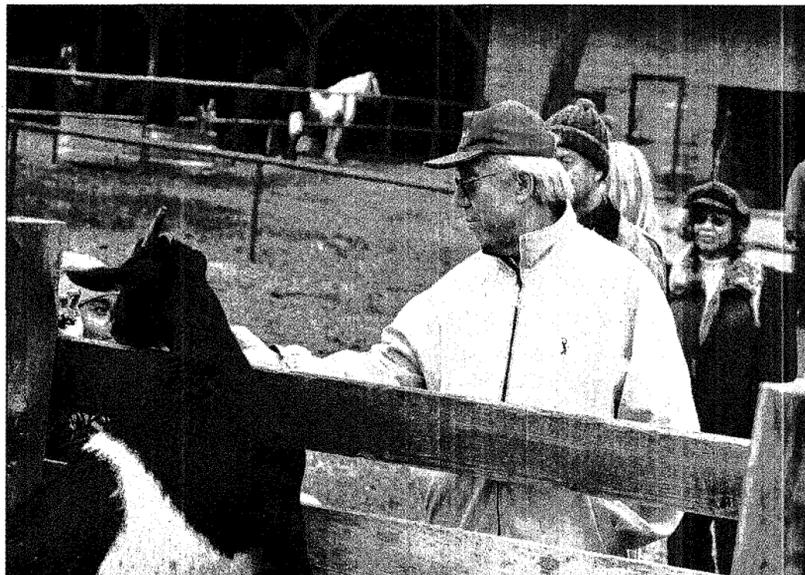
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Take a vacation from bad health habits



Olga Muresan drives a go-kart while on vacation with Healthy Living Seminars.



Steve Krkljic checks out a goat while on vacation in the Grayling area with Healthy Living Seminars.

Camp puts focus on health

Learn to snuff out that cigarette, control stress and drop a few pounds all while relaxing in an idyllic vacation setting near Grayling.

Dr. Arthur Weaver, founder of Better Living Seminars, is accepting registration now for his annual health camp, May 8-15, on 900 wooded acres surrounding Lake Shellenbarger.

Weaver, a Northville resident and retired cancer surgeon, began offering the camps in 1978 for smokers who couldn't quit without a live-in program.

Over the years Weaver and his wife, Natalie, have added seminars on stress control, weight management, exercise, vegetarian cooking and nutri-

tion, at camp. The seminars are interspersed with recreation, socializing time and rest. The week's vacation removes participants from everyday stresses, increasing their chances of kicking the smoking habit or making other lifestyle changes. Recreation includes go-karts, visiting farm animals, horseback riding, canoeing on a private lake and on the Au Sable River, and walking along nature trails.

"This is the only affordable 24-hour support 'live in' stop program of which I am aware," Weaver said. "Those who need to get on a good nutritional program and exercise regime find our camp most helpful."

The one week vacation including seminars, housing,

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The Weavers have practiced a healthy lifestyle for more than 60 years together. They are vegetarians — and raised six children on a plant-based diet — and exercise daily.

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Free information, speakers and resources to help those caring for an older adult or a person with a disability

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

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Redford, 48239

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Summit on the Park
46000 Summit Pkwy
Canton, 48188

Saturday, May 7, 2011

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Booker Dozier Recreation Center
2025 Middlebelt Rd.
Inkster, 48141

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Flat Rock Community Center
1 Maguire St.
Flat Rock, 48134

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Tuesday, May 10
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium

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To register call **734-655-2365**, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on **Classes & Events**.

Refreshments and light snacks will be served.



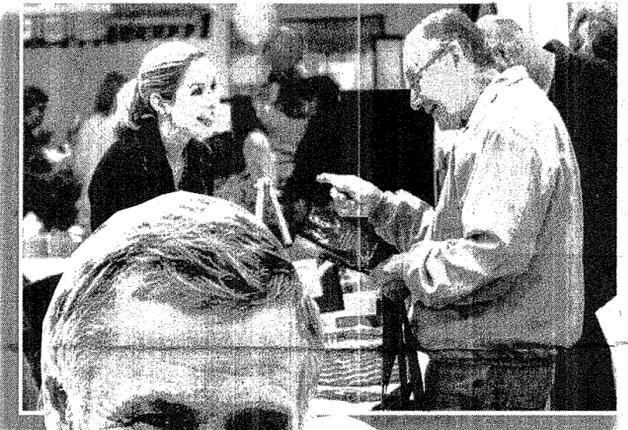
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- **How to Choose a Skilled Nursing Facility**
- **911 - Act in Time** When to go to the ER
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- **What You Should Know about Long Term Care**
- **Senior Moving Made Easy**
- **Identify Theft Protection**
- **Making Sense of Medicare** Understanding Medicare Basics
- **Social Security Updates**
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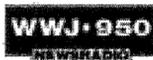
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