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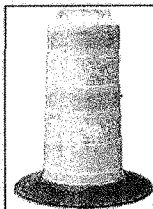
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IN BRIEF

Orange alert

The orange construction barrels are scheduled to begin going up on Glenwood beginning Monday, weather and frost laws permitting.

The construction will be on Glenwood just east of Newburgh from the C&O railroad east to Wayne Road and from Wayne Road east to Venoy Road. The work will



begin with setting up traffic control signs, removing the south lane of pavement along Glenwood from Treadwell to Wayne Road and pulverizing the existing asphalt.

"Construction takes patience but we hope this short-term inconvenience will result in a long-term satisfaction for those who live and drive through Westland," said Mayor William Wild.

This work is expected to take two weeks. Construction of the water main will follow and take an additional three weeks. Status updates on the progression of the project will be provided through Nixle. Residents can register for free Nixle alerts in the city's website: www.cityofwestland.com.

All questions and concerns about the project can be directed to Westland Department of Public Services Deputy Director Benny McCusker at (734) 728-1770.

The project consists of installation of a water main and the resurfacing of Glenwood. An intergovernmental agreement between Wayne County, the City of Wayne and the City of Westland, includes a \$4 million water main that is being installed and funded by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. DWSB has also agreed to pay the local share match monies for Wayne and Westland, totaling \$494,000 for allowing them to include the water main as part of this federally funded road project.

Teen volunteers

The William P. Faust Public Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2011 Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories."

Volunteers will help in the Children's Department and assist at many of the summer events. This is an opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization.

Candidates should currently be in the eighth grade or above. All volunteers are asked to attend one of three training sessions: Monday, May 23, Wednesday, June 1, or Thursday, June 2.

Applications are now available at the library and may also be downloaded from the library's website, www.westlandlibrary.org, and should be submitted prior to your preferred training session. Contact claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org for more information.

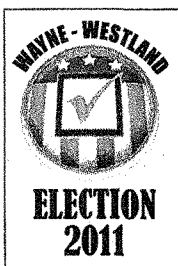
Low turnout expected for W-W school election

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even with a crowd of candidates seeking two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland school board, Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof doesn't expect a large turnout.

Her prediction is that between 5 and 7 percent of the estimated 42,000 registered voters in Westland portion of the district will go to the polls in the annual school election on Tuesday, May 3.

"It won't be anymore than usual," said DeHart Schoof, who has been handling the school district elections



for several years. "We have about 1,400 absentee ballots back and that's kind of normal."

The field of candidates includes no incumbents. Martha Pitsenbarger resigned her seat earlier this year

because of her husband's illness and Skip Monit opted not to stage a write-in campaign after being disqualified for not having enough signatures of registered voters on his petition.

Vying for a seat on the board are

retired teacher Thomas Buckalew of Wayne, stay-at-home mom Andrea Clawson, Value City store manager Scott Davis, retiree Harold Dunn, former Westland mayor and city councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin and Jeffrey Hayton, a state employee who was appointed to serve the remaining months of Pitsenbarger's term.

Residents who are unable to go the poll on Tuesday can vote by absentee ballot up until 4 p.m. Monday at the clerk's office in Westland City Hall.

According to DeHart, whether a few or a lot of voters turnout, the cost of an election is usually the same. However, residents need to participate because

"voting is their voice."

"The world is run by people who turn out," she said.

Polls in the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton Township, Romulus, Dearborn Heights and Inkster, will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day. Unlike local, state and national elections, the clerk's office and Westland City Hall will be open for business as usual on Tuesday.

"We'll be doing our regular things, plus the school election," DeHart Schoof said.

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'ROYAL' FLUSH



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A crowd of royal watchers witness Prince William and Kate Middleton's nuptials at a gathering at the Sweet Afton Tea Room Friday morning.

Sweet Afton crowd 'crashes' royal wedding

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton exchanged their vows around 6:20 a.m. Friday in an ornate cathedral with some 1,900 people in attendance.

An ocean away, Katie Symanow of Plymouth sat with her sister, Megan, watched the proceedings on a 57-inch television in the Sweet Afton Tea Room, gathered with three dozen others who arrived around 4 a.m. to watch the Royal

Wedding, with an eye on her own wedding, three weeks hence.

Symanow was all smiles watching the vintage cars and horse-drawn carriages and Middleton's beautiful wedding gown, knowing her own wedding May 20 at St. Joseph Church in Dearborn will be much less ornate, if no less beautiful.

"It's nice to see a wedding with no budget, because mine's definitely on a budget," Symanow said with a laugh. "It's just fun."

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Paul Simmons is a regular at the tea room, although not at 5 a.m. The Westland resident is something of an Anglophile.

Farmers Market returns on Tuesday

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The old joke is that April showers bring May flowers, and in Westland, shoppers can find those flowers at the Farmers Market which opens on Tuesday in the City Hall parking lot.

"We didn't start until June last year with it being the first year. Right now, we have 15-16 vendors confirmed. We'll get more as the season passes," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "The weather has been so bad lately that the crops are a little less. Some of the farmers called and they don't have the crops yet."

Open Tuesdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the end of October, the second year for the market includes the move to the parking lot west of City Hall on Ford west of Central City Parkway. Last year, the market was located in the east parking of Westland Shopping Center.

"Once people see the market on the City Hall grounds, it will be packed. There is such visibility. There are 36,000 cars that go by every day," said Kosowski.

Along with vendors selling produce, flowers and other goods, Kosowski said he is working on getting other attractions for the market

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Five candidates seek library director post

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The field of applicants interested in becoming director of Westland's Faust Library has been narrowed to five candidates.

The Library Board reviewed the 10 applications received and selected five to move on for further consideration. Those five candidates were contacted for releases to undergo a background check and provide salary information.

"We haven't decided if we'll reduce the number further or interview all five," said Library Board President Leslie Bell. "We may possibly send a few questions by e-mail or by phone."

The Library Board wasn't releasing the name of the director candidates at this time to avoid

causing problems with their current employers, said Bell.

The five candidates include some who are currently located out of state. Interim Library Director Marilyn Kwik was not among the applicants for the permanent position.

The director position has been vacant since Cheryl Napsha left in November to become director of the Provincetown, Mass., library.

Bell expects the Library Board will hold another study session to establish the next step in their process such as how many candidates will be interviewed and selecting interview questions.

"Having a director on board by the start of the fiscal year (July 1) would be ideal," said Bell.

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In this economy everything is so sad, it's nice to have something fun to focus on."

The Symanow sisters were among 36 people who made reservations at Sweet Afton Tea Room to view the wedding. The doors opened at 4 a.m., and people were already waiting. Phyllis Wilkerson, who owns the tea room with her husband, said she wasn't the least bit surprised the event sold out.

Of course, Wilkerson might think so. After all, she pulled her two young daughters out of bed 30 years ago for another Royal Wedding, that of Prince Charles and Diana Spencer. "I'm not at all surprised," Wilkerson said. "I've always been interested in the history of the Royal Family. Everybody is into the royal wedding."

That's certainly true for Mona Nepiuk of Plymouth, who said she arrived at the tea room at 3:55 a.m. She watched Charles and Di's wedding at home because she had two young children. She said watching the wedding at Sweet Afton was the "next best thing" to actually being there.

"It's like being with Cinderella at Disneyland," Nepiuk said. "The whole Royal Family is such a special thing. It's certainly different even than what we do at the White House."

Nepiuk was with her friend, Lillian Berlin of Plymouth, who said the saga of Princess Di's children "has captured my



Megan Symanow and Katie Symanow are sisters, from Plymouth. Katie's wedding is in three weeks. Their parents, David and Carolyn Symanow were married about the same time as Prince Charles and Lady Diana. "Theirs lasted, though," said Katie.

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heart." Besides, she said, it was nice to have something positive to focus on in a troubled world.

"I love the British royalty, the pomp and circumstance," said Berlin, who sported a grand hat she bought in New York. "The world needs something positive right now. Besides," she added, smiling, "we got to wear our hats."

Paul Simmons of Westland is a regular at Sweet Afton Tea Room. A former Plymouth resident with a degree in history (along with majors in French and English) from Wayne State University, Simmons, the only man among the watchers, said he thought watching the Royal Wedding on the big-screen TV "would be fun."

Tracie Morris of Redford had more of a professional interest. A wedding planner whose biggest challenge to date has been a 600-guest wedding, Morris watched to see how such a large production came together.

"This is way off the Richter scale (of wedding planning challenges)," Morris said. "The hardest part would be making sure the proper etiquette is

followed, and coordinating all those people. It would be the challenge of a lifetime."

The biggest challenge for Robin Long of Livonia may have been getting her son, fifth-grader Patrick, out of bed in time to get there to watch the wedding. A history teacher at Northville's Amerman Elementary, where her son is also a student, Long said the historical aspect of the wedding, and the nature of the Royal Family, drew her to the event.

"As a history teacher, it's the future king and queen," she said. "I've always been a fan of the Royals, and I remember Diana. We decided to come and have some early morning fun."

Her son, Patrick, sat quietly in the back of the room, rising early so he could have his ride to school. He said he was happy to do it for his mom, and even thought it was interesting. But his mom acknowledge her son's gift.

"We'll do something for him later," she said, laughing. "I owe him big time."

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Westland man to face trial in Norwayne shooting incident

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland has been ordered to stand trial on four felonies stemming from a shooting in his Norwayne neighborhood.

Tadariel Harvey Jr., 29, waived his preliminary examination Thursday in Westland 18th District Court and was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial. Harvey is charged with two counts of felonious assault, one count of felony firearm and one charge of reckless use of a firearm.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli rejected a defense motion seeking bond reconsideration for Harvey, held in lieu of a \$75,000 cash/surety bond since his April 19 arrest. The judge did agree to refer Harvey to pretrial screening services which will review the bond.

Harvey is charged with firing shots at neighbors in

the 32000 block of Genessee Court. A couple who live in one of the duplexes was reported to be having an argument in their driveway with their three children nearby.

A man approached the couple and attempted to get involved in their argument, according to police. A second man, identified as Harvey, then approached the couple armed with a gun and fired several shots, witnesses told police.

The gunman left but returned a short time later and fired several more rounds towards the couple and their family, according to statements given to police.

Several witnesses told police that the couple's 14-year-old daughter was nearly hit with some of the bullets as was her father. The witnesses said the man never spoke but just began shooting.

Harvey was arrested near

the former Jefferson Barns Elementary School but officers weren't able to locate a weapon. They obtained a search warrant for Harvey's residence on Genessee Court but didn't find a weapon there either.

Once in custody, police said Harvey told them he had hidden a gun under the couch in a neighbor's home without the neighbor's knowledge. Officers located at a loaded .40-caliber gun at that neighbor's home.

In his statement to police, Harvey said that his girlfriend had been outside and somehow involved in the argument with the neighboring couple. He told police he thought his girlfriend was somehow in danger and fired at the victims to protect her but hadn't intended to harm anyone.

Harvey is scheduled for circuit court arraignment on May 5.

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Registration opens for Salvation Army day camp

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will again offer its summer day camp for children ages 6-12.

"It's really a great opportunity. We're pumped about it," said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries for the corps. "We have a ton of fun activities planned this year."

Registration is currently being accepted for the camp, which camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 to Aug. 12, and be based at the corps building on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. There is a \$10 registration fee, as well as a weekly fee of \$40 per child for campers.

Activities include arts and crafts, field trips, sports, gym time, computers, Bible study, outdoor activities, music, swimming, beach visits and games. Lunch is served daily.

"We are going to be going roller skating, bowling, we're going swimming at the Bailey Center pool," Barylski said.

Campers will also visit Kensington Metropark's beach and canoe in Milford as well.

"We're going fishing. We're going to the movies. We're going to go to the Detroit Science Center," Barylski said. "The thinking is to have fun, active activities for children during the day throughout the summer. It is to help children grow mentally and spiritually."

The Detroit Tigers have donated some 60 tickets for

camp use, said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with his wife, Joanna.

"That would be specific tickets in our day camp program," Derek Rose said. "I appreciate when national sports teams get involved in community efforts."

The Tigers tickets are for the July 20 game against the Oakland Athletics.

Additional information about the summer day camp is available at (734) 722-3660, ext. 110. The Salvation Army also welcomes donations to support the camp. They can be mailed to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

"We've been registering a few families already," Barylski said.

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including entertainment and instructional programs.

"We'll have the one man band again, entertainment and presentations. We will have a whole variety of programs," said Kosowski. "We'll have arts and crafts and activi-

ties for kids once school is out."

Having the market at City Hall is a transitional location as the market will eventually be moved further south into the remediated Central City Park.

"The long-term plan is to put the market in the park. If we get the Department of Natural Resources grant for what I call the plaza, the market could go in there next year," said

Kosowski.

The rates for vendors participating in the market have been reduced this year — \$300 for the season down from \$400 last year and \$25 per day, down \$5 from last year.

For additional information or applications, visit www.cityofwestland.com or contact Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

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Wayne thespians set to perform 'Hairspray'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It might look like a car show around Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium Saturday, and it is, but there will be no prizes for the best-decked out ride. The display will be to help promote the Wayne Memorial Theatrical Guild's weekend production of *Hairspray*.

"The costumes have come together and the choreography is complete," said director Katie Sullivan. "We anticipate having classic cars on display that people can look at and tie in with the show."

According to Sullivan, *Hairspray* is a show about segregation and overcoming obstacles. Set in the 1960s, it's "really a glimpse as to what was going on and how people acted," she said.

"Tracy is all about working with all people she comes across and in the end she realizes people need to unite and come together," Sullivan said. English teacher Nicole



Gabriel Drake (from left) is Corney, Sunnie Patterson is Tracy, Delani Derr is Amber and Josiah Ault as Link in the Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild's weekend production of "Hairspray."

Vasiloff has done the choreography with the help of several students — Kayleigh Crummey, Courtney Ozog and George Kirkpatrick "who has blossomed during rehearsals."

"He's a very creative student," said Sullivan. "He

watched the Travolta movie and came up with a creative and original dance."

The vocal director is Brandon Tomblin, the choir teacher at Wayne Memorial and Franklin Middle School. According to Sullivan, he

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7, and noon Saturday, May 5

Location: Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne

Tickets: Reserved seating is \$12. Tickets can be purchased at the Stockmeyer box office 3-6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, May 2 and 4, or by calling Katie Sullivan at (734) 419-2198, Ext. 7045. They also will be available at the door.

is "extremely talented," has unbelievable energy and a great relationship with the students.

"I'm busy and they make for less stress on my plate," she added. "I couldn't do the show without Nicole and Brandon and the other people involved in the production."

Those other people include the assistant directors — Crummey, Renee Hartert and Josiah Ault. The trio serve as

"go-betweeners," doing such things as keeping attendance, organizing behind the scenes, and doing prop lists.

"Most of the stuff we come up with on the spot," said Crummey from Westland. "I see them and it inspires me. I've got a really big passion for the theater. There's nothing I'm more passionate about than the arts."

Hartert started in the theater at age 5. She believes she was born to act and born to be on stage. She plans to study theater and believes that her work as an assistant will better prepare her for college.

"It also helps in the theater world to have experience in more than one category," she said.

Hartert admits that it's very stressful during rehearsals. The assistant directors try to be authoritative while maintaining friendships. If something comes up, they handle it. If someone bickers because it's hot, it's just a disagreement, she said.

"We want it to be fun but

we know we have to get things done," said Hartert, a senior from Westland.

Ault, a sophomore, has been in two productions at Wayne Memorial. Stepping up to the role of an assistant director was a good opportunity. Pretty much friends with everyone in the cast, he said he doesn't try to be controlling, but rather level-headed and calm.

"I thought it would be fun, a plus," said the Wayne resident. "Some days are easy and some days are hard but overall it's one of the best experiences in my life. My goal now is to be an assistant director for the next two years."

For Sullivan, the trick has been staging a musical that isn't re-performing the movies — there have been two — or the Broadway play and she's achieved that with this production.

"This is most challenging in the set and the performance, so I thought 'Why go the easy route?'" she said.

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1977 grad named JG Distinguished Alumnus

The chief economist for the state of Nevada has been tapped as John Glenn High School's Distinguished Alumnus for 2011.

William Anderson will be honored during the June 4 commencement ceremonies as well as at a Distinguished Alumnus Reception in June 3.

Anderson attended elementary, junior high, and high school in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, graduating from John Glenn in 1977. He went on to study economics and political science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, receiving a receive his bachelor's degree in 1980. He completed his graduate studies in economics, earning a master's degree in 1982 from



Anderson

Wayne State University, where he was awarded a graduate assistantship scholarship and taught introductory economics classes.

He began his professional career with internships on Capitol Hill and in the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., in 1980 and 1981. Following graduation, he worked in the economic development field with the Indiana Department of Commerce. While living in Indianapolis, he met his wife Sheila. They were married since 1984 and have three children -

Katie, 24, a high school English teacher in Reno, Nev., Brian, 22, a skilled-trades apprentice in the construction industry while attending Western Nevada College, and Steven, 19, a sophomore at Boise State University.

Beginning in 1985, Anderson served as the assistant director of the Center for Regional Business Analysis and a faculty member at Penn State University. He spent two years as an economist with the City of Milwaukee Budget Office, before settling in northern Nevada in 1996 as an economist in the State Budget Office. He became the chief economist for the State in 2006. In his current position, he provides economic and financial analy-

ses to the Governor's Office, State Legislature and other public policy makers.

Anderson's work has been presented in a number of professional publications and has taught economics at several colleges and universities, including Indiana-Purdue University in Indianapolis and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Anderson also has been involved in a number of volunteer efforts, including serving on the City of Milwaukee Hunger Task Force and the City's United Way Campaign, five years as a Little League coach, president of his church council, and serving on the Board of Director's of Nevada's Public Employees' Benefit Program.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Press on about U-Verse

I want to thank all the people who called and e-mailed the Westland City Council members to let them know your opinion regarding AT&T U-Verse carrying local access channels.

The B.S. that has been used not try and hold it off is losing traction. I still feel some council members will try to stall as long as they can. Therefore, I hope you will continue to call and e-mail to let them know how you feel.

It was pointed out to me that a lot of people have left Comcast and WOW for AT&T U-Verse. I think more would also leave, if this false premise was laid to rest.

I have asked five council members to call any cities that allow all three services to carry their local access channels to ask what problems they didn't have that they seem to be worried we will have.

In the P.E.G. account, the city has \$1,350,000. This seems to blow out of the water the mis-statements that are uttered at council meetings. I don't know why for almost two years U-Verse has been blocked. I'll bet Comcast and WOW are very happy. They can keep raising their customer's monthly bills with no fears.

Remember, without open and fair competition, we are all left to be brought to a swift end.

James Davis
Westland

P.S. The school board election is May 3. Anyone who wants to vote can still go to the city clerk's office and get an absentee ballot. They won't have to worry about not being able to be there May 3 and still have their vote and voice heard and counted.

About-face on taxes

According to the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency, Gov. Snyder's budget proposal contains a net individual income tax increase of \$820 million for 2011-12 and \$1.86 billion for 2012-13. Not only does it tax pensions for seniors and eliminate the Earned Income Tax Credit, it also eliminates almost all tax credits for things such as payment of city income tax, contributions to homeless shelters and food banks, payment of college tuition, and contributions to medical savings accounts.

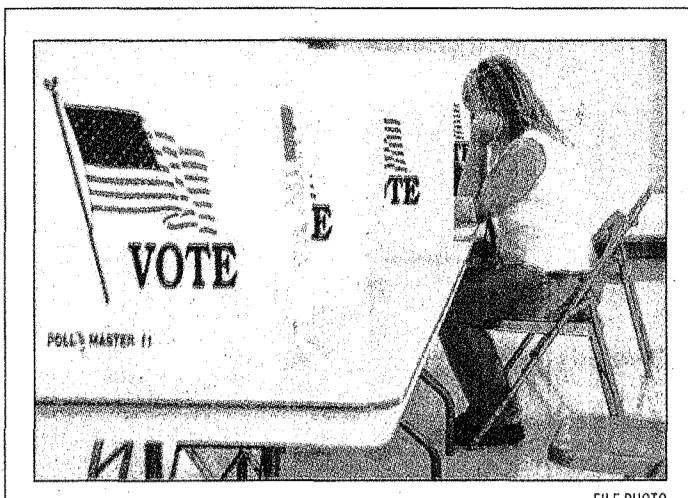
At the same time, his budget proposal guts the funding for schools and municipalities. So how will Michigan citizens feel about paying more taxes while getting less services and having their children in schools with less resources? How is this budget proposal acceptable to the Republicans who ran for office railing against tax increases?

Douglas Coates
Northville

Raise not fiscally responsible

I grew up in the Livonia school district and graduated almost 30 years ago. I wanted my children to have the type of education I received. I am proud to say my oldest son is graduating this year and I have two more to get through this system. I have seen cuts in programs, busing and a plethora of other budget cuts.

I was laid off last July for the first time since 1991. I have a unique perspective of cutting back and doing what I have to do to make ends meet. I keep a roof over my children's heads, food in their stomachs and clothes on their backs. I take an interest in their school work and make sure they get the education that we, as taxpayers, deserve. With all the talk from Gov.



Wayne-Westland voters will decide among six candidates who will get two four-year terms on school board in Tuesday's annual election.

Snyder's proposal, we may be in one big heap of a mess. The general public is outraged how educators makes so much and take very little concessions. Teachers and employees of the school district earn what they make and should not be put on the hot seat to make concessions.

I did not hear of the \$50,000 raise given to Dr. Liepa last year until recently. I honestly don't know how I missed it. I would have rallied my fellow Livonians to argue this atrocity.

When a person is seeking a job and is offered a salary, they must make a decision at that time on what is an acceptable rate. If not, they simply turn it down. I'm sure Dr. Liepa knew this when he accepted the offer. If he was ignorant to what a superintendent should be paid, then why would you give him a \$50,000 raise in this economy? To bring him up to average pay for his position? This makes the school board look, quite frankly, inept!

To worry about Dr. Liepa being "plucked" away or "courted" by another school district is absurd. He's a nice guy and does a fine job, but \$50,000? By doing this, you have sent a clear message to the parents and the community. Dr. Liepa is not expendable, but our children's education is.

This is not about how much you think Dr. Liepa is worth; it is about fiscal responsibility. How can you honestly explain this to parents

when there are budget cuts that will affect our children's education? There was absolutely no common sense in doing this.

He will be making more than a governor, a chief justice and many other high-ranking state officials. I find this to be a very important position, but a \$50,000 raise? Is it any wonder why the state wants to cut K-12 education and have our teachers lose their bargaining power and possibly their jobs? More and more people are backing Gov. Snyder's proposal. Can you blame them after knowing this?

Now \$50,000 may be a drop in the ocean to what the budget is. But this is the real world and we need real leaders. How can we depend on our school board to make important budget decisions when a \$50,000 raise is given? President Lynda Scheel, Vice President Colleen Burton, Secretary Robert Freeman and Trustee Mark Johnson — all who voted in favor of this outrageous raise — will be remembered at their next elections. Trustees Patrice Mang and Gregory Oke should be applauded for voting against this measure.

I pray for all the children, parents and taxpayers in Livonia that you will do the right thing down the road. You have not done justice by giving Dr. Liepa this \$50,000 raise. Our children lose, we lose, Dr. Liepa gains. It's that simple.

David McGraw
Livonia

OUR VIEWS

Time to vote

For most of the past decade, candidates to serve on the Wayne-Westland school board have been all but non-existent. Most of the time, there have been no challengers. Some would blame it the lack of interest on Proposal A which eliminated the need for local millage elections. When it involved money, people turned out to vote.

But the past few years residents have become interested in what's happening in

Schools. Those candidates are Charles "Trav" Griffin and Scott Davis.

Griffin brings to the table and understanding of public employee unions. He has been a teacher and a UniServ director for the Michigan Education Association. He also has been on the other side of the fence, having served as school board trustee and as a member of the district's Citizens Bond Oversight and Building and Site Fund committees.

He has the knowledge to make good decisions and knows what it takes to survive a crisis, a lesson learned as the mayor of Westland. We believe he is prepared to do whatever it takes to save the school district. It will be tough, but we believe he is up to the task.

Davis has both an education and business background. As a general manager for Value City Furniture, he is keenly aware of the concept of doing more with less. His skills as a businessman has helped the Westland store remain profitable in the most difficult of times.

He knows a community needs the best schools to attract families. He understands how critical the loss of more than \$14 million will to the district and is committed to the idea of making cuts that have the least amount of impact on the students. In his book, the bottom line is the students.

We urge residents to get out and vote for Charles "Trav" Griffin and Scott Davis in Tuesday's school election. We also urge residents to take the time to go to the polls. These candidates were good enough to get involved, and so should every resident in the district. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., plenty of time to let your voice be heard.



Davis



Griffin

All of the candidates are newcomers. A few names are familiar with voters, but by and large, they are new to the school district's legislative process.

We are glad to see such an interest in serving on the board. The candidates — Thomas Buckalew, Andrea Clawson, Scott Davis, Harold Dunn, Charles "Trav" Griffin and Jeffrey Hayton — each bring something different to the race, but share an interest in doing what is right to help the district survive these tough economic times.

We have looked at the candidates closely, using the information gleaned from questionnaires and personal interviews to determine the candidates we believe will best served the students, parents and employees of the Wayne-Westland Community

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School funding tops talk at monthly coffee hour

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School funding was on Judy Michelis' mind when she stopped in on state Sen. Glenn Anderson's monthly coffee hour April 25 at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

She's been there before as had a number of other Garden City residents. Anderson said that he has regulars who come to ask questions and give input.

Michelis, a grandparent of three, is watching the news closely. She is also concerned about layoff notices in Garden City Schools and subsequent class size.

"It's hard for the ones who are getting laid off," she said.

She watches and compares school districts and evaluates the pros and cons. She wonders what could be accomplished by the district if it used more volunteers.

"Maybe we can do it," she said "There's a lot of innovation out there."

Marty Nash has been unemployed since February 2009. He said that Anderson has helped him cut through the red tape of "No Worker Left Behind." A project engineer, Nash said that he has gone back to Lawrence Technological University to



Andrew McMechan, Marty Nash and Sen. Glenn Anderson engage in discussion during the lawmaker's coffee hour at the Maplewood Community Center.

obtain additional certifications.

Depending on the number of people who show up for his coffee hour, Anderson conducts these informal gatherings as a round table discussion, asking each person what is on his or her mind.

School aid was a prominent issue at April's meeting.

"It's a big issue," Anderson said.

Other topics are also on the forefront.

"Up until now, and there still is, a lot of concern about the tax on pensions," Anderson said. "Most people don't have a problem contributing a little bit

to help the financial situation of the state, but they don't want it to be used as a huge financial tax break. They are OK if it is going to help schools and libraries that are important to them, but not if it is going to be used for a huge corporate tax break."

Anderson also weighed in. "I have a problem with a

business not paying a tax but still has the services of police and fire. They derive benefit," Anderson said. "That's part of the problem with the governor's plan right now."

Anderson holds the coffee hours on two different Mondays in his four communities. He pairs up Westland and Redford on one day and



Walter Wigand of Livonia waits his turn to bring up some topics which concern him.



Anderson, D-Westland, gives each constituent at his coffee hour his undivided attention.

Garden City and Livonia on the other. About 10-15 people usually come out to his coffee hour in Garden City, and he draws about 30 people in Livonia.

Walter Wigand, a Livonia resident, couldn't make it to the earlier session in Livonia, so he came to Garden City to talk about "various issues."

Anderson also took a moment to remember those he met in the newspaper industry like the late and well-known *Observer Newspapers* photographer Art Emanuele. "He was incredible,"

Anderson said.

He pointed out that the media everywhere has reduced staffs. While before a station would send out a reporter and a cameraman, now he sees one person doing the entire job with a camera and a tripod.

"They are a one-man operation," he said. "Reduced media staffing has both resulted in less media as watchdogs over elected officials and less information in general."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Golf outing

The Westland Fire Fighter's Public Awareness Committee is sponsoring a benefit golf outing for Children's Fire Safety.

The proceeds from the outing will be used to educate children about the dangers of fire and how to escape them. Throughout the year, the Public Awareness Committee promotes fire safety through school programs, after-school programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department and within the city.

"This is a great event that not only provides the major source of funding for the Public Awareness Committee, but also strives to provide a quality golf outing for attendees," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Teaching children about fire safety is the first step in saving lives. Children are very excited to discuss emergency plans with their family upon returning from a demonstration."

The 2011 Children's Fire Safety Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, June 9, at

the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the 4-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m.

To participate in the golf outing or for fairway sponsorship information, call (734) 467-3201.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

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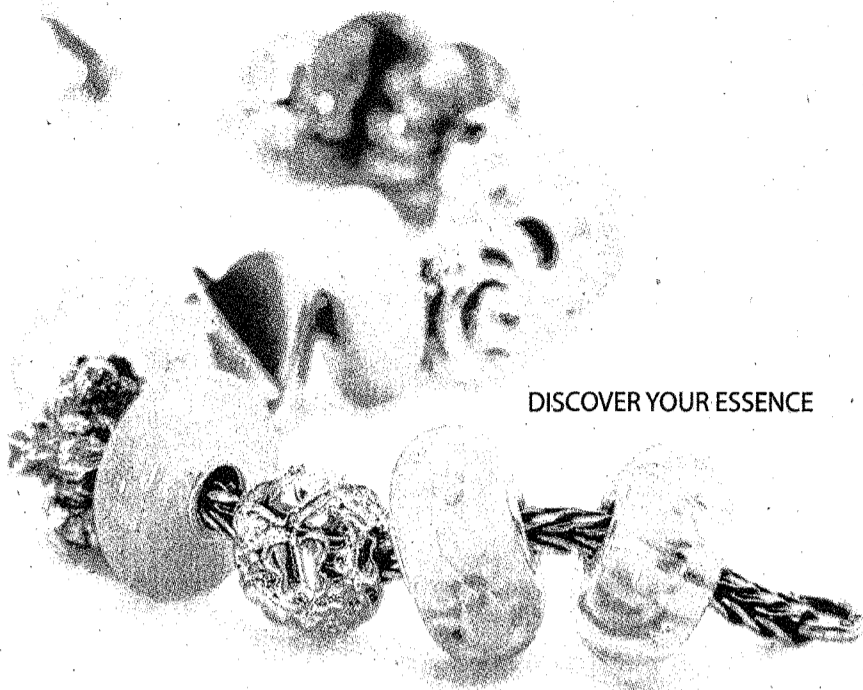
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Canton K9 to lead dog's life in retirement

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lefty, a retiring Canton police dog, seemed a little nervous, almost reluctant, to enter a room where other K9s and their two-legged partners waited to give him a spirited send-off.

It was easy for his friends — panting, tail-wagging well-wishers — to seem celebratory. They hadn't yet been forced to retire after working nearly eight years. They hadn't faced that career-crushing, age-discriminating cutoff that pushed Lefty from a thrilling, crime-fighting career into a play-at-home pooch treated like some common dog.

"He hates it. He's still ready to go to work," Lefty's partner, Canton Police Officer Daniel Traylor, said. "He gets very high strung. He likes to work."

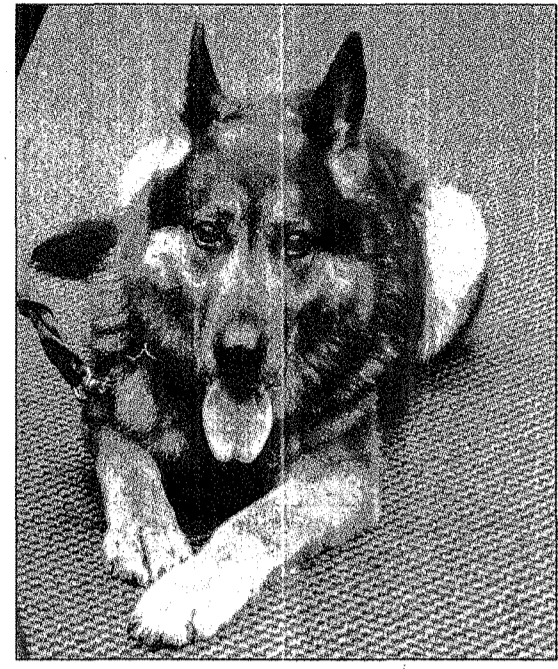
With his courage intact Tuesday evening, Lefty, a German shepherd, bravely let Traylor lead him into a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting room where he became the center of attention as K9s and officers from Canton, Westland, Van Buren Township, Melvindale, Brownstown Township, Taylor and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital watched.

Maybe this wasn't so bad, after all, being a star. Could his own reality TV be far behind? He seemed suddenly ready for his close-up.

And doggone it, he got it. "We're here to show support for Dan and Lefty — mostly for Lefty," said Westland Police Officer Grant Allen, accompanied by K9 Ty and another Westland pair, Officer Joe Bobby and sidekick Friday.

Barb Caruso, executive assistant to Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek, brought a bone-shaped cake, made with dog-friendly ingredients by Three Dog Bakery of Plymouth, for Lefty and his friends.

Before the cake was cut, town-



He's had a good run at police work, but now Lefty gets to enjoy his retirement.

ship Clerk Terry Bennett read from a framed resolution local officials gave to Lefty for his years of helping Traylor investigate drug cases, robberies, home invasions, assaults and other crimes.

Lefty also has found missing people, helped Traylor rescue a suicidal woman, investigated a drive-by shooting in Washtenaw County, searched buildings for suspicious activity and gone on more than 25 S.W.A.T. missions involving barricaded gunmen and other bad guys.

Lefty also has helped Traylor control crowds at events such as Liberty Fest, and he has been a longtime member of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team.

"They work as a team," Bennett said. "They work together as one."

Bennett presented Lefty with a police badge on a chain, the framed resolution honoring his work, a framed photo, his first retirement-era dog license, a membership to a Canton dog park that opens May 20 in the Cherry Hill Village area and — what!? — a cushioned doggie bed.

When Bennett placed the cushion on the floor, Lefty clumsily moved around it before he decided to lie down — resigned once again to his forced retirement.

Canton's other K9-owning officer, Bryan Szostak, gave Lefty and Traylor a framed collage of photos and badges. Finally, it was time for Traylor to get some attention, as Szostak commended him for serving as a trainer at the K9 Academy training facility in Wayne, teaching officers to work with their dogs.

With Lefty's retirement, Traylor will return to regular police work, replaced by Officer Ken Robinson and new K9 Thor. Yet, as is custom, Lefty will continue to live with Traylor and his family, as he has done since the two became crime-fighting partners.

"He's my dog," Traylor said, outside Tuesday's meeting room. "He's not going to be anybody else's dog."

With that, Lefty looked up at him. Maybe retirement won't be so bad, after all.

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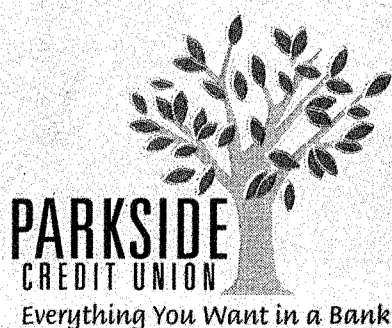
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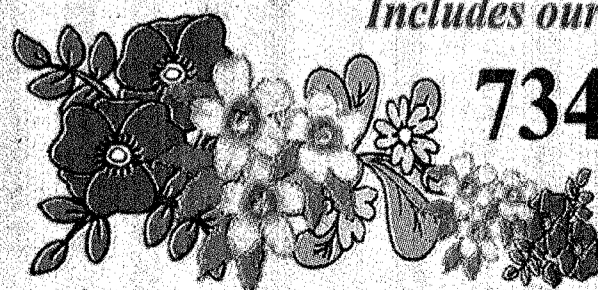
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Local companies help tear down former First Step shelter

Charlie Martin and Michael Kelly may be friendly rivals in the competitive world of remediation and pre-demolition asbestos abatement, but they are putting their competitive differences aside to help First Step, a local non-profit agency whose mission is to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Kelly's company, Environmental Maintenance Engineers, is donating the asbestos abatement and Martin's company, Next Generation Services Group, is donating the demolition services for the old farmhouse and nursing home that once provided shelter for thousands of women forced to flee their homes due to domestic violence.

"Their support will prepare the property for sale and leave the neighborhood better than we found it," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "We also want to thank Canton Township for all their support as we transition into our new facility."

First Step purchased the home, located on Warren Road in Canton Township in

December of 1987 and renovated it to meet the needs of the community. The organization had to vacate it in December 2008 due to irreparable building problems, according to Ellis.

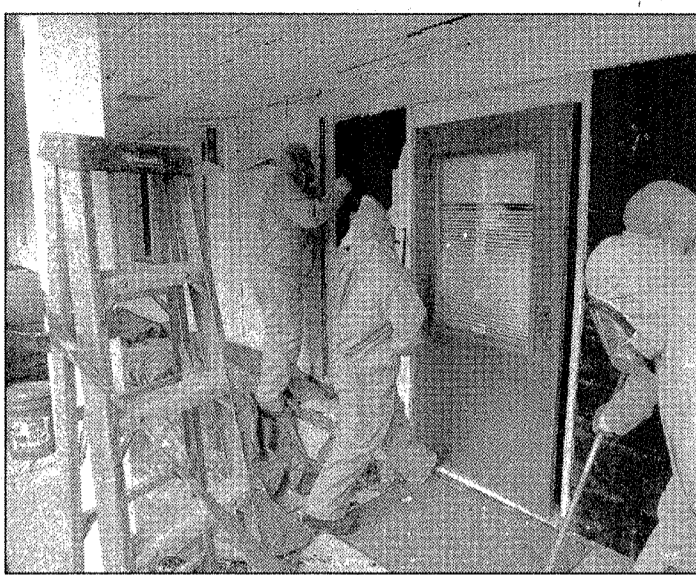
"The farmhouse is more than 70 years old," she said. "It served our survivors' needs well, but we just could not hold the facility together any longer."

First Step found a temporary location to house its residents and began to collect donations to build a new facility, which is located in the City of Wayne and scheduled to open in June 2011.

"One of our biggest challenges was raising the funds needed to safely demolish the old facility," said Ellis. "People will give money to create something new, but rarely will someone donate for demolition."

That's where Kelly and Martin came in.

"I heard about First Step and this shelter demo project through their partnership with the Oakwood Healthcare System," said Martin. "We know that First Step and Oakwood work together to provide the best care for victims of violence. We wanted to help and figured



Employees of Environmental Maintenance Engineers handle the asbestos abatement at the former First Step shelter in Canton Township.

the best way to do that was to lend our talent."

"We have successfully and safely completed thousands of environmental clean-up projects that have varied in scope and complexity—including many local hospitals and universities" he added. "NGSG is a local company. Our staff grew up here in southeast Michigan; this is our

home. We are doing this work for our daughters, our mothers, and our sisters. We are doing this work to help local families have a brighter future."

Martin estimated the value of the work at \$65,000.

"I believe it is imperative to give back to the community, both EME as an organization and myself personally," said

Kelly. "My charity work with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the United Irish Societies and the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade made me aware of First Step and the fantastic work they do providing support and counseling for domestic and sexual assault survivors and their families"

He added that Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division keep EME involved with First Step through their fundraising efforts.

"We are pleased to provide environmental remediation services for this project and contribute to the demolition of this facility so First Step can build new beginnings for the future," Kelly said.

The demolition is weather dependent, but First Step has scheduled the asbestos removal with Environmental Maintenance Engineers for last week. Next Generation Services Group will demolish the structure this week.

Next Generation Services Group is a full service remediation and demolition contractor based in Ypsilanti. It provides

asbestos abatement, lead abatement, mold remediation, hazardous waste removal, demolition, salvage, dismantling and industrial cleaning with its own full-time employees.

Environmental Maintenance Engineers Inc. is based in Inkster and provides asbestos abatement, lead-based paint abatement, mold remediation, industrial cleaning, inspections, thermo imaging and universal/hazardous waste removal services for commercial, institutional, industrial and residential clients.

First Step is the only agency in out Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. First Step offers temporary emergency housing, counseling, advocacy, SANE Exams, assault response, 24-hour help line services, legal information, children's services, training and education to survivors and to the community.

Last year, First Step touched the life of 16,480 people. For more information about First Step, visit its website at www.firststep-mi.org/ or call 734-416-1111.

Now's the time to spring into home safety by checking smoke detectors

BY STEVE RHEA
GUEST COLUMNIST

Spring is here and many of us are doing some spring cleaning both inside the house out. As we open the windows and dust winter out of the house, it is a good time to think about home safety. One of the best tools in your home is one you probably pay little attention to, your smoke detectors.

Every year, approximately 2,600 Americans die in home fires. Over half of these deaths (52 percent) occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., when residents are typically sleeping. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire are as deadly as heat and flames. Just two or three breaths of toxic smoke

can render you unconscious. The majority of fire victims die or are injured from exposure to smoke and toxic gases, such as carbon monoxide, not actual burns. In addition, smoke obscures vision, decreasing your ability to escape.

Smoke alarms save lives, prevent injuries, and minimize property damage by detecting fires early and alerting residents, allowing crucial time to escape. The risk of dying from a fire in a home without working smoke alarms is twice as high as in a home that has working smoke alarms.

When do you check it or change the batteries? You should check your smoke detectors monthly by pressing the test button. The first

Saturday of every month they check the tornado sirens, check your home sirens, too.

Batteries need to be changed twice per year. An easy way to remember to do this is to change your batteries when you change your clocks.

How long will a smoke alarm last?

Most alarms installed today have a life span of about 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase with a marker on the inside of your alarm so you will know when to replace it. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement.

Follow these easy tips on smoke alarms:

- Place a smoke alarm on the ceiling of every level of your home and outside bedrooms.

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Inspire Theatre troupe stages 'Murders of 1940'

With a murder in the first two pages and many more to come, one would expect *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* to be a typical murder-mystery. But play takes place deep within the world of actors, directors and theatre producers, which can only mean one thing: unstoppable egos, unrelenting laughs and a mystery that's not half-bad, either!

As Inspire Theatre's latest production, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* promises to be anything but ordinary, according to artistic director Len Fisher. Set in a mansion in Chappaqua, New York, in December 1940, the mansion is owned and inhabited by Elsa Von Grossenknueten, and her maid, Hella Wenzel. The invited guests include an Irish tenor, a singer/dancer, a young comedian, the director, producer, and the writers.

After things get underway, bodies are discovered. After a series of dizzy conversations, multiple trips through secret doorways leading to a labyrinth of hidden passageways, multiple crimes and criminals are revealed, the madcap search to find the killer begins. It's a door-slammimg ride to a very funny finish line.

"Several years ago when we presented Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*, people immediately began asking for another mystery," said Fisher. "I enjoy comedies and musicals. When I remembered this play, it just

MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7 and 13-14, and 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15
Location: Inspire Theatre, located in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland.
Tickets: \$12 each and can be purchased at the door or by reservation by calling (734) 751-7057.

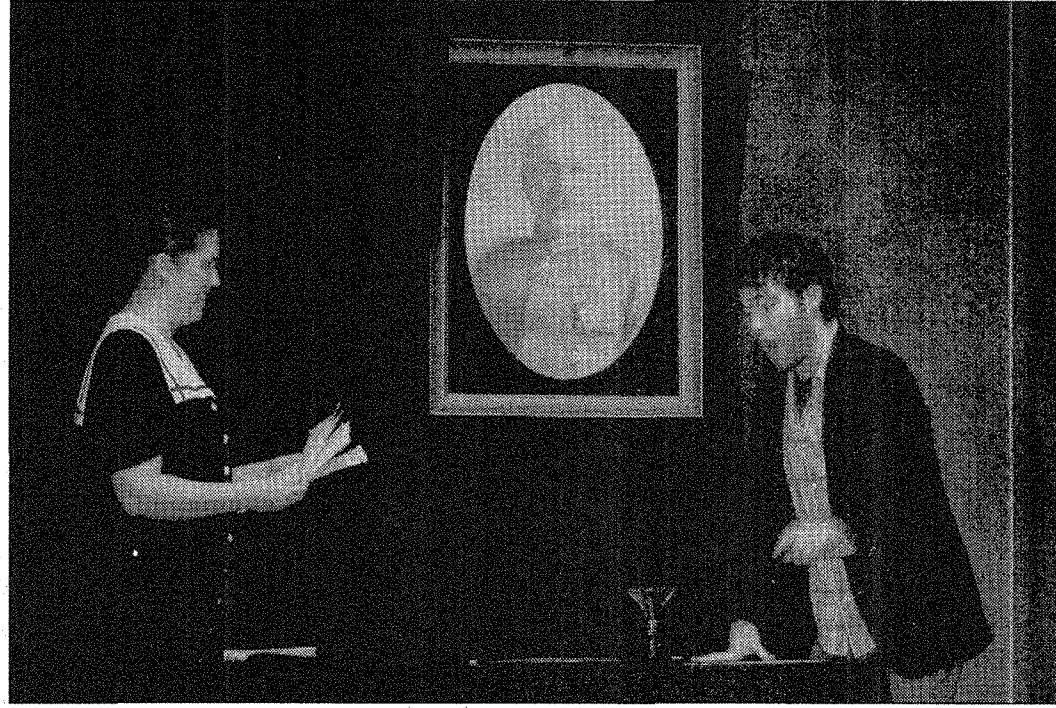
made sense to try and stage it."

Inspire Theatre has attempted some very ambitious projects in the past. To Fisher, this project appeared "kinder and gentler."

"It's been anything but," he said.

Although only an 11-member cast, the production has been beset by eight personnel changes. Most have been over schedule conflicts. Some were because the people taking on roles didn't realize how demanding comedy can be. With the change in actors, postponements occurred. This brought the theatre into scheduling challenges with the church from whom they rent space.

"The church planned this large Easter production utilizing all of the rooms in the building. We have been ducking and rotating and switching everything from props to rehearsals even space," said Fisher. "It's been challenging but fun. We now have a cast that is one of



Beth Baumgater of Wayne and Andrew Fisher of Westland rehearse a scene from Inspire Theatre's "The Musical Comedy Murders."

the finest I have ever worked with."

And it seems to be a family affair. Besides directing, Fisher has stepped into the role of Roger, the composer, vacated by an actor who became overwhelmed with the amount of memorization. He then asked his son Andrew to fill the role of Eddie, the struggling young comedian. Andrew had been in the role of Michael Kelly, the undercover cop. That role is now being played by Fisher's youngest son, Benjamin.

Both sons have done theatre, both with their Dad and on their own. Andrew

has studied theatre in Indiana and Hollywood. Beside shows with Inspire Theater, Benjamin has appeared in productions at the Maple Co-op and Wayne Memorial High School which he graduated from in 2007.

According to Andrew, "it's slightly more fun than you'd expect, working on a show with your dad."

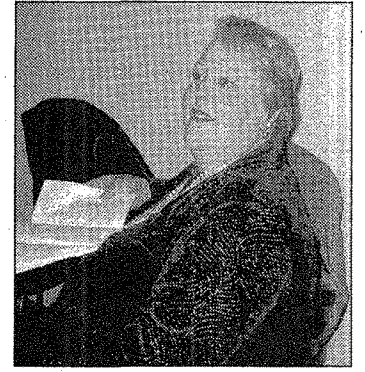
Other family connections include producer Wendy Hardy of Livonia and assistant/son Mitchell, and actress Bobbi Gladden and daughter/assistant to the director Kelsi Fay, also Livonia residents.

Hardy has been with

the group since her son appeared in the *Wizard of Oz* in 2006. Gladden joined the group in 2007 and has done shows ever since. When asked what her experience is like this time around, Gladden said, "All I know is that I'm having way more fun than I should be."

Long time member Deanna Leef Redford, who plays the director, brings a special challenge to the stage for this show. On opening night, she will be five months pregnant with twins.

"Deanna is always great," said Fisher. "She brings this enormous amount of energy to each show. This one she



Inspire Theatre newcomer Nancy Rucker of Garden City takes a break during a rehearsal of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

just sits down more often." Newcomer Nancy Rucker of Garden City is having a great time. The health care administrator has previous experience with other theatre groups but seems to be fitting in quite well with the Inspire family.

Filling out the roster are John Donnelly of Redford, Gerry Waitr of Westland, Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills, Carolyn Via of Garden City and Beth Baumgater of Wayne, who each have done numerous shows with Inspire Theatre.

"We're family, that's why I keep coming back," said Hardy.

Others tend to agree. And they seem to trust Fisher's direction.

"In working with Len Fisher, he takes you, an average, every day human, and creates in you a true character whose life you step into each and every time you take the stage," said Lee.

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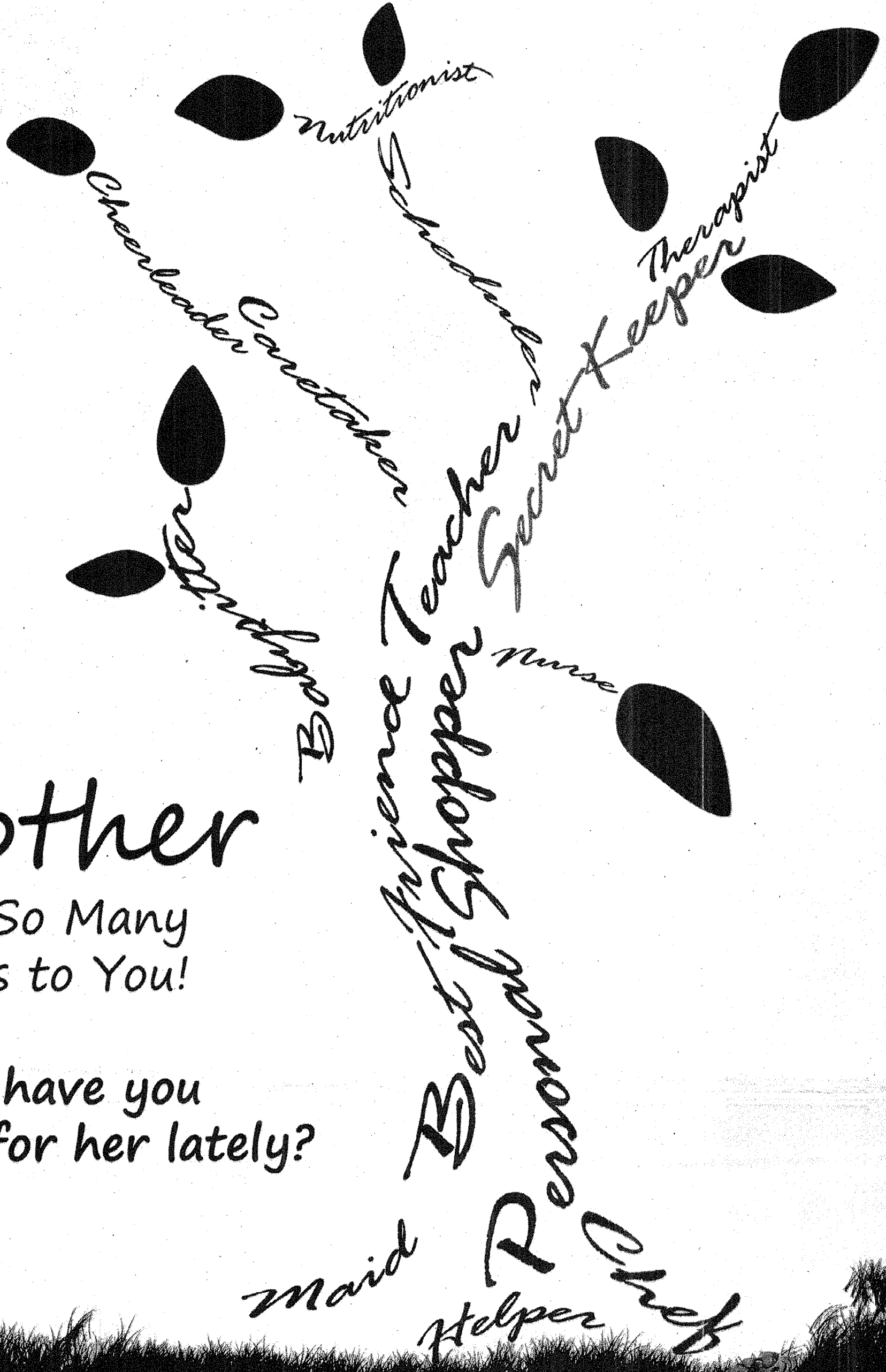
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Fit to be tied

Churchill and Ladywood battle to 2-2 draw

Nothing gained, nothing lost.

That was the story Friday as host Livonia Churchill and state-ranked Livonia Ladywood battled to a 2-2 draw.

Ladywood, rated No. 4 in Division 2, is 8-1-3 overall, while Churchill is 3-3-2.

Junior Alexa Vakratsis tallied both goals for Churchill, including a shot at the 24-minute mark off a corner kick from Sarah Bauman.

Ladywood tied it up on Dominique Sarnecky's break-away goal in the 63rd minute (from Emily Huddlestone) and scored again just eight minutes later to take a 2-1 advantage on Kelly Capoccia's goal (from Paige Brennan).

But Vakratsis knotted it at 2-all just a minute later off a pin-point through ball from 35 yards out by freshman Kelsey Parrinello.

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made six saves.

"We had good opportunities, good plays the first half, but then we kind of fizzled until we were down 2-1," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We responded well after being down. It's the first time we've been undefeated for the week in a long time. They played hard and they're improving. That's all I can ask."

Ladywood's Maddie Reed had two saves.

"We struggled to find energy early on and looked like a team that played the night before," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought Churchill did a nice job keeping the ball in the first half. We pushed some people forward in the second half and finally

GIRLS SOCCER

scored some goals."

NORTHVILLE 4, STEVENSON 0: Four different players tallied second-half goals Thursday as the host Mustangs (6-0-2, 3-0-1) blanked Livonia Stevenson (3-2-1, 1-2-1) in a KLAAs Central Division clash.

Tara Cureton, Mallory Weber, Megan Buckingham and Jenni Burawski each scored for Northville.

"Weber is probably the classiest player you'll see, the best player in our conference," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "She's smart, she's fast, she's strong and like a coach on the field."

"The direction she gives the other players is outstanding. It's direct and it's forceful."

Stevenson was tied 0-0 at the half.

"We did some things well the first half, we had some chances," Grodzicki said. "But Northville cleaned some things up in the second half to their credit. You saw glimpses of how young a team it is."

"We're also a young team in a building process. It's tough, but it's all part of the process. We just have to see better results and it's my responsibility."

CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 1: Liz Ferrell and Alyson Krause each tallied a pair of goals Thursday as the Chiefs (4-1-1, 4-0-0) downed host Westland John Glenn (3-4, 1-3) in a KLAAs South Division match.

Kaitlyn Murphy chipped in with a goal and three assists, while Melanie Pickert and Kalyen Berenti each had a goal and assist for Canton.

Madylyn McLean also scored for the Chiefs, who led 4-1 at halftime.

Jenna Williams' goal from Cecilia Said cut the deficit to 2-1 with 8:54 left in the first half.

LADYWOOD 0, DIVINE CHILD 0: Maddie Reed made three saves to earn her seventh shutout of the season Thursday, but host Livonia Ladywood (8-1-2, 3-1-2) settled for a scoreless draw with Dearborn Divine Child (2-4-3, 1-4-2) in a

Catholic League match.

Jessica Shymanski made 10 saves in goal for the Falcons.

"Our work rate wasn't were I thought it should be in the first half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We picked it up as the game went along, but failed to convert the chances we had."

"The DC goalkeeper was excellent. She did a nice job not giving up any rebounds and made some timely saves when she had to."

CHURCHILL 3, FRANKLIN 0: Livonia Churchill (3-3-1, 2-1-1) got a lift from freshman forward Kelsey Parrinello en route to a KLAAs South Division girls soccer triumph Wednesday at Livonia Franklin (3-3-1, 2-1-1).

Parrinello scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the seventh minute off an assist from Rachel Zukowski.

"She (Parrinello) was probably our player of the game," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She was always dribbling and looking to score."

Senior Kelsey Rothermel made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute on a wide angle shot off an assist from Sarah Bauman.

Lauren Favazza then completed the Churchill scoring at 73:50 on an unassisted goal.

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made two saves to post the shutout.

"Franklin played some kickball, got the ball behind our backs and Kaylie had to play the ball at her feet six or seven times," Hebestreit said. "Franklin had pressure and they're definitely better."

CLARENCEVILLE 1, HAZEL PARK 0: Freshman goalkeeper Brianna Tuuri-Cesar made 14 saves Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-5) edged the Vikings.

Ashley Murphy's goal at the 11-minute mark of the first half off a corner kick from Sadie Zachos proved to be the difference.

The Trojans also got sterling play from senior forward Taylor Zawol and sophomore midfielder Megan Strachan.



Wayne State-bound

Livonia Franklin senior Chelsea Williams recently signed an NCAA Division II letter-of-intent to play basketball at Wayne State University. The 5-foot-11 point-guard, who averaged 22 points per game this season, is a three-time All-Observer pick who helped the Patriots to three straight district titles and a berth in the 2009 Class A state championship game. She also earned second-team All-Area honors in volleyball and currently is a dual-sport spring athlete in both softball and soccer.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Monday, May 2
 South Lyon at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Luth. N. West at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3**
 Harrison at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4**
 Churchill at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5**
 Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 6**
 Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Novi, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7**
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Luth. N. West at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
 N. Farmington Invitational, TBA.
 Michigan Stars Classic, TBA.
 (Lutheran Westland Tournament)
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, May 3
 Marian at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 Det. Chavez at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
 Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4**
 Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5**
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- Friday, May 6**
 Clarenceville at John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Farm. Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Monday, May 2
 Plymouth at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3**
 Stevenson at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 3:45 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 3:45 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
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 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
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 Clarenceville at Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.
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 Wayne at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
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 Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
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 Franklin at Novi, 4 p.m.
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 John Glenn at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
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 Macomb Dakota Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Wayne at Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10 a.m.
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- Thursday, May 5**
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- Friday, May 6**
 Clarenceville at John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Farm. Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
- BOYS GOLF RESULTS**
- LIVONIA STEVENSON 158
 SOUTH LYON 166
 April 29 at Fox Creek
 Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano, 39 (co-medalist); Nick Marsh, 39; Marco Yaquinto, 40; Cam Teirault, 41; Nick Collins and Dante Cicchelli, 42 each.
 South Lyon scorers: Derek Krauss, 38; Pat Carroll, 41; Gavin Garris, 43; Zach Delino and Kyle Koehler, 44 each; Travis Tubbs, 45.
- Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central Division; South Lyon, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs Central.
- LIVONIA CHURCHILL 154
 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 161
 April 27 at Idyl Wyld
 Churchill scorers: Andrew Ioanone, 36 (medalist); Ben Proben, 37; Cory Dare, 38; Kevin Louwers, 43; Nick Proben, 44; Evan Fargo, 48.
- Franklin scorers: Drake Hermann, 30; Brandon Kozy and Jon Holmes, 40 each; Doug Nagy, 42; Brian Bekku, 46; Frank Wilson, 47.
- Dual match records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

FRANKLIN PATRIOTS

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scoreless during the first half, but couldn't generate much offense.

"Basically a lot of times what is happening with the girls is that they just want to play kickball," Glenn first-year coach Ralph Cabildo said. "We're just trying to teach them to possess the ball a little bit. Quite honestly, they've played better. I don't know what was with this team, whether they know a lot of girls from the other team. They know who they are and they just looked a little hesitant in the second half."

Glenn also faced the wind during the final 40 minutes of action.

"It's tough because they had two goals taken outside the 30 (yards) that they scored," said

Cabildo, whose team fell to 3-5 overall. "That was a little bit tough for our team. Other than that, it's a close game. That just at the halftime was we weren't playing to our potential, and we just never did. Of course, we had a tough game with Canton (8-1 loss) yesterday. That was very difficult to come out here as far as being aggressive and physical."

Garden City, meanwhile, improves to 3-2-3 overall.

"First we didn't play as well as we liked to," Dean said. "We've actually had a 20-day layoff. We had spring break. April 6 was our last game."

"They played really rusty the first half. They had some touches on the soccer ball that was poor. The second half we controlled the possession a lot better. On positive first touch-

es we seemed to control the play. We kind of locked them in their half."

It was the fourth shutout of the season posted by Garden City sophomore goalkeeper Kasey Bunio, whose biggest save came with only three minutes remaining off a free kick taken by Glenn's Lexi Gagleard.

"Defensively we looked good," Dean said. "I don't think they (Glenn) had a really good scoring opportunity the second half. Besides looking rusty the first half, good things are happening."

And Terrell's scoring touch continues to be one of her favorite attributes.

"That's thing I like most about playing soccer," she said smiling.

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Smooth sailing

Hundreds of special needs adults, kids get their day in the sun

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Leonard Maisner and his crew of volunteers will light up around 800 smiles next month.

The Livonia man, a former commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) and current president of Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association, is in charge of the annual "Fun Day in the Sun," that gives mentally and physically challenged individuals a boat ride along the Detroit River, along with an entertainment-packed picnic.

"One thing that keeps us into it is that a lot of these people who are severely handicapped only get out of their homes once or twice a year," Maisner said. "We get hugs, thank you. They shake hands, give kisses."

It's an event that Helen Willis' clients enjoy every year.

"It has been wonderful," said Willis, assistant director of the Redford-based Community Choices, which runs group homes throughout Wayne County. "We've been coming for 20 years. I have such a diverse population. Some people go just for the food and the music. The boat rides are really good and they enjoy those."

She said for some of the 69 Community Choices residents who attended last year

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

What: A fundraiser for the Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's annual Fun Day in the Sun

When: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 15
Where: Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle

Details: Silent auction and raffles; guests also may attend the Yacht Club's Chicken buffet for \$10. The auction event is free and raises funds for the Fun Day in the Sun on June 18
Contact: DYC at (313) 824-1200; Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association at suska7@aol.com

with their 39 caregivers, Fun Day in the Sun also rekindled friendships with residents in other group homes.

"They really look forward to it. They remind me every year," Willis noted.

Carol Hepfing, administrative assistant at New Outlook, Inc., of Livonia, said 28 clients attended the event last year and "our guys love it." New Outlook runs group homes in Canton, Taylor, Southfield and Garden City.

"They love everything, the food, the boat ride, the entire day. It's probably one of the few things they get out and do together. And very rarely would they get on a boat."



Volunteers help a guest at the boat dock during Fun Day in the Sun.

TWO FRIENDS

The Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's Fun Day in the Sun, which is scheduled for June 18 this year, grew from a friendship between the late Bud Armstrong, a boater, and his handicapped friend, Clair Crawford. Armstrong invited Crawford aboard his boat in 1974 and after witnessing her joy, he vowed to give other mentally and physically challenged individuals a day on the water.

The Association draws members from throughout the tri-county area, along with support and volunteers from the Detroit Yacht Club

and Sailing Singles.

Maisner and his wife, Marilyn, have been involved with the DYC for 32 years and began volunteering at Fun Day in the Sun in 1978 by giving 35- to 45-minute boat rides. Maisner, who grew up in a boating family, also taught his daughter to navigate the river and now is teaching his granddaughter.

"The first 10 years I had a boat with a wide open back deck. You could put wheelchairs on it," Maisner said. Now he's too busy coordinating approximately 100 volunteers, entertainment, food, and parking — while Marilyn staffs the registration table — to take his current boat, "Grumpy" on the river that day. He usually offers it to another volunteer.



Participants enjoy a boat ride during a previous Fun Day in the Sun.

rides during Fun Day in the Sun. Maisner expects about 850 mentally and physically challenged adults and their caregivers will participate this year.

Clowns, face painters, music, dancing and food keep attendees busy while they're on land.

"We try to have enough for 800-900 people max," Maisner said. "One year we ended up with 1,300 people showing up and we ran out of food. The Yacht Club covered us. They came up with the additional 400 meals out of

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Give your kitchen a spring cleaning

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Here are some inexpensive tips for spring cleaning, and you don't even have to leave the house to buy supplies to do them. These tips are to help eliminate odors, remove stains and rid food build-ups in the kitchen.



Lon Grossman

Doug Rogers, president of the Mr. Appliance Corp. says, "Don't neglect your kitchen appliances during spring cleaning. Your appliances never get a day off. They take the most abuse yet probably get the least attention. Keep them clean to help them last longer and run more efficiently."

Give spring cleaning a whole new meaning with these different and often forgotten tips from Mr. Appliance® and Mr. Rooter Plumbing®:

1. Eliminate odors in the refrigerator by using vanilla extract soaked into a paper towel and wipe down

To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

- the walls inside the refrigerator.
- 2. Soak removable refrigerator parts in a sink with warm, soapy water to remove stains and spills.
- 3. Run an empty dishwasher with a cup of vinegar to remove food residue.
- 4. Removed caked on foods from over racks with warm, soapy water.
- 5. To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After

turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

6. For cleaning the inside of microwave surfaces use a mixture of two tablespoons baking soda and one quart warm water to remove food stains.

7. To avoid the yellowing of white appliances, use a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach, 1/4 cup baking soda and four cups of warm water. Using a sponge wipe down the appliances let it set for 10 minutes before rinsing and drying.

8. To remove grease build up from garbage disposals, turn on the hot water then the disposal and squeeze a tablespoon of dishwashing liquid into the disposal. Run the hot water for 15-30 seconds and turn off the disposal but let the hot water run until all the suds are gone.

extract may be hot.

10. To clean the condenser coils, which are located behind the fridge, use a brush or hand-held vacuum to remove dirt, dust and pet hair.

"The best way to ensure an odor-free and grease-free kitchen sink is to prevent the smell and build-up before it begins," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. "A good dose of spring cleaning can clear the air, keeping your garbage disposal in good working condition."

Kitchen appliances and plumbing fixtures will continue to sparkle and smell fresh for many years to come just by following these tips from Mr. Appliance and Mr. Rooter Plumbing.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his Web site, www.technihouse.com.

nowhere."

The Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association has held dinner dances in previous years to raise the \$11,000 needed to pay for Fun Day in the Sun. This year they plan a silent and raffle-style auctions on "Butterfly Sunday," May 15, at the Detroit Yacht Club. There's no cost to attend the auction which will be held in the Port Haven Room from 2-6 p.m. Guests may also attend the Club's chicken buffet which costs \$10 per person.

"For people who have never seen the Yacht Club, it's a great opportunity," Maisner said. "We'll have anything from items going for 10 bucks to Longaberger baskets that start at \$140. We have members offering cruises, a liquor basket worth \$400, wine baskets memorabilia from the hydroplane races."

Anyone interested in volunteering at Fund Day in the Sun can e-mail to suska7@aol.com.

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Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from MHS and more than 20 additional animal welfare groups will be available for immediate adoption. There is no charge for admission or parking for the event, which will be held under tents in the front parking lot.

Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event visitors who specifically want to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., preventing a "puppy rush" and ensuring that all adopters and animals will have a wonderful experience. A get-acquainted area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

Participating adoption organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Adopt-A-Pet, Animal Rescue Connection, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Best Buddy Pet Rescue, Canine Companions Rescue Center, Faerie Tales Cat Rescue, Greater Hillside Humane Society, Humane Society of Livingston County, K-9 Stray Rescue, Last Chance Rescue, Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, Manistee County Humane Society, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc., Midwest Small Breed Rescue, Missaukee Humane Society, Oakland County Animal Care Center, Precious Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.), Roscommon County Animal Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, St. Joseph County Animal Control, Tigerlily Cat Rescue and WAG Animal Rescue.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group and not by event sponsors. Animals will be adopted only to qualified homes. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, visitors must leave their current dogs and cats at home.

The Detroit Zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. (866) MHUMANE; www.michiganhumane.org.

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- 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton.

For more about the organization, visit www.greyheart.org.



So much in love: Couple celebrates 70 years with golf, family dinner

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kate and William have nothing on Vernis and Fran DeGrande.

The royal couple road in an open carriage after their wedding Friday but the DeGrandes of Farmington Hills cruised in memorable style on Sunday, April 24, while celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Their daughter, Diane DeGrande of Bloomfield Hills decorated a golf cart with a copy of their original wedding photo, ribbons, and banners for a family gathering at Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

"There even were heart balloons," said Vernis, who watched her husband sink a 35-foot putt that day. "At the end of the golf game, my daughter let them go up in the air. With all the bad weather we've had, to think that Easter Sunday turned out to be perfect, it was a real blessing."

At a family dinner afterward, Vernis even dug her wedding dress out from the cedar chest and tried on her veil, watching as a granddaughter, tried on her 40s-era gown.

"It's gorgeous — all the satin and lace — and the train ... the royal wedding has nothing on us," Vernis said. "Then when you talk about a 70th anniversary, do any of those people hit 70? No."

LOVING COUPLE

Time will tell for the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, but the DeGrandes, who are for-

mer Birmingham and Livonia residents, have kept their marriage alive through a combination of love, caring and a healthy dose of humor.

"He's such a cute kid, sitting there doing his crossword puzzle with his jacket and hat on and a sucker in his mouth. He's like a kid," said Vernis, adding that her husband enjoys candy suckers now and then. "He's 89 and I'm 88."

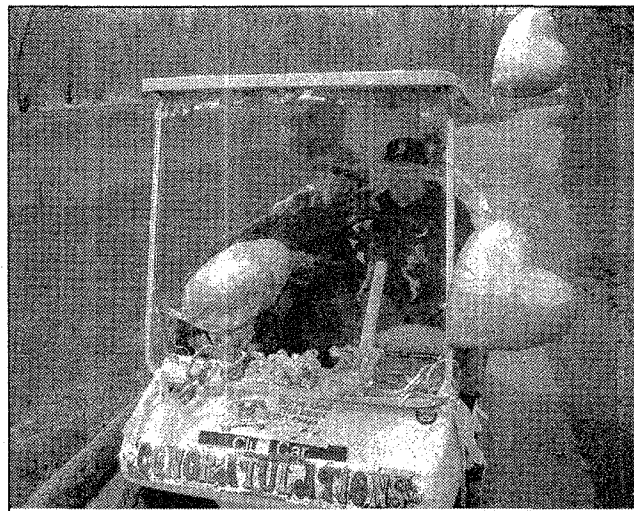
They were kids when



Golf cart decorations included a copy of their original wedding photo. Vernis and Francis DeGrandes of Farmington Hills celebrated their 70th anniversary with family on the golf course, followed by dinner.



Vernis and Fran DeGrande's original wedding cake top.



Vernis and Fran DeGrande drive their decorated golf cart through Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

they met at age 13 and 14. They grew up on the same block in Detroit but went to different schools. Although they celebrated their anniversary on April 24 this year, they tied the knot April 26, 1941 at St. John Berchman's Church in Detroit.

FAMILY

In addition to Diane, their children are Skip (Joyce) DeGrande of Milwaukee, Wis., and Brian (Barbara) DeGrande of Farmington Hills.

Grandchildren are

Kristin, Nicole, Dustin, and Kathryn. Great-grandchildren are Isla and Eamon.

A retired engineer from Ford Motor Co., Fran plays cards once a month and was an avid bowler and golfer. The couple also enjoys socializing with other "regulars" at a local Burger King every morning.

"When he's happy, she's happy," noted daughter-in-law Barbara

DeGrande. "They are an inspiration for me. Seventy years is an accomplishment."

They don't plan to renew their vows, but will ask for a blessing at church, like they do for every anniversary.

"To me it's very personal and it means so much to both of us that we've had many wonderful years," Vernis said, adding "I'm getting ready for 71."

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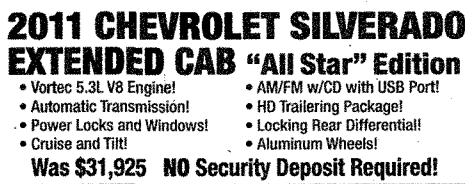


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Doctors: Traditional therapies may work in treating psoriasis

For patients with severe psoriasis, a new class of intravenous and injectable biological medicines known as "biologics" has brought about a near revolution in treatment.

But doctors at the University of Michigan Health System say patients and their doctors also should consider long-established treatment alternatives that are less expensive and avoid some of the risk factors associated with the immune system-suppressing biologics, such as increased risk of serious infection and lymphoma.

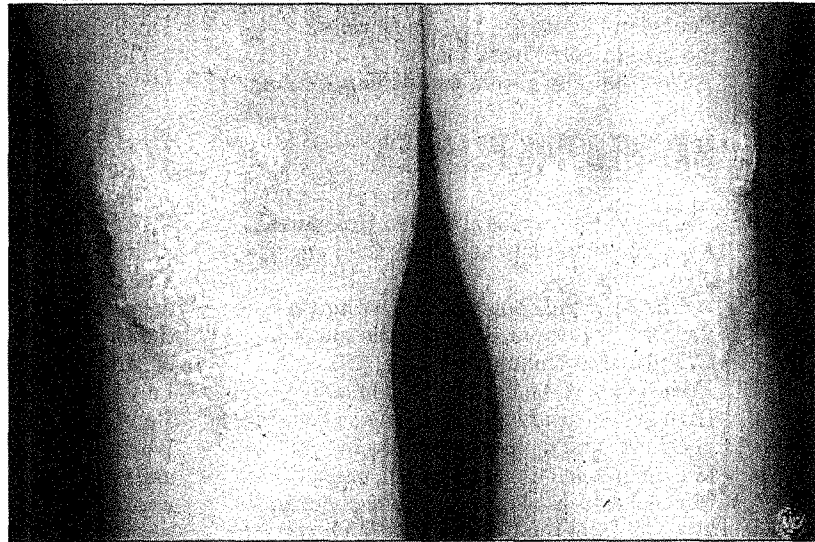
One of the oldest treatments for psoriasis is known as Goeckerman therapy. The process involves applying ointment made from coal tar to a patient's skin and exposing the patient to ultraviolet radiation with light therapy, which work together to clear the patients' skin.

The U-M Dermatology Day Treatment Center is among a small number of places in the country to offer a modernized version of the treatment, which dates back to the 1920s.

Sometimes when new treatments come along, everyone jumps on the bandwagon," says Thomas Anderson, M.D., medical director of the Day Treatment Center and associate professor of dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "But Goeckerman has a lot of advantages over biologics. One of the biggest ones is that you're not on it forever."

Cost can also be an important factor in deciding whether to use biologics or seek alternatives. The average course of biologics is \$22,000 to \$59,700 per year, according to a recent article in the International Journal of Dermatology, while Goeckerman therapy costs \$10,000 to \$12,000.

"The modified Goeckerman treatment



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Doctors at the University of Michigan Health System suggest that patients and their physicians consider long-established treatments and not just biologics to control psoriasis.

has some advantages and we see good remissions," says Allen Bruce, M.D., Ph.D., a psoriasis researcher and lecturer in the Department of Dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "It can be good for people who have certain risk factors, such as multiple sclerosis, cancer or a history of chronic infections. It's also a good option for people who would prefer, for a number of reasons, not to be on biologics."

The three-week tar and light therapy is intensive, but provides quick relief for many patients, allowing them to don shorts and participate in summer activities without being self-conscious about skin plaques. Remissions can last up to 10 years, but many patients require treatment every year or two.

According to a 2010 article in Pediatric Dermatology, Goeckerman therapy is unfairly considered a "lost art." Given its record of safety and effectiveness, the authors recommended "the current trend toward abandonment of this treatment should be reversed."

Psoriasis affects 7.5 million Americans, according to the National Psoriasis Foundation. Up to 30 percent of patients may also develop psoriatic arthritis, a painful joint condition.

Biologics can provide relief for patients with psoriatic arthritis, while Goeckerman treatment does not. Some patients pursue a combination of treatments that includes both biologics and Goeckerman.

Therapy at U-M's Day Treatment Center is done on an outpatient basis. Patients who live within 30 miles can return home at night and in many cases hotel stays for patients from farther away are provided as part of the treatment cost.

Along with psoriasis, the center also treats rare skin conditions including chronic atopic dermatitis, eczema, chronic contact dermatitis and cutaneous t-cell lymphoma.

For more information visit the U-M Day Treatment Center's website: <http://www.med.umich.edu/derm/patient/gendtc.shtml>

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Michigan Bariatric Institute

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

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

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

Cancer screening

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center will conduct free oral, head and neck cancer screenings for adults, age 18 and over, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. May 13, at 4100 John R, south of Warren Ave., north of Mack, next to Harper Hospital in Detroit. A simple 10-minute screening exam can help determine if follow-up is needed. Some of the warning signs of oral cancers are a sore throat that does not subside; red or white patches in the mouth that last more than two weeks; change in voice or hoarseness that lasts more than two weeks; pain or swelling in the mouth or neck that does not subside; lump in the neck; ear pain; difficulty speaking, swallowing or breathing. Two risk factors that greatly increase the risk of head and neck cancer are the use of tobacco products and frequent, heavy consumption of alcohol. Pre-register by 5 p.m., May 12, to arrange for a free screening and complimentary valet parking. Call (800) KARMANOS. On-site registration on May 13 also will be accepted if space is available.

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Skin cancer screening

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

Book signing

Detroit native, Dr. Martin Rossman will sign his new book, "The Worry Solution," at 6:30 p.m. May 6, at William Beaumont Hospital, located on 13 Mile, just west of Woodward in Royal Oak. He'll also teach the techniques in his new stress-management book, which teaches readers how to use guided imagery to develop a "good worry" habit. Books available for purchase.

ONGOING

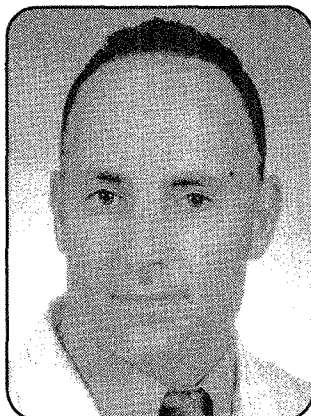
Aquatic classes

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

Arthritis support group

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

FIBROMYALGIA/CHRONIC PAIN SEMINAR



Dr. Greg Kramer

Dr. Greg Kramer, DC
is holding a
Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain Seminar

*What do you do
when the medications
DON'T WORK?*

Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm

Topic To Be Discussed: **Dr. Kramer's Non-Drug Treatment of Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain**

7 WARNING SIGNS OF FIBROMYALGIA

- 1) Brain Fog/Fibro Fog
- 2) Short Term Memory Loss
- 3) Getting Lost in Conversation
- 4) Muscle Pain
- 5) Fatigue
- 6) Inability to Sleep
- 7) Frequency of Urination

This is a must attend seminar for anyone suffering from Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain

**Call (248) 615-1533
Seating Is Limited!**

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Could You Be At Risk for Stroke?

May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Do you smoke? Have diabetes? High blood pressure? High cholesterol? Family history of heart disease?

Stroke - Time Lost is Brain Lost!

Learn more at our **FREE Educational Seminar**
(Registration required.)

**Tuesday, May 10
4:30 to 7 p.m.**
St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium

Learn about the importance of emergency care for stroke, new technology and rehabilitation of a stroke patient.

Blood pressure screening, presentation and Q&A from a panel of experts.

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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St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a member of the Michigan Stroke Network, providing our patients with access to neurology specialists through the use of robotic technology at the bedside, 24 hours, seven days per week.

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