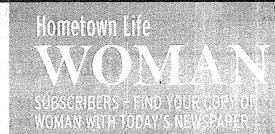


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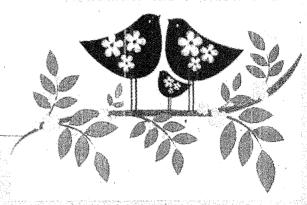
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Golf outing

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, afterschool 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 Drive, Romulus. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the four-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m.

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

'Chicken Soup' time

Fans of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series will find a familiar name in the latest book - Courtney Conover.

The former Westland deputy mayor, Conover's story, "Grandma's



is one of 101 stories about all the ages and stages of being a grand-

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Secret,"

mother in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandmothers" from Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing.

This is the second time Conover's work has been featured in a "Chicken Soup" book. A story about her childhood pet Prince, a German shepherd-beagle mix, appeared in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: What I Learned From the Dog" in 2009.

For her, everyday life provides inspiration for her stories. For the latest "Chicken Soup" book, Conover writes about her grandmother, the late Edna Tucker whose "prowess with hair was the eighth wonder of the world." Her grandmother died in 1991, but Conover still thinks she's the coolest woman she's ever met. You can learn more about Conover on her website at www.courtneyconover.

Married, Conover and her husband, Scott, a former NFL offensive lineman-turned professional chef, live in Wayne.

Clawson, Buckalew win school board seats

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Wayne-Westland school board will have two new members come July 1, after voters in the district overwhelmingly supported retired high school teacher Thomas Buckalew and stay-at-home mom Andrea Clawson to fill the two four-year terms.

Clawson, a Westland resident, and Buckalew, a Wayne resident, finisher one-two in Tuesday's school election. Clawson received 1,288 votes, followed

closely by Buckalew, who garnered 1,195 votes in the unofficial results. The two had run together in the election which saw just 6.14 percent of registered voters go the polls.

"I would like to say thank you to everyone within the Wayne-Westland Community School District for the support, encouragement and their vote. I could not have done





Buckalew

this without the support of my family," said Clawson. "It is wonderful that my hard work and dedication is recognized and I look forward to giving a voice to the community." On the Elect Thomas

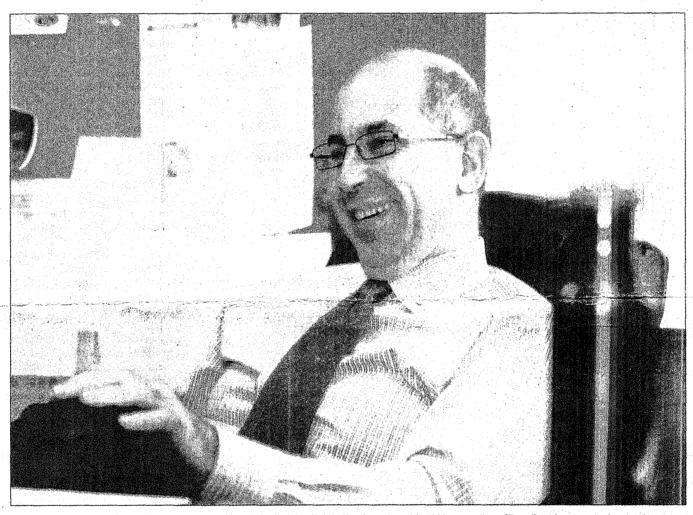
Buckalew and Andrea Clawson to Wayne-Westland School Board Facebook page, Clawson said she also was "so glad to have had the opportunity to campaign" with Buckalew.

"I am very happy that I was chosen a trustee this year," Buckalew said in a prepared statement. "I look forward to working with the five current board members and with Dr. (Greg) Baracy on both budget issues and developing policies that improve student performance."

"All of the candidates in this year's election were qualified and would have done an excellent job, if they had been given the opportunity," Buckalew

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'I've been blessed to be in Westland'



Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden never questioned his decision to join the department in 1991 as a police officer Twenty years he leaving to become the athletic director for the Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield

Ramsden retires as police chief after 20 years with department

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Looking back to when he started working as a Westland police officer, Alan Ramsden sees several good things.

"I had spent three months with Redford police. I talked to a friend who was a Westland officer and made the switch. I never questioned that decision," said Ramsden. "I was really lucky starting when I did. I got to work with a lot of the original officers who started the department in 1966. I consider that a

stroke of luck."

A Westland police officer since 1991, Ramsden is retiring after one year as chief. He has started a new job as athletic director for the Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield. Former Westland Deputy Police Chief Mark Engstrom joined the school as head of security when he retired last year.

During his time as police chief and deputy chief, Ramsden said he worked to increase awareness of the department's history with photographs and documents.

"People starting now won't understand the beginning of this place. We have photos of the first officers and the first chiefs. I personally worked for five chiefs," said Ramsden, a Westland native. "I've been blessed to be in Westland. I love it here. The council and mayor have been very good to us."

Along with picking up that history, Ramsden notes that he joined the department in time to see new technology like the first computers, including

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Council wants city's fees reviewed

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Not too many changes were proposed for Westland's 2011-12 schedule of fees for everything from room rentals, ice time and dog licenses, but that could change.

At the council's second budget study session, Mayor William Wild agreed to take another look at the administrative fee schedule after comments from council members.

"We're charging \$25 for a Dorsey (Center) room rental — we're not even covering our costs," Council President James Godbout said. "It goes down the line — meeting rooms and stuff like that. We need to cover our

Regarding the room rental, Wild said the buildings are already open, but Godbout disagreed. "I don't think the Dorsey Center is open unless there is an activity," Godbout said.

The main changes proposed in the fee schedule were new fees: a \$150 vacant home registration fee; an abandoned car towing fee of \$50 if an impounded vehicle is claimed and \$15 if it is unclaimed; a \$500 entertainment only fee.

The rate for ice time at Mike Modano Arena hasn't been established yet. Wild said the Westland Hockey Association is holding registration currently for the next season and rates would be based on how much ice time it would need.

We also had discussed the splash park — resident and

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Re-enactors participate in **Armed Forces Day Celebration**

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The year's schedule of events at Westland's Historic Village Park will kick off Saturday with the fourth annual Armed Forces Day

"The theme is the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War but that's not the only thing going on," said Westland Historical Commission member Jeff Koslowski. "We wanted to have a lot of new things, so you're

not going to just say you'd seen it before." Hosted by the Westland Historical

Commission and Society, the Armed Forces Day celebration features military re-enactors from five different wars. For the first time, there will be a Revolutionary War re-enactor. In addition, there will be a War of 1812 reenactor, three Civil War soldiers — two Union and one Confederate - and World War II, including a Women's Army Corps member.

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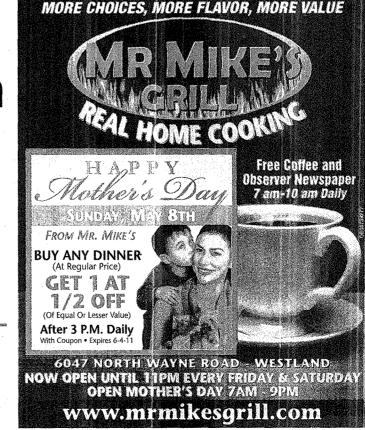
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"We will also have our first nurse. As my professor said, history isn't just rich old white men," said Koslowski, who will give a talk on the attack on Ft. Sumter, which triggered the Civil War.

There will be Civil War artifacts on display at the Collins House loaned for the Armed Forces Day Celebration.

demonstrations of period weapons using blanks. "It's not just sit down and let

me talk at you," said Koslowski. The Armed Forces Day Celebration is scheduled for 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Historic

south of Marquette. There is

Village Park, 857 Wayne Road,

In addition, there will be

· Americana Craft Show 1-4 p.m. no admission charge, but donations will be accepted, and food and beverages will be available

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for purchase. "None of us are paid, we do

AT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE PARK

In addition to this weekend's

Armed Forces Day, events at the

Westland Historic Village Park

Garden Club Plant Exchange 9

Saturday, June 11. There will be ice

cream sundaes, antique cars, old-

fashioned bicycles and games.

Historic Baseball Game 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25. Watch the La-De-

Dahs from Greenfield Village take

on the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-

Dahs at Jaycee Park.

a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21.

· Ice Cream Social 1-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15. See old-fashioned crafts, such as spinning, weaving, candle dipping and rug hooking.

 DuMochelle Antique Appraisal. Appointments will be scheduled in early November at the Bailey Recreation Center.

· Santa visit 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Santa Claus will be visiting and tours of the Octagon House will be available.

The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays for tours and research. The museum is closed most holiday weekends.

it because we love the city and want to promote its history," said Koslowski.

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units within patrol cars and the switch to semi-automatic weapons.

police honor guard.

"I've seen a lot of changes. we integrated computer it "We could get not just a small amount of information but a huge amount of information in the car. I'm waiting with anticipation to see what they will do

Another big change came

chief - a shrinking budget.

"I'm the first chief to have to say we're in a period of cutbacks — to not worry about what I can bring to the department but what can I maintain," said Ramsden. "I wish I could have been here in times of plenty. That will have to wait for another chief and better economic times."

With a long and distinguished career with the department, Mayor William Wild said that Ramsden has done a great job as chief.

"Probably the biggest thing has been that he worked his whole career and now as chief, still managed to do it without disrupting the department, too. His legacy is being able to handle downsizing without

missing a beat."

Along with Ramsden, Sgts. Jack McIntosh and David Zucchetto are also retiring.

"We've got to take a look at it. we could be at our (contractually) agreed upon manpower or below it," said Wild. "We just approved a new hiring list. My intent is to have agreed upon manpower. Since these are budgeted positions, my intention would be to replace them."

The Westland Civil Service Commission is holding a special meeting at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) to approve the chief's promotional list with the swearing in ceremony set for 4 p.m. The new chief will be one of the department's two deputy chiefs — Greg

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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.

Dance for a Cure

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, May 6

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.

Get the picture time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14,

to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15 Location: Westland Jaycee Park, Wildwood east of Hunter, Westland **Details**: Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment Relay Team will have an onsite photo booth fundraiser. Bring your smiles for a great cause. Contact: (888) 213-3335 or online at www.dd2dj.com

Yard Sale/Chocolate tasting

Date: Saturday, May 21 Location: in the yard of held at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman,

Details: The AMVETS Post 171 Relay for Life team is holding a yard sale with toys, books, jewelry, clothing and many more treasures for sale, as well as a Dove Chocolate tasting by Carolyn Marnon, Dove Chocolate representative. Come out and taste the chocolate, book a party, and place an order for a good cause. Contact: rflamvets171@yahoo.com for

the yard sale and chocolatequeen@ wowway.com or (734) 721-7660 about the chocolate tasting.

Avon Fundraiser

Time/Date: Now through July 31 **Details:** Support Team AMVETS Post 171 by ordering your Avon products online. Go to ifinfrock.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.

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.

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.

Quarter Mania

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

Contact: Stacy Edwards at quartermania.stacy@gmail.com or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the www.guartermaniami.eventbrite.com.

yahoo.com.

· The department also formed a S.W.A.T. team, bike patrols, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and a

I don't think the methods of police work changed, but once was a huge change," he said. next with technology.

during Ramsden's tenure as

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Shower for women who are

Hearts are again hosting their

Baby shower

he has to cut the budget and manpower," said Wild. "I felt kind of bad about that. He

Angelosanto or Dan Karrick.

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added. "I expect one or more of them will eventually be elected."

The two candidates, who won the endorsement of the Michigan Education Association / Wayne-Westland Education Association, and their supporters launched a massive door-to-door campaign to get out the vote, and remained connected with supporters through the Facebook

Clawson is a member of the PTA, the school improvement

team and parent liaison at P.D. Graham Elementary. Married, she has two children in the school district. Buckalew spent his entire teaching career at John Glenn High School where he was an assistant and head wrestling coach, class sponsor, Social Studies Department chair and co-chair of the North Central Accreditation. Married, he has two adult children.

Finishing third in the election was former Westland mayor and city councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin with 978 votes, followed by Scott Davis with 426 votes and perennial candidate Harold Dunn with 182 votes.

Appointed incumbent Jeffrey Hayton finished last with 170

Carolyn Byndas, who had withdrawn from the race but not in time to have her name removed from the ballot, received 462 votes.

The election filled two fouryear terms on the school board, one held by school board President Skip Monit, who was disqualified after he failed to file the required number of nominating signatures, and Martha Pitsenbarger, who resigned from the board in January due to her husband's illness.

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pregnant or the mother of an infant under 1 year old.

The shower will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Corps Community Center at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. A con-

tinental breakfast and lunch will be served, and all moms will receives prizes and gifts. No children will be allowed at

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

non-resident fees," Godbout said. "We can't afford to operate facilities on a loss. I'm not saying that we need to make money, but we need to cover our costs. No one has mentioned cutting any services to residents at this point. That being said, we can't afford to supplement the costs.'

Possible fees for the splash park are being researched, Wild said.

"Your comments assume that we didn't consider this when we were dealing with a deficit last year," Wild said.

Otherwise, the council bud-

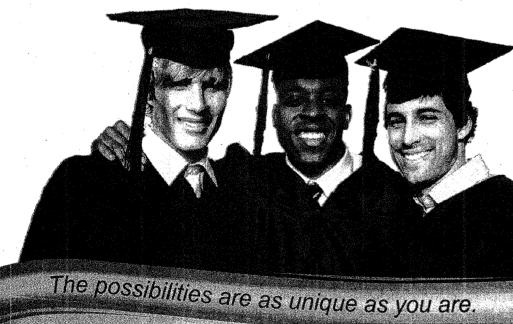
get study sessions have been rather smooth — something likely due to the fact that me bers worked on a two-year budget last year. Council would be expected to consider the \$54.5 million balanced budget in June in time for the July 1 start of the fiscal year.

Council held a public hearing on the budget Monday during their meeting. The only citizen comments came from resident Judy McKinney who said she didn't like the plan to dismantle the Building Department by moving Building Director Roger Shifflett to a hybrid supervisor position and letting the two building inspectors bump into other bargaining unit positions.

The city would contract for building inspections and shift residential ordinance enforcement to the Fire Department, which has been handling commercial ordinance enforcement. The administration projects a \$250,000 savings from the move.

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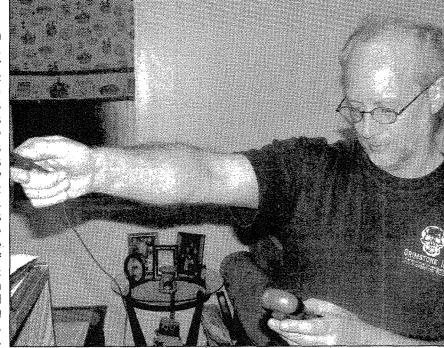
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Dave Owens, a Warren resident, uses a Cellsensor Electromagnetic Field (EMF) **Detector. This** tool detects energy. One theory is that spirits use energy to manifest themselves. **Haunted sites** often have unidentifiable sources of electromagnetic fields which are unrelated to any wiring or appliances,



Ghost hunters pay visit to Straight Farmhouse

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

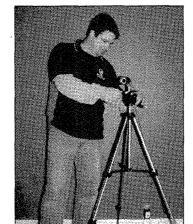
A group of paranormal investigators plan a ghost hunt Saturday, May 14, at the Straight Farmhouse in Garden City.

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

Grimstone Inc., a Michiganbased Paranormal Research Organization, will host the ghost hunt from 7-11 p.m. The 145-year-old farmhouse is filled with age-old artifacts, history, and the "spirits" that left them behind.

The night will be filled with adventure as Grimstone Inc. guides guests through the techniques and equipment necessary in unraveling the mysteries.

Guests will have a chance to tour the farmhouse and ghost hunt with professional paranormal investigators while learning the ins and outs of documenting the paranormal. Director Chris Bailey said the tours are about 45 minutes



Mark Krueger, a Taylor resident, sets up a camera. The investigators use more than seven cameras to survey locations. Things missed during the investigations will show up during intense reviews of video filmed with these cameras.

long and have a series of stations with various pieces of Chost Hunting equipment

Ghost Hunting equipment.
"They include video surveillance, still photography, EMF
detection, temperature and
Electronic Voice Phenomenon
(EVP)," he said. "There will
also be general presentations

in the main banquet hall and time for further questions and answers"

Mark Hammar, president of the Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum, said that paranormal groups have paid visits in the past. In one case, two visitors saw a phantom switchboard operator. The women were surprised that someone was there.

"Come on in," he reportedly

said to the women.

They later learned that no one really was there.

A mischievous small boy also reportedly roams the lower floors of the Straight Farmhouse.

Paranormal enthusiasts who wish to attend the fundraiser can purchase presale tickets at www.grimstone-inc.com/fundraiser.php. The presale tickets are \$20, and tickets at the door will cost \$25. Space is limited. For more information, call Grimstone Inc. at (313) 444-GRIM or send an e-mail to investigators@grimstone-inc. com.

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Bin Laden's gone, 'still work to do'

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After President Barack Obama's dramatic Sunday night announcement U.S. forces had not only found, but killed, Osama bin Laden, reaction flooded in from all corners, praising the effort and cheering bin Laden's death as a victory for the war on terror.

Though Terry Blumberg counts himself among those glad the architect of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center has been dealt with, he sounded a warning note Monday in the aftermath of bin Laden's death.

And he thinks his son, Canton Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, a member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment with the 82nd Airborne Division who died in Iraq in September 2004, would agree with him.

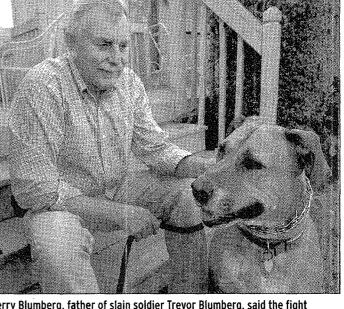
"There's still work to do,"
Terry Blumberg said. "(bin
Laden) was their leader, and
I'm glad they got him. But if
you kill one of our generals,
the war goes on. I think the
war will go on for (terrorists),
too."

Trevor Blumberg died Sept. 14, 2004, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by Blumberg and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

He's one of several local soldiers who gave their lives in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Among the others:

• Marine Sgt. Bryan K.
Burgess died Nov. 9, 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Perrysburg, Ohio.

• Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett died Feb. 13, 2010, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting combat operations during Operation



Terry Blumberg, father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, said the fight against terrorism isn't over even though U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden.

Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In addition, Meredith
Whalen, a 1996 Salem High
School graduate, died in the
attacks Bin Laden ordered on
9/11. Whalen, who was 23 at
the time, was working on the
93rd floor of the north tower
when the first plane hit. Her
body was never found.

Canton Township Trustee
Todd Caccamo, a former U.S.
Marine reservist who served
in Iraq, agreed with Blumberg
and urged Americans to continue the fight.

"While eliminating bin Laden was certainly the right thing to do, and it felt great to hear the news, I hope America uses this success as motivation and encouragement for ever increasing the pressure on Al Qaeda and on those who would dare to do harm to Americans or her allies," Caccamo said. "This was a collective effort from our president to the private with his rifle in the field. Congratulations and thanks to our warriors of every

stripe."
U.S. Rep. Thaddeus

McCotter said the country should rejoice in the elimination of bin Laden, then move ahead against terrorists.

"We do not revel over the death of bin Laden 'the Butcher,' we rejoice in the triumph of justice," McCotter said. "Now let us press our efforts against Al Qaeda and their terrorist cohorts, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the tyrannical Iranian regime. For while our world has witnessed justice, our world remains dangerous and we must be ever vigilant against such clear and present threats to our liberty and security."

Blumberg said his son returned from a tour in Afghanistan and told him, "I have one of the best jobs in the world. I go get the bad guys and I make them pay."

"My son was in the military before 9/11 ... he knew what he was there for," Terry Blumberg said. "The more he learned what happened (on 9/11), the more he wanted a piece of this guy. He didn't live long enough to see that

"He'd be glad they got him, but he'd be smart enough to know it isn't over."

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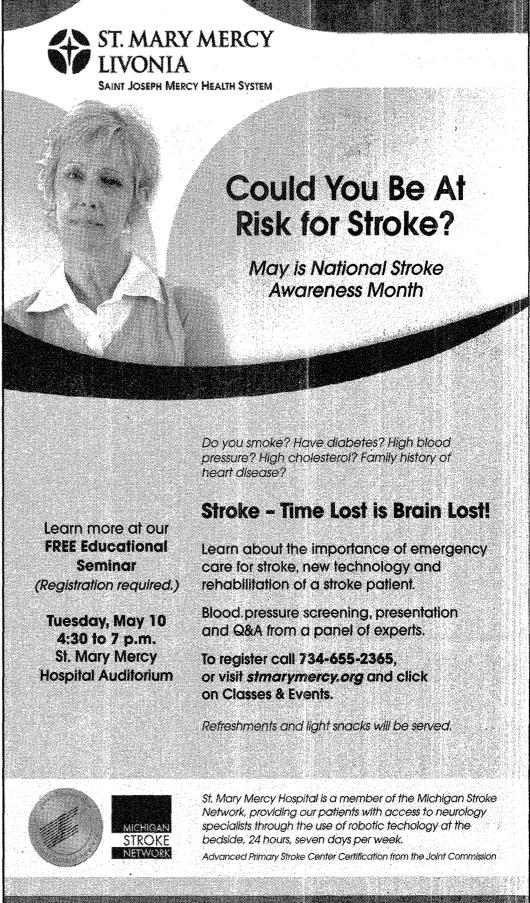
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Badge No. 3: Al George remembered as 'compassionate'

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

During his career with the Westland Police Department, Albert George had a tough exterior but it was only a

"He was very compassionate, he had a rough exterior but underneath he was a marshmallow," recalled former Westland police Chief Michael

Frayer. "He was very concerned about the welfare of victims."

Mr. George, 73, who died April 24 following a series of strokes, was among the original group of officers hired when Nankin Township incorporated as the City of Westland in 1966. Previously an officer with the Inkster Police Department, Mr. George wore badge No. 3 after joining the Westland Police Department.

Among the second group of officers hired in 1967, Frayer said he partnered with Mr. George as a patrol officers and later as investigators in the Detective Bureau.

"Al was very good to work with, he was very knowledgeable," said Frayer.

Mr. George worked for the department 30 years, retiring in 1996 as a lieutenant heading the Detective Bureau.

Along with being involved in many task forces and major investigations, Mr. George was also a founder of the local Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, a school program aimed at discouraging substance abuse by young people.

Within five years of joining the Westland Police Department, Mr. George suffered an on-the-job injury that could have ended his career.

"Al was backup on a narcotics and two great-grandchildren. arrested. It was icy and slipperv. He fell and shot himself in the foot," recalled Frayer. "He had a lot of trouble with his foot after that. People don't realize how many bones are in the foot. He came back to full duty."

Mr. George, who had retired to the west side of the state, is survived by his wife Barbara Jean, children Cynthia, Carrie and Marc, three grandchildren

The family has planned a private memorial service and has asked that contributions be made in Mr. George's memory to the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association, 101 E. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032.

Westland police are expected to hold a local gathering to remember Mr. George.

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Unwelcome house party guests damage home

House party

Garden City police investigated a house party held by an underage minor in the 1400 block of Schuman about 5 a.m. April 30.

A 17-year-old said that problems occurred when he held a party when his parents were gone. The teen who hosted the party was allegedly drunk when the police arrived. He said that the problems occurred when about several unknown men who heard about the party but weren't invited entered his home. When he asked them to leave, they allegedly caused destruction to the home.

The police noted damage throughout the home which included holes punched in the drywall, broken window blinds and microwave, living room decorations broken and a dented garage door.

One man was treated for his injuries at Garden City Hospital after one of the intruders hit him in the head with a fireplace shovel.

GARDEN CITY

About the same time, a resident in the 1200 block of Schuman reported that two unknown white males in their 20s knocked on his door at 4:45 a.m. April 30. The police believe that they were headed to the house party on another block.

The resident heard one man say that they had the wrong address. The other man responded that he didn't care.

When the resident went outside later, he noticed that the driver's side door of his 1997 Chevy Cavalier was broken.

Attempt break-in

Someone tried unsuccessfully two days in a row on May I and May 2 to break into the House of Pets, 29500 Ford Road. Entry wasn't gained either time, but the business alarm sounded.

On May 2, a Dearborn K9 unit tracked a scent down a sidewalk and around Albert's on the Alley until it ended on Middlebelt.

A man was seen on video surveillance wearing a dark hooded sweat shirt, dark pants and white shoes.

On May 1, the police found a window shattered but the holes weren't large enough for a person to gain entry.

Fleeing and eluding

Garden City police arrested a 28-year-old Dearborn man after they pursued him for a time through Garden City.

The officer was originally dispatched on a call that four people were seen drinking beer in a 1999 Lexus 400.

When the driver saw the police had activated his lights and siren, he sped up to 80 mph to elude the police on Ford. Garden City police suspended the pursuit because of heavy traffic but still continued to follow the car.

Dearborn police spotted and stopped the car, holding the driver for Garden City police. When the Garden City police

officer arrived, the occupants were gone.

The driver admitted that he was stupid for initiating the pursuit and agreed that somebody could have been hurt, according to the police report.

A resident in the 31000 block of Alvin said that someone stole his iPod Nano and 15 CDs May 1 from his 2010 Ford Edge that he left unlocked in his driveway.

Retail fraud

The clerk at the CVS store located at 29901 Ford Road reported that a man stole three cartons of cigarettes about 6:30 p.m. April 30.

The man set the cartons of cigarettes down on the counter and asked if he had to provide identification. When it looked lie he was pulling ID from his wallet, the clerk reached out for it. As the clerk did so, the man ran out with about \$100 worth of cigarettes. -By Sue Buck

PS3, laptop computer stolen from home

Break-in

On May 2, a resident in the 35000 block of Fernwood told police that he arrived home from school to find the sliding patio door open. Items valued at \$1,590 were report-WESTLAND ed missing,

including a PS3 with charger, a laptop computer, a jar of change and duffel bag.

Entry had been made by removing a screen from a bedroom window. That bedroom had been ransacked, officers said.

Pipe stolen

Police were called to a vacant HUD home in the 1500 block of South Berry May 2 after the property manager found copper pipes in the basement laundry room had been removed and stolen. The pipes, valued at \$100, were last seen intact on April 18.

Computer missing

On May 2, a resident in the 2000 block of South Venoy told police he arrived home to find someone had stolen his laptop computer, valued at \$500. He said he had locked the door when he left but the front window had been left unlocked. When he came in, he said

the window was closed but the blinds had been moved.

Larceny by conversion A resident in the 200

block of Waterbury Court is out a couple of hundred dollars after providing his debit card and account number to a couple he contacted over the Internet. On May 5, the man told officers that on April 4 he made contact with a person on a website about making money.

After being asked where he had a bank account, the man said he and the unknown person agreed to meet at his home. A man and woman arrived, obtained the card and number for some sort of money-making scheme. The pair left and when the man checked his account found between \$200-\$300 was

Contacting the bank, the man said he was told that someone had attempted to deposit a fraudulent check for \$4,500 into the account and a hold was placed on the account.

Police were skeptical of the man's story but he said it was true. He said he was embarrassed and told the bank he had lost the debit card.

-By LeAnne Rogers



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Green Street Hair

Recycle, build a 'canjo,' and take in free music

Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, the runner-up last May during the ninth season of American Idol, will be the headline performer at downtown Plymouth's 2011 Green Street Fair, which opens on Friday and runs through Sunday, May 8.

Bowersox, who plays in a variety of styles, including rock, folk and gospel, released her debut album, Farmer's Daughter, in December.

Her free concert will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Eco-Beats Stage, at Union and Penniman. The free fair, in its fourth year, brings together a variety of companies, exhibitions and organizations that promote ecology-conscious products and practices and healthy living.

"We're very excited to have somebody of her caliber join us," said Raychel Rork, the Green Street Fair organizer, said of Bowersox's appearance. "It's going to be a great lineup, really, all three days.'

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said Rork.

"We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," she said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

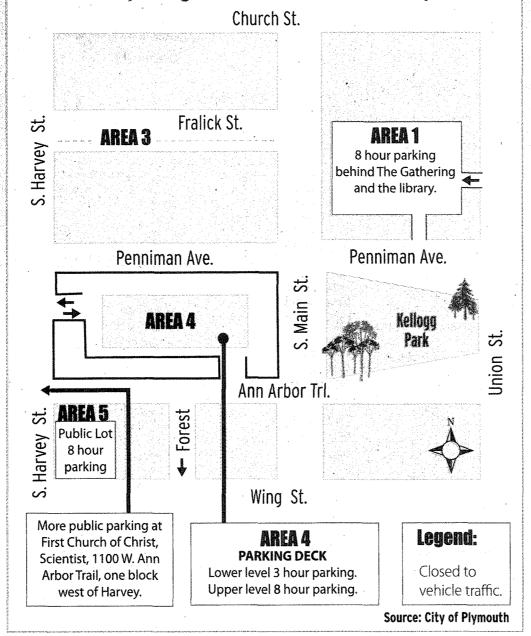
"This is becoming a very enticing event for them, she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materials will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transportation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cupcakes and organic kettle corn. "Organic doesn't mean

Public parking for 2011 Green Street Fair

On street parking is limited to 2 hours in most places.



it has to taste like cardboard," Rork joked.

Other highlights of the a Mother's Day parade at noon on May 8, a Mother's Day craft activity for kids, organic cooking demonstrations, sponsored by Meijer and the Art Institute of Michigan, and the opportunity to recycle electronic waste - everything from computers to car batteries and vacuum cleaners - on Saturday and Sunday at Penniman and Harvey.

Proceeds from the resale of electronic waste will benefit the scholarship fund for pediatric speech and language dis- chance to win a mountain orders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

in which children decorate repurposed corrugated boxes to build a kid-sized cityscape, will also return to Kellogg Park. This year's Fort Box will include replicas of some of the world's landmark bridges, built with recycled materials by students at New Morning School. Other Fort Box sponsors are The Observer ೮ Eccentric Newspapers and

IKEA will also host an exhibit, Green Living, featuring home displays and the

bicycle or a \$500 IKEA gift card, at The Gathering on

Other entertainment during the Green Street Fair will include:

• Abigail Stauffer, an Ann Arbor singer-songwriter, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Friday. • The Sugar People, rock.

pop and soul, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday. • In Custody, a rock cover

band, 4:45-6:30 p.m. Friday.

• The Mister Laurence Experience, fun rock for kids, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday.

• The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that

WHY A FAIR?

Green Street Fair Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and ecofriendly products and services. To promote global interest and personal well-being, the Green Street Fair blends companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Consumers who attend the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the advantages of taking strides, large or small, toward living a healthier and greener life.



Bob Mayes and Oak Electric offered wind power, solar panel, and backup generator systems at Plymouth's Green Street Fair last year.

plays bluegrass, metal and honky-tonk, noon-1 p.m.

Park, folk rock, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday.

· Gemini, a duo playing acoustic music for children

• Tracy Kash Thomas, a jazz performer, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Sunday.

at the Eco-Beats Stage at Union and Penniman.

The Deep Fried Pickle

• Timothy Monger State

· Sista Otis, rock and gos-

pel, 3-4:15 p.m. Saturday.

and families, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.

All concerts will take place

Project will also host an

instrument-making workshop visitors can build a "canjo," Saturday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. a kazoo or maracas — from 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park. The workshop is just ahead of the Mother's Day parade, and participants will be encouraged to join the parade with their new homemade instrument.

The Green Street Fair hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, www.greenstreetfair.

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GREEN STREET FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Eco-Beats stage line-up

Featuring American Idol's Crystal Bowersox and top notch entertainment from around Michigan, the weekend will be filled with a broad range of eco-beats.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Abigail Stauffer 1:15-2:30 p.m. The Sugar People 3:15-4:15 p.m. In Custody 4:45-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mister Laurence Experience 10:30-11:15 a.m. Deep Fried Pickle Project noon to 1 p.m Timothy Monger State Park 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sista Otis 3-4:15 p.m. Crystal Bowersox 5-6:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Deep Fried Pickle Project 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gemini 2-3 p.m. Tracy Kash Thomas 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Other Highlights

•IKEA EXHIBIT

Visit the IKEA Canton exhibit in The Gathering, located off of Penniman between Main Street and Union to see an interactive sustainable home display and enter to win a \$500 IKEA Gift Card to help you live a sustainable life at home or a new mountain bike to help reduce your carbon footprint.

•FOCUS ON FOCUS

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•FORT BOX

Sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Weekly Newspapers & New Morning School. To kids, few things are as enchanting as a bona fide fort. With a little imagination, an old cardboard box becomes the center of the universe - a place where entering requires a secret handshake, a password or a classified knock. But building a fort is just as much an adventure as playing in it. Fort Box will resemble a small village where children of all ages can gather, share ideas and swap secrets. With the help from students at New Morning School in Plymouth, Fort Box will be going global this year. Students will build replicas of landmark bridges from around the world using materials such as corrugated plastic scraps, two-liter bottles, milk cartons, and the like. Concentrating on a world travel theme this year, eight to ten structures will be built and displayed in Kellogg Park, tying into the New Morning School engineering and architecture curriculum.

•THE PICKLED PINK MOTHER'S DAY PARADE AND INSTRUMENT BUILDING PLAYSHOP

Green Street Fair will celebrate Mother Earth

all weekend and will also be pulling out the stops to celebrate all moms on Mother's Day on Sunday. To kick off the Mothers Day festivities, Green Street Fair welcomes Deep Fried Pickle Project, a junk band from southwest Michigan that blends bluegrass, metal, jug band and honky-tonk tunes into their performances that embrace fans of all ages. In conjunction with their performances on Saturday and Sunday, "The Pickle Boys" are dedicated to music education and will bring with them an instrument play shop to teach kids (known to The Pickle Boys as "gherkins") and adults how to make homemade instruments out of recyclable materials. Children of all ages will be encouraged to craft a canjo, make a mom's day maraca, construct a kazoo, or a silly singing straw. The Pickles will demonstrate how to build and play these zany, multicolored music-makers to lead the Mother's Day parade on Sunday at noon. Event attendees are also invited to bring their own noisemakers such as pots, pans, bells, drums and the like. Decorated tricycles and bikes are also encouraged.

MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STATION

Yelp will have a kid's craft table where the little ones can make mom an earth friendly surprise for Mother's Day.

•THE YELLOW JUG FOR OLD DRUGS

In lieu of flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them into the garbage which can contaminate water supplies, event attendees can bring their medications to the Green Street Fair to properly dispose of unused, unwanted and expired drugs.

•CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Looking to recycle your old cell phones? Feel

free to bring them to Green Street Fair to make sure that they are recycled properly.

•E-CLUTTER FOR KIDS

A recycle-a-thon to help children with speech and language disorders. If you're tired of that old computer monitor sitting in your garage or have a drawer full of extra cables, toner cartridges or cameras, this is your opportunity to safely recycle these items and raise money for treatment scholarships at the Center for Speech and Language Disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Some 65 percent of all proceeds will benefit the Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders Scholarship Fund at Beaumont Children's Hospital affiliated with Children's Miracle Network.

Drop off your equipment at the Statewide Recycling Station at Green Street Fair on from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Go to www.greenstreetfair.com for a list of items accepted.

ORGANIC COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Sponsored by Meijer and The Art Institute of Michigan: Discover how to create your own organic masterpiece in the kitchen. Live cooking demonstrations all weekend.

•FLIP YOUR LID

Flip Your Lid returns to Green Street Fair. Students at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth collected plastic lids of all colors, shapes and sizes to create oversized bugs that will be scattered around Kellogg Park throughout the weekend. Attendees of the event will also be encouraged to help construct the Flip Your Lid Mural which will be donated following the event.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Night

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5

Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. **Details**: Treat yourself to a night of pampering and shopping at a Ladies Night, sponsored by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Get a chair massage, hand massage, tarot card reading, facials and more. Shop and visit more than 30 vendors of local and home-based businesses while enjoying some refreshments and music. The event is free. Vendors include Acorn Shop, Arbonne, Beijo Bags, Cellar Door Soap, Cellar Dweller Jewelry, Karma Coffee, Garden Lawn Lights, J & S Portrait America, Jazzercise of Wayne, Tastefully Simple, Linda's Sewing & Embroidery, Lindt Chocolates, Mary Kay, Miche Bags, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Strength and Spirit, Scentsy and

Contact: For more information, call the chamber office at (734) 721-

Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: Saturday, June 4 **Details:** Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more. **Contact**: Call Friends of the Rouge

at (313) 792-9621 or go online to www.therouge.org for more infor-

Tapestry display

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through May 27 Location: William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills

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

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

Karate Tournament

Time/Date: Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15 Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland

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

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

American Legion

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

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland **Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honor-

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Wish you were Here

During Spring Break, Marco Salinas, Regina and Diana Ronewicz, Lidia, Cecilia and Paolo Alvarez and Linda Bodnovits enjoyed wonderful weather at the Omni Cancun Hotel in Mexico. They were "real sorry to miss the snow and rain, the hot sun on the beach was great." According to Bodnovits "I loved walking on the beach each morning with the sun raising. The waves were breathtaking, and the color of the water, unbelievable. Sorry you couldn't all be with us." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

com or www.post251.org.

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

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

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is

a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

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

Earth Angels

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

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

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

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918 older.

Westland Rotary

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays Location: Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland **Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.

Contact: Mary at (734) 729-5401

Writing Group

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne **Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo. com

Toastmasters

Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS 869

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

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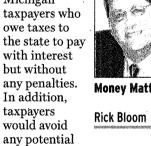
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he Michigan Department of Treasury announced another tax amnesty program. The

2011 program allows Michigan taxpayers who owe taxes to the state to pay with interest but without any penalties. In addition, taxpayers



criminal prosecution for failure to pay taxes.

Tax amnesty programs are infrequent so if you owe money to the Michigan Department

of Treasury, look into taking

Program applies to all taxes including income taxes, Michigan business tax, sales tax, use tax and withholding tax. The program runs from May 15 through June 30. To be eligible, the amnesty application must be postmarked

Money Matters

before June 30 and include full payment of the taxes owed with interest. To apply, complete Form 3855. The form is available on the state's website, www.michigan.gov/taxes. The tax amnesty program is not for everyone. Obviously, if you do not have the money to pay the taxes and interest owed, you are not eligible for

this program. For those who

were thinking that you could

put your tax liability on a charge card, think again. The program does not allow charge card payments. In fact, debit cards are also not an accepted form of payment for this program.

Owing money, whether it's to the State of Michigan or the IRS, is not a pleasant position. Therefore, Î encourage individuals and businesses with issues with the State of Michigan to explore this pro-

It's amazing how much better you will sleep at night when you no longer owe the government. Good luck!

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



Walkers step out to help March of Dimes

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Nancy Henzi of Livonia held her 7-month-old son Knox in her arms Saturday morning at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Husband Matt was nearby, along with other members of Team Madison Hope Henzi for the annual March of Dimes March for Babies.

Knox's sister Madison Hope died in December 2007.

"That's why we originally started to walk (for the March of Dimes)," Nancy Henzi said. "My daughter Madison would have been 3 on Christmas Eve. So now we've got an angel baby and a miracle baby.

Knox got therapy help, a lubricant to expand his lungs. He weighed 2 pounds at birth and was briefly on a ventilator, but well now.

"He came three months early," his mom said while waiting for the Saturday, April 30, March for Babies to start along Hines Drive. The couple are also parents to Ian, 12, her stepson.

This is the fourth year for their team, one of many to walk the flood-shortened route to benefit the March of Dimes. Other walks were held in nearby communities. Many walkers wore specially designed T-shirts in memory or honor of children, while some had photos affixed to their clothing.

Three friends from Garden City were waiting for the walk to start, Karen Crunk, Jennifer Egner (who now lives in Livonia) and Sheryll Catton. The women grew up in Garden City and went through school together.

"For my niece and nephew," Egner said of her first such walk. "They were born April

The premature twins were born at 26 weeks, Crunk said.

"They're doing good," Egner said. "My nephew had two surgeries this week. My niece is doing really well.

Crunk has done the March of



Participants head out for the start of the annual March of Dimes March for Babies held in Hines Park in Westland.

Dimes walk on Belle Isle.

"I have a soft spot for babies, I do," she said.

PROUD WALKER

One of many proud walkers was Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills, doing his 38th annual walk. He was introduced to a cheering crowd.

"I think gas was 38 cents a gallon," Walt told the crowd. 'It's a pleasure to be here and I hope to be here again next

Walt, father of three and grandfather of five, was accompanied by daughter Judy Perry of Commerce Township. "My dad's just been a big walker," Perry said, noting the family hasn't had preemies. "It was 20 miles when they started."

He'd walk through Belle Isle and by Tiger Stadium.

"I have a daughter like this."

Walt said when asked the reason for his stamina.

The walkers were serenaded by the Ford Motor Co. Chorus, with Ford and the UAW as major event sponsors. At the chorus helm was Jon Drake of Redford, chorus director the past four years. The chorus began in 1944. Its first concert was the week of D-Day, he added. There are now about 30 members, including those from outside Ford.

"We do all these Ford charitable events," Drake said, adding that they'll perform at the Race for the Cure in Detroit Memorial Day weekend. "Ford's a major sponsor of

Bill Curtiss of Allen Park is chorus president

"Everybody's having a great time," Curtiss said, noting the absence of rain.

WALKERS OF ALL AGES

Jennifer Nyberg of Canton is 17 and a Canton High School

"I'm here with Key Club, (a Kiwanis youth branch)," she said. "I just have so much fun. This is my third time, I believe."

Born about 1½ to 2 months early, Nyberg had some breathing difficulties as a newborn, but is fine now.

"I had a lot of fun," Nyberg said, wearing her Canton lacrosse sweatshirt. "I love walking in this.

Many spoke gratefully of March of Dimes support for premature babies and those with birth defects. Nancy Henzi agreed the cause needs more awareness.

"I don't think we get nearly enough," she said. "Any help we can get to spread the word on the mission, we welcome

Feeding the throng fell to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, with Jim Walk of Livonia as committee chair. Members served hot dogs from the grill, chips, pop and water. About 18 Kiwanians helped, said Walk, an 11-year member.

The service club has helped the March of Dimes walk about

"We love giving back to the community," Walk said.

Work began that Friday night with unloading the truck. They had 2,000 hot dogs to

"Anything that's left over will go to the Salvation Army and to Tonquish Manor, a senior facility in Plymouth," Walk said. Fran Toney of Plymouth

was among busy Kiwanians.

She served as Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce director from 1989 to 2008, when she retired.

"I get to do things like this," Toney said with a smile. "It's

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was site chair for the local walk. Ficano is a past chair of the southeast Michigan branch of the March

"Prematurity is still an issue," he said. "The March of Dimes does a lot of research that makes a lot of difference. I was blessed with my two children. I've got friends that have gone through it."

Christel Pardo of South Lyon is the mother of twins Josie and Colette, 17 months, who participated. Colette had a condition where she stopped developing. Pardo got steroid shots in pregnancy, which helped. The team also included stepson Trevor, 13.

"She's doing excellent, no problems," Pardo said. "We did Kensington last year. It's a great cause."

Liz Clark of Clinton Township and Kila Davis of Detroit were among some 17 walkers from Sigma Beta Xi sorority. "This is one of our philanthropies that we support to make sure we're giving back," Davis said.

Lori Kartmann of Dearborn walked with neighbor Lynn Helm, also of Dearborn. They wore T-shirts reading "Giant Steps 4 Tiny Feet."

Those were Kartmann's granddaughter's footprints.

"She had a blast," grandma said. "We actually used her feet."

Evelyn, now 3, wasn't a pree-

'She was not, but I was," said Kartmann, 53. She said she took until around kindergarten to catch up developmentally. She was six weeks premature at a time treatment was less advanced.

"Sometimes I actually say to myself that's why I'm young in spirit," she added.

Memorial Day Garden City will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony at 1 a.m. Monday, May 30, on the front lawn of Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, north of Ford. The guest speaker will be retired Air Force Major Rick Briggs. Amber Grand will again be singing the National Anthem.

If an organization wishes to present a wreath, they need to contact Margo Ciecierski no later than Monday, May 23, at (734) 793-1660.

After the ceremony, the VFW will host a luncheon, and all are welcomed to attend.

Ghost Hunt

Grimstone Inc., Michigan's premier paranormal research organization, is hosting a public Ghost Hunt at the Straight Farmhouse 7-11 p.m. Saturday, May 14. The 145-year-old farmhouse is now the home of the Garden City Historical Museum and is filled with age-old artifacts, history and the spirits that left them

GARDEN CLIPPINGS behind.

adventure as it guides participants through the techniques and equipment necessary in unraveling the mysteries left from the spirits of the undead. Guests will have a chance to tour the farmhouse and ghost hunt with professional paranormal investigators, all while learning the ins and outs of documenting the paranormal.

Paranormal enthusiasts who wish to attend the fundraiser can purchase presale tickets at www.grimstone-inc.com/ fundraiser.php. The presale tickets are \$20, and tickets at the door will cost \$25. Space is limited.

For more information, call Grimstone Inc. at (313) 444-GRIM or by e-mail at investigators@grimstone-inc.com.

Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 27. The Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will be in the Northeast Parking

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Lot at the corner of Inkster Join Grimstone for a night of Road and Maplewood on the Garden City Hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road in Garden

Due to the limited number of openings, appointments will be necessary. The last appointment slot will be 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-4259 to schedule a blood donation appoint-

Golf outing

The Lyman Foundation is sponsoring the 32nd Annual Lyman Golf Outing benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

The outing will be held on Aug. 13 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The Lyman Foundation is looking for hole sponsors and golfers for the event! Hole sponsors will be acknowledged in the golfing program and with the local

For more information regarding hole sponsors or registering to golf in the event, contact Sharon Lundie at (734) 728-4919.

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MILESTONES

Michigan Week program Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May

Location: Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center, 26116 Warren Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: The Garden City Chamber of Commerce, along with the Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce, will honor local businesses in a Michigan Week Resource and Luncheon Expo. The event will bring local, state and federal organizations together under one roof to assist the small business owner and/or entrepreneur by providing low-budget and free business services and resources. The Resource Expo from 9:30 to 11 a.m. will offer business owners and guest will be given access to short personal and confidential interviews with organizations offering low-cost and free business help. Some of the free resource groups include SCORE, Schoolcraft College, PNC Bank, CEED, Allied Media and more. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. and will recognize businesses, those celebrating milestone anniversaries, business awards or accomplishments. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$20 per person. Reservations are required.

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

Recycle flip flops

Time/Date: Now through May 21 Location: Old Navy, 47196 Michigan Ave., west of Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: If you get new flip flops to start the summer season, don't throw those old ones in the trash. In an effort to reduce waste, TerraCycle Inc. and Old Navy are partnering in a drive to collect used flip flops and recycle them into four public playgrounds around the country. Just stop by an Old Navy store through May 21 to deposit used flip flops in designated collec-

Contact: For more information, call (734) 495-1017.

Social Media 101 for Beginners Time/Date: noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

Location: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia Details: Learn from a local social

media expert who specialized in internet marketing and, business consulting and coaching. Discover the tech savvy ways to get ahead of your competition using social media; the number one rule of working with social media: social media benefits customers and the do's and don'ts of social networking. Cost is \$19.

Contact: Reserve a spot by May 13. For more information, call

Geralyn at (734) 432-5804 or www. madonna.edu (click on Con't Ed & Job Training).

ZUMBATHON FOR SARCOISOSIS

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5 Location: Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland

Details: Zumba for a cause. Help raise money for Sarcoidosis research at a Zumbathon. Come out and Zumba for 90 minutes and learn more about this fatal disease that is affecting more people than we even realize. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. Cost is a donation of at least \$15 per person at the door. Cash and credit/debit will be accepted. There also will be a 50/50 drawing. In sarcoidosis, the immune system does not function properly and blood cells become overactive. These blood cells release chemicals which causes masses of inflamed tissue to form in lungs, lymph nodes, heart, liver, skin, eyes, sinuses, brain/nervous system, bones/joints/muscles, and other organ of the body. The disease can affect men and women of any age and of any race.

Contact: For more information about the event, contact Derica at mszumba247@gmail.com To learn more about Sarcoidosis, go online to www.stopsarcoidosis.org.

Understanding those funky bar codes

BY JON GUNNELLS **GUEST COLUMNIST**

ou've seen them around town. You've seen them posted on Facebook. They've been appearing in

magazines, marketing campaigns and — if you own a Blackberry – even inside your phone.

But what exactly are Jon Gunnells those square, black and white

symbols and what do they do? They look like a distant cousin of bar codes, which have been on retail products for years - but how are they different?

They're actually called QR codes - short for quick response codes - and these codes are certainly catching on quickly. They've been around for years, but didn't start to make waves until Blackberry started integrating them into its Blackberry Messenger sys-

Blackberry Messenger is a chat application used like text messages, but it has fewer restrictions. Users can send longer messages, embed pictures, video and voice data, create profiles and add friends to groups. Of course, the system is only available on the Blackberry.

So if a Blackberry user wants to get the contact information of, say, a new client, they can pull up the messenger system and scan another Blackberry user's bar code. Instantly, all of the new client's information

TECH SAVVY

will be input into the other person's Blackberry. It eliminates the need to type in a name, workplace, multiple numbers and e-mail addresses. It even, in some aspects, can replace the business card.

QR codes aren't unique to the Blackberry. All smartphones have the ability to read QR codes through specific QR code reader applications. And they have more widespread benefits than quickly gathering someone's contact information.

They are quickly becoming a go-to feature for advertisers and companies to spread information to their readers and customers. Of course to benefit from the wealth of information QR codes possess, you first need to download a code reader application.

Blackberry users can try one of the many free code reader apps available at Blackberryappworld.com or within the Blackberry App World app. Check the reviews to make sure you are downloading a worthwhile product, as some of the apps don't always work so well.

iPhone and Droid users can visit their app stores and simply search the database for QR code readers; however, I hear Optiscan and Mark Reader are among the best.

Once you have downloaded and installed the QR code reader on your phone, you are now ready to scan any code anywhere - and believe me, they will be everywhere.

Earlier this month I took

a trip to Las Vegas and I was able to go to my airline's website and scan my flight's QR code to track my flight's progress and see if it was on time. For the return trip, I was able to do the same to avoid waiting too long at Metro Airport for a delayed flight.

I've also spotted QR codes on business cards, in magazine ads and even on a dinner menu because they are so easy to read using a smartphone device.

Better yet, QR codes are easy to generate, so if you wanted to create one to post on your website as a digital business card, or to put on your blog, or just on your wall to look hip and trendy, you can do so.

If you want to create a QR code, http://grcode.kaywa. com/ is an easy site to use. I built my QR code in less than two minutes — but it only took that long because I didn't know what information to add. In the end. I decided to create a QR code containing the tag line that is usually at the end of my columns. So if I did a good enough job teaching about QR codes, you can scan my code below to see my tag line and contact information.



United Health names new director

Canton-based United Home Health Services has named of Dr. Judith Edge as its new medical director.

"We are honored and privileged to have Dr. Edge join the United team," said UHHS President Penny Rhein. "Together we will focus on achieving positive patient outcomes, maintain our tradition of home health excellence and caring, and enhance physician communication."

"Dr. Edge is truly an advocate for home care and her patients so it is a perfect fit," she said.

Edge is an Internal medicine physician affiliated with Garden City Hospital since 1989. She has a special interest in the geriatric population.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I join the staff at UHHS as their medical director," she said. "After giving a brief lecture to United's staff, I was impressed at what a professional, intelligent and caring group they are. It is my goal to improve and bridge the flow of care between doctor, nurse, and patient.

Edge takes over from Dr. Rosemarie Tolson who served for seven years as medical director. Tolson is pursuing other interests at Michigan State University, but will remain on United's board to represent them in the commu-

United Home Health Services, a skilled Medicarecertified home care company, has been providing skilled nursing, therapy, home health aide, social work, and registered dietitian services in the comfort of home for 28 years.



Dr. Judith Edge has been named the new medical director at United Home Health Services.

It also provides caregiver and companion services for seniors including personal care, housekeeping, laundry, meal prep, grocery shopping, medication reminders, and transportation, as well as an Alzheimer's/

Dementia program. For more information, go online to www.uhhs.org or call Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New staff members

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing. New medical staff members include: · Dr. James S. Boal, Family

Practice, with offices at 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

• Dr. Hadi A. Dourra, Internal Medicine, with offices at 27144 Joy, Redford.

• Dr. Nedidema D. Teklehaimanot, Radiology, with offices at 23100 Providence Dr., Suite 420, Southfield.

Garden City Hospital now has more than 360 physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at

877-717-WELL or go online to www.gchosp.org.

Appointment announced

Harvey Industries has announced the appointment of Rick Levin as executive vicepresident of operations, effective immediately.

Levin will have complete responsibility for plant operations in Wabash, Ind., Aiken, S.C., and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and report directly to Harvey Industries CEO Jerome Harvey.

Most recently, Levin was vice-president of global brake operations at Affinia, Inc. Previously, he held the position of general manager at RBC Precision Products, vicepresident of manufacturing operations at Federal-Mogul, general manager at Hayes

Lemmerz International and plant manager at Outboard Marine Corp.

Mr. Levin is a graduate of Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Lake Forest,

"Rick brings with him a wealth of experience and technical expertise. He makes a great addition to our management team, and will contribute to the continued growth of our company," Harvey said.

Harvey Industries, LLC is a leading provider of highquality aluminum castings, machining, assembly, and polymer injection molding. Harvey Industries is headquartered in Livonia and operates out of four plants strategically located in Wabash, Ind., Westland, Aiken, S.C., and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

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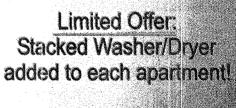
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Way to Rock

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team, coached by Jill Wehrheim, Lisa Walker and Jenny Troost, recently competed at the Great Lakes Cheer Championships Rock N' Rec Competition held at Romeo High School. The Stars placed first in the Pom, Jazz and Hip-hop categories and won the Rock N' Rec Dance Grand Championship. Showing off their awards are Jenna Scarpace (back row, from left), Tarren Williams, Destiny Perez, Melisande Parrott, Kennedy Taylor, Sydney Buehler Kayla Powell (front row, from left), Ryanne Hamil, Megan Stiltner, Alyssa Johnson, Olivia Kiezsowski. Not pictured are Osasu Otote, Uyi Otote and Jane Awoh.

AROUND WESTLAND

Open House

St. Damian School in Westland will hold an open house for prospective students 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12. St. Damian's offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

The school is at 29891 Joy, east of Merriman, Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-1680 or go online to www. stdamian.com.

Drive One 4UR School

You can help North Brothers Ford help raise \$7,500 for John Glenn High School, and it's as easy as a test drive. North Brothers Ford in Westland in bringing Drive One 4 UR School to John Glenn High School. Members of the Westiand area community will have the opportunity to raise money for the Westland John Glenn High School Community Launch by test-driving a Ford vehicle.

For every person who test-drives a Ford Explorer, Focus, Fiesta, Edge, F-150 or other available vehicles at the Saturday, May 7, event, Ford Motor Company and North Brothers Ford will donate \$25 to John Glenn. Each test-drive will last approximately 7-10 minutes. Participants must be 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. There will be a limit of one test-drive per household.

The test drives will take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marque west of Wayne Road, Westland.

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.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Silent Auction

Personalized Hearing Care is hosting a silent auction for two pairs of hearing aids to benefit Life Remodeled. Available to the highest bidder is an entry level set of hearing aids, valued premium hearing aids, valued at signing her book, Learn About \$6,600.

Each set of hearing aids will be programmed to the individual hearing needs of the winning party at no charge. Reserve minimums will apply for each set of hearing aids. Bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. Friday, May 6. The winners will be notified by phone and in the event of a tie, will submit their best and final offer upon notification. Bids can be made the Westland office, 35337 W. Warren Road, (734) 734-467-5100 or (734) 751-9709, or the South Lyon office at 321 Pettibone, Suite 105, (248) 437-5505.

Used Book Sale

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

(CDBG)

In accordance with HUD requirements, the Cities of Westland,

Livonia, Redford Township will jointly prepare an Analysis of

Impediments to Fair Housing. The communities will conduct a

joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at

the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington

Road, Livonia, 48150. The purpose of this public hearing is to

obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the Analysis to Impediments. The public hearing

will feature data for population and housing characteristics, fair

housing considerations, impediments and fair housing strategies

The Analysis of Impediments is required receive CDBG funds. To

assist in the analysis, citizens and other interested persons are

invited to complete a Fair Housing Survey, found on the City of

Westland website at www.cityofwestland.com, under Choose

Written comments regarding the draft Analysis to Impediments

should be sent to the City of Westland, Department of Housing and

Community Development, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186.

Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are

available for review at the Housing and Community Development

Department during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing and Community

Development Department at (734) 595.0288 ext. 3711.

Service/Community Development Survey.

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library will hold a used book sale Friday-Sunday, May 13-15, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Hardcover books, DVDs and CDs will sell for \$1, large paper-

backs for 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records for 25 cents, magazines and small paperback romance books for 10 cents. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday there will be a \$4 Bag Dale Sale noon-3 p.m.

There also will be a preview sale 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, for Friends members. You can become a Friend at the preview

Proceeds from the book sale help the Friends are now paying for all programs that are held at the library.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Book signings

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan uon, win be Butterflies in the Garden, at three events in May and June in the Wayne-Westland area.

Dziedzic will sign books 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland; 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Michigan State University Extension Wayne Satellite, 5454 Venoy, south of Michigan Avenue, Wayne, and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, at Maplewood, Westland.

Want to have butterflies in your garden? Want to learn about the plants that will attract them? Learn About Butterflies in the Garden will help people find the plants they need to

attract those winged beauties to their yards as well as learn about the fascinating life cycles of some of butterflies.

The book can be ordered online at www. ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

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

the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Donations only.

Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by email at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.

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

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

Healing Hearts

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. est of Wayne Road, Westland.

For more information, contact 50 Plus: 7 p.m. May 5

Singles skate



NOTICE OF ADOPTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #11-006

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ANIMALS ORDINANCE **CHAPTER 90 - TITLE IX**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 90.01 THROUGH 90.42 OF CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY; PROVIDING FOR SALE OF ANIMALS, CRUELTY AND NEGLECT OF ANIMALS AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND/OR CATS, COLLAR AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE, LOUD BARKING AND RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF QUARANTINE, DISPOSAL AND MUZZLING OF DOGS OR CATS UNDER QUARANTINE; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A POUND, IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, RELEASE OF ANIMALS, LENGTH OF TIME ANIMALS HELD, OBSERVATION FOLLOWING BITES AND CONFINEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SANITATION AND HEALTH HAZARD; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS, DESTRUCTION AND COURT ORDER; PROVIDING FOR LICENSE FOR KENNELS AND REQUIREMENT OF DOG TAGS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

For the complete adopted ordinance, you may refer to the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2011 on www.gardencitymi.org, also available at the Garden City Clerks Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI. 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS Treasurer - City Clerk

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May is good time to learn about arthritis

May is National Arthritis Awareness month. Arthritis is characterized by painful swelling and stiffness of the joints. The areas commonly affected are knees, ankles, hands and backs. More than 100 types of arthritis exist, including the frequently diagnosed osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis have different causes. While osteoarthritis results from general wear and tear on a person's joints due to old age or injury, rheumatoid arthritis is caused when the body's immune system attacks the

Most people associate arthritis with old age, but according to the Arthritis Foundation, roughly 294,000 people under the age of 18 suffer from it. Most young people have a form of arthritis called Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Medication, surgery, physical therapy, diet and exercise are used to effectively treat the symptoms of arthritis. It is important for those afflicted with the disease to stay active, and physical therapy is a healthy way to strengthen joints while not overtaxing them.

The Public Library of Westland owns several books on arthritis, such as "Strong Women and Men Beat Arthritis" by Miriam E. Nelson or "The Everything Health Guide to Arthritis" by Carol Eustice.

Suffering from arthritis and want to learn more? Visit the Arthritis Foundation's website at www. arthritis.org or contact your local chapter at 1050 Wilshire Drive, Suite 302, Troy, or call toll free (800) 968-3030 to get more information about resources available for you.

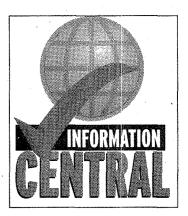
Don't forget to circle your calendar on May 14 so you can participate in the local 2011 Arthritis Walk at the Detroit Zoo.

The Library also carries the magazine, Arthritis Today. For more information, please visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search the online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org at

any time. **Highlighted Activities**

Self-Defense for Seniors Ages Learn simple, effective tech-

niques to keep yourself safe. Sensei Oscar Silvera from Silverado Karate in Westland leads the class with more than 25 years of martial arts experience. Designed especially for the older among us. Please wear loose clothing. Sign up at the



Reference Desk or call ('734) 326-

Denver Brubaker and Free Comic Book Day: 1 p.m. May 7, Teens

Meet Denver Brubaker, author of the comic "Tales of a Checkered Man." Understand more about starting a webcomic, and find out what inspired Denver to create "The Checkered Man." All teens who attend can pick up a free comic at the Reference Desk courtesy of A-Z Cards & Comics in Garden City, for Free Comic Book Day. Comics available while supplies last. Spend time afterward in the Teen Area drawing your own comic book pages. Sign up online by calling (734) 326-6123.

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

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the **Library:** 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by young adult librarian Liz Waun. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

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Request for Qualifications

Sealed qualifications will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before May 19, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

The City's Professional Building Department Services -Inspections, Enforcement, Plan Review, Rental Inspection Program, Zoning Ordinance and Home Certification

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at www.cityofwestland.com or from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204. Qualifications must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

Bill Gabriel Controller

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #A11-016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2011, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN GARDEN CITY PARK TO PUT ME IN COACH BATTING CAGE AND TRAINING CENTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.02 (7) OF THE GARDEN CITY CHARTER.

For the complete adopted ordinance, you may refer to the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2011 on www.gardencitymi.org, also available at the Garden City Clerks Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135.

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OUR VIEWS

Rest easier Bin Laden's death means sacrifices weren't in vain

Our area has suffered its share of loss in the nearly 10 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks leveled the Twin Towers and steeled a nation's resolve.

Now that the orchestrator of that vicious attack on the American psyche, Osama Bin Laden, has been killed by U.S. military forces, their brethren — Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton, Marine Cpl. David Smith of Garden City, Army Pvt. Joseph Blake of Livonia, Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess of Canton, Army National Guardsman 1st Class Matthew Hilton of Livonia, Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett of Canton and Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro — can finally, and truly, rest \bar{i} n peace.



Blumberg



Burgess

Hilton

Turbett

For what has been a very long 10 years, Americans have waited, wished and prayed for the announcement that came late Sunday night. U.S. forces, acting on a tip provided last August and using a perseverance born on 9/11, raided a

Pakistani compound and engaged Bin Laden and his supporters in a brief firefight that resulted in Bin Laden's death. They took custody of the body, and DNA confirmed Bin Laden's identity.

The forces did it for their country, continuing a service that should make us all proud. And

they were doing it for those who died trying to do it before them. It's worth remembering why and how our local soldiers gave that ultimate sacrifice:

• Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess of Canton died Nov. 9, 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar

· Army Pvt. Joseph R. Blake of Livonia died Aug. 17, 2006, from injuries sustained while on active duty in Afghanistan when his platoon encountered enemy forces small arms fire in Turkalay, Afghanistan.

· Sqt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton died Sept. 14, 2004, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days ear-

• Marine Cpl. David W. Smith of Garden City died Dec. 11, 2005, during a training accident in Mount Fuji, Japan.

 Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Hilton of Livonia died June 26, 2008, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan,

 Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett of Canton died Feb. 13, 2010, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

• Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro, 19, of South Lyon died April 23 while serving in Afghanistan. He was killed by a roadside bomb.

As you can see, some of them died within days of being sent overseas, while others died just before they were supposed to come home safe. Some were a little older, and some were very, very young. We can never do enough to thank them — and their families — for their sacrifice.

What we can do is hold the memory of their willingness to die for that which they believed, and an appreciation of the sacrifice they made, in our hearts. In the aftermath of the death of the terrorist Bin Laden, we can sleep better and feel better to know one immutable fact.

Their sacrifice was not in vain.

LETTERS

Let's try democracy

The looming threat of "Appointed Financial Advisers," absolute authority to void all of the institutions and conventions of democratic government may be in for a test. Some of our fellow citizens who were paying attention in their civics classes have managed to acquire legal status for the circulation of petitions which, if accepted, will allow a recall election of the governor.

Now, signing one of these petitions does not mean you want to recall the governor, but it does mean you are respectful of and willing to allow the regular and legal process of democratic government to proceed so that those of our fellow citizens who have now seen what the governor has in mind for us can respond to his plans.

He managed to get elected without telling in detail what he was planning to do to those governmental and educational organizations which did not measure up to his expectations, and now that we are seeing him in action, some of us are not too sure about his plan for our future. After all, we have a long history of electing our school boards, city, county and township governments, and keeping control of these local institutions in the locale where they reside. For those of us who were paying attention in civics class having an appointed person we don't know and did not elect running our town or school smells like some other form of government we do not celebrate on July 4.

James Cook

AAUW prom dress thanks

The Plymouth/Canton Branch of AAUW would like to thank the many generous residents and friends who donated to our prom/party dress

We had an excellent selection of dresses and the girls were very excited over the variety and quality. Many parents stated how glad they were that people donated and how much this event helped them stay within their budget.

Thanks also to the Observer for their article on this event and publishing our request for donations. We could not have accomplished our goal without community support.

Membership chair Plymouth/Canton AAUW

Congressman, where are you?

Congressman McCotter voted to abolish Medicare and replace it with vouchers.

Congress has been out for the past two weeks so they could hold Town Hall Meetings with their constituents. After calling the congressman's three offices, I was informed that he had no such meetings planned. Changing how our elderly are cared for is a pretty big deal. It certainly is deserving of "an adult conversation." If you are proud of your vote then meet with us to explain yourself. Who are you representing?

Terry Cannon

Adult conversation needed

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter voted



The sacrifice made by Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett, killed in action in Afghanistan in February 2010, was one of thousands made in the war on terror, which was dealt a blow Sunday with the announcement U.S. forces killed Osama Bin Laden.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Read or comment online: www.hometownlife.com

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

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

with the majority of Republican representatives in favor of the budget plan presented by Congressman Ryan of Wisconsin, This legislation will eliminate the Medicare program that many citizens depend on for medical care. The program was passed decades ago because elderly people were unable to purchase health insurance in the private market. The Ryan plan provides a voucher system that is clearly inadequate. The bill offers no incentive for private insurers to write policies for older citizens who are most at risk. The budget plan leaves the elderly at the mercy of the private insurers who have not demonstrated that they can provide the elderly with affordable, quality coverage.

The bill supported by Mr. McCotter also guts the Medicaid program that helps indigent citizens deal with health care problems. It is amazing that Congress would leave our poorest citizens with no where to turn when they become ill. The bill supported by Rep.

McCotter also provides a tax cut for our wealthiest citizens of more than 20 percent. This follows the Bush era tax cuts that went mostly to the wealthy and drove our nation to the brink of bankruptcy.

The Ryan bill presents these and other questions that need to be addressed. I hope that Mr. McCotter will make himself available in some public forum where he can explain his vote for this bill.

> **Dave Schneider** Livonia

Oil companies' subsidies

While gassing up my car this, it is difficult not to notice prices over \$4 a gallon. This after the oil companies extorted their best profits this quarter ever. Exxon/Mobil had profits, again just for a quarter of this year, at \$10.6 billion for a 69 percent increase over last year. Shell made \$6.3 billion for this same period a 30 percent over last year, \$3 billion for Conaco Phillips which is an increase of 44 percent. Gulf Coast destroyer, BP still made \$7.1 billion, an increase of 16 percent over last year. The five largest oil companies reaped over \$1 trillion in profits for the last 10 years.

Before you justify as just smart businessmen, we provide the oil companies with \$4 billion of our tax dollars each year in subsidies. Yes, you and I pay the oil companies \$4 billion in our tax dollars each year.

Why do we permit this extortion? The U.S. House Republicans voted all again repeal of this corporate welfare. This was done at the same time social programs were slashed in the name of fiscal responsibility.

The GOP is little more than a subsidiary of the oil companies. Others have identified the GOP as Gas, Oil and Pollution party.

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Let's keep remaining Canadian trash out of Michigan

BY SEN. DEBBIE STABENOW **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Michigan residents Jim Smith of Davison and Bonnie Bare of Clio are tired of seeing, hearing, and smelling the Canadian trash trucks that are still coming down I-69 from the Blue Water



Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Bridge to the Brent Run Landfill in Montrose. They both share the view of so many people across our state that we don't want Canadian

trash in Michigan. In 2006, Sen. Carl Levin and I secured a groundbreaking agreement with Ontario officials to stop, by

the end of last year, 1.5 million tons of Ontario's city trash from entering Michigan. This agreement was a success, slamming the brakes on more than 40,000 truckloads of garbage that were being picked up by city trash trucks in Canada.

While our agreement was an important victory, the fight to keep trash out of Michigan is not over. Commercial and industrial trash, which is not picked up by city garbage trucks, is still coming into Michigan.

The root of the Canadian trash problem is simple economics. Canadian companies dump their trash in Michigan because it's cheap. For example, Wisconsin charges \$12.99 per ton of trash and Illinois charges \$2; Michigan charges only 21 cents. While the state needs to address its trash policies and charges, I am doing everything I can at the federal level.

That is why I introduced the Stop Canadian Trash Act, to help change the economics. Currently, international trash trucks only pay \$5 toward inspection fees. My bill would give U.S. Customs and Border Protection the resources to inspect every single Canadian trash truck coming into Michigan, and it would make the trash companies pay \$500 per truck to cover these additional costs. That will fundamentally change the financial incentive that makes it cheaper for Canadian companies to ship their trash to Michigan instead of dumping it in their own landfills.

This is a safety issue as well.

Right now, beyond a drive-through radiation detector, only 1 percent of all trucks are randomly screened by Customs. That means nearly all trucks passing through the border avoid

thorough inspection.

Trash trucks are filled with all kinds of things, making it easy to smuggle dangerous goods across the border. A report from the Department of Homeland Security found that because so few trucks are thoroughly inspected, dangerous materials can be carried across the border undetected. In one case, a truck driver was caught trying to smuggle nearly 2,000 pounds of marijuana in the back of a trash truck.

If Customs is catching this kind of illegal activity among the 1 percent of trash trucks inspected, imagine what's coming through in the other 99 percent!

My bill would not only change a financial incentive that makes it attractive to dump trash in Michigan, but it would also stop trash trucks from bringing dangerous and illegal materials into our state.

We are the Great Lakes State, not the Great Waste State. I will continue fighting until all Canadian trash has stopped coming to Michigan.

Debbie Stabenow represents the state of Michigan in the U.S. Senate. A Democrat, she has held the position since 2000.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Estimating voter turnout

I wish they wouldn't print such statements. I think a lot of voters figure why bother after reading statements of this kind. Lets hope I'm wrong and I'm sure Eileen hopes shes wrong as well. Every election is important and this one is even more so. This is a chance to change the status quo and make a difference. It what has happened in the past. If every registered voter voted, there could be a completely different out come, so get out and vote

I totally agree with you. When someone makes statement like that, it puts into our minds of 'why bother, I am not making a difference'. But we do make a difference. Every single person has the chance to be heard. VOTE VOTE VOTE.

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Some 9,000 enthusiastic crafters are expected to attend the Great Lakes Mega Meet, a popular scrapbooking event, at the Suburban Collection Showplace Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7.

Mega Meet caters to area's scrappers

You may have seen the Tshirt that warns, "Runs with

However, the people coming soon to Novi don't run with just scissors, they also wield trimmers, wire cutters, and swivel blade knives. Some even employ guillotines. And they mean business - business for on-site vendors - many Michiganbased - as well as local hotels and restaurants.

They're coming to attend the Great Lakes Mega Meet, a popular scrapbooking event held at the Suburban Collection Showplace over Mother's Day weekend.

"This is an industry that went from \$200 million in total sales in 1996 to over \$2.5 billion less than 10 years later," said Kate Griswold, owner and organizer of the GLMM. "It's clear that scrapbooking is a hobby that has found a permanent place in households in Michigan as

well as all over the country. The goal of the GLMM is to provide scrappers with money and time-saving techniques and products in one convenient and exciting weekend."

About 9,000 enthusiastic crafters will be descending upon Novi to attend the annual event today through Saturday, May 5-7. The event provides scrappers with a weekend of scrapbooking ideas, products, hands-on classes and Make-It Take-It opportunities.

Participants will have the opportunity to browse 85 vendor booths, and sit down to work on projects in the. open crop area. Professionals from popular companies that will be there include as Quick Quotes, SEI and Embellish It! This year, designer Jenni Bowlin will be on hand to teach scrappers new designs and techniques.

"Scrappers throughout Michigan have come to know

and love the Great Lakes Mega Meet," Griswold said. "There is the opportunity to see, touch, and try so many new things. To have so many classes available in one place at one time is something guests don't often get to experience anywhere else."

Late-night crops will be held Thursday and Friday. Crops provide scrappers with large work spaces and a friendly environment. Page and table contests keep things entertaining and fun throughout the evening. Guests are urged to reserve a spot at the crop early, as the events tend to sell out.

Class schedule, registration, ticket purchasing and discount packages are available at the event website at www.megameet.com. Friend Mega Meet on Facebook or follow them on Twitter @ MegaMeet for the latest information about classes, registration and events.

Court rules MERS-initiated foreclosures are improper

The foreclosures of thousands of homes across Wayne County and Michigan may have been done improperly, according to Bernard J. Youngblood, the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

Youngblood said that a recent decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals, which reversed the foreclosures of a home in Kent County and one in Jackson County, could have broad implications on certain homeowners who are currently in foreclosure.

In an opinion released on April 21, the court ruled that the two foreclosures were invalid because the wrong party - the Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) - initiated the foreclosure process instead of the actual mortgage lender.

"According to Michigan state Law, an entity must have an interest in a property to initiate a foreclosure," Youngblood said. "MERS is a computer system, and the Court of Appeals ruled it cannot foreclose."

MERS is a creation of the lending industry and allows banks and other financial institutions to avoid paying recording fees when titles to mortgages are transferred. Mortgages are sold several times throughout the life of a loan, Youngblood said.

According to Wayne County's records, MERS has initiated 50 foreclosures on Wayne County homes within the last six months and nearly 15,000 Wayne County properties under MERS have been foreclosed within the last five years.

"People have 180 days to redeem their properties, if they have been foreclosed on," Youngblood said. "I would advise people who have been in foreclosure proceedings with MERS to consult with an attorney who can review their file. There may be an opportunity to reverse or delay a foreclosure."

Another concern that he

has with MERS is the drain it puts on county budgets across Michigan. Allowing banks and lenders to avoid paying the recording fees takes away significant revenue from every Register of Deeds office in the state, Youngblood said.

Furthermore, Wayne County records reflect that of the 303,000 mortgages recorded within the last six years, 134,000 mortgages

have been filed under MERS. The MERS system is under scrutiny across the country as it restricts the cash flow of county offices during these harsh economically burdened times. In addition, the system obscures the identity of a lenders true interest in "the official chain of title" at the Register of Deeds office, making negotiations difficult when borrowers need to

reach out for refinancing.



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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** May 23, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on May 23, 2011 at 6:53 p.m. regarding the

> CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC RESOLUTION (#2) OF NECESSITY Maplewood - Phase III (2011)

WHEREAS.

a report has been received from the City Manager on reconstructing Maplewood, from Merriman to Hubbard, and Hubbard, from Maplewood to Parklane,

WHEREAS,

the City Council wishes to hear the views of property owners in the proposed district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for Monday, May 23, 2011, at 6:55p.m., in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 to solicit public comments on the necessity of paving Maplewood, from Merriman to Hubbard, and Hubbard, from Maplewood

Parklane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.04(A).

Resolution: Adopted:

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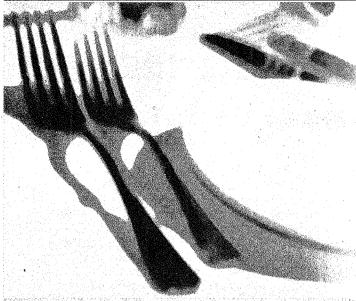


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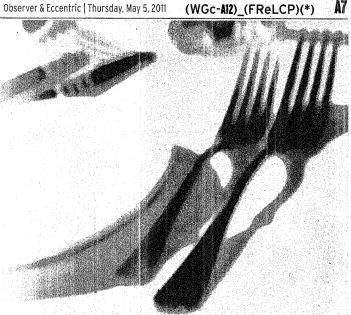
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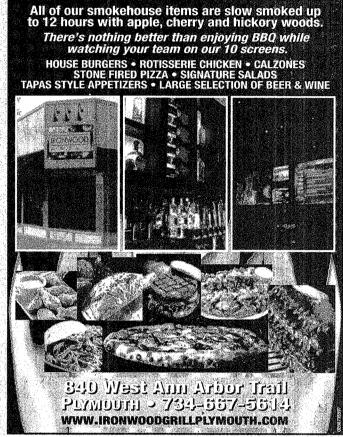
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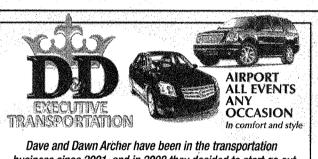
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business since 2001, and in 2008 they decided to start go out on their own by starting D & D Executive Transportation. This family owned and operated business based in Canton, started with only one vehicle and the owners as the only employees, and has steadily grown.

Starting as a very small operation allowed D & D to build a loyal customer base by providing excellent personal service at a reasonable price. Each year, D & D has added at least one vehicle, and the staff now includes Dave and Dawn's son, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law to name a few.

To this day, D & D Executive Transportation brings that original idea of excellent service at a reasonable price, and also has begun adding other ways to serve you. The facebook page and website are regularly being updated, and they are always trying to make them more enjoyable for you.

D & D is always looking for partner websites, so that their clients are able to find other services that could be useful to them. They are planning to continue to build the ad campaign, as well as expanding their fleet so that they can serve you all the better. The staff of D & D Executive Transportation encourages you to visit them online, on facebook, or to call them to find out more about the company.

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Area teams look to dethrone CC at Observerland

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

According to veteran Canton boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, Saturday's Observerland relays event is about as good as it gets.

"This is my favorite meet of the year, along with regionals and the (KLAA) conference meet," Richardson said about the 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. "It's great, it's a twilight meet. The running events don't start until 7 p.m. and usually the place is packed.

"It's under the lights. It's not hard to get pumped up for that

Canton will be one of the favored teams at the Salemhosted event, slated for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Field events will begin at 2 p.m., with prelims (6:30 p.m.) and finals (7 p.m.) to follow.

Defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central figures to be at or near the top of the leader board again this year after finishing 53 points ahead of runners-up Farmington and Plymouth in the 2010 event held at Farmington High School.

The Falcons again should be in the mix, along with Farmington Hills Harrison and Livonia Stevenson.

"As usual, there are a number

of teams that can compete for the Observerland title," said Scott Shaw, head coach for the Spartans. "There are a number of schools that are strong in certain areas and maybe not as strong in others because of

Both Richardson and Shaw stressed that teams that can secure third- through sixthplace points will have an excellent chance to be there at the end.

"You've got to score in lots and lots of events," Richardson said. "If you get blanked somewhere, it (Observerland title) probably won't happen.

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

What: 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

When: Saturday, May 7. Field events begin at 2 p.m.. Prelims for the 100-meter dash and 110 hurdles begin at 6:30 p.m. Finals start at 7 p.m.

Where: Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road (just south of Joy Road).

Competing schools: Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Clarenceville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison;

Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran High Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union, Salem (host), Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn. Open events: 110 hurdles, 1,600 run; 100 dash.

Relay events: shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, 6,400 relay (4 x 1,600); distance medley, 800, 3,200,

SIDELINES

New MU spiker

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing Tuesday of Fruitport's Samantha Geile, a member of the Trojans' 2010 Class B state championship team.

"Samantha is a very talented all-around volleyball player with the ability to terminate the attack from any position at the net," Abraham said. "She plays with great intensity and determination to win."

Geile was named first-team All-Lakes 8 Conference. She also made All-Area, All-Regional and first-team All-State honors.

Geile posted 23 kills in the state championship win over North Branch.

Geile becomes the sixth member of this recruiting class joining Cassie Castro (Saline), Roxy Duzey (Sterling Heights), Taylor Dziewit (Almont/St. Clair County Community College), Amanda Obrycki (Allen Park Cabrini) and Kayla Vogel (Hastings).

"She always seems to perform her best with the game is on the line and in pressure situations," Abraham said. "This newest Crusader has the skills, work ethic and ability to compete immediately for playing time this fall. Our fans are going to enjoy watching this newest addition to the Madonna volleyball family."

Blazers rout Irish Senior Alexa Burns had five goals and five assists in Livonia Ladywood's convincing 16-2 girls lacrosse win Tuesday at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Junior Alyssa Daly added two goals and two assists, while senior Niki Jacobs and junior Emma Ellswood each contributed two goals and one assist in the victory.

Senior Lauren Perugi made eight saves as the Blazers improved to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the Catholic League.

Alex Kiers and Alicia Curmi tallied the lone goals for the Irish. who fall to 0-4 in the league. Goalie Gabi Okoniewski made 17

Glenn golf outing

The Westland John Glenn Football golf outing, featuring a chance to win a car with a holein-one, will be Saturday, May 7, at Hickory Creek Golf Course. located at 3625 Napier, Ypsilanti (just north of Ford Road).

Check-in for the four-person scramble is 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (includes 18 holes with cart, hot dog, chips and pop at the turn).

There will also be a 50-50 raffle, closest-to-the-pin and longest drive contests, along with \$1,000 in other prizes.

For more information, call Steve Waller at (734) 341-1590 or e-mail wallers@wwcsd.net.

Karate tourney

The Michigan Karate Tournament, hosted by the Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan, will be Sunday, May 15, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Wetland. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Admission fees are \$5 (adults 15 and older) and \$3 (seniors 65 and up and youths 5-14), Children 4 and under will be admitted free.

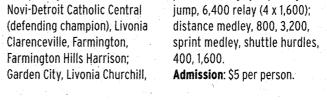
For more information, visit www.karatemi.com or call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

WYAA opening day

Opening day ceremonies and baseball games for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Marshall Upper Elementary

The WYAA will honor members of the 2000 Bronco (11-12) state championship team.

Players and coaches from that Bronco team are asked to call Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269 or (734) 722-1251. You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640.



Off to a Blazing start (16-0)

Ladywood rules Michigan Stars tournament

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forty-eight girls softball teams started the Michigan Stars Classic last Saturday at Bicentennial Park in Swartz Creek.

And by Sunday the last team standing was Livonia Ladywood, which captured the coveted crown with a 6-0 victory over Macomb Dakota for its 16th straight victory this season without loss.

"We won the Stars two years ago and last year we were 3-0, but we were disappointed because it got rained out and we couldn't finish it," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. Its one neckuva tournament because it's difficult to win six straight. It's the best-of-the-best and it's a good test back-to-back days. It's something we always look forward to.'

During the Stars Classic, Ladywood outscored its opponents by a combined 56-8. The Blazers' top seven hitters in the batter order hit a combined .586 led by Carli SanMillan's 13-for-15 plate

effort.

In the championship final, Jenny Rohn and Brittany DeCamilo combined for four of Ladywood's 12 hits. Kristen Eisterhold added an RBI triple.

Junior right-hander Briana Combs, who won all six games, pitched a one-hitter and struck out five.

The Blazers reached the final with a 9-0 victory over. Garden City in a game that was halted after two innings when Cougars' center fielder Cassie Ford was injured taken off the field via ambulance after crashing into a pole.

SanMillan homered in the win, while Combs allowed two

Ladywood's most difficult test came in the quarterfinals as it squeezed past North Farmington in nine innings,

Playing under the international tiebreaker rule, Nicole Payne scored the game-winning run on a North infield error.

SanMillan collected three

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Howe's No. 700 awaits

Ladywood infielder Carli SanMillan (11) went 13-for-15 at the plate during the unbeaten Blazers' 6-0 run to the

Livonia couple plan to donate puck to Hall of Fame

Michigan Stars Classic title last weekend in Swartz Creek.

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When longtime Livonia resident Allen Moore became the executor of his uncle and aunt's estate 10 years ago, he inherited one of hockey's prized possessions.

There are pucks, and then there is the puck which Gordie Howe scored his 700th National Hockey League goal on Dec. 4, 1968, against the Pittsburgh Penguins at the old Olympia Stadium.

Howe presented the puck to longtime season ticket holders John and Mary Barnes, who Mr. Hockey had forged a relationship with over the years.

John Barnes, a diabetic, had lost his eyesight when Howe surprised he and his wife the historic puck. He eventually died in 1991 and his wife died in 1998.

"My uncle and aunt purchased season tickets to the Red Wings in 1935 and had two front row seats in the promenade area at Olympia Stadium and later at Joe Louis Arena," said Moore, a



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia residents Allen and Janet Moore hold the puck used by Gordie Howe to score his historic 700th goal way back in 1968.

retired accountant from Ford near the boards where we Motor Credit. "They kept their season tickets for more than 50 years although other family members used the seats in later years.

"Over the years, John and Mary struck up friendships with many of the players including Gordie, Sid Abel, Terry Sawchuk and others. My first recollection of attending a game with them was when I was about 6 or 7 (around 1945-46) when I sat on my uncle's lap and when the players stopped sharply

sat. We were sprayed by ice shavings since there was a kind of thick chicken wire (as opposed to glass) protecting the spectators."

In 1999, Moore was verbally advised by a Chicagobased sports memorabilia dealer that the puck was worth somewhere between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The puck, made by Converse, has the signatures of 21 Red Wing players on a silver band, including Sawchuk's, the Hall of Fame goaltender.



The band circling the puck tells the story about Gordie Howe's 700th goal scored during the 1968 NHL season.

"And he didn't sign too many things," Moore said.

The stick Howe used to score his 700th is already in the Hall of Fame, so according to Moore, it's only natural that the well-preserved puck, mounted on a small trophy holder, should accompany it.

"I'm not interested in selling it for money," Moore said. "It's a memorial to my aunt and uncle. To that end, I've been working out the details with Craig Campbell, aka keeper of the Stanley Cup. He said the puck is beautiful. We've been working on it five or six years. The paperwork has gone back and forth and it's been a lot of fun for me."

Allen Moore's wife Janet, a part-time legal assistant for a Farmington Hills law firm that specializes in estate planning and taxation, also has been a part of family

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D-2 champ Marian ties Ladywood

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood was a precious four seconds away from pulling off a signature win Tuesday for its girls soccer program.

But the Blazers had to settle for a 3-3 draw with defending Division 2 state champion **GIRLS SOCCER**

and topranked

Birmingham Marian thanks to Martha Stevens' last-second goal off a restart following a handball call at the top of the box.

The perfectly placed shot gives the Marlins a 7-1-1 overall record and a 6-0-1 mark in the Catholic League.

Ladywood, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, is 8-1-4 overall and 3-1-3 in the league.

"I have been waiting all year for us to play the way we did today," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team fell to the Mustangs four times last season and once this year (3-0 on March 30). "It would have been

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

CHARGER INVITATIONAL 2. Jordan Bickham (LF), 17-11.5; 3. Stefon BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET RESULTS Anril 30 at Dearborn Hts. Crestwood TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Dearborn, 112; 2. Berkley, 61.5; 3. Redford Union, 53; 4. Southgate Anderson, 40.5; 5. Redford Thurston, 39.3; 6. Dearborn Heights Dupraw (WJG), 9-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Maxwell (WJG),

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Crestwood, 26; 7. Dearborn Fordson, 10.5; 8. Garden City, 9; 9. Wayne Memorial, 3. Wayne 6ths: Daniel Malcolm, 1,600-TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 72.8 points; 2. Romulus, 70.5; 3. Lutheran High Westland

49.5; 4. Trenton, 49; 5. South Lyon East, 22; 6. Detroit Chandler Park, 18; 7. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 12; 8. Detroit Christo Lutheran Westland 1sts: Zach Musial,

110-meter hurdles (15.1); 2nds: Derrick Mozham, 100 dash (11.31); 3rds: Micah Kempf, 110 hurdles (15.77); 4ths: Jake

Kempf, 110 hurdles (15.77); 4ths: Jake Fairbairn, 300 hurdles (42.98); Musial, long jump (20 feet); 5ths: Dawson Davenport, shot put (42-11); Mozham, 200 (23.56); 6ths: Davenport, 105-2; 800 relay (1:38.45).

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL. April 30 at West Bloomfield
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 49 points; 2. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 48; 3. Auburn Hills Avondale, 43; 4. Walled Lake Central, 41.5; 5. Lake Orion, 36; 6. West Bloomfield, 33.5; 7. Farmington, 33; 9. Pinckney, 32; 9. Milford, 27; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 24: 11. Pontiac, 22; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 24; 11. Pontiac, 22; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, 19; 13. Walled Lake Northern, 19; 14. Southfield, 14; 15. Waterford Mott, 12; 16. Southfield Christian, 11; 17. Birmingham Brother Rice, 0; 18. Northville, 8; 19. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm, Waterford Kettering and Madison Heights Madison, 2

Stevenson 1sts: 3,200-meter relay (Adam Chludzinski, Joe Urso, Zaid Shareef, Matt Williams), 8:02.6; 3rds: 800 relay (1:32.4); 4ths: Jon Aneed, shot put (49-4.25). DUAL MEET RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 54 May 3 at John Glenn Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 50 feet, 11 inches; 2. Jay Woolfork (LF), 49-0.5; 3. Alex Forde (LF), 38-11.5.

Discus: 1. Woolfork (LF), 119-4; 2. Clay (LF), 117-7; 3. Forde (LF), 103-10.

High jump: 1. Deonte Austin (WJG), 5-8; 2.

Keily Maxweli (WJG) and Anthony Johnson (WJG), 5-6 each.

Long jump: 1. Brett Gutkowski (LF), 18-7:

CHARGER INVITATIONAL

TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1.

Southgate Anderson, 78.3; 2. Berkley, 44; 3. Redford Thurston, 38; 4. Redford

Crestwood, 10.3.

Union, 31.5; 5. Wayne Memorial, 20; 6. Dearborn Fordson, 11.3; 7. Dearborn Heights

Wayne 2nds: 400-meter relay (52.79);

3rds: Meah Long, 200 (27.22); **4ths:** Robbins, 400 (1:05.19); **6ths:** Tania Lewis, 100 hurdles (18.31); **8ths:** Bailey Hart, shot

t (29 feet, 10 inches).
TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1.

Dearborn Divine Child, 193 points; 2. South Lyon East, 58; 3. Trenton, 56.5; 4. Detroit Christo Rey, 30; 5. Lutheran High Westland,

24: 6: Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 17: 7. (tie)

Detroit Chandler Park and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 13 each.

Lutheran Westland 4ths: Jess Rice, 1,600 (6:01.67); 5ths: Alissa Flury, pole vault (6-6); 300 hurdles (54.1); 7ths: Erin Hardin,

April 30 at West Bloomfield
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Waterford Mott, 64;
2. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 54; 3.
Pontiac, 52; 4. West Bloomfield, 41; 5. South,
37.7 (tip) bronis Physikil Birminghom

27: 7. (tie) Livonia Churchill. Birmingham

Seaholm and Northville, 26 each; 10. Rochester, 25; 11. Birmingham Groves, 24; 12.

Pinckney, 19; 13. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Milford, 18 each; 15. Bloomfield Hills Laher,

14; 16. Lake Orion, 12; 17. White Lake Lakeland,

Churchill 3rds: Lindsey Kruetzman, pole

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6: 18. Brownstown Woodhaven, 5: 19. Detroit

vault (8-6); 4ths: Senclair McDonnell, high

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL

Anthony (WJG), 17-3.5.

Pole vault: 1. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 12-0;

Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 10-0; 3. Quinn

15.33; 2. Tom Brokaw (LF), 16.4; 3. Chisholm 300 hurdles: 1. Rico Cole (WJG), 43.24; 2. Maxwell (WJG), 43.84; 3. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 44.6.

(LF), 44.6.

100 dash: 1. Anthony (WJG), 11.06; 2. Ryan Hurt (LF), 11.07; 3. Cole (WJG), 11.26.

200: 1. Woolfork (LF), 23.4; 2. Hurt (LF), 23.65; 3. Alex Perelli (LF), 24.22.

23.03, 3. AIEX PETEIN (LF), 24.22. 400: 1. Dane Foster (WJG), 53.69; 2. Hurt (LF), 54.2; 3. Gutowski (LF), 55.92. 800: 1. Bobby Wilson (LF), 2:11.15; 2. Dave Kopenen (LF), 2:11.4; 3. Gabe Edwards (LF),

1,600: 1. Austin Jones (LF), 4:47.53; 2. Edwards (LF), 4:58.36; 3. Ruben Maya (WJG),

3,200: 1. Jones (LF), 10:49.2; 2. Maya J6), 11:16.03; 3. Mike Witt (LF), 11:46.0. **400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Cole, Marcus Beeman, James Williams, Anthony), 45.63; 2. Franklin, 47.72; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Cole, Beeman, Melvin Langston, Anthony), 1:36.86; 2. Franklin, disqualified; **1.600** relay: 1. John Glenn (Foster, Carlo Tejada, Dionte Burns, Maxwell), 3:46.4; 2. Franklin, 3:48.97; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Danylos) (oponen, Crechiolo, Dave Koponen, Wilson),

Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South. LIVONIA STEVENSON 98 NORTHVILLE 39

May 3 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Jon Aneed (LS), 48 feet, 0.25 inches; 3. Danny Pocalujka, 39-4.5.
Discus: 1. Aneed (LS), 128-8; 3. Pocalujka

(LS), 96-11.

High jump: 2. Scott Brewer (LS), 5-9; 3.

Devin Kelly (LS), 5-7.

Long jump: 1. Angelo D'Orazio (LS), 19-7;
2. Nick Podulka (LS), 18-6.5;

Pole vault: 1. Ari Peppas (LS), 11-0;
110-meter hurdles: 2. Joe Mims (LS),
17.5; 3. Mike McDermott (LS), 18.02;
300 hurdles: 2. Mims (LS), 24.01; 3.

Jeremy Kozler (LS), 44.7.

100 dash: 1. Kenning Britchford (LS), 11.58; 2. Adam Duncan (LS), 12.02; 3. Ryan Lackey (LS), 12,29:

200: 1. Britchford (LS), 23,27; 2. Duncan (LS), 24.12; 3. Adam Wheeler (LS), 24.53.

400: 1. Pat Smith (LS), 52.31; 3. Matt Garon (LS), 55.18. **800:** 2. Matt Williams (LS), 1:59.0; 3. Zaid

areef (LS), 2:03.0.

1,600: 1. Adam Chludzinski (LS), 4:39.0; 2.
acob Colley (LS), 4:45.0;
3,200: 1. Joe Urso (LS), 10:13.0; 2.

ephen Fenech (LS), 10:14.0. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Duncan, Dylan Dunn, Lackey, Britchford), 45, 29; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Smith, Shareef, Williams, Britchford), 1:32.63; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Blerim Mema, Smith, Fenech, Ben Lambert,

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Northville, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central. CANTON 118 WAYNE MEMORIAL 19

May 3 at Canton Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 11 inches; 2. Barry Banks (WM), 42-1; 3. Marty

Brudzinski (C), 40-1. Discus: 1. Ben Poirier (C), 121-0; 2. Banks (WM), 112-0; 3. Brudzinski (C), 108-7. High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. (tie) Matt Schacht (C), 5-10; Zach Smilo (C),

Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-2.25; Smilo (C), 17-10; 3. Christian Phillips (WM),

Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C) 14-5.5 (school record); 2. Ryan Kilgore (C), 10-6; 3. Mitch Nickert (C), 9-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Spreitzer (C), 15.8 seconds; 2. Drake Hogan (C), 18.8; 3. Kevin Newborn (WM), 19.3.
300 hurdles: 1. Newborn (WM), 46.6; 2. Kurt Kowalski (C), 48.5; 3. Mitch Pepper (C), 48.6

48.6.

100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.3; 2. Kevin Buford (C), 11.7; 3. Demetre Lopez (C), 11.8.

200: 1. Colby Morris (C), 23.7; 2. Scott Piwowar (C), 24.6; 3. Lopez (C), 24.6.

400: 1. Buford (C), 53.0; 2. Schacht (C), 53.7; 3. Sapan Patel (C), 55.0.

800: 1. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:11.2; 2. Austin Colles (C), 232.6; 3. Weenen Syllivan (C)

Golles (C), 2:12.6; 3. Keegan Sullivan (C)

1,600: 1. Bradon Conley (C), 4:53.4; 2. Jeff Molchan (C), 4:54.3; 3. Daniel Malcolm 3.200: 1. Malcolm (WM), 10:55.9: 2. Zach

Cox (C), 11:09.9; 3. Evan Paputa (C), 12:11.1 400 relay: 1. Canton (Piwowar, Alaniva. Lopez, Jones), 46.9; 2. Wayne, 48.4; 800 relay: 1. Canton (Jones, Piwowar, Josh Nolen, Buford), 1:40.1; 2. Wayne, 1:41.2; **1,600** relay: 1. Canton (Krolicki, Golles, Tyler

Winningham, Sullivan), 3:51.6; 2. Wayne, 3:57.7; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton (Pepper, Owen Ash, Paputa, Jaraad Huq), 9:51.6; 2. Wayne,

Dual meet records: Canton, 6-0 overall, 4-0 in KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-4 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 88.5 PLYMOUTH 48.5 May 2 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Blake Padgett (LC), 49 feet, 3

inches; 2. Paulin Chateau (LC), 45-7; 3. Brian Bibik (LC), 42-7.

Discus: 1. Ryan Hall (LC), 137-9; 2. Chateau (LC), 130-7; 3. Jeremy Atkins (LC), High lump: 1. Matt Szuba (LC), 5-7; 2. Chad Evans (LC), 5-5; 3. (tie) Matt Windle (LC) and Billy Roberts (P), 5-0 each.

Long jump: 1. Carl Rayford (LC), 18-2.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 17-7.5; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), Pole vault: 1. Rayford (LC), 12-6; 2. Bihn

(P), 12-0; 3. Alex Ryktarszyk (LC), 11-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 16.7; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.8; 3. Szuba

300 hurdles: 1. Deykes (P), 43.1; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.6; 3. Kenzel Jefferson 100 dash: 1. Nate Motta (LC), 11.9; 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 11.95; 3. Stephen Bank

200: 1. Motta (LC), 24.7; 2. Andrew

McEwen (LC), 25.0; 3. M. Windle (LC), 25.9. 400: 1. Bunting (P), 54.27; 2. McEwen (LC), 55.6; 3. Patrick Tremel (LC), 57.5. 800: 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:04.8; 2. Stephen Balaze (P), 2:08.4; 3. Evan Johnson (P), 1,600: 1. Tom Windle (LC), 4:45.1; 2.

Stephen Charnley (LC), 4:47.4; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:49.9. **3,200:** 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:38.0; 2. T. Windle (LC), 10:39.0; 3. Derek Gielarowski

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Motta, Malik Johnson, Jahmon Maton, Banks), 48.2; 2. Plymouth, no time available; **800 relay:** 1.

Churchill (Motta, McEwen, Bank, M. Windle) 1:38.4; 2. Plymouth, 1:45.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Max Rogowski, Gielarowski, Balaze, Porcari), 3:42.9; 2. Churchill, 3:43.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Deykes, Bunting, Johnson, Roberts), 8:35.8; 2. Churchill, Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-2

overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division.

Glenn no-hit by East hurler

Westland John Glenn simply couldn't solve South Lyon East pitcher Luke Dmytro on Monday.

The left-hander threw a nohitter as the Cougars earned their first win

KLAA BASEBALL of the season with a 1-0 triumph over the host Rockets.

Dmytro went all seven innings, striking out six and walking four as East improved to 1-6 overall and 1-5 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Glenn starter Rob Schurig also went the distance, allowing six hits. He struck out nine and walked one in taking the East tallied its lone run in

the third inning when Pat Powers singled, stole second and scored on Steve Kopeck's double.

The loss drops Glenn to 5-8 overall and 0-4 in the KLAA's South Division.

FRANKLIN 5-12, WAYNE 3-11: Adam Michael's game-winning 2-run double in the bottom of the seventh capped a 6-run uprising in the nightcap Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (11-4, 4-3) completed a sweep of a double-header against visiting Wayne Memorial (4-7, 1-6).

Michael went 2-for-4 with two RBI in the KLAA South Division

Bobby Andrus (2-for-3, three RBI, two runs) and winning pitcher Joe Barczuk (2-for-3, RBI, two runs) also contributed to the win.

Wayne had taken an 11-6 lead in the top of the seventh on Kyle Casey's grand slam.

Thomas Briggs (2-for-5, three RBI) and Shane Kommer (2-for-4, RBI, two runs) also homered for Wayne in the third inning.

Thomas Briggs was the losing pitcher in relief of Chris Briggs, who worked the first six innings.

Barczuk got the win in relief for the Patriots. In the opener, Joel Trudell was

the start as he pitched a completegame 5-hitter in a 5-3 triumph. He struck out four, walked six and hit one batter. Trudell also went 2-for-3 with

an RBI, while Andrus and Travis Barnes also knocked in runs.

Thomas Briggs went 2-for-4 with three RBI and Shane Wilson, who went six innings on the mound, took

the loss STEVENSON 8, WAYNE 2: KLAA Central Division leader Livonia Stevenson (12-4, 7-0) broke open a close game with five runs in the sixth inning Monday to beat host Wayne Memorial (1-4, 4-5).

Justin Small and Brendon Hayes each collected two hits and an RBI for the victorious Spartans.

Tyler Lynch also contributed two hits, while J.J. Pettersson and Mike Vomastek each added two RBI. Shawn Wilson went 2-for-4

for the Zebras. Chris Briggs also knocked in a run. Chris McDonald pitched 3.1 innings of scoreless relief in place

of stater Jake Semak to pick up the Wayne starter Brandon Harnos worked 5.1 innings and took the loss.

He allowed one earned run on six hits. Reliever Tyler McCurry was roughed up for four earned runs on four hits in 1.2 innings. CHURCHILL 13, SOUTH LYON 1: On

Monday, Ben Matigian and Mike Rybinski each collected two hits and three RBI as host Livonia Churchill (9-3, 5-2) used the run-rule to beat the Lions (2-10-1, 1-6-1) in five Also contributing to Churchill's

13-hit attack was Joe Williams (2-for-2, three runs); Stephen Foster (2-for-3, two runs); and Troy Bogenschutz (2-for-2).

Winning pitcher Jon Targus allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out three in four innings

SALEM 8, FRANKLIN 5: The Rocks (5-2, 4-1) scored four times in the top of the seventh Monday to beat Livonia Franklin (9-4, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Scott Devine delivered a 2-run double and Brett Ramirez followed with a 2-run single to pin the loss on Franklin reliever Dan Muller. Franklin starter Josh Gorman

went 6.1 innings, allowing five runs on six hits and seven walks. He struck out five.

Marcus Olind, who worked two scoreless innings, got the victory in relief of starter Tommy Rodriguez. Matt Rowland and Devine each had two hits in the win.

Joe Barczuk went 3-for-3 and Justin Forrestall went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Patriots.

jump (5-0); Molly Jarvis, 300 hurdles 49.3); Bethany Pilat, 1,600 (5:29.0); shuttle hurdle relay (1:14.9) **5ths:** Mahogany Miller, shot **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET RESULTS** April 30 at Dearborn Hts. Crestwood put (33-10); Leah Heinzelman, long jump

Stevenson 1sts: Alex Kitz, pole vault (10-2); 2nds: shuttle hurdle relay (Andrea Gentile, Marci Kovsky, Marissa Boren, Erica Burgess), 1:14.7.

urgess), 1:14./,

DUAL MEET RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 77

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 60

Shot put: 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain

(WJG), 32 feet, 8 inches; 1. Nicole Price (LF), 29-7; 3. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 29-5.25.

Discus: 1. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 101-4; 2. C. Wright (WJG), 89-4; 3. Gordon-McClain (WJG), 86-9. **High jump:** 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-2; 2. Joslyn
Massey (WJG), 5-0; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-8. **Long jump:** 1. Klein (LF), 16-3; 2. Aubrie
Scott (WJG), 15-8; 3. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-4. **Pole vault:** 1. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-0;

Audra Flores (WJG), 7-6; 3. Helen Moore 100-meter hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 16.1; . Jen Mueller (LF), 16.2; 3: Kirsten Smith

(WJG), no time available. **300 hurdles:** 1. Klein (LF), 49.25; 2. Smith (WJG), no time; 3. Talour Phillips (WJG), no 100 dash: 1. E'iasha Guster (WJG), 12.67; Scott (WJG), no time; 3. Rheana Allen

200: 1. Scott (WJG), 26.97; 2. Kayla Jones (WJG), no time; 3. Guster (WJG), no time. 400: 1. Massey (WJG), 1:05.0; 2. Allen

800: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:26.97;

2. Stephany Brown (WJG), no time; 3. Abbey

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Jones,

Brown), 1:55.31; 2. Franklin, no time 1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, 2. John Glenn, no time.

1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division, Flanklin,
1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South.

NORTHVILLE 74

LIVONIA STEVENSON 63

May 3 at Stevenson

Stevenson 1sts: Marissa Petitpas, shot
put (28 feet, 0.75 inches); Kayla Branton, discus (99-11); Sarah Osborne, pole vault (6-0); Andrea Gentile, 100-meter hurdles (17.5); Brianna Jed, 100 (13.9); Jorden Verleye, 400 (1:05.0); 400 relay (Kendall

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS Jed, 200 (29.1); Alison Timberlake, 400

Wright (WJG), no time. **1,600:** 1. McPherson (LF), 5:34.77; 2. A. Wright (WJG), 6:00.1; 3. Anna Snider (LF),

3,200: 1. McPherson (LF), 12:36.72; 2. Madeline Herman (LF), 12:47.0; 3. Snider

Allen, Scott), 52.14; 2. Franklin, no time; **800** relay: 1. John Glenn (Kaira Barnes, Jones, Massey, Smith), 4:24.59; 2. Franklin, no time; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Megan Wickens, Herman, Kelly Walblay, Christa Mott), 11:29.3;

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin,

Verleye, 400 (1:05.0); 400 relay (Kendall Ash, Nicole Lindberg, Brandi Jed, Brianna Jed), 53.5; 800 relay (Verleye, Stephanie Batshon, Brandi Jed, Brianna Jed), 1:56.9; 2nds: Kaylin Austin, shot put (26-6.75; Verleye, long jump (15-4); Leanne Gilder, pole vault (6-0); Amy Freed, 400 (1:06.3); Karlie Gallagher, 800 (2:40.6); 3rds: Chelsea Billingsley, shot put (26-5.25); Sara Muzzin, discus (87-2); Marci Kovsky, long jump (14-9.5); Laura Blackstone, pole vault (6-0); Andrea Gentile, 300 hurdles (53.2); Brianna

(1:06.5); Allison Gudeman, 1,600 (5:52.0). **Dual meet records:** Northville, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central. CANTON 112 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25

May 3 at Canton
Shot put: 1. Bailey Hart (WM), 27 feet,
11 inches; 2. Brittany Granowicz (C), 21-9; 3.
Kaylie Lobb (C), 21-8.
Discus: 1. Lobb (C), 76-3; 2. Hart (WM), 74-6; 3. Granowicz (C), 63.4

o, 3, oranowicz (U.), 63.4 **High jump:** 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-0; 2. Holland Boertje (W), 4-3; 3. Chelsea Carmody (C), 4-3. **Long jump:** 1. Jordan Clark (C), 15-0; 2.

Meah Long (WM), 14-1.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-11.5. Pole vault: 1. Emily Lang (C), 9-9; 2.
Bridget Alaniva (C), 6-3; 3. Lopez (WM), no

100-meter hurdles: 1. Tania Lewis (WM),

100-meter hurdles: 1. Tania Lewis (WM)
17.59 seconds; 2. Gabby Williams (C), 18.28;
3. Marina Milad (C), 18.43
300 hurdles: 1. Milad (C), 52.81; 2.
Williams (C), 53.53; 3. Boertje (WM), 57.43.
100 dash: 1. Clark (C), 12.03; 2. Lipa (C),
12.97; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 13.1.
200: 1. Clark (C), 24.75; 2. Piwowar (C),
27.37; 3. Long (WM), 27.79.
400: 1. Clark (C), 10.3.19; 2. Danielle
Robbins (W), 1:06.57; 3. Rachel Martin (C),
1:06.59.

800: 1. Katie Grimes (C), 2:39.69; 2.

Chelsea Smith (C), 2:41.32; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 2:41.94. 600 1 Bianca Kuhicki (C) 5:28 41: 2 Jessica Siegler (C), 5:56.5; 3. Ellen Grimes 3,200: 1. Kubicki (C), 11:53.0; 2. Siegler

(C), 13:15.22; 3. E. Grimes (C), 13:55.0.

400 relay: 1. Canton, 53:19; 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:54.06; 2. Wayne, 1:54.68; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 1:08.8; 2. Wayne, 12:29.7.

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KI AA South Division: Wayne Memorial 1-3 KLAA South Division; Wayne Memorial, 0-4 overall, 0-4 KLAA South. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 100

PLYMOUTH 37 May 2 at Churchill
Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 33
feet, 9 inches; 2. Williams (P), 30-2; 3. Megan
Ling (LC), 29-9.

Ling (LC), 29-9,
Discus: 1. Ling (LC), 99-3; 2. Emily
Norscia (LC), 98-2; 3. Johnson (P), 90-3.
High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC),
5-3; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10; 3, Taylor
Rieckhoff (P), 4-8.
Long jump: 1. Leah Heinzelman (LC),
15-10: 2. Rocka Mooy (P), 15-4 75: 2. Pagana

15-10; 2. Becka Knox (P), 15-4.75; 3. Reagan Engstrom (P), 15-0. Pole vault: 1. (P), no mark available): 2. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), NMA; 3. (P), NMA. 100-meter hurdles: 1, Paige Farnstrom (LC), 18.3; 2, Sarah Jakubowski (LC), 18.4; 3. Sharon McCall (LC), 19.1.

300 hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 48.4; Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 53.6; 3. Jakubowski

100 dash: 1. Heinzelman (LC), 13.0; 2. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.1; 3. Lindsey Russell **200:** 1. Madi Lewis (P), 26.1; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 27.6; 3. Crossman (LC), 28.3.

400: 1. Lewis (P), 1:02.8; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:03.4; 3. Knox (P), 1:04.1. 800: 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:31.5; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:35.4; 3. Kyra Neumann (P), 2:49.9.

1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:25.3; 2. Riley (LC),

1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:25.3; 2. Riley (LC), 5:33.9; 3. Traitses (P), 5:43.8.
3,200: 1. Megan McFarland (LC), 12:43.0; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:33.0; 3. Kristen Gilley (LC), 28.3.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman, Cochran, Ajnia Jackson, Latasha Smalls), 52.8; 2. Plymouth, 5:4.5; 8:00 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:48.3; 2. Churchill, 1:50.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Jarvis, Julia Szuba, McDonnell), 4:18.6; 2. Plymouth, 4:19.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Vivien Okechukwu, Pilat), 10:01.9; 2. Plymouth, 10:14.0.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 2-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

Stevenson drops pair in tourney

State-ranked Livonia Stevenson dropped two-ofthree games in Saturday's Grosse Pointe Invitational baseball tournament.

The lone win for the Spartans (No. 9 Division 1) came in PREP BASEBALL

Game Two against Warren Mott, 9-1, as winning pitcher Josh Dehetre went all six innings, allowing one

run on six hits and one walk while striking out six. Tyler Lynch contributed a 2-run triple, while Evan Piechota added two RBI. Mike Vomastek, Troy Bodtke and Jake Semak also knocked

in runs. In Game One, eventual tourney champion Grosse Pointe South (10-2) got two hits and two RBI from Carmen Benedetti in a 6-4

triumph. Winning pitcher Max Kaiser allowed four runs on six hits and five walks over five innings.

Stevenson starter Mark Wagner took the loss, while Bodtke paced the offense going 3-for-3 with two RBI.

In the final game of the day, Port Huron Northern's Eric Domobrowski pitched a five-hitter in a 4-1 victory over the Spartans.

Nate Manis went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the victorious Huskies as Stevenson starter Pete Michalak took the loss.

Justin Small knocked in the lone run for the Spartans (11-4 overall). FRANKLIN 14-14, BELLEVILLE 7-10: On

Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (9-3) won both ends of twinbill in a slugfest with the visiting Tigers

In the opener, Joel Trudell went 2-for-4, including a 3-run homer and five RBI to pace the Patriots' 12hit attack in a 14-10 win.

Trudell, who came on for starter Justin Forrestall in the fifth inning, earned the victory.

Bobby Andrus also went 4-for-4

with three RBI and two runs, while Josh Gorman added three hits and two RBI. In the nightcap, Brandon Hawkins went 3-for-3 with four RBI in a 14-7 triumph. Hawkins had a

solo homer, RBI double and 2-run single. Joe Barczuk and Andrus, the winning pitcher, added two hit

apiece. Andrus allowed six runs (three earned) in three innings of work. Gorman pitched one inning of scoreless relief and Barczuk gave up four unearned runs in two innings

of work.
JOHN GLENN 6, IDA 4: On Saturday, an RBI double by Daniel Ammons and an run-scoring single by Danny Croft propelled Westland John Glenn (5-7) past the Bluestreaks (4-7) in a game Saturday at New Boston Huron.

Croft went 3-for-3, including two doubles and two RBI. Rob Schurig also knocked in a pair of runs. Winning pitcher Colton Lipinski went six innings, allowing four runs

on four hits. Jake DeMoss came on in the seventh to earn the save.
W. BLOOMFIELD 8, JOHN GLENN 6: Mark Hartfelder went 2-for-3 with two RBI as West Bloomfield downed Westland John Glenn (4-7) in a game played Saturday at New

Boston Huron. Dylan Dexter added two hits and an RBI to go along with a stolen base for the Lakers, who scored five times in the first inning to pin the loss on Glenn starter Brandon

Caudill. Joey Hartfelder pitched the final 3.2 innings in relief to earn the vic-

Jesse Smitherman went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Rockets.

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Franklin bats rough up Zebras SOCCER

It was an abbreviated girls softball double-header Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin posted a pair of 15-0 mercy-rule victories over visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots, who improved to 7-4 overall and 2-2 in the KLAA's South Division, scored six times in the first inning and added nine in the third to end the opener after three innings.

Top hitters for Franklin included Jessica Emery (3for-4, three RBI, two runs); Chelsea Williams (3-for-3, three runs); Audrey Geraghty (2-for-3, three RBI); Nicole Williamson (2-for-3, RBI, two runs); Caitlin Milican and Maggie Leins (two singles apiece).

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble (5-2) struck out four and did not allow a hit, while losing pitcher Nicole Odom was charged with all 15 runs on 15 hits and three walks.

In the nightcap, Franklin scored four times in the fourth inning to invoke the run rule.

Winning pitcher Nicole Williamson (2-2) struck out six, walked two and allowed two hits in four innings.

Katelyn Devers, Mariah Barcus and Williams each collected two hits, while Williamson and Cheyenne Hawthorne added RBI sin**KLAA SOFTBALL**

Starter Alicia Nielsen took the loss for the Zebras (2-9,

STEVENSON 7, WAYNE 0: Pitcher Jackie Johnson struck out 15 en route to a 1-hitter Monday as Livonia Stevenson (6-4) blanked Wayne Memorial (2-7) in Kensington Conference crossover.

Johnson took a perfect game into the seventh before Wayne's Shelby Hooper drilled a line drive to center field that eluded a diving attempt by Stevenson's Julianne Potvin.

Ashley Avery, Potvin and Johnson each collected two hits and an RBI, while Erika Randall added a 2-run double.

Losing pitcher Nicole Odom gave up 12 hits, walked three and fanned three in going the distance.

FRANKLIN 4, SALEM 3: Junior Katelyn Devers and senior Mariah Barcus provided the offensive punch Monday as host Livonia Franklin (5-4) held off the Rocks (1-3) in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover.

Devers went 4-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Barcus went 3-for-3 with two RBI for the

Jessica Emery led off the bottom of the first inning with a double and four straight singles followed to spark a 3-run uprising.

In the second inning, Colleen Mandrink walked, Devers double and Barcus singled for Franklin's fourth run.

Shortstop Chelsea Williams

down 2-0, but we didn't. Just

them, I thought we got better

as the game went on. We just

this time. It will be important

for us to build off this result

Marian, which had a 45-

game Catholic League win-

ning streak dating back to

2008, jumped out to a 2-0

by Catherine Anger in the

to 2-1 in the 45th minute

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In the 59th minute,

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assist from Catherine Garber.

(tap-in off a corner).

advantage on a pair of goals

30th minute (header off a cor-

ner kick) and the 42nd minute

The Blazers cut the deficit

heading forward.

capitalized on our chances

like the first time we played

Junior Tiffany Lamble (4-2) scattered six hits, walked two and fanned two over seven innings to pick up the win.

paced the defense with eight

Salem starter Heidi Schmidt allowed four runs on 11 hits and one walk over seven innings. SOUTH LYON 9, CHURCHILL 6:

Winning pitcher Jess Mehr aided her own cause going 4-for-4 with six RBI Monday as the Lions (4-2) downed host Livonia Churchill (9-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Mehr went all seven innings, scattering seven hits and three walks while fanning six as South Lyon jumped out to a 7-0 lead after two innings.

Losing pitcher Natalie Hiser allowed five runs on four hits in one inning before being lifted for Missy Sidor.

Abby Jewell went 3-for-4, including a double, triple and two RBI in the loss. Mackenzie Everson contributed two hits.

S. L.YON EAST 16, JOHN GLENN 8: In a Kensington Conference crossover Monday, Kristen Miloch keyed a 20-hit attack as South Lyon East (4-2) outslugged Westland John

Miloch collected three hits as the Cougars doubled nine times. Brandi Holbrook, Dani

Saunders, Brittany McGrath, Sam Fox and Kailey Vowles each collected two hits for the Rockets.

Holbrook had two RBI, while one of Saunders' hits was a fenceclearing homer. Nicole Quaine also knocked in a run.

Lexie Lester was the losing pitcher.

Ladywood tied it at 2-all after Sarnecky dribbled to the end line and shot a pass to Paige Brennan, who one-timed the finish. easy for us to quit after going

Sarnecky's second goal over the top to beat Marian goalkeeper Makenzie Larson made it 3-2 in the 65th minute (assisted by Brennan).

The shots were 12-all with Ladywood keeper Maddie Reed making six saves.
CHURCHILL 4, WAYNE O: Kayla Szado

tallied a pair of goals Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill (4-3-2, 3-3-1) blanked Wayne Memorial (1-8, 0-5) in a KLAA South Division match. Kelsey Parrinello scored the

game-winning goal off an assist from Kelsey Rothermel as the Charger jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead. Rothermel tallied the other goal

while Lauren Favazza (two) and Karly Munroe (one) each contributed assists.

Goalkeepers Kaylie Secord and Casey Manasian combined on the shutout as the Chargers climbed over the .500 mark for the first

CLARENCEVILLE 4, CHAVEZ 1:

Sophomore Ashley Murphy notched a hat trick Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville (3-5) downed Detroit Cesar Chavez

Starting goalkeeper Brianna Turri-Cesarz played the second half in field and added a goal and assist. Ericka Gutierrez tallied the lone goal for the Aztec Eagles, who

trailed 1-0 at intermission. Rachel Kirsthweng finished up in goal for the Trojans, who also got strong play from center-midfielder Sadie Zachos, forward Kayla Zawol and defenders Grace King and

WASH. CHRISTIAN 4, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: In a nonconference match Monday, Lutheran High Westland (2-3-1, 0-1) fell to host Saline Washtenaw

ATHENS 1, STEVENSON 0: Liz Schmitz got loose in the box and slotted the ball to the far post for the only score during the 15th minute Saturday as host Troy Athens edged Livonia Stevenson (3-3-1) in a nonleague matchup.

"But you just need to score, even if it's fifth place, score in every event or close to it."

Richardson's Chiefs have had a strong start to the season (4-0 in the KLAA South Division) and feature a deep, talented roster.

Canton features strong contenders across the board - such as Nick Alaniva (pole vault, long jump), Ben Spreitzer (high jump, hurdles), Ben Poirier (discus) and Alex Marsh (shot put).

The Chiefs also will look to score in relay events, paced by speedsters Ryan Jones, Kevin Buford and Josh Nolen.

Stevenson distance runners Matt Williams, Joe Urso and Adam Chludzinski should give their team a lift.

Although there will be open events (110 hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash), the relays are where it is for the 19 participating

And there will be a number of relay events that are not part of standard dual meet fare.

For example, the invite includes relays in the shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, sprint medley,

distance medley and shuttle

Other events include the 800, 3,200, 400, 1,600 and 4 x 1,600-meter relays.

Schools from all over the Observerland coverage area will be at PCEP. Other participants will include Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, North Farmington, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Plymouth Christian Academy, Lutheran High Westland and Northville.

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Chargers win 2 at Chelsea Invite

The Livonia Churchill girls softball team improved to 9-3 overall by capturing twoof-three games in Saturday's Chelsea Invitational.

Belleville (3-3) edged the Chargers in the opener, 6-5, as winning pitcher Rocky Barnes helped her own cause with a homer and double.

Jessica Millett also went 2for-3 with two runs.

Top Churchill hitters included Jackie Tolles and Mackenzie Everson (3-for-4 each); Casey Bias (two triples, four RBI); and Missy Sidor (2-for-4).

Natalie Hiser was the losing

nitcher. In the second round, Churchill walloped Coldwater, 15-2, as Abby Jewell and Everson each went 3-for-5, while Rachel Jason, Julia Cavagnini and Sidor each added two hits. Jason also had three RBI.

Jewell, the winning pitcher, allowed just three hits, walked four and struck out eight.

In the tourney finale, Jason led off with a homer and Jewell also had a round-tripper in the 9-3 win over Holt. Jewell, Hiser, Sidor and

Bias each collected three hits. Hiser earned the win on the mound with a five-hiiter. She struck out six and walked three.

Pats go 2-for-3 at Salem

In Saturday's Salem scored victories over the host Rocks (6-3) and Redford Union (13-1 in five innings).

tured the pool with an 8-1 triumph over the Patriots (4-4). Tiffany Lamble took the loss for Franklin, allowing 13

hits and two walks. Chelsea

Williams doubled in Nicole

Wyandotte, however, cap-

Williamson for the Pats' lone

Audrey Geraghty went 4for-4, while Maggie Leins, Colleen Mandrink and Williamson added three hits apiece in the victory over

Lamble (3-2) allowed just two hits and three walks in going the distance.

In the win over RU, Jessica Emery had a double, triple and three RBI. Katelyn Devers and Chelsea Williams each added two hits.

Williamson, the winning pitcher, held RU hitless to improve ner personal record to 1-2.

Rockets defused

Westland John Glenn (4-8) fell twice in Saturday's River Rat Invitational held at Ann

Arbor Huron. Kailey Vowles collected three hits, including a double and RBI in a 5-4 setback to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

Brandi Holbrook added two hits and Arika Agnew contributed an RBI double.

Losing pitcher Lexie Lester walked five and fanned four. Brittany McGrath, Dani Saounder, Vowles and Holbrook had the lone hits in a 10-0 setback to South Lyon

Lester, who gave up 12 hits Tournament, Livonia Franklin and walked three, suffered the

Spartans wind up 1-2

Livonia Stevenson won its tournament opener, but lost the next two in Saturday's Lake Orion Invitational.

In a 15-1 victory over **Beverly Hills-Detroit Country** Day, winning pitcher Jackie

Johnson doubled, homered **GIRLS SOFTBALL** and had five RBI. The senior allowed four hits, walked

three and struck out seven. Alex Ferguson chipped

in with three hits and two runs, while Sarah Fier, Erika Randall and Morgan Copperstone each added two hits and two RBI.

In the second round, Lake Orion pitcher Sandra Rippon struck out 12 and allowed just three hits to outduel Johnson in a 1-0 win for the host Dragons.

Johnson gave up one earned run - coming in the bottom of the seventh - on five hits. She struck out 11 and did not allow a walk.

Jessica Lucas went 3-for-3 to lead Lake Orion.

"This was a great defensive game to watch," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "Lake Orion put us into some tough situations as they had runners in scoring position four different times without any outs and we were able to stay composed and get out of three.

"Unfortunately, the snake eventually bit us, as a difficult pop-up in shallow left field got caught up in the wind and we couldn't make the play."

Brownstown Woodhaven then defeated the Spartans in the final game, 10-4, as Randall took the loss.

Warriors hurler Alexandra Chatterton quieted the Stevenson bats for six hits, while fanning eight. Maddie Omietanski went

2-for-3 with an RBI, while Breyhahna Guy doubled twice for Woodhaven.

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hits in the win, while Lauren Hayes, Rohn and Combs each added two.

Combs gave up five hits and struck out five in the battle of unbeatens.

"They (North) were the best hitting team we've faced," Scott Combs said.

In pool play Saturday, Ladywood bested Rochester, 5-0; Flint Kearsley, 21-0 (in five innings); and Clinton Township Chippewa Valley,

Briana Combs struck out

10 and tossed a one-hitter, while Celeste Fidge contributed a three-run triple and SanMillan added two hits against Rochester.

Alyssa Kashat, Michelle Nelson and Fidge each collected three hits in the victory over Kearsley with Combs throwing the shutout.

Haves belted a mammoth three-run homer that sailed nearly 320 feet in the victory over Chippewa Valley. She also got the save in two innings of

relief of Combs. Andrea Gietl and Fidge also added three hits apiece. The previous weekend,

Ladywood captured the Eaton Rapids Tournament by going

The Blazers defeated the host Greyhounds, 3-2, in the finals by scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh thanks to four straight singles and a bases loaded walk to Hayes to force in the gamewinning run.

Ladywood also clipped Wayland Union (5-3) and Mount Pleasant (8-4) en route to the title.

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hockey lore.

She served on a six-person federal jury that awarded Red Wing Dennis Polonich \$850,000 in a 1982 civil suit brought against the Colorado Rockies' Wilf Paiement for using his stick like a baseball bat during an NHL game and striking Polonich flush in the face, essentially ending his

pro career. And despite its monetary value, it's the stories passed on by John and Mary Barnes to their nephew that will

endure forever. "One of my first memories was that I met Black Jack Stewart, I sat in his lap and I was so afraid of him," Moore said. "When I shook his hand it felt like iron. I was a little kid and he treated me so nice. I became a fan of his after that and followed his career in the newspapers as much a possible."

It was a different era back then when players and fans would fraternize and hang out together.

Over the years, my aunt would tell our family of bowling with the players as well as attending various team social events (birthdays, Christmas parties and the like)," Moore said. "They would occasionally travel to away games with the team, particularly to Toronto and Chicago. We were always thrilled to hear the latest scuttlebutt about our beloved Red Wings.'

Despite losing his eyesight and failing health, John Barnes would still attend games and was a regular in

the Red Wing Alumni room.

"He would take up residence and listen to the game with a bit of liquid refreshment," Moore said.

Allen Moore believes the puck will reach its ultimate destination and resting place. He said it could occur within the next few months.

The plan is for them (the Hall of Fame) to come to Detroit, Windsor or Livonia," Moore said. "I don't want to

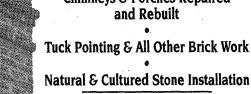
take it across the border. "My aunt and uncle were, of course, thrilled and honored by this wonderful gesture by one of the most thoughtful sports figures in Detroit history. Gordie always seemed to take time for ordinary folks, as well as people who had suffered some sort of disability or hard luck."

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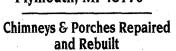
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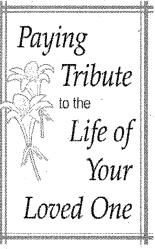
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Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on May 1, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Alvin and Donelda Sass. Moved to California and became a well respected horse trainer and than moved back to Plymouth after her retirement. Loving sister of Dale Sass and his wife Idelle Hamond-Sass and George (Leslie) Sass. Dear aunt of Katherine (Chris) Slicker, Jennifer (Brett) Fry and Casey Sass. Great aunt of Matthew Slicker, Madison and Kaitlin Fry. Also survived by her uncle Ron Stanton and his partner David Martindale and by aunts Eldora Waters and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely and last but not least her beloved dog Hershall. Suellen was a accomplished artist and gardner. Services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to her parents at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

DIVIDOCK, ANDREW T.

Age 97. May 2, 2011. Beloved Husband of the late Pauline for 43 years. Dearest Father of Lawrence (Susan) Dividock, Kenneth Dividock, Elaine (Stephen) Murad, and Kathleen (Andrew) Davis. Loving Grandfather of 15 and Great-Grandfather of 15. Funeral, Saturday, 10am at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Visitation Thursday, 5-8pm and Friday, 2-8pm. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the

charity of your choice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com





SHOWERMAN, **ELIZABETH J. "JANE"**

Of Northville. Jane was born July 13,

1927 in Howell, MI; died May 2, 2011, at the age of 83. She graduated Howell High School before moving to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. She was married to Donald Joseph Showerman for 49 They owned and operated Showerman's Party Store, in Livonia, for over 30 years and then moved to Glen Lake. Friends remember her as a sharp businesswoman, loving mother and grandmother, with a kind heart. Jane enjoyed reading, crosswords, and puzzles and was a fan of all the Detroit sports teams. She was active in her church and had a very strong family orientation. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1998; son, Mark, in 2009; and her siblings. Surviving are her daughters, Kay (Leonard) Zuckerman and Pam (Brian) Fazzio; sons, David (Bonnie) Showerman and Paul (Cheryl) Showerman; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jane King, Ruth (Jack) Borden and Irene Showerman. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Leelanau Highway/M-22, Empire, MI. The Rite of Committal will follow in St. Philip Neri Catholic Cemetery, The family will receive friends at the church 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674, in memory of Elizabeth "Jane" Showerman. family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East

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Online condolences may be sent to gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com



SPENCER, MARION G.

Carsonville- Marion G. Spencer, age 91, a resident of Carsonville passed away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday April 27, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1920 in Detroit a daughter of the late Henry and Ella (Engelhardt) Hamel. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Marion was a Marshall Spencer. retired school teacher from the Farmington Hills District after 30 years of teaching. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grand-mother and friend to many. Per wishes there will be no Marion's Memorials in memory of Marion may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Port Sanilac. Arrangements were by the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.

OBITUARY

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Churches offer prayer, resources at festival

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Everything from clothing to food to music and games will be free at Blessfest, Saturday, May 7, at Handy Park, 26650 Capitol, in

"We'll have three big jumpers for the kids. Forgotten Harvest is providing 7,000 pounds of food for families in need. We'll have a clothing tent. We're going to have a few haircutters and several different bands," said Kurt Gendjar, a Redford resident. "We'll have a whole area with kids games. We'll have a host of ministries and we'll have a prayer tent where people sit with experienced ministers.

"Our main focus is to give people what they need and figure out what their needs are to help in the future."

Gendjar helped found the Christian Alliance of Redford, which consists of 15 churches that have signed up to participate in the Everyone A Chance to Hear (E.A.C.H.) initiative led by the Rev. Bob Shirock at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

"We're trying to reach 3.5 million people with good works and good news for 40 days. It started Easter Sunday," Gendjar said, describing the E.A.C.H. mission. Planning for the evangelistic campaign began in October 2010. Churches and faith organizations signed up on the eachtoday.com website, pledging their involvement, networking with other churches and training members for the "Gospel saturation campaign" that will end June 3.

When Gendjar discovered that only four Redford churches had signed up, he prayed and then "started making calls" and rounded up 11 more to create the Christian Alliance of

"I really enjoyed partnering with the other churches in Redford," said minister Deborah Hayes of El Bethel Church. "So often we stand on our own and work around our own community, but it's been great to partner up with other denominations, as well, and come to one com-

She hopes Blessfest will become an annual event. Gendjar said the Redford churches that are involved in E.A.C.H. want to continue spreading the Gospel message and good works locally after the 40-day campaign ends.

Blessfest runs noon to 5 p.m. In addition to food, clothing, games, music and haircuts, visitors can receive referrals to the E.A.C.H. dental and medical vans that will be stationed from 9:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 11 and 12 in Claude Allison Park, 18250 Beech Daly.

Hot dogs, beverages and chips also will be

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

MAY 5-11

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 11

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty,

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Grief class

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. six Wednesdays, beginning May 11 Location: First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook in Birmingham

Details: Life After Loss: A Journey Through Grief is a six-session grief class for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They'll explore the various stages

of grief and the various techniques for coping with grief, working through grief, and even growing through grief. Register with Bev Richardson by Friday, May 6, at brichardson@fumcbirmingham.org or call her at (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3156, by Friday, May 6 Contact: The church office is (248) 646-1200

Health seminar

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. May 7 Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: The class will first focus on overcoming limitations in the mind that act as an obstacle to health. Chris Niedzinski will give practical guidance on results-oriented exercise, nutrition, limiting toxicity and balancing hormones, taking proper care of body structure and function, managing stress and building peace. Register at Wardchurch.org Contact: (248) 374-7400

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6 **Location**: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden

Details: Bargains galore. Clothing, housewares, gifts and more. Bake sale, too

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7 **Location**: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor

Trail, Livonia Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult. Saturday everything is half

Contact: (734) 422-0149

MAY 12-18

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 15

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: All you can eat French. toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10 Contact: (734) 425-4421

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ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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LIVONIA BUSINESS PEDDLES ORGANIC STAPLES - FOOD, B7

Musicians recycle materials into horns, strings and percussion

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

When Daniel Boone Daniel fills his secondhand tea pot with water, he's ready to make

When he brings out a washboard, he's thinking rhythm, not soap suds.

And his saw? You'll hear it sing before you see it cut any wood.

Daniel and his band members in the Deep Fried Pickle Project, can coax a melody from stuff found lying around the house, going for pennies at rummage sales and in heated bidding wars on Ebay.

"I have a really great enamel tea pot I found at a garage sale. I fill it with a little water and I have a mouth piece. I play it. It sounds like a drowning duck, but one that can play melodies," Daniel said.

He promises to have it on hand when the band plays the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth this weekend. The band also will teach kids how to make their own homemade instruments, possibly some "singing straws" and kazoos, out of recyclable materials.

"We might build some sort of percussion instrument. We'll have to wait and see what else is up our sleeve," Daniel said.

The Observer & Eccentric is a sponsor of the Green Street Fair, which will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Two Deep Fried Pickle Project members, Daniel and Alan Selvidge, along with Daniel's son, Max, who often plays with the band at children's shows, will perform from noon-1 p.m. Saturday and from 12:30-1:30 Sunday on the Eco-Beats

The instrument building play shops will run from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday and 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday. Daniel and Selvidge will show kids how to play the colorful instruments that they'll use to lead the Mother's Day parade from noon-12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Festival attendees may bring their own noisemakers, pans, bells, drums and pots, along with decorated tricycles and bikes to participate in the parade.

"It will be a blast. It gets kids involved and they feel a part of what's going on," Daniel said, explaining why the group teaches instrumentbuilding. "A lot of the festivals we play are jam band festivals. The children need a good musical experience, too. They learn something about music and they are able to have some ownership in what is going on."

ARTISTIC MUSICIANS

The children's workshops come easily to both men, who both teach art in Coloma Community



The Deep Fried Pickle Project makes music from jugs, washboards, saws, tea pots, boxes and even the occasional manufactured instrument, such as the banjo



Daniel Boone Daniel plays the saw for guests at a music

Schools, northeast of Benton Harbor. They play jug band style music when they can during the school year and extensively during the summer.

'We have a lot of fun and we joke around a lot. We don't take ourselves too seriously and that has worked pretty well for us. We've been able to travel all over the country, play cool places and take our families on adventures."

They've been on the Bravo network and appeared in an episode of the PBS animated show Postcards from Buster, in addition to playing festivals nationwide.

About 80 percent of their instruments are homemade and most of the tunes are original. They play cover songs in "old time style" with a 20s- or 30s-era twist.

In addition to tea pot, Daniel makes music on washtub bass, washboard, jugs and flamingo and swan yard ornaments. Selvidge turned a cookie tin into a "canjo," which is played like a banjo and he is building a guitar out of a box that will replace his manufactured guitar.

"There is a lot of trial and error. My approach is different than Alan's. He is a perfectionist and spends time and money finding the perfect box," Daniel said. "It pays off. It looks great. All of my stuff is duct taped and bolted on."

Deep Fried Pickle Project fans will recognize favorites like Pickle Juice and Rubber Legged Jim when the group performs at Green Street Fair. A few lucky audience members will be invited on stage during Rubber Legged Jim to



Youngsters work on homemade musical instruments at a music festival. The Deep Fried Pickle Project will lead a similar workshop at the upcoming Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

play a percussion instrument "made out of his leg" while the rest of the audience sings "argh, argh" during the pirate-inspired tune. They'll also play songs from their new children's CD.

For more about the Green Street Fair visit www.greenstreetfair.com

Event benefits Penn Theatre

The sixth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction will celebrate the Penn Theatre's 70th anniversary, 6-11 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing.

Tickets are \$75 and proceeds benefit the Friends

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ART

Northville Art House
Time/Date: May 6-14; artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 6; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Annual Northville High
School Senior Class Art Exhibition
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or www.
northvillearts.org

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27; awards presentation and reception 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Contact: (734) 838-1204 or

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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesdays thru Sundays
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ers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays **Contact**: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside
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Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur
night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.
ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,



Off to see the wizard

Forever After Productions' cast rehearse a scene from the "Wizard of Oz" in preparation for shows May 19-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Performance times are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, Friday, May 20 and Sunday, May 22 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Shows at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22 have sold out. Tickets are \$15 and available from the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or at www.ForeverAfterrPoductions.com or at the door. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge Road. Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. Upcoming shows include Improv Off the Hook, June 10-12 and Disney's "Camp Rock The Musical" July 22-31. The 2011-2012 season includes Disney's "Aladdin" in November, "Little Women" in December, and "Grease" in January 2012.

open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14; Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14; Harland Williams, May 19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak **Contact**: (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Natalia Zukerman, May 5; Greg Brown, May 6; Josh White Jr., May 7; John Prine and Sara Watkins, May 7; Shape Note Singing, May 8 and June 12; Bettye LaVette, May 8; The Paul McKenna Band, May 9; Copper Box, May 10; Open Stage Showcase featuring Magdalen Fossum and Steve Kovich; Marcia Ball, May 12; Girlyman and Coyote Grace, May 13; The RFD Boys, May 14; Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks, May 15; Raul Malo and Seth Walker, May 17; Lynn Miles, May 18; Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and

Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7: The Hillbenders, June 8: Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell X1, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15, Ivan & Alvosha. June 16: Paul Thorn, June 17: Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wronglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.

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Baseline Folk Society
Time/Date: Third Saturday of the
month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth **Details**: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts. Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Community Chorus of Detroit Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 4 p.m. May 22

Location: Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns, Detroit

Details: "Serenade to Music" includes music of Handel, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, and others. The conductor, accompanist, and guest artists are from the University of Michigan music school. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at door Contact: info@communitychorusofdetroit.com; or visit www.communitychorusofdetroit.com

Farmington Community Chorus Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, May 6-7
Location: Mercy High School,
29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The singers, under the
direction of Steven SeGraves, present "Rodger That! The Music of
Richard Rodgers." Tickets are \$12
in advance at the Costick Center,
28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
or by phone; or for \$15 at the door
Contact: (248) 682-6562 for
tickets; (248) 250-1447 for Chorus
information

Jazz @ The Elks Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every

fourth Tuesday **Location**: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d' oeuvres. Contact: (734) 453-1780 www. PlymouthElks1780.com

Michigan Philharmonic Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: The orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, along with Indian percussionists and soloists, perform the music of the Indian film industry known as "Bollywood." This high-energy, multi-media performance wraps up Canton Culture Week, May 1-6, and is sponsored by the Canton Commission for Cultural, Arts and Heritage, celebrating the arts and diversity of the Canton community. Tickets are \$25 and include a pre-concert reception at 6:30 sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton and Station 885.

Contact: (734) 451-2112 or www. michiganphil.org

Monahan's Knights of Columbus

Time/Date: Doors open 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

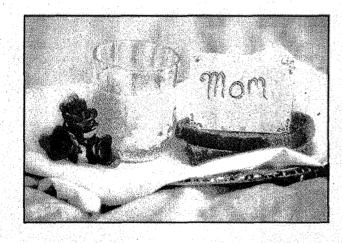
Location: 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Birchler family presents "Jammin' to End Famine 2011," a concert benefitting Kids Against Hunger. Performers include a cappella vocal jazz group The Grunyons, 1960s rock band The Paisley Fogg; and 80s rockers 2 Dayz Gone. The event features a cash bar, free pizza, salad and sweets and for the kids, and free face painting by Funtastic Faces. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students

Contact: www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com; www.livoniakofc.com

Schoolcraft College
Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 6
Location: VisTaTech Center, 18600
Haggerty, Livonia
Details: Friday evening recital
series features Suren Bagratuni
on cello and Jen-Ru Sun on piano;
admission \$20, students \$10, general seating. Get tickets from www.
scb oxoffice.com

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Eat your veggies

Livonia business peddles organic produce, Michigan-made staples door to door

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Door to Door Organics customers will find tomatoes, leaf lettuce, green onions, broccoli, green beans, strawberries, apples, oranges and bananas in their mixed "bitty box" this week.

They'll find the box on their door

"Everything we carry, all the produce is certified organic. We look for whatever is the freshest and the best," said Carlos Collier, Michigan director for the company that offers home delivery of organic produce in and around Boulder, Colo., Chicago, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. The Michigan office, based in Livonia, delivers to customers in southeastern Michigan — as far north as Flint and as far west as Lansing and Ann Arbor.

"I'm delivering stuff the farmer dug up that morning or the day before. You can't beat that."

The company will be among more than 200 exhibitors promoting ecofriendly products and services at the Green Street Fair this weekend in downtown Plymouth. The Observer & Eccentric is among the sponsors of the fourth annual fair that will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 8.

Visitors will get a chance to sample fresh fruits at Door to Door Organics' booth and check out the variety of box sizes - from "bitty" to large — that they can order for weekly home delivery. They'll also get a \$10 discount on their first box of home-delivered fruits, vegetables or fruits and vegetables, if they sign up for the service at the fair.

They can try it for one time and we're okay if they walk away after that," Collier said, adding that he's confident they'll return.

"Organics is really it. People are looking for organics and looking for

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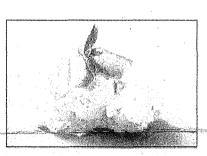
The company began in 1997 in Pennsylvania and added its Michigan location in 2007. When Collier took over as director in April 2010, the Livonia office delivered 650 boxes weekly. A year later, the company fleet makes more than 2,000 weekly stops. Collier is eager to expand services to the Grand Rapids area, Monroe and Toledo, Ohio. When he began getting requests from the west side of the state, he tried sending produce to customers by UPS.

"I had customers calling and begging me for it because they had no other options (for organics)," Collier said. "We'd pack a box on Tuesday and they'd get it on Thursday."

He discontinued the program because the two-day delivery sched-



Door to Door Organics delivers fresh fruits, vegetables and more to homes throughout southeastern Michigan.



Strawberry Mousse

The Door to Door Organics Wel site offers recipes to help customers use the produce they receive in their weekly delivery boxes. This week, boxes included strawberries and the company offered this recipe for a fruity dessert, courtesy of allrecipes.

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

(Serves 4)

Ingredients 1 quart fresh strawberries

2 tablespoons white sugar

1 pint heavy cream 6 egg whites

Method

1. Chop hulled strawberries in a food processor, leaving a few chunks. Stir in sugar.

2. In a bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, whip egg whites until stiff peaks form.

3. Fold whipped cream into strawberries. Fold egg whites into strawberry mixture. Serve immediately.



Door to Door Organics buys local produce from Michigan farms during the growing season and from warmer climates out of state during the winter.

ule couldn't guarantee the produce would be fresh when it arrived on the customer's doorstep.

FRESH, ORGANIC

Freshness is a part of Door to Door Organic's mission. The company buys from several organic farms in Michigan and obtains organic produce from out of state sources during the off season.

"We deliver all year round and most produce during our non-growing season comes from warmer climates. But we will have a Michiganonly box that will be an option in

'Regardless of the growing season, people still want citrus, bananas,

mangos and those are things you can't get in Michigan."

The company Web site lists the origin of all produce. Customers receive a weekly e-mail explaining what's on the menu for each size box and they can look at the firm's Web site for weekly updates on box contents, as well as corresponding recipes. They can substitute up to five items in their box and buy additional foods such as artisan breads, organic meat, fish soups condiments dairy alternatives, Michigan-made items and more.

"We want to do local as much as possible.

Boxes cost \$23 for "bitty," size, just right for two consumers; \$33 for small; \$39 for medium; and \$55 for a large mixed box.

Customers pay as they go. Many community supported agriculture (CSA) programs that deliver locallygrown produce require payment for the entire season up front. Generally,

"That brings to mind another advantage to our service. You can put delivery on hold or cancel at any time. There's no commitment." Collier said. Customers can order on a weekly basis, bi-weekly, or put the service on hold when needed.

there's no choice in contents.

For more about Door to Door Organics, visit michigan.doortodoororganics.com. For more on the Green Street Fair check out www.

There's no cost for delivery.

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BEER TRACKER



Think global, drink local

ichigan is to be reckoned with when it comes to great beer.

The state currently houses 80 breweries from Detroit to Houghton offering a full breadth of quality ales and lagers. Industry expansion continues as craft beer values strategically align with national trends of buying "local." Don't be lured into thinking the farther a pint travels to our table the better the quality or experience — this



Nate Parsons

could not be further from the truth when it comes to Michigan beer. Artisan, by definition, is a skilled worker

who prac-

tices a trade heavily relied upon prior to the industrial revolution. The word itself conjures images of gnomes working diligently by candle light to master a craft only perfected by endless tinkering. Jolly Pumpkin Brewery has embraced the artisan aura with its reserve of craft beers. Founded in 2004 and located just down the street in Dexter, Jolly Pumpkin is an authority in Artisan Ales.

As we move toward spring, a Belgian IPA is good crossover style to warmer weather. Luciernaga, which loosely translates to firefly, is a good place to start. The hypnotic label will temp the most hardened beer advocate but the oak-aged elixir that lies within is where the experience really begins. Cheers.

Nate Parsons can be reached at modevin@yahoo.com

Take mom to brunch

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8 and brunch reservations are filling fast. It's time to choose a restaurant and reserve a spot. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

• Andiamo, 38703 Seven Mile, Livonia: Includes a mix of breakfast and lunch items, such as bacon, sausage, crepes, biscuits and gravy, Eggs Benedict, French toast, white fish, chicken, salads, pastries and other desserts. Cost is \$28.95 for adults; \$14.95 for children, 5-10 and free for children, 4 and under. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a limited dinner menu from 4-6 p.m. Reservations suggested. Call (734) 953-3200.

• Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main, Plymouth: Brunch is served 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and consists of four courses. The first course includes smoked salmon, bagels, pate, pastries, juice and coffee; the second offers salad, oven-baked French toast, soup, shrimp and grits, and Oscar Eggs Benedict; the third is an entree course featuring lamb T-bone, halibut, chicken and steak and the last course is desserts. Cost is \$26 for adults and \$9 for kids. A separate menu is available for youngsters. The restaurant will close from 2:30-3:30. It will reopen at 3:30 and serve its regular menu until 8 p.m. For reservations call (734) 416-9340.

• 5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: A plated Mother's Day brunch will be sold from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with appetizers, a custom entree duet and desserts. Adults, \$39; kids, 6-12, \$11; kids, 5 and under, free. An ala carte menu and featured dinner selections will be available from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations by calling (734) 357-5700 or visit 5ive Restaurant at opentable.com or on Facebook. · Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar,

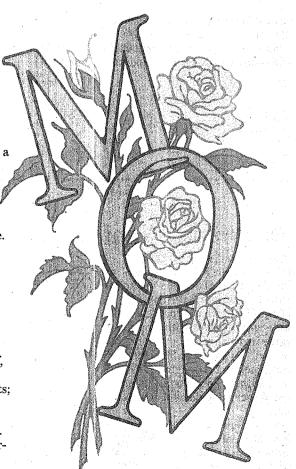
17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Mom gets a \$25 dining card for a future visit to Flemings when you take her to the Mother's Day brunch, served from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The brunch includes appetizers, desserts and entrees such as filet mignon frittata, berry-stuffed French toast, smoked salmon, filet mignon on buttermilk biscuits, and crab frittata. Cost is \$32. A separate menu, at \$15.95, is available for children, 12 and under. Call (734) 542 WINE or visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/mi/

· Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, just north of Ford Road and two miles west of Beck, Ypsilanti: Brunch in The Greenside Tavern overlooking the golf course will include prime rib, white fish with dill sauce, chicken

and much more. \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children, 5-12 and free for children under 4. Call (734) 454-1850 for reservations.

· Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, just east of I-275, Livonia: Made-to-order omelets and other breakfast items along with a prime rib carving station, pork loin, chicken, salmon, shrimp and variety of salads. Special kids station includes macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and cheese sticks. Adults, \$26.95; seniors, \$20.95; children, 12 and under, \$15.95; and children, 5 and under, free. Call (734) 464-1300, Ext. 430.

 Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi: Brunch is served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Diamond Center and includes made-to-order omelet and waffle station, French toast, grilled chicken with arugula pesto, assorted breakfast meats, roasted sirloin, portobello mushroom ravioli, salmon, redskin potatoes, lentil and rice pilaf, assorted fruits and salads and a sweet table. Complimentary parking. Cost is \$28 for adults; \$26 for seniors, 55 and older; \$14 for children, 4-12 years; and free for children, 3 and under. A cash bar will be available after noon. Reservations required with a credit card guarantee. Call (248) 348-5600, Ext 200.



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Walkable communities and downtowns are home selling pluses

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

It turns out many of us would rather work closer to home, given the choice. We like walkable communities where we can get to shops, restaurants and other amenities without driving — at least not too far.

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, with 56 percent of respondents preferring smart growth neighborhoods over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation. That's according to a recent study, the Community Preference Survey, by the National Association of Realtors.

Walkable communities are defined as those where shops, restaurants, and local businesses are within walking distance from homes. According to the survey, when considering a home purchase, 77 percent of respondents said they would look for neighborhoods with abundant sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly features, and 50 percent would like to see improvements to existing public transportation rather than initiatives to build new roads and developments.

Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said, "I think communities with downtowns are finding a bit of a resurgence. People like that walkability."

Bruscato finds Plymouth residents and visitors enjoy the downtown restaurants and shopping. "In the case of Plymouth we have Kellogg Park which is certainly the center for a number of activities," he said.

Other nearby communities have had a number of homes in foreclosure. "Plymouth wasn't sheltered from that, but I don't think we had as many." More people remained employed, Bruscato said, and the appeal of a walkable downtown

helped to boost home sales.

Bruscato lives in Canton, but often visits downtown Plymouth.

"I've hung out for a dozen years or more. You get to know the people, you get to know the fun spots," he said. Such communities are more

close-knit, he finds.

"They don't have to go very far to enjoy family activities." The DDA and Plymouth community in general have a lot of family-friendly acts, like Art in the Park, various concerts in Kellogg Park and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"The fact that you don't have to go far to get to them to enjoy them with your family and friends is a plus," Bruscato said.

"My commute's 10 feet into my basement so it's pretty close," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who lives about two blocks from downtown Plymouth and owns the Westwind Communications public relations firm. His family had owned the former Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

"Where I am is not really important, it's what I do," said Lorenz, who finds he's more productive by not commuting. "You cannot beat being able to work for yourself in your own home office."

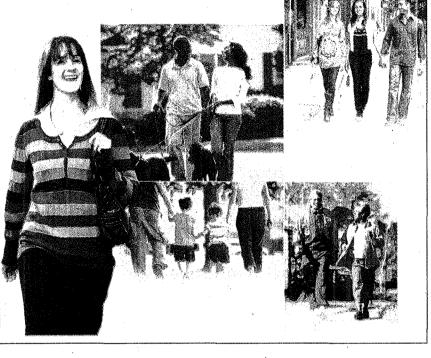
He likes to go to the Plymouth farmers market. "We have a dozen restaurants we can go to in downtown Plymouth from our house. We're very happy that we live so close to the community, to the downtown, but it's not by accident."

When the couple's kids were younger, they'd ride bicycles into town for ice cream. "And now of course I pedal my bike downtown to Panera Bread every morning and have coffee," Lorenz said. He hears people talking about commutes to Troy and Southfield in snow.

"It's hard to be productive when you're sitting in a car," Lorenz said. He likes working in his home and having an attractive downtown: "No question it's a nice lifestyle. We like it very much."

Downtowns like Northville and Farmington are also walkable, a selling point for potential buyers. Farmington Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Annette Knowles said, "We do hear quite frequently why many people choose to live close to a downtown is so they will have walkable access.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods that surround our downtown," she said. "Our downtown really starts as a neighborhood gathering place.



People like to meet their friends downtown for a cup of coffee." A lot make a decision to support downtown merchants, she said, and can walk or ride a bike to and through

downtown.

She lives in Farmington, and can ride her bike in the summer. "In the winter, it's just a little too far to go" without a car, she said with a chuckle.

"I really think there is a new way of thinking among people to come back to support their local community. What better way to do that than to support your local businesses downtown?" Knowles said. "There is really just a way of thinking that 'We want to support the merchants that are here."

The Sundquist Pavilion in Farmington's Riley Park hosts concerts, the farmers market, and a number of other events. "The intent is to showcase the downtown as a regional destination," she said. "Hopefully they make the decision at some point later to come back." The number of events appeal to people as does variety, the Rhythmz concert series, Art on the Grand, Founders Festival, Harvest Moon and Holly Days.

"The calendar of events is very, very active," she said.

very active," she said.

Uniqueness and charm of the downtown becomes an asset "where they do have walkable streets."

Knowles said outdoor seating and window shopping add appeal.

"There is a segment of the population that I think does look for that,"

she said of the "hometown" feel.

Two years ago, Farmington began
a new streetscape with brick paver
sidewalks and plantings. "We are
as a community continually taking
steps to improve the walkability

in our downtown," said Knowles. (Plymouth is also working on public downtown improvements.)

The NAR survey also revealed that while space is important to homebuyers, many are willing to sacrifice square footage for less driving. Eighty percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a single-family, detached home as long as it didn't require a longer commute, but nearly three out of five of those surveyed — 59 percent — would choose a smaller home if it meant a commute time of 20 minutes or less.

NAR leaders added the survey showed people nationwide share that desire for a walkable community. "Realtors care about improving communities through smart growth initiatives," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "Our members don't just sell homes, they sell neighborhoods. Realtors understand that different homebuyers are looking for all kinds of neighborhood settings and that many home buyers want walkable, transit-accessible communities."

The survey also found that community characteristics are very important to most people. When considering a home purchase, 88 percent of respondents placed more value on the quality of the neighborhood than the size of the home, and 77 percent of those surveyed want communities with high-quality schools.

The survey of 2,071 adult Americans was conducted by Belden, Russonello and Stewart from Feb. 15-24, 2011.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Naples has seen declines in value

Q: Do you have any information on the resale market of the high end side of single family homes in Naples, Fla., as we are wondering if this is the time to buy.

A: In speaking with a number of real estate agents in February 2011, it appears that the properties in excess of



Robert Meisner

significantly because of the downturn nor have the properties selling for less than \$300,000.

\$1.5 million

depreciated

have not

Rather, it is properties in the range of \$300,000 to \$1.5 mil that have suffered 20 to 40 percent declines but that in all price ranges, the market is beginning to rebound. Of course, location is always a key factor in determining price valuations and waterfront property is still at a premium.

Q: We live in a condominium and are thinking about putting in an invisible fence outside of our unit. Our units are detached and I am wondering what problems I might have with the association.

A: It depends on your condominium documents. If you are putting in an invisible fence with the electrical system within the confines of your unit, you may have an absolute right to do so unless it in any way infringes upon the common elements. On the other hand, if you have to place any electrical or other systems on the common elements, the association presumably has a right to approve same although it, of course, depends upon your condominium documents. You are best advised to call an experienced condominium attorney to review your documents and assist you in your application, if necessary, to the condominium association for approval.

Q: What is your attitude towards the development of a mixed use project?

A: The ideas and reality of mixed use as a preferred urban forum are still in their relative infancy. The driving forces behind the attraction to the mixed use model include current trends and attitudes toward a more urban lifestyle, changing demographics and psychographics, the sustainable design trends and codification of the mixed use form in our development ordinances. Yet the current economic environment may provide even more significant challenges to planning and implementing successful mixed use projects that require a complex matrix of skill sets and collaborations between design professionals, developers, leasing agents, tenants, municipal planners, land use and community association attorneys, local government and communities. In short, there are opportunities and constraints to mixed use development that should be considered with a team of consultants before engaging in the project.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 25-28, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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47231 Glenhurst Dr	\$220,000
48166 Inveraray Rd	\$418,000
42809 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$57.000

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380 Tyler Ln.		\$173,000
	Garden City	
32933 Florence St	•	\$75,000
27616 Windsor St		\$25,000
	Livonia	
29156 Broadmoor St		\$183,000
19391 Inkster Rd		\$14,000
29929 Mcintyre St		\$300,000
33647 Michele St		\$107,000
33903 Pondview Cir		\$19,000
	Northville	
44407 Broadmoor Blvd		\$307,000
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9660 Sioux	\$69.00
26686 Southwestern Hwy	\$32,00
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30605 Geraldine St	\$55.00
28016 Mackenzie Dr	\$75,00
38485 Monmouth St	\$76.00
6166 N Harvey St	\$32.00
1891 Stockmever Blvd	\$86.00
2019 Wilmer St	\$60.00

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1859 Bowers St	\$135,000
1927 E Lincoln St	\$323,000
1098 Fairfax St	\$640,000
2152 Manchester Rd	\$209,000

638 Pleasant St	\$360,000	30253 Ravenscroft St
1407 Ruffner Ave	\$80,000	Fra
Commece Township		30875 Woodside Dr
3881 Cove Cir	\$487,000	Lathru
3058 Edgewood Park Ct	\$145,000	17590 Lincoln Dr
252 Phoenix St	\$136,000	Milford
4583 Racewood Dr	\$245,000	919 Bishop St
5000 White Tail Ct	\$30,000	637 Dorchester Way
Farmington		N
23149 Farmington Rd	\$71,000	22574 Bertram Dr
Farmington Hills		41635 Blair Dr
29467 Breezewood	\$107,000	28330 Carlton Way Dr
31186 Country Way	\$45,000	43508 Castlewood
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	919 Bishop St	\$59,000	21425 Brixton Pl	\$47,00
	637 Dorchester Way	\$203,000	29130 E Chanticleer Dr	\$78,00
	Novi		29782 Everett St	\$16,00
	22574 Bertram Dr	\$310,000	23120 Valley Crest Ln	\$130,00
	41635 Blair Dr	\$70,000	White Lake	
	28330 Carlton Way Dr	\$126,000	1078 Lake Lane Dr	\$180,00
	43508 Castlewood	\$232,000	8991 Tackles Dr	\$180.00
	30836 Golden Rdg	\$156,000	1275 Union Lake Rd	\$150,00

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Investors

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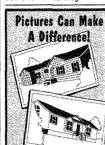
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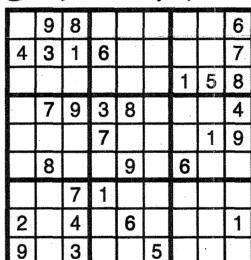
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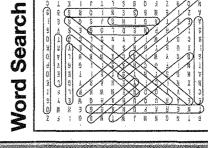
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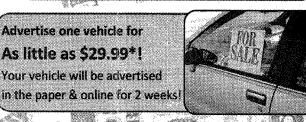
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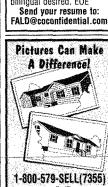
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By Dale Buss

With gasoline prices having put \$4 a gallon in the rear-view mirror and headed quickly toward \$5 a gallon, Detroit-area car buyers are looking sometimes frantically - for relief. And if they look toward Chevrolet, they can find a number of handy answers to their fuel price dilemma, especially the new Chevy Volt and the new Chevy Cruze Eco.

In the space of less than a year, automotive fuel economy suddenly is at something of a premium for buyers browsing showrooms. Industry sales have recovered significantly in Michigan and everywhere else, increasing demand on their own. Rising gasoline prices, of course, have forced consumers to put fuel efficiency at the top of their shopping criteria.

And now, on the supply side of the equation, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan have slashed the number of small cars being produced by Japanese brands from their homeland to North America. Even non-Japanese producers including Hyundai, Kia and Ford are dealing with various degrees of supply constraints that prevent them from taking advantage of the problems of Japanese makers.

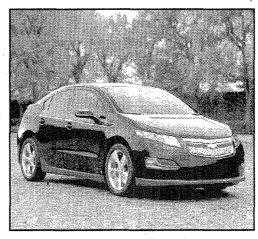
That leaves Chevrolet in a really strong position to take advantage of the situation with its own small-car offerings. And fortunately, Volt and

Cruze Eco are two big solutions.

Volt and Cruz represent two different approaches to fuel efficiency, of course. The Volt extended-range hybrid isn't for everyone, given that not every consumer can or will take advantage of the allelectric capability of the car up to a range of 25 or 30 miles at a charge. And yet Cruze, especially in the Eco version that I drove recently, provides a fantastic mainstream alternative for buyers who really want to emphasize fuel economy.

Volt is the only idea in the entire electric-vehicle universe so far that makes any sense to me. It's like learning to ride a bicycle with training wheels. What happens if you remove training wheels when a rider doesn't know how to propel a bike? It stops sometimes, messilv. So the training wheels stay.

So, too, with Volt. Because, after decades of development, battery makers still can only produce an all-electric system that is worth 25 or 30 miles on a charge in a car, it's silly to think that most Americans would or should buy a completely electric vehicle like the Nissan Leaf (though Leaf's electric-only range is a bit longer). "Range anxiety" driving a Leaf would be a very real and present feeling. So your office is only 10 miles away; what happens to you if you end up in a traffic jam on a hot summer



Delivering 42 mpg on the highway, Chevrolet Cruze Eco is a car for the times.

day? Leaf could leave you on the side of the road, powerless.

Fortunately, Volt has an on-board, 1.4liter internal-combustion engine that gives you a range of an extra 300 miles beyond the battery charge. Permanent training wheels. You can have a great time trying to run Volt only on the electric charge, and there are plenty of devices and metrics on board to help you be the eco-friendliest driver on the planet. That's all good stuff.

But if and when you run into that two-hour traffic jam, in Volt you needn't worry about being stranded. Plus, the transition from all-electric to engine power is virtually seamless and can be accommodated no matter what the car is doing. It's really about the only solution that sensibly encompasses allelectric power in a nation where very few people could take the risks that currently are entailed by relying on an all-electric vehicle.

Whether electric- or engine-powered, Volt's got some giddy-up to it. This is not like driving a golf cart on the freeway. It's plenty spacious as well for The Chevrolet Volt uses the only sensible approach to allelectric power...



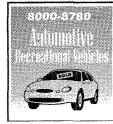
a small car and can serve reliably as one of the mainstay vehicles in the household garage. There's nothing gimmicky or impractical about it. And charging it up really is as easy as plugging a thick electrical cord into your garage outlet. General Motors took the smart path with Volt.

For those who don't want to pay the sticker of up to \$43,000-plus for Volt (before federal tax credits), Cruze is a great alternative for these times where fuel economy is paramount. With asticker price of under \$20,000, Cruze Eco delivers a stellar 42mpg on the highway and 28mpg in city driving, thanks to its own 1.4-liter engine and a six-speed manual transmission.,

Still, Cruze Eco is no slouch when it comes to pickup, and it's an eminently drivable car, with crisp handling, reasonable suspension, 17-inch wheels and a rear spoiler.

Until extended-range hybrids like Volt reach a Cruze-like price point, Eco might be the car you want to get if pinching pennies at the pump is important.

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