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IN BRIEF

Coffee Hours
State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Residents are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, May, 9, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Used Book Sale
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 paperbacks 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 to 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 sale.
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.

Security grant
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management \$4 million to help strengthen emergency communications among communities along the U.S. border with Canada.
Funding can be used for equipment purchases, planning, training and conducting exercises.
The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 called on DHS's Office of Emergency Communications to establish the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project to identify solutions that facilitate emergency communications along and across the border, and ensure that emergency response providers can communicate during natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.



New Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto takes the oath of office as his wife Kathleen holds the Bible.

Angelosanto becomes city's top cop

Westland has a new police chief with the promotion of Greg Angelosanto to the department's top spot.
A 20-year veteran with the department, Angelosanto was sworn in as chief Thursday afternoon just hours after the Civil Service Commission certified the promotional list.
He had served as deputy chief since August 2010. Angelosanto has experience in numerous high level positions as lieutenant, including serving as the commander of the Detective Bureau, the Special Investigations Unit and the Metro Street Enforcement Team, a multi-jurisdictional crime task force.
During his career, Angelosanto has earned 34 departmental awards and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associate School of Leadership and the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.
Angelosanto and his wife, Kathleen, have four children, two daughters and two sons, ranging in age from 5 to 18.
The promotion is due to the retirement of former police Chief Alan Ramsden who worked for the city for more than 20 years and one year as chief.
"I would like to thank Chief Ramsden for his many years of service to the residents of our All-American City," said Mayor William Wild. "I would like to congratulate



Westland Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick (left) joined recently retired chief Alan Ramsden and former deputy chief Mark Engstrom in congratulating newly sworn-in police Chief Greg Angelosanto.

Chief Angelosanto on his promotion and thank him for accepting the honor of the highest level of protection in serving our residents and this great city."

Baracy: Battle over funding cuts isn't over

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are urging parents of students to continue to pepper state lawmakers with letters and e-mails, protesting proposed school aid budgets that could short the district more than \$14 million.
The call comes on the heels of a Senate-approved education budget that would cut per-pupil funding by \$340 and take \$395.9 million from the School Aid Fund to divert it to other budgets.
"The battle isn't over yet," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "We still have to be relentless in working with our state representatives. The cuts are still too great and the state shouldn't be raiding the School Aid Fund."
The budget, approved by the Senate last week, faced opposition from both sides of the aisle, forcing Lt. Gov. Brian Calley to break a 19-19 tie by casting the deciding vote to pass the budget plan. Seven Republican senators — Tory Rocca of the 10th District, Jack Brandenburg of the 11th District, Mike Nofs of the 19th District, Rick Jones of the 24th District, David Hildebrand of the 29th District, Mike Green of the 31st District and Geoff Hansen of the 34th District — joined their Democratic colleagues in voting no.
"The people of Michigan put their faith in us as elected officials to act in their best interests and stand up for education, and the Republican budget vote to cut our schools is a blatant betrayal of their trust," said Sen. Glenn Anderson, whose 6th District

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Hearing adjourned in WYAA embezzlement case

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Huren

A preliminary examination for a former Westland Youth Athletic Association president charged with embezzling more than \$20,000 from the group has been adjourned until Wednesday, May 25.
Garden City resident Galen Huren Jr., 46, appeared in Westland 18th District Court Thursday when the hearing was scheduled to determine whether there was sufficient evidence for him to stand trial on the felony

charge.
Defense attorney Mary Mahoney told Judge Mark McConnell that she had not yet received the considerable amount of discovery needed to prepare her case.
"I talked to the prosecutor and he was agreeable to adjourning the preliminary examination. There is little likelihood that the examination would be waived," said Mahoney, who also commented that

she expected the preliminary examination to be lengthy.
Free on \$10,000/10 percent bond, Huren is charged with stealing \$31,000 from the WYAA from January to July 2010 while serving as president.
Representatives from WYAA filed a complaint with police in July 2010 after Huren had resigned as president. Huren, who has entered a not guilty plea, denied the allegations when interviewed by police.
WYAA officials began to realize there was a problem after finding bills were unpaid. Shut-off notices were

being left in the door of the association building on Farmington Road. Current WYAA President Don Haas said that no cash deposits were made into the association account for about six months.
Now in its 53rd year, WYAA registers about 1,000 youngsters 5-16 years old annually in football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, softball and cheerleading. The group is self-supporting through registration fees and fundraisers.

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Residents welcome new screening behind Art Van

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Art Van store will be getting a new eight-foot fence to screen neighbors from the back of their building and also two tents to hold their annual sale.
After hearing a repeat of last year's complaints from residents living on Marina Court about the poor condition of the screening berm, noise, litter and lack of privacy, the Westland City Council rejected Art Van's request to conduct their annual tent sale May 3-25.
Council members did leave the door open to reconsider the tent sale request contingent on an agreement being worked out to resolve the

screening issues for neighbors. The tent sale approval was granted the day before the sale was set to begin.
"I'm happy to bring this request to you. After the last meeting, I took the opportunity to meet with Art Van and consult with the neighbors on Marina Court," said Planning Director Bruce Thompson. "The final solution is an eight-foot high screening fence along the common lot line. The chain link fence is to be removed."
The eight-foot height of the fence was necessary due to the grade changes in the residential properties, he said, which caused a six-foot screening fence to be ineffective. While the

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Market opens to cool weather, light crowd

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the Westland Farmers Market opened for a second season last Tuesday, Bill Besso was rivaling the Maytag repairman as the loneliest guy in town.

"It's so slow. The market master bought a chicken sandwich — I'm known for my chicken sandwich," said Besso, who was grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs, in addition to chicken sandwiches.

It's early in the season, so the number of vendors was low and the weather was cool, overcast and wet, further putting a bit of damper on the market, which has moved to the City Hall parking lot.

"I could make a killing with coffee and hot chocolate today," said Besso, who will be adding fresh-squeezed lemonade to his menu once the weather warms up.

Returning to the market was Becky Plowman of Hog Wild which sells a variety of homemade sausages — fresh Italian and kielbasa, smoked kielbasa and hunter sausages. This year, Plowman's sister, Nicole Jude, has joined the market selling cupcakes.

"We did really well at this market last year, it was one of our better markets. I hope it continues this year," said Plowman, who also sells at markets in Redford, Taylor and new this year, Plymouth.

Hog Wild evolved the sausage making hobby of Plowman's husband Scott, who had been unemployed. Now that he's back to work full time, Becky Plowman is running the business herself.

Last year, the market was held along Wayne Road in



At the Westland Farmers Market, Tish and Scott Branham sell varieties of honey and bee pollen emphasizing the health benefits from the all natural product.

front of Westland Shopping Center. The City Hall parking lot is an interim spot for the market which is eventually expected to move further south into Central City Park once a plaza has been constructed.

"I don't like the new location really. They say it will get a lot more traffic. People go to the mall to shop and saw the market — there was unexpected traffic," said Plowman. "It's been advertised a lot in the Observer. I hope we get people. I make fresh sausage before every market."

Livonia residents Tish and Scott Branham are beekeepers back for a second year at the market selling a variety of honeys, bee pollen and beeswax

candles. "We're at six markets along with health expos and craft fairs," said Tish Branham. "We're not your normal beekeepers. I am definitely into the health aspects. I only do honey from crops without pesticides."

Depending on the type of crops the bees have pollinated, the honey not only has different flavors and color but different health benefits, according to Branham. The goldenrod honey is great for people will allergies, she said, while spearmint honey is good for indigestion and reflux and clover honey is good for joints.

"Bee pollen that comes off the bees' legs will clear up

allergies. My grandson had asthma — that's what got me into this business," said Branham. "That was five years ago."

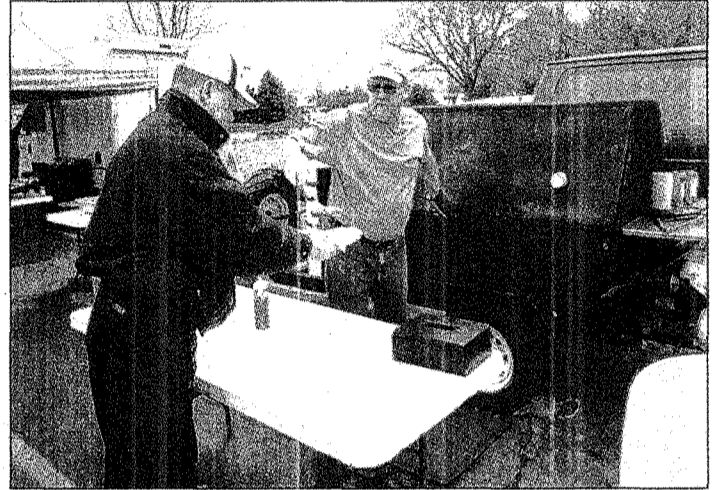
The new location for the market may be an improvement, Branham said, providing better exposure along Ford. From Kapnick Farms outside Tecumseh, Gary Armstrong was offering a variety of baked good and some produce.

"We're a couple of weeks behind with crops because of the weather," he said.

The farm produces crops throughout the growing season from early crops like asparagus and strawberries on through the summer into the fall with late crops like apples.



Armed with her umbrella, Rita Fenwick visited the Hog Wild sausage booth at the Westland Farmers Market opening day.



John Litchfield gets a burger from Bill Besso, who grills chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs at the Westland Farmers Market.

The Westland Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through the

end of October.

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pine trees in the berm are very tall, dating back to the 1995 store expansion, other plants underneath died.

"We lost thousands of dol-

lars worth of vegetation there. Usually you need a much wider berm," said David Winowiecki, Art Van facilities coordinator. "Usually you need a much wider berm. Last summer, we offered a six-foot fence and a seven-foot fence which were rejected by the neighbors."

It will take two weeks to get the fence materials, Winowiecki said, since it is a custom order.

Other complaints by residents were being addressed by moving the merchandise pickup area from the east side of the building near homes to the south side of the build-

ing. Another complaint about employees congregating and smoking at the rear of the store was addressed by Art Van which implemented a no smoking policy effective May 1.

There is no smoking on the property, not even electric cigarettes," said Winowiecki.

"Employees can't smoke in their cars — they would have to punch out and leave the premises."

Council members expressed their appreciation to store officials for working to resolve the complaints from neighbors. Dan Cook, whose home backs up to the store, appreci-

ated the actions taken by the council.

"Your efforts really got the ball rolling," said Cook, who wanted to know the time line for finishing the fence and that the fire lane would be maintained.

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includes the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "These drastic cuts to our schools are going to make it even harder to turn our economy around and rob from our children the chance to compete in the 21st century workforce."

HARD AT WORK

Anderson — along with several state representatives, including Richard LeBlanc of Westland and Kurt Heise of Plymouth — has been working overtime to help restore Wayne-Westland's equity language which represents \$6 million in school aid that was not factored in when Proposal A took effect in 1994.

As it now stands, the dis-

trict could lose up to 14 percent of its \$112 million general fund budget and plunge the district into deficit. It's a blow to the Wayne-Westland school board, which has "been prudent in planning for the tough times," Baracy said.

Last year, school officials launched a three-pronged plan to help the district weather the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget years. The plan included cuts in spending, the closing of six elementary schools, one-year wage and salary freezes and "modest" increase in health care costs from employees. The plan would have saved the district \$11.2 million, however, the Wayne-Westland Education Association and

one of its affiliates have yet to agree to the wage and benefit requests.

"If it all had fallen into place, we would have been able to do it, but not with these cuts from the state," Baracy said. "The biggest issue is the equity of the cuts. Wayne-Westland has been singled out for the largest cut in the state. It's terrible to be cut so much when you work so hard to move a district forward to provide best in educational facilities and for the students."

"We have no ability to offset a situation that has been created by someone else," he added.

"We all understand that times are tough and difficult

decisions need to be made, but if this budget is an indication of our state's priorities, we are in trouble," Anderson said. "Education and public safety funding should not be expendable."

RESOLVING DIFFERENCES

The budgets voted out of the Michigan Senate have been transferred to the House for an up or down vote, after which they will go to conference committees to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. The state House was to have taken up its education budget late last week.

Gov. Rick Snyder wants the education budget completed by May 31 so school districts know what their funding is when they prepare their budgets, which must be approved by June 20. According to Baracy, the school district has four weeks to convince

lawmakers not to cut Wayne-Westland to the extent that's been proposed.

He stressed that the equity language is "a very legitimate piece of legislation" that came about because of the confusion over Proposal A.

"The equity language was valid when Gov. John Engler signed it in 1999, it's not an earmark, it's not pork," he said.

The school district has a Legislative Tool Kit on its website at www.wwcsd.net with information on how to contact lawmakers and what the crux of the crisis is, so citizens can continue to let lawmakers know that they don't want K-12 funding cut.

"If we're lucky, we'll get our money," Baracy said. "The economy is turning around slowly. If we get through another year, we can make it."

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Schoolcraft College celebrates 46th commencement

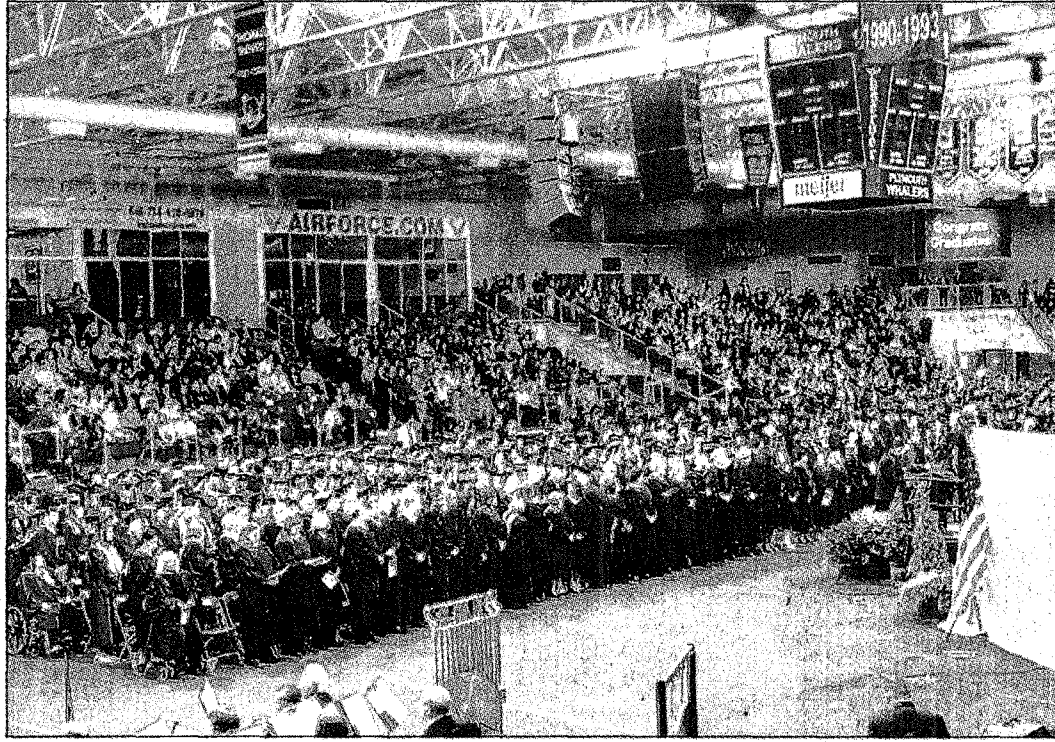
Schoolcraft College celebrated its 46th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the 1,711 students eligible to participate (those earning an associate degree or certificate), 470 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments.

Todd Goodman, a resident of Northville and president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, presented the Student Reflection for the Class of 2011.

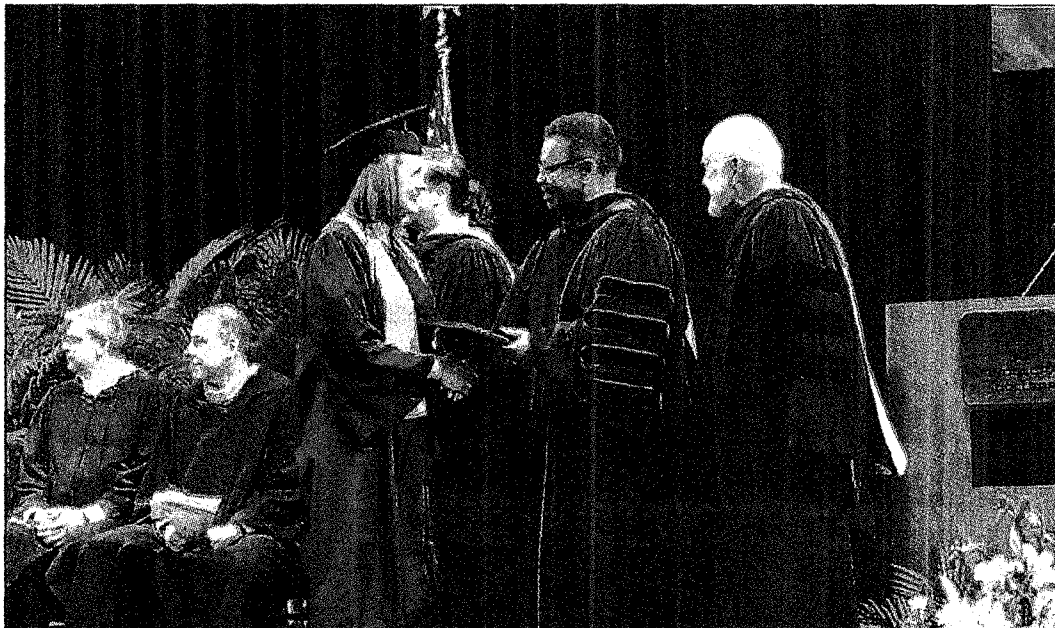
Dr. Conway Jeffress made a special announcement that Matthew Cornett, a resident of Wayne, was the recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Only 60 students of the 785 from throughout the United States who applied were awarded this \$30,000-per-year scholarship. The scholarship is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses - including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees - for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cornett is only one of four students from Michigan to be named a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar.

Stephnie Bergeron, president of Walsh College, was the keynote speaker and also received an Honorary Associate in Arts and Sciences degree. An associate degree is the highest degree a student can earn at Schoolcraft College.

Dr. Rebecca Himm was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2011. Dr. Himm, whose dental practice is in Livonia, graduated in 1999 with an associate degree in science from Schoolcraft College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She went on to Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated magna cum laude. She graduated in the top of her class from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, where



Nearly 500 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments at Schoolcraft College's 46th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

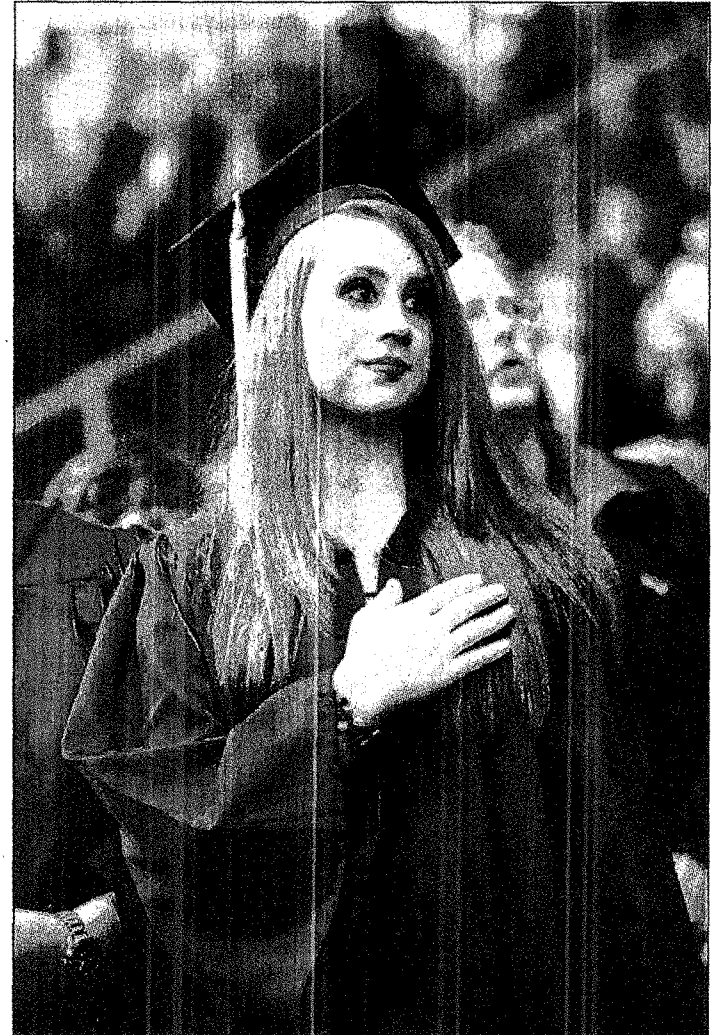


Gretchen R. Bridges of Livonia receives her associate degree.

she was accepted into the Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Kappa Upsilon, the dental national honor society. She credits her strong academic performance to the solid foundation for learning and studying she received at

Schoolcraft College. In addition to her professional dental career, Himm is very active in the community including the Give Kids a Smile dental awareness and access program for underserved children. And

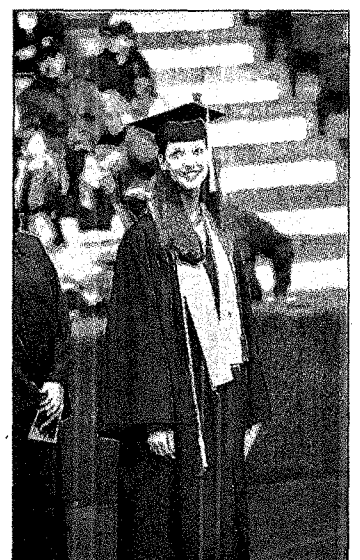
she remains involved as a member of the Schoolcraft community, taking continuing education classes and even participating in various Schoolcraft theatre productions. The general Commencement



Amanda Bests of Garden City places her hand over her heart during the National Anthem.

Ceremony held April 30 is one of several ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Schoolcraft College's graduates. Last week the Culinary Arts program held its ceremony, along with the Nursing program's annual Pinning Ceremony, which featured the graduation of more than 70 nursing students. On Wednesday, members of the Police Reserve Officer Training program graduated at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, followed by the Fire Academy graduation on Thursday, and the Police Academy graduation on Friday.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.



Elizabeth Cizek of Plymouth is all smiles as she goes to receive her arts degree.

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Block grant money funds many programs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adding funding to activities ranging from housing rehabilitation to funding programs for senior citizens and remediation at Central City Park, the federal Community Development Block Grant program impacts many Westland residents, directly or indirectly.

"CDBG is a highly important program for Westland. It provides so many services

from housing rehabilitation to Youth Assistance and road repairs in Norwayne," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

"It's been a very instrumental program for the city over the years," agreed Mayor William Wild. "We've used it to fund community policing in the CDBG (eligible) area, an ordinance officer, energy efficiency upgrades at the fire stations and fire equipment. It's been very helpful to the city."

During the current fiscal year, Westland received \$1.2 million in CDBG funds, along with \$350,000 for the HOME program which funds home rehabilitation and payment assistance for new homeowners. The CDBG funds have been used in Norwayne for a number of projects — the \$2 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program is a subprogram of Community Development — but not limited to one area of Westland. "CDBG funds can be used all

over the city, if they meet their income guidelines. It has truly benefited the entire city," said Inglis.

Some projects require that 51 percent of the residents served meet program income guidelines to utilize CDBG funds.

"We'll probably always meet the income requirements in Norwayne and senior citizens always count as eligible for the program," said Inglis.

NSP activities have been aimed at helping to stabilize

residential neighborhoods.

"Property values still aren't up because there so many more foreclosures still out there," said Inglis. "Each time we keep one more house from being a blighted, vacant house helps the values. The impact is exponential. If your house is next door to a blighted vacant home, you lose 30 percent of the value. If you're in the next block, it's 20 percent. It's not just one block that is affected."

Other recent CDBG activities include the Norwayne

Community Garden dedication, 10 abandoned, blighted buildings demolished in Norwayne between March-April, Life Remodeled's affordable housing project, Central City Park remediation activities, assisting two new homebuyers in April, lighting improvements at the fire stations, a new sound system at the Friendship Center and the Samuel B. Ware students' spring break camp.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 20. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Food distribution

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of May.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 9, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The church's phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their

day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of May, apple cherry juice, cranberry sauce, frozen ham, peanut butter, refried beans, shredded mozzarella cheese, sliced carrots, UHT milk, vegetable soup and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

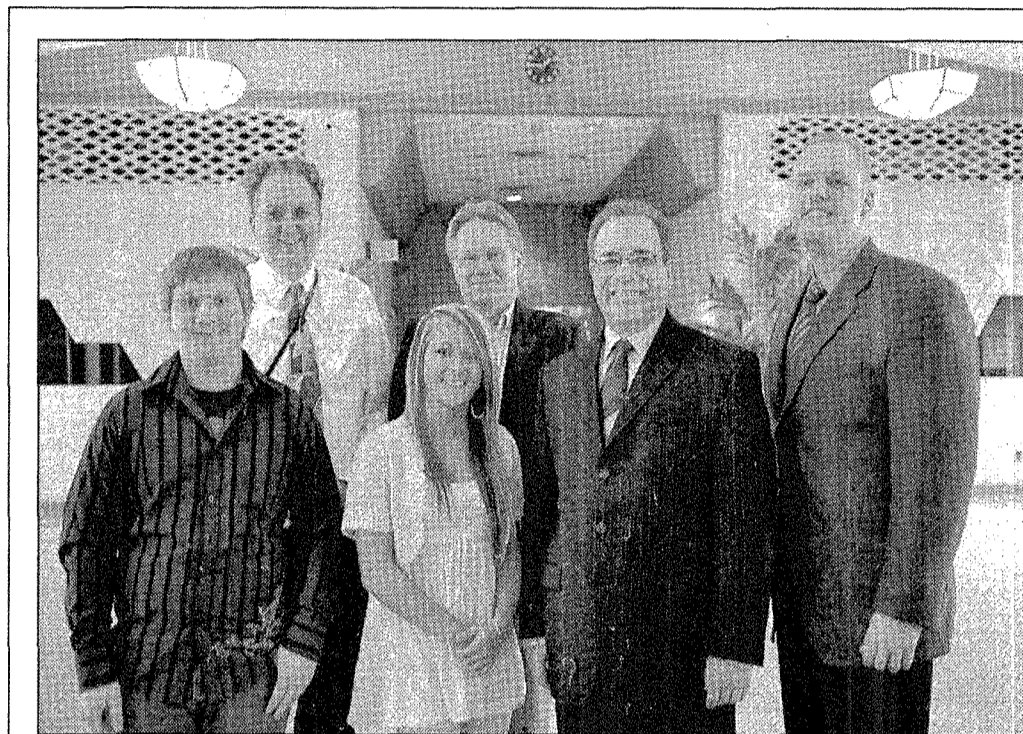
Progressive raffle

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.

Book signings

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan



Talented duo

Two students at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center have been selected as winners in an anti-bullying PSA contest, sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (second from right). Robert Slubowski (from left), a senior at Melvindale High School, won first place and \$500, while Nicole Tyra, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School, won second place and a Flip video camera. Joining them at the ceremony was Career-Technical Principal Steve Kay (right), Jeff Bloomer (back row, from left), Media Production instructor, and Steve Paulsen, Graphic Design instructor. The Career-Technical Center also received a \$2,000 grant for technology. There were more than 80 entries in the contest.

Butterfly Association, will be signing her book, *Learn About 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.

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

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

programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department and within the city.

The 2011 Children's Fire Safety Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, June 9, at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the 4-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m.

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

Healing Hearts

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

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

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

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This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 9-May 23, 2011 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

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Ford dealers premier 2012 Focus

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Cab ride ends in arrest of two women

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two women have been charged with fraud after they allegedly tried to get a free taxi ride from a home in Wayne to the McDonald's Restaurant in Garden City April 28.

According to Garden City police, the women and a juvenile female allegedly conspired to call a cab to their home in Wayne and then not pay for the fare.

According to the cab driver, he took them to the restaurant on Middlebelt just south of Ford where they bolted from

the car. He was able to keep one of the passengers in the cab while he called police. She only had \$12 with her and the fare was \$20.

The other woman and her younger sister scaled the wall near the McDonald's restaurant and fled, police said. Police reportedly found the juvenile hiding in the bed of a pickup truck parked in a driveway in the 29000 block of John Hawk. They reportedly located her older sister walking on

southbound Middlebelt near Block.

The two adult women were arrested for fraud while the juvenile was released to a relative.

They all reportedly told the police that the plan was to call for a cab, even though they knew that they didn't have the money to pay the fare, and then to run when the cab took them to their destination.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate.

The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

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

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road.

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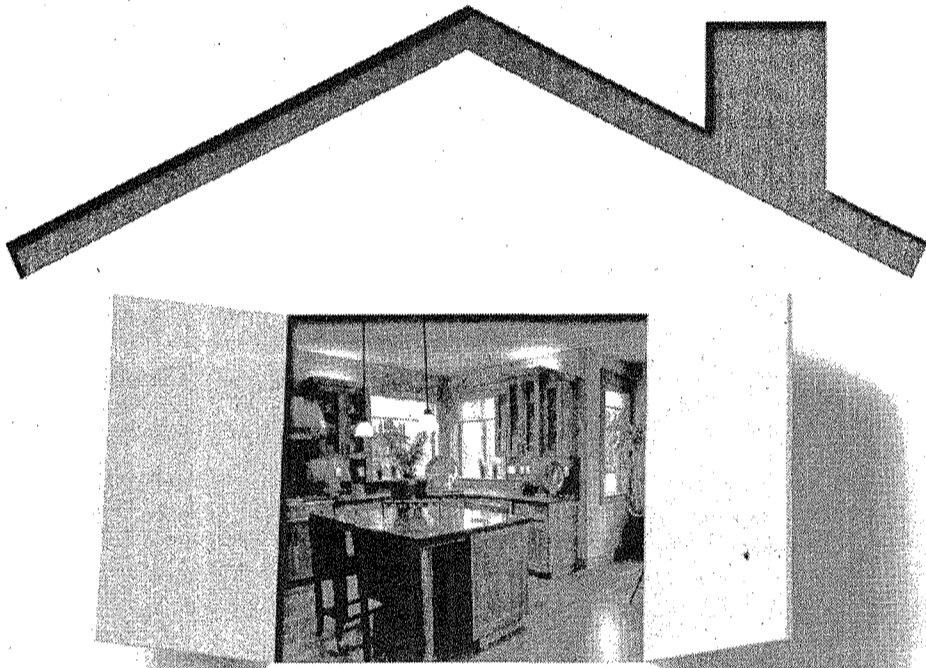
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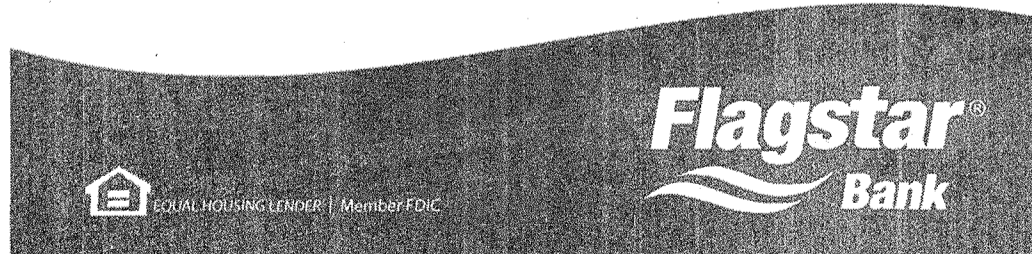
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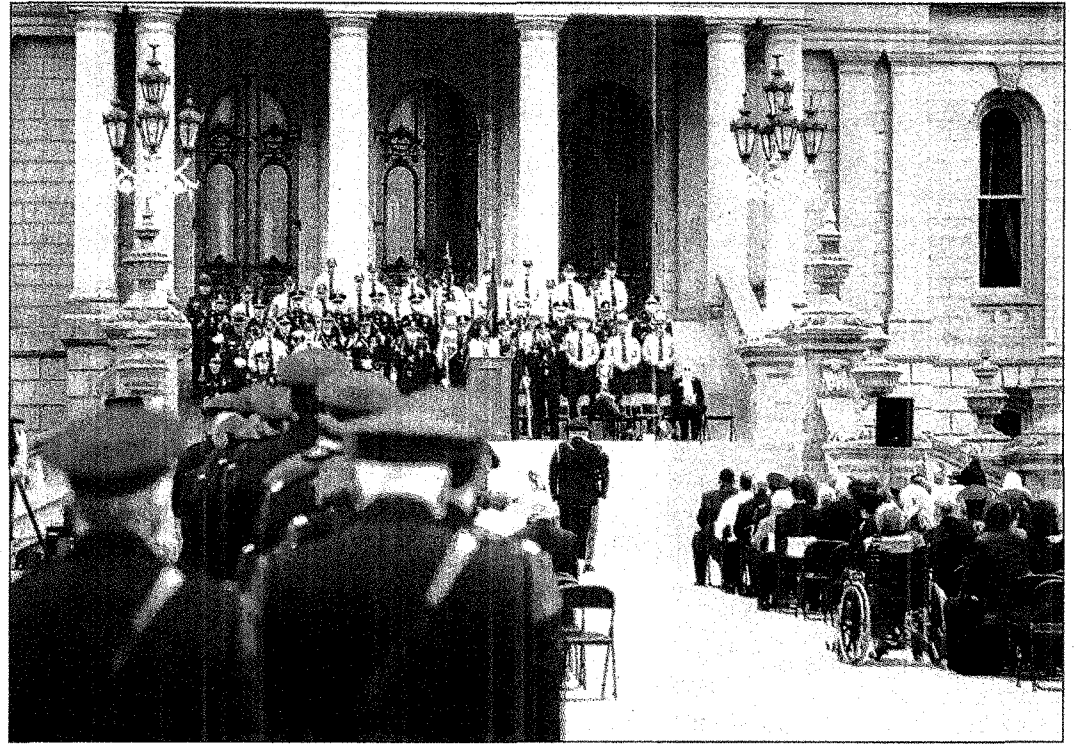
Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded

in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a “Baby Shower” for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea’s Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club’s community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.



Law enforcement officers, families and friends of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty within the past year gather at the State Capitol.

Slain officers remembered at state Capitol ceremony

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Harvey believes Americans treat war veterans, the ones who fought daily to protect this nation, with deep respect and appreciation.

Harvey wants the public to remember police officers and the war they fight every day: the war on crime. Harvey spoke Monday at the 18th annual Law Enforcement Officers Candlelight Memorial Service.

“We forget those who fight the war at home,” said Harvey, executive director of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

The ceremony at the State Capitol honored eight law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, including Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil. Nehasil died in a gun-fire exchange with a burglary suspect Jan. 17. The suspect was killed in the exchange.

The Memorial Service was

presented by the Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors, a nonprofit volunteer organization that assists families and survivors of fallen law enforcement officers.

CANDLES LIT

Family members of the officers placed a flower into a memorial wreath, which was placed on the Capitol steps, according to Livonia Deputy Chief Curtis Caid, who is also Nehasil’s brother-in-law. Blue candles were lit, one for each of the officers. The Livonia Police Department Honor Guard also fired a 21-gun salute.

“MI-COPS do their very best to recognize the families of fellow officers,” Caid said. “It is a significant event and honor, and they do a great job of supporting families and law enforcement agencies during these very trying times.”

Harvey, a former Garden City police chief, said that Nehasil was “doing what police officers

do” in catching a suspect. “Some police officer somewhere is doing right now what Larry did,” Harvey said. “He did his job, and he paid with the ultimate sacrifice. He was a hero.”

Caid said there are risks on the job, but often officers, such as Caid himself and Nehasil, didn’t discuss those risks at home because they believed it placed more stress on their spouse.

“Like (Larry’s wife) Linda said about Larry, ‘He was just another Dad going to work,’” Caid said.

Harvey appreciates the respect and attention to officers during National Police Week, which is May 15-21, but he hopes that respect can continue beyond that.

“Being a veteran in the U.S. Army, I like to thank soldiers when I meet them,” Harvey said. “I think we should do the same for officers, and particularly, the surviving families of officers, too.”

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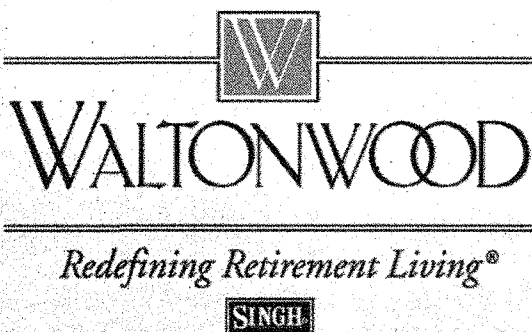
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Fundraiser supports Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Chances are, someone you know suffers from Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Yet chances also are, you don't know it.

IBD, which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, afflicts one in 200 people in the United States — but because its affects are of such a personal nature, people are often hesitant to talk about it.

Yet spreading awareness of IBD and encouraging discussion among its sufferers can not only make the challenges easier to manage, it can also be an important step toward developing advanced treatment programs and possibly a cure someday, said Debbie Barris of Commerce.

"Sometimes, people who have it don't want anyone to know — but they are living with an awful stress inside them," said Barris, who was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in 2003 and now works as a volunteer speaker for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. "I don't mind talking about it or educating people about it. It can be cathartic."

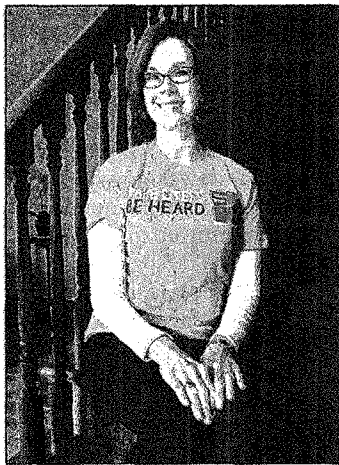
What's also rewarding — and helpful — is being involved in a major show of support for fellow sufferers and raising funds for research

IBD

Inflammatory Bowel Disease is inflammation of the digestive tract, causing abdominal pain, severe diarrhea and in some cases malnutrition. It can also lead to arthritis, delayed growth in children, fatigue, skin disorders and more. Types of IBD include Crohn's, which occurs in patches throughout the digestive track, often spreading to its deep lining, and ulcerative colitis, which affects a continuous stretch of the lining of the colon and rectum. There is no known cure.

to battle IBD, she said. An opportunity to do that is planned for May 15 at Camp Dearborn in Milford, when the CCFA presents the 2011 Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis.

"Inflammatory Bowel Disease is a disease no one knows why we get it, and there is no cure," Barris said. "The money we raise goes to education and research and to send children (with IBD) to a special summer camp, so for a whole week they can be with children just like themselves. For a week they don't have to hide what they have to deal with or explain it, because they are with other kids who have the same thing — who understand."



Debbie Barris, diagnosed with ulcerative colitis several years ago, is spreading awareness about inflammatory bowel disease and urging people to participate in the 2011 Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis fundraiser.

Registration for the event starts at 5 p.m. for the 6 p.m. walk. There's no minimum contribution required, but every person who participates

is asked to raise funds. Along with walkers, there's a need for volunteers to help with set up and clean up, and to pass out water and snacks. The event will also include Radio Disney as well as a "Kids Corral" to keep youngsters entertained.

Stephanie Gregory, manager for the Take Steps walk, said this year's fundraising goal is \$130,000. Last year, \$110,000 was raised, helped in part by corporate sponsorship.

"We really try to engage the entire community," Gregory said. "With one in 200 people having this disease, just start asking around and you will find someone who has it."

"This is all about 'taking steps' to be heard. We want people to come out and really enjoy the evening. Everyone is welcome."

Barris said her ulcerative colitis is in remission, kept at bay by drug therapy, dietary changes and a lower-stress

way of life. Her relief came after more than two years of trying different medications when finally doctors had success with a new drug, administered intravenously over the course of multiple weeks.

"Research is so very important," she said. "The drug that ultimately put me in remission wasn't even available until 2005."

Flare ups are always a possibility for IBD sufferers, Barris said, but she is happy to say her life is as close to normal as she can expect. She recalls the time when her suffering was at its peak, when she couldn't go 30 minutes without needing the bathroom.

"It's a really difficult disease to deal with. It affects every aspect of your life," she said. "I was going to the bathroom 15-25 times a day, so you quickly learn where all the bathrooms are. You have to."

Before her remission, Barris' disease cost her a sub-

stantial amount of weight, and robbed her body of nutrients and energy. At times, she had to be hospitalized.

For the first years after her diagnosis, Barris admits she didn't speak of IBD. "It was a hard diagnosis to swallow, and I felt very isolated," she said. Fortunately, she found CCFA. She urges other IBD sufferers to turn to the organization if they haven't already.

"The best word I can use to describe CCFA is 'supportive.' Meeting other people, helping other people just like you," she said. "Yes, I have IBD, but it's not who I am. It's what I have."

To find out more about CCFA, donate or set up a walk team for the fundraiser, visit www.cffa.org or contact Stephanie Gregory at (248) 737-0900 or sgregory@ccfa.org.

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PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

McKinley Co-Op

McKinley Co-Op Preschool at 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, in Westland, will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14.

Parents can come and have some fun with their two-five-year olds and meet the teach Carol Miles who has more than 25 years of experience. Learn about the kindergarten readiness program.

For more information, call (734) 729-7222, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org or send an e-mail to mckinleypreschool@primemail.com.

Free Methodist

Westland Free Methodist Preschool will hold a spring open house and book fair 6:30-8:00 p.m. Monday, May 9.

The preschool, at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland, is enrolling for fall 2011-2012 classes. There will be tours, a chance to meet the staff, enrollment information, classroom activities, and a chance to shop at

the book fair. There also will be a special of half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 value, for those who sign up on May 9.

The preschool classes for four-five-year-old children will be 8:45-11:45 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuition will be \$130 per month. Classes for three-year-old children will be 9:15-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuition will be \$100 per month.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559 or e-mail wfm-preschool@yahoo.com.

St. Damian

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.

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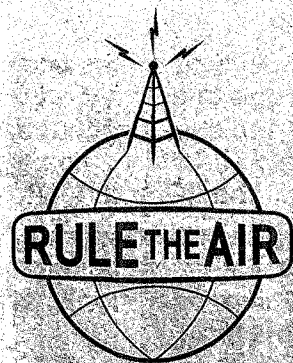
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BBB: Be wary of trial offers for e-cigarettes

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to be wary of free trial offers for e-cigarettes.

Sounds like an unusual product to buy, however, over the past 12 months, BBB has received hundreds of complaints from consumers across the country who thought they were getting a free trial, but ended up losing often hundreds of dollars in recurring credit or debit card charges.

Ubiquitous deceptive online websites offering "free trials" are even falsely attributing news stations like ABC and CBS to the promotion of their products.

"Fighting deceptive free trial offers online continues to be a game of whack-a-mole," said Patrick Bennett, director of community relations. "Just as soon as one company is put out of business it's replaced by another with the same model

of ripping consumers off under the guise of a no-risk free trial offer."

Customers from 44 states have filed more than 360 complaints against Direct E-Cig of Naples, Fla., and London, England, in the last year. More than 40 of those complaints came from Missouri and Illinois, including several from the St. Louis area. According to the BBB of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois, in response to some of the complaints, Direct E-Cig told the BBB that its website notes that consumers must go through a cancellation process within 15 days "to avoid being billed the full price of the kit of \$109.95 and future monthly shipments." Several consumers said they received direct e-mail solicitations from the company and never saw the cancellation policy, while some have even reported paying \$4.95 for the

trial offer only to be billed more than \$100 unknowingly.

Another scam to note is Smoke Freely, LLC, which has an F rating with BBB. According to the more than 300 complaints to the BBB serving Central, Northern and Western Arizona, the company lures in its customers by claiming that they will receive a free trial of smokeless cigarettes just by paying the shipping and handling costs. However, consumer complainants say that after agreeing to pay the \$9.95 shipping and handling costs, they were repeatedly charged \$149.90 along with a variety of other miscellaneous charges. Complainants report getting the runaround from the company when they request refunds or ask to stop being billed. One consumer claims to have lost more than \$640 as a result of recurring charges.

"Before signing up for any

free trial offers read the fine print carefully and always check the company out with BBB.

You'll save time and money by avoiding the hassle and recurring charges of some unscrupulous offers," said Bennett.

BBB, along with the Federal Trade Commission, suggest asking the following questions before signing up for a free trial:

- Is the free trial offer related to a membership, subscription or extended service contract?
- Do I have to contact the company to avoid receiving more merchandise or services?
- Who do I contact to cancel?
- Will I receive other products with the free item? If so, will I have to pay for them or send them back if I do not want them? How long do I have to decide before incurring a charge?
- Is there a membership fee? If so, is it refundable?
- Will you automatically bill my credit card for anything?
- Who is offering the trial — you or another company? What is the name and address of the company?

Additional advice on signing up for free trial offers is available at www.bbb.org/us/article/free-trial-offers-are-they-good-deals-425. Consumers who believe they have been misled by a free trial offer can file a complaint online with the BBB at www.bbb.org.

The Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Eastern Michigan is located at 26777 Central Park Blvd., Suite 100, in Southfield. For more information go online to www.easternmichiganbbb.org, www.detroitbbb.org or www.bbbUP.org or call (248) 223-9400.

Stay away from stocks for short-term investing

Q: Dear Rick: I am recently divorced and was forced to sell my home. After paying off my ex-spouse, I was left with about \$75,000.

I'm not sure how to invest this money. I'm currently living in an apartment and eventually would like to buy a home. The problem is, I'm not sure if I don't move out of state, I'll buy a new home probably before the end of this year or early next year. I consider myself a somewhat aggressive investor. I'm not afraid to take risks. My initial inclination is to invest the money. I've done very well in an emerging market fund and I'm thinking about adding the money to that fund. What do you think?

A: I like emerging market funds and believe they belong in just about everyone's portfolio as part of the growth side. However, acknowledging the fact that you are an aggressive investor, in your situation an emerging market fund would be the wrong investment. Not because emerging market funds are not good, but rather, they are not good for your situation.

I have always been a believer that successful investors invest based upon individual goals and objectives. Your goal is to use this money to buy a new home within a relatively short time frame. Because of that, an emerging market fund is not something to consider.

I believe your goals dictate how you invest money. It's like planning a vacation. You decide to bring shorts on a vacation, not necessar-

ily because you like shorts, but because you'll have the opportunity to wear them. The investment must fit the objective.

In your situation, you have a short-term time frame as to when the money will be used. Because of that time frame, market-based investments that can be very volatile over a short period of time are inappropriate. My advice, and I know you're going to hate to hear this, is to invest in a certificate of deposit.

I recognize that CDs are paying very little, however, for the time frame involved, they are the best investment. They will protect the principal, which must be a primary consideration in your particular situation.

Not all CDs are the same. You can get better rates of return by shopping around. In addition to our local banks, a good website to use is www.bankrate.com. I also encourage you to check with a credit union.

As an investment adviser, the most important thing to know before you invest someone's money is their main goal and the time frame they have to achieve it. When an investor has a time frame in terms of months, you automatically know that you have to avoid the stock market. For long-term investors, the stock market is a great investment. For short-term investors, it's a gamble and something that I do not recommend.

Good luck!

I would like to wish all moms a very happy Mothers Day! Especially mine — Hilda Bloom! I love you mom.

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



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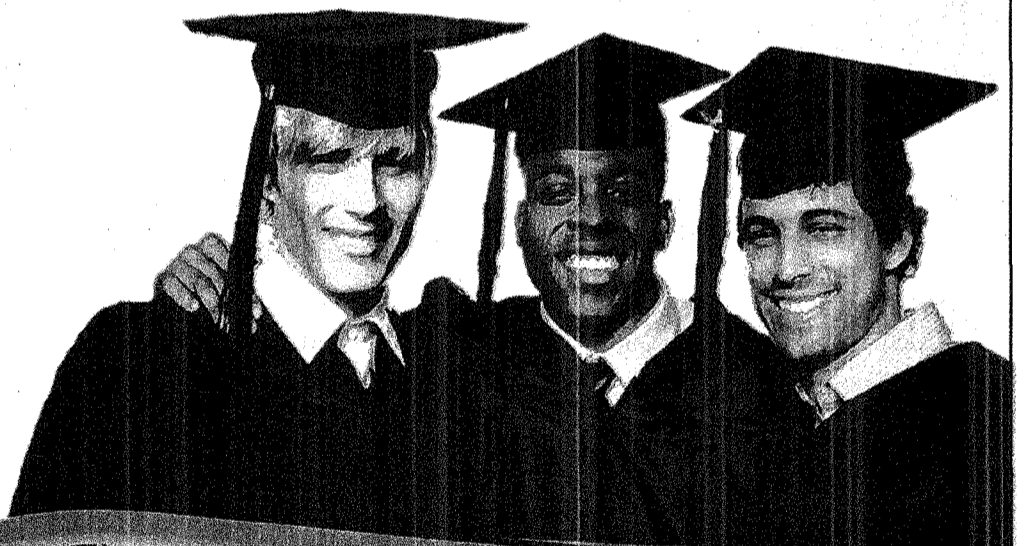
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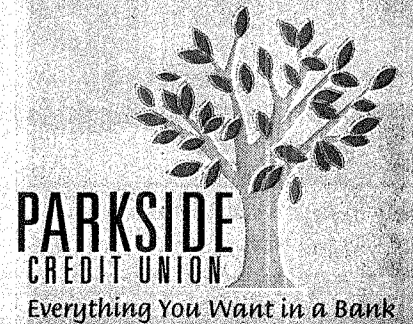
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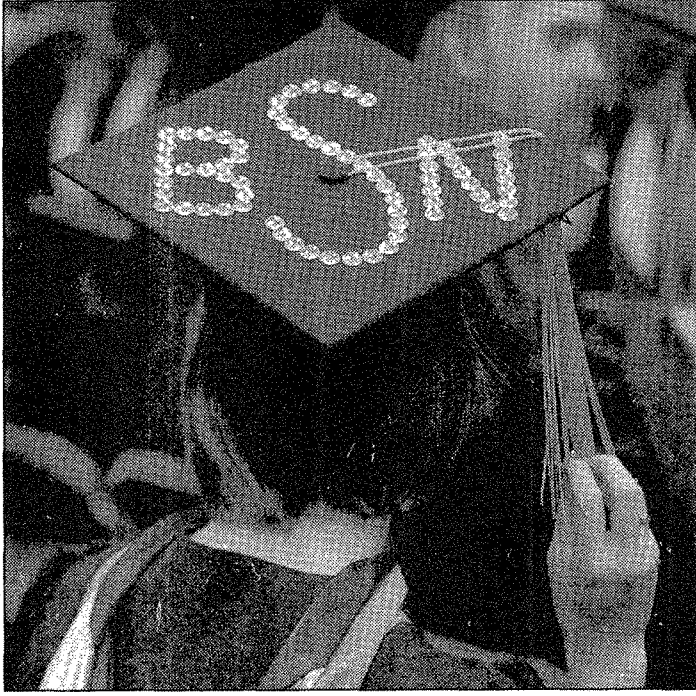
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Madonna graduates 1,065 at 64th commencement



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There is no doubt about what degree Chelsea Archibald earned. She is from Canton.

Of the 1,065 graduates who joined the Madonna University alumni ranks this year, some 525 walked across the stage to get their diplomas at the 64th commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were five of the first 15 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program that began in May 2009. Approximately 750 students earned a bachelor's or associate degree, and nearly 300 earned a master's.

Prior to conferring degrees to the graduates in attendance, Madonna University's president, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, and Board Chairman Robert Sajdak bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Paulson Mathew Chunkapura, Ph.D., president of the World of Knowledge Management Development Centre (WKMDC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Kaup Mohamed, Ph. D., dean and director of the WKMDC.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Brian Davis and Lucy Thomas. A Detroit Police Officer since he graduated from the police academy in 1986, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Madonna

in 2002, and applied it to his work as a teacher at the Detroit Police Training Center. He returned to Madonna to earn a master's degree in educational leadership and a certificate in curriculum development in 2008. As commanding officer of the Detroit Police Department's Northwestern District, Davis was wounded in a shootout in the 6th precinct in early January. He is credited with saving the lives of his fellow officers.

Lucy Thomas, who earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983 and now serves on Madonna University's Foundation Board, was unable to make the commencement from her home in Louisiana, so her sister, Amy Habib, accepted on her behalf.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Kathryn O'Dowd, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. Graduate vocalist Amy Loskowski sang the National Anthem, which was interpreted by sign language studies graduates Katie Mann,



Kelly Ross receives her degree from Madonna President Rose Marie Kujawa and Board Chair Robert Sajdak. Ross lives in Livonia.

Delta Covrett, Mary Spas and Kathleen McGowan. The mace bearer was Asaad Istephan,

Ph.D., professor of physical and applied sciences. Some 70 graduates and

their families attended the Graduation Mass April 28 at Presentation Blessed Virgin

Mary Chapel. Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, was the celebrant.

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Local musicians to play for peace May 13

A dozen local musical performers will be playing for peace during a 2-1/2-hour concert at Unity of Livonia, Friday, May 13. The eclectic peace players will render performances, ranging from pop, blues and jazz, to country and folk, to hip hop suitable for all ages.

The concert features 30-year veteran entertainer Bill Meyer, country folk artist Joe Kidd, pop/rock/folk songs of David Nefish, soulful, a cappella vocals of Ruby Woods, and uplifting songs of Michael Krieger. The contemporary acoustic guitar, mandolin and banjo sounds of Judy Insley and Floyd Racion will include a touch of bluegrass. Kevin "Mr. Peace" Szawala will perform consciousness-raising hip-hop aimed at today's youth. Many of these local favorites will have CDs and performance schedules available.

The Peace Players will perform to raise funds for a statewide effort this summer by a coalition of Michigan peace groups to increase awareness of the

need for a viable culture of peace. Termed "Moveable Peace," the summer activities include coordinated community events, a traveling mobile exhibit featuring a 9-foot tall "Peace Mama" puppet, and Peace emissary Kevin Szawala.

A 10-day peace walk from all over the state to Lansing, a convergence of peace representatives statewide at the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day, and participation in the Detroit Labor Day Parade are planned.

Highlight of the summer's activities will be the submission of a petition to the state legislature and governor requesting the establishment of a Michigan Commission for Peace & Justice.

A donation of \$10 per person is requested at the concert. Unity of Livonia is on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079 or cmills0079@yahoo.com.



Bernadett Dewyer, children's associate, looks at a storybook with Coen Wilson during preschool storytime at Westland's Faust Library.

Storytimes introduce youngsters to library

When it comes to storytimes, Westland's Faust Library has something for the whole family.

"Our storytimes go all year long. We have three or four different age groups as young as infants and even family storytimes," said Marilyn Kwik, interim library director.

Parents must accompany children to storytimes but the offers a special evening session that is geared for the entire family - the other storytimes are offered during the day.

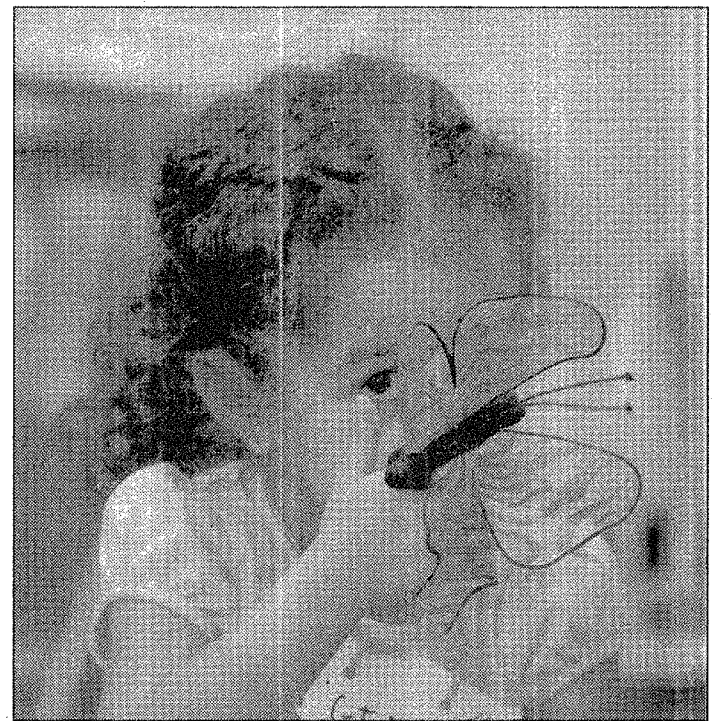
For preschoolers, storytimes feature a story book, songs and a felt board.

"There is a lot of partici-

tion. We have read and play for real young kids," said Kwik. "When they are older, they can join the reading club. It gets them comfortable coming here and being at the library."

As they grow up and move through the different story and reading programs, Kwik said youngsters develop relationships with the library staff, seeing the same people on their visits. It's also helps develop the habit of reading and visiting the library, she said.

No advance registration is required for the storytimes. Visit the library web site at



Gena Smith plays with a silk butterfly during preschool storytime at Westland's Faust Library.

www.westland.lib.mi.us/ for more on storytimes and other library programs.
By LeAnne Rogers

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Westland will be holding its annual budget hearing on May 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be at 300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186

The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Publish: May 8, 2011

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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th and 30th days throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2011. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Pavilion rentals

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

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

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

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

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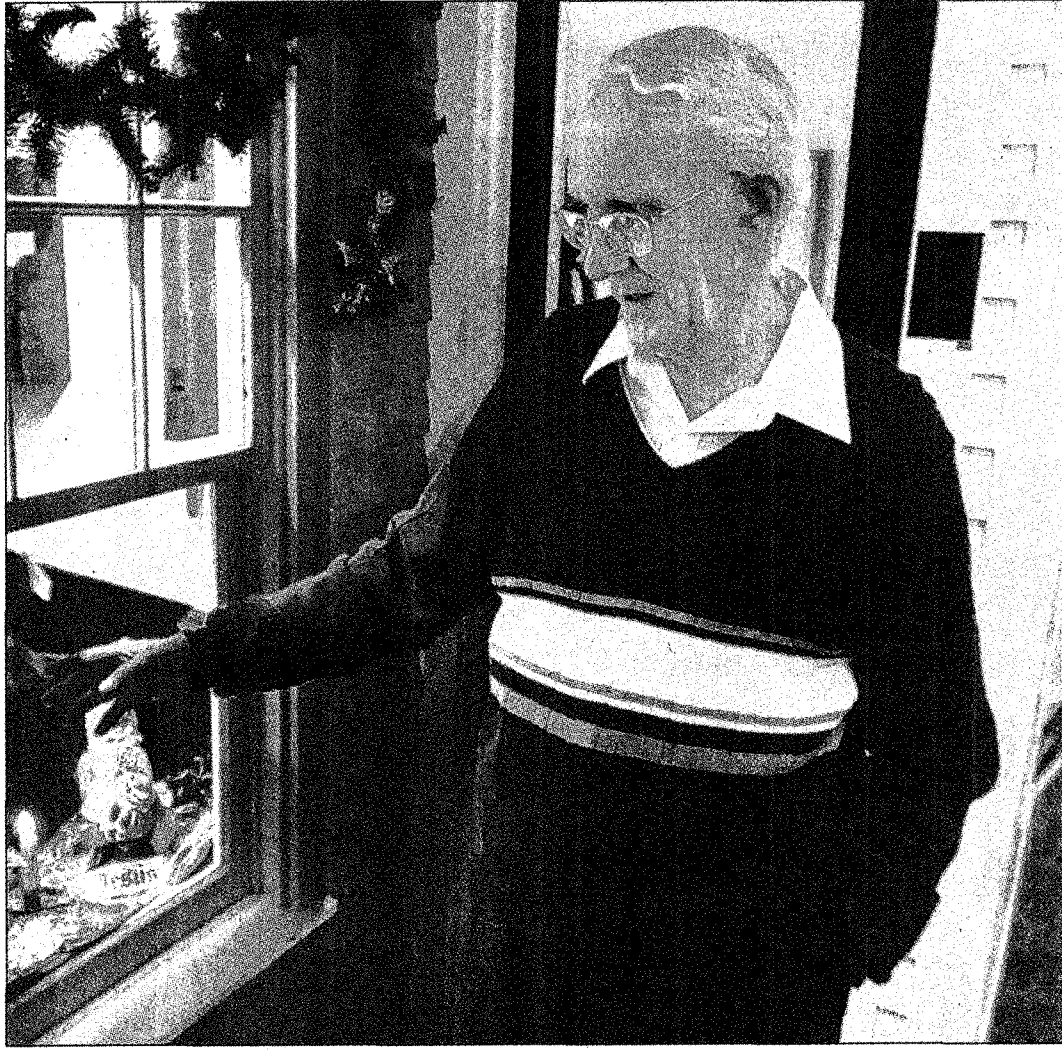
Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

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

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

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.



Dr. Weldon Petz was well-known as a Lincoln memorabilia collector.

Lincoln buff remembered as 'rare treasure'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those who knew him best said Dr. Weldon Petz had several passions in his life, among them his wife, Shirley, Abraham Lincoln, music and Santa Claus. During his life, he was a Lincoln scholar, a Big Band musician and arranger, writer and a school principal.

In death, friends are remembering Petz, who died April 28 at the age of 88, as "a rare treasure."

"He cared deeply for the people whose lives he touched and for his many passions," said Elizabeth Kelly Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, which has benefited from Petz's passions over the years.

During World War II, Petz served in the Special Services Band under the command of the Eighth Air Force. After the war, Petz played in several major Big Bands, traveling across the country with the Jimmy Dorsey Band along with Jimmy Durante as a favorite memory. Petz and his wife, Shirley, had apartments in Chicago and New York during this time. They traveled for seven years.

After these busy years, they settled in the Detroit and Oakland county areas. He became a teacher and school administrator in Detroit and Farmington.

"Being a principal in Farmington was a beautiful experience," Petz told the *Observer* in an April 2010 interview. "There were wonderful teachers and students. I still hear from them. Five of my students have become principals. They have called from Texas, Florida and Wisconsin. I always had an open door. Students could come in and discuss problems. I was able to help and encourage them."

Petz was also a writer, working with Roger Rosentreter to write two books for the Lincoln Bicentennial, *Seeking Lincoln in Michigan* and *Michigan Remembers Lincoln*, guidebooks to sites in Michigan which honor Lincoln.

Petz, well-known and respected among historians, gave nearly 5,000 talks on Lincoln to groups at universities, schools, historical societies, Civil War Roundtables and symposiums.

One of his biggest passions was Lincoln. Petz sold or donated his extensive collection to the Plymouth Historical Museum in 1998. The exhibit became very popular, and the museum built a room solely for the Lincoln exhibit in February 2002. That helped the museum fulfill one of the obligations created by the acquisition of Petz's collection: That it would always stay together in one place and not be sold off or separated.

"The Lincoln room is his legacy," said Dan Packer, a member of the Plymouth Historical Society board. "He would love to walk around the exhibit, point out an item, talk of its historical nature and tell how he acquired the item. Anyone who walked into the museum's Lincoln Room when he was present

would learn a great deal about Lincoln and his times. His love for Lincoln was obvious."

Petz is survived by his wife, Shirley; children Cheryl (James) Shirtz and Mark (Diane) Petz; grandchildren Michael (Pamela), Kristopher, Jennifer and Danielle.

Kerstens said everyone

"adored" Petz.

"We are incredibly grateful for the quality time that we at the Plymouth Historical Museum were able to spend with him," Kerstens said. "Dr. Petz will be deeply missed and we are all heartbroken."

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Golf event and raffle to benefit Angela Hospice

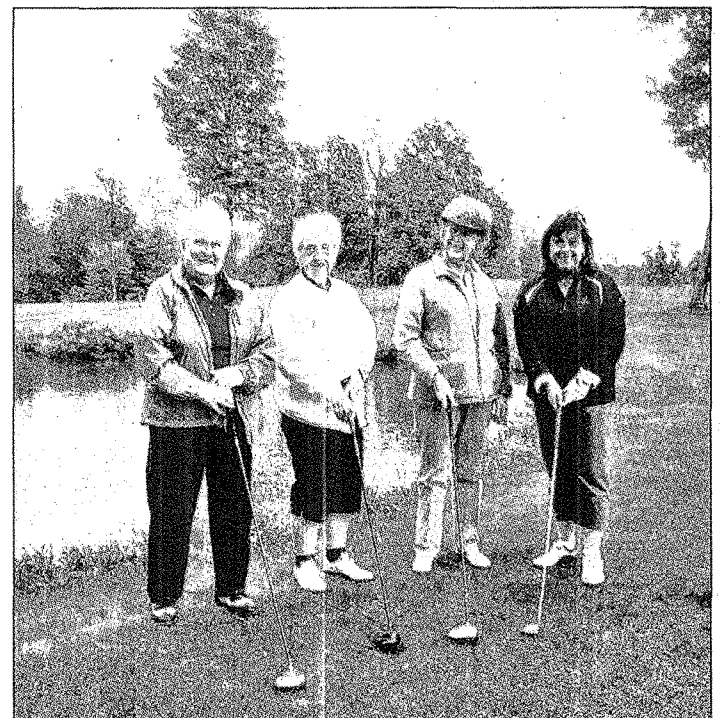
Angela Hospice invites supporters and community members to enjoy sun and sport for a good cause at the 23rd Annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing. The event will be held Monday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Golfers will enjoy a full day beginning at 9:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and open driving range use before setting out for 18 holes on the Fox Classic course at 11 a.m. They'll have lunch at the turn and the opportunity to play on-the-course games as well. Finishing up the day will be a dinner reception with a silent auction and announcement of the winners.

"We'll be happy to see our loyal golfers return for another fun day, and we also expect to see new faces this year," said Barb Iovan, Angela Hospice's events coordinator.

Golfer packages are \$180 per person for the day, and dinner-only tickets are available as well. The event offers corporate packages and sponsorship opportunities for businesses or individuals too.

"Phillips Service Industries is our host for the event," said Iovan. "Their generous sponsorship will enable a greater impact on our programs for terminally ill patients and their



The first place women's team at the 2010 Angela Hospice Golf Outing was comprised of Livonia residents Jimmie Oliverio and Gwen Fedrigo, Eleanor Jonson of West Bloomfield, and Fran Fields of Livonia.

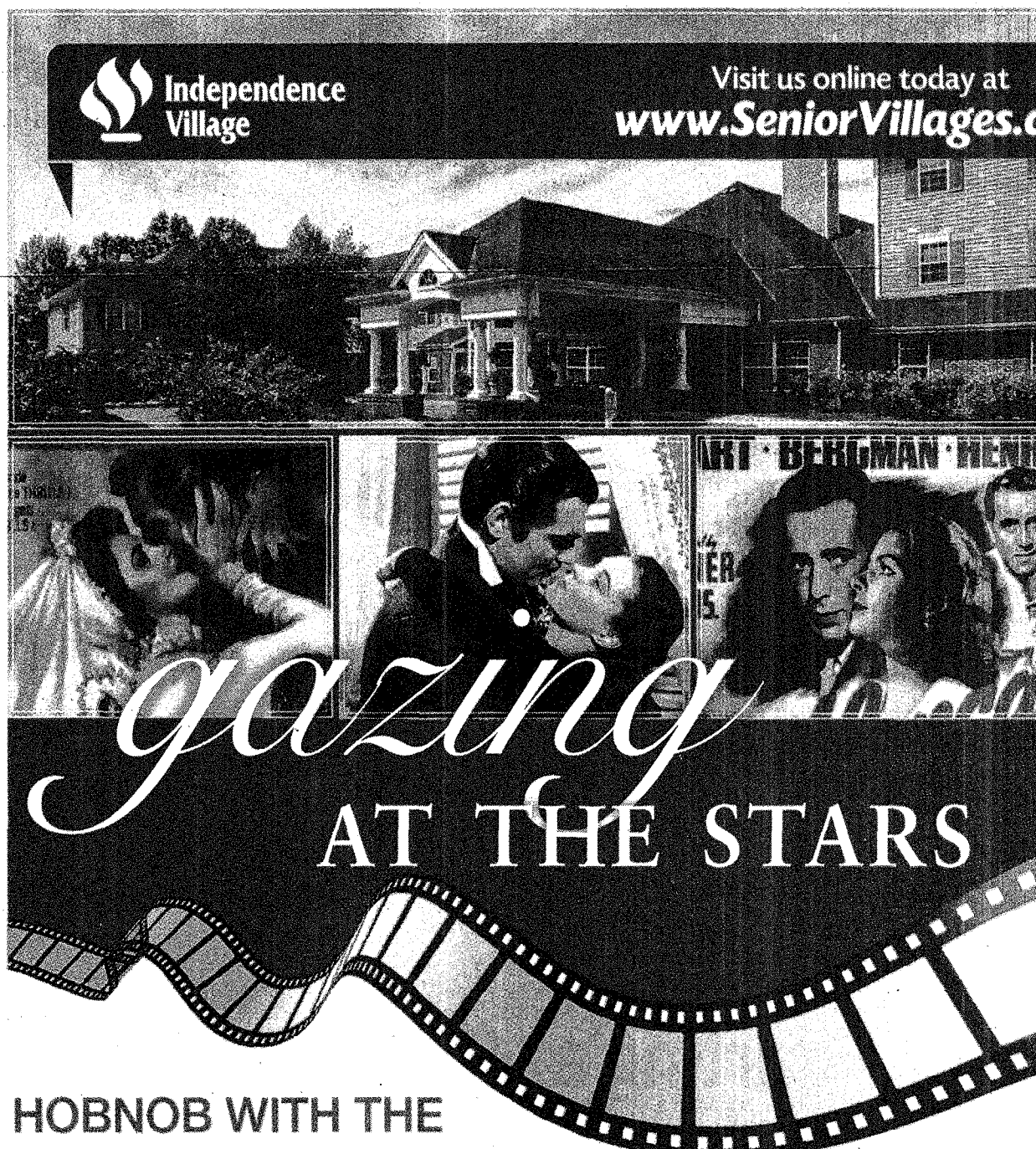
families."

Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for patients and their loved ones, and community outreach programs, such as grief support groups and counseling services for children and adults.

The "Winner Takes All Raffle" will also be featured

at the event, but the winner need not be present so anyone can enter to win Tigers tickets, a getaway to A-Ga-Ming golf resort, dining packages and more.

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RNs talk old times, plan for nursing school reunion, B8



Davenport walk-off slam ends Crusaders' year

It was a bitter pill to swallow Friday night as the Madonna University women's softball season came to a crashing halt in Battle Creek.

Amber Getty's one-out, walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning gave Davenport University a 7-4 victory and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship at Bailey Park's Flannery Field.

Getty, who finished with six RBI, hit her first two homers of the sea-

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

son as the Panthers, also the WHAC regular season champions, improved to 38-15 overall and earned a berth in NAIA postseason play.

Karlee Despres (11-2) was the winning pitcher. In seven innings she allowed three earned runs on seven hits. She fanned 10 and walked four.

Losing pitcher Jess Irwin (19-8) ended her illustrious career by allowing six earned runs on six hits. The

senior struck out six and walked two.

Shortstop Jackie Barley went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Crusaders, who finished the year 38-12.

Arielle Cox also knocked in a run. Earlier in the day, MU suffered its first setback in the double-elimination tourney at the hands of Davenport, 2-1, in eight innings.

Heather Brusokas accounted for both Davenport runs. She homered in the fifth inning to break a scoreless tie and walked to lead off the top

of the eighth before coming home after two-base MU error coupled with three walks to force in the game-winning run.

Barley knocked in MU's lone run in the bottom of the fifth.

Samantha Cole, the winning pitcher, went the first seven innings to improve to 19-8 overall.

Irwin, who gave up just four hits and struck out 13, went all eight and suffered the loss.

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SIDELINES

Ladywood Burns 'em

Senior Alex Burns tallied seven goals and added five assists Wednesday in Livonia Ladywood's 19-6 Catholic League girls lacrosse win at Warren Regina.

Senior Niki Jacobs added four goals and one assist, while senior Erin Barnes contributed two goals for the Blazers (4-4 overall).

Donna LaPorte led the Saddlelites with five goals.

Ladywood goalie Lauren Perugi made six saves, while Regina's Lindsey Holdway had 23 stops.

"We played well last night and tonight where we were able to put two great halves together," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

WHAC golfers lauded

Madonna University senior Austin Stillman and Siena Heights junior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) were both named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's golf team for the 2010-11.

Myers defeated Stillman in a playoff for individual medalist honors in last week's WHAC Championship held at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Leading the way for MU was senior Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) who was named to the All-WHAC first team after tying for individual medalist honors with Siena Heights' Andy Myers. Stillman lost to Myers in a playoff for the crown.

MU senior Justin Taurence (Wyandotte) was named to both the Academic All-WHAC team and the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best displays the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

To be named to the academic team, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

After capturing the 2010-11 WHAC regular season title, the Crusaders placed third in the 2011 WHAC tourney.

Spartan 5K run

Doug Kurtis, a 1972 Livonia Stevenson alum and champion marathoner, will make an appearance at the Spartan 5-kilometer run-walk, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 22 at the high school, located at 33500 W. Six Mile Road (just west of Farmington Road).

Kurtis captured the Detroit Free Press Marathon six years in a row (1987-92) and holds the world record for finishing 76 marathons in less than 2 hours and 20 minutes.

There will also be a 1-mile fun run.

Race fees are \$20 for the 5K and \$10 for the 1-miler. Those registered before Friday, May 6 will be guaranteed a T-shirt. Awards will go to the top three finishers in each male and female age group.

To register online, visit www.shsboosterclub.info. For more information, call Jeff Brindley at (734) 748-4909.

Finished or not?

MU eyes at-large bid after losing WHAC final

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The silence that fell upon the Madonna University baseball team's dugout around 3:30 Friday afternoon was anything but golden.

It was a remnant of a jolting 12-7 loss to Indiana Tech in the championship game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship game that was hosted by the Crusaders.

On Wednesday night, the Crusaders (32-14) were 2-0 in the double-elimination set-up and appeared to be in the driver's seat, speeding toward a tourney title and the subsequent automatic bid in the NAIA National Tournament that begins next week.

However, the Warriors (34-18) dropped a 24-11 bomb on their hosts Thursday afternoon, forcing Friday's winner-take-all encounter.

The two teams battled to a 3-3 draw through five innings Friday, but Tech exploded for five runs in the bottom of the sixth (Madonna was technically the visiting team), courtesy of two-out RBI singles by Reinaldo Scott and Brandon Paletta and a three-run homer from Justin Meideros, to pull away with the win.

"I thought we gave ourselves every opportunity to be successful today, but

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they got hot swinging the bats and here we are," MU head coach Greg Haeger said. "Looking back, I'm proud of what the kids did Wednesday; I'm proud of what they did here today. With all the injuries we've had, we knew we were going to be short on the mound, but we were right there today."

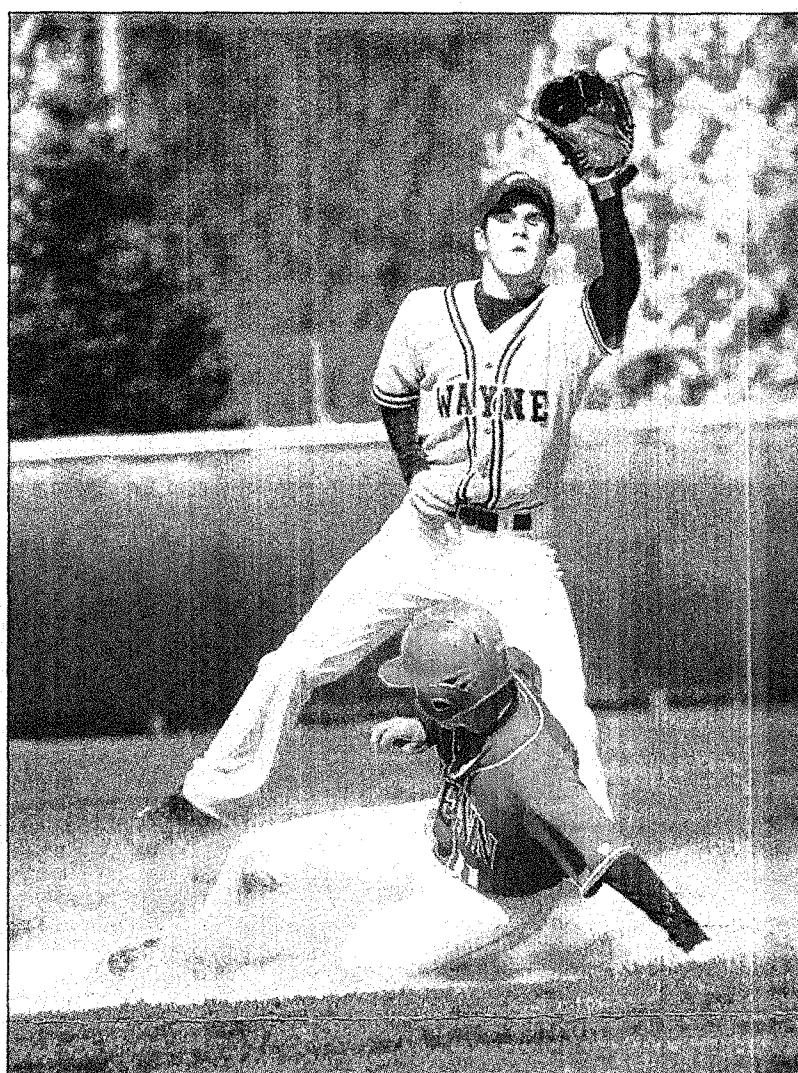
Thanks to some serious credentials — most notably a No. 25 national ranking and a 32-win season — the Crusaders still have a shot at being awarded an at-large bid to next week's national tournament, Haeger said.

"There are a lot of variables as far as what is going to happen across the country in other conference tournaments, so it may not be over for us," he said. "Considering everything that's gone on this season, I think the kids deserve another opportunity. We can just as easily put ourselves back in the same spot we were in this tournament, so you never know."

Haeger said the regional brackets should be released sometime Sunday afternoon.

The Crusaders bolted to a 1-0 lead against Tech right-hander Daniel

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Bang, bang play

John Glenn's Danny Croft (bottom) slides safely into second base before Wayne's Chris Briggs can make the tag during Wednesday's KLAA South double-header. Wayne won both games. See roundup on page B2.

Chargers get 'statement' victory

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer team appears to be coming of age.

The Chargers scored their most impressive result of the season Thursday by knocking off KLAA South Division leader Canton, 1-0.

Kayla Szado tallied the game-winning goal at the 60-minute mark when she toe-poked a shot past the Canton goalkeeper.

The play was set up when teammate Kelsey Rothermel won a 50-50 ball and lofted a ball over the Canton defense and into Szado.

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made four key saves as the Chargers improved to 5-3-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAA South.

"For 60-to-65 minutes, Canton chased us around," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team avenged a 3-0 setback to the Chiefs on April 12. "I was so happy with our play in the first half. We've been practicing well and today it all came to fruition. We were able to see the real product. We attacked them in wide

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Churchill's Julia Twigg (right) converges on Canton's Melanie Pickert during Thursday's KLAA South Division clash.

Churchill pulls out 1-run win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After trailing since the first inning of Friday's KLAA cross-over softball game at Salem, Livonia Churchill finally took the lead with a four-run rally in the sixth.

But that 7-5 edge proved precarious and the visiting Chargers

had to hang on for a 7-6 victory. It took a perfect relay throw from second baseman Julia Cavagnini to sophomore catcher Casie Bias to nail Salem's Alexis Powell with what would have been the equalizer.

"The last play of the game

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Hospitals aim to reduce obesity with better food

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) aims to improve the nutrition of food served at hospitals throughout the state.

The organization launched a program last week that gives hospitals the tools to improve food served to staff, visitors and patients. It consists of four "stars" that address healthy eating and weight management. To earn stars, hospitals must improve the nutritional value of menus for food and beverages, add nutritional content labels to cafeteria and menu items, and commit to buying more Michigan grown and produced food products. The goal is to reduce obesity.

"The goals of Healthy Food Hospitals are to improve the nutritional value of food served to everyone who walks through the doors of Michigan hospitals, and help people continue to make healthier food choices after they leave the hospital," said Spencer Johnson, MHA president. "The national obesity crisis is reflected here in Michigan and there is a tremendous cost that being dangerously overweight adds to the health care system. With Healthy Food Hospitals, Michigan hospitals are demonstrating community leadership in helping people live healthier lifestyles, one of the key actions necessary to improve quality of life and reduce health care costs over generations."

More than 50 Michigan hospitals across the state signed up for the program.

Healthy Food Hospitals was created after the success of two previous MHA-launched health and wellness initiatives that resulted in 93 percent

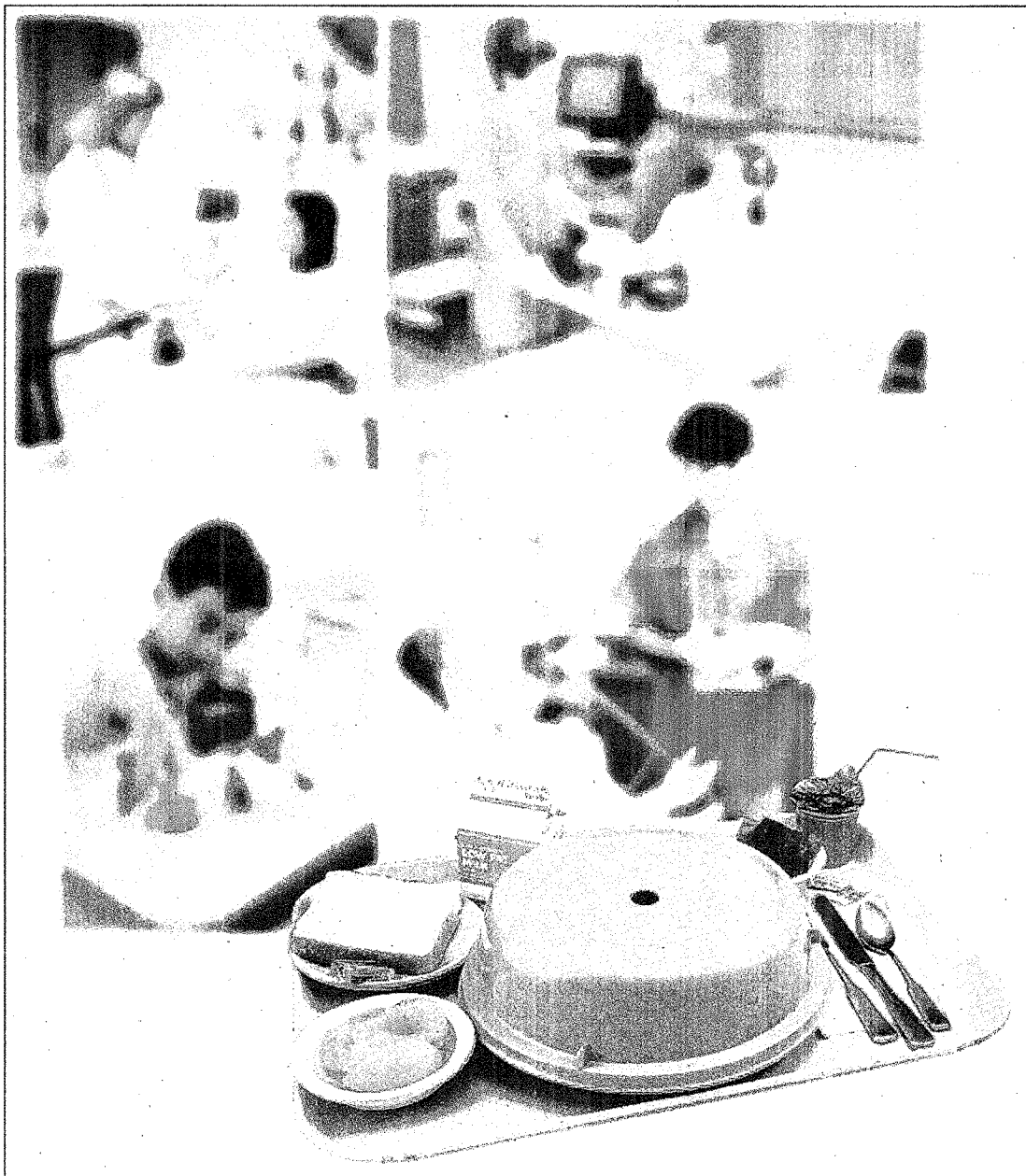
of Michigan's community hospitals voluntarily adopting smoke-free campus policies, and 89 percent of Michigan hospitals voluntarily eliminating foods containing trans fats from their cafeteria, vending machines and patient nutrition.

"Our goal is for all community hospitals in Michigan to become Healthy Food Hospitals," Johnson said. "This is another way that Michigan hospitals — as major employers and prevention and wellness advocates — can lead by example."

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The Healthy Food Hospitals program focuses on improving hospital menus for children and adults. Hospitals accomplish the first two stars when they adopt pediatric patient default menus for children ages 2 to 18 meet American Heart Association guidelines, and for serving milk without the recombinant bovine growth hormone. The third star goes to hospitals that label food nutritional content in their cafeterias. Hospitals complete the fourth star by



committing to buy at least 20 percent Michigan-grown, produced and processed foods.

The Ecology Center, based in Ann Arbor, and the MHA worked together to create the four-star approach. The Healthy Food Work Group

— consisting of dietitians from MHA-member hospitals — polished the campaign.

Local participating hospitals include Beaumont Hospital — Royal Oak, Botsford Hospital in Farmington, Henry Ford Hospitals, Oakwood Hospitals,

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers.

For more information about the Healthy Food Hospitals initiative visit www.healthy-foodhospitals.org.

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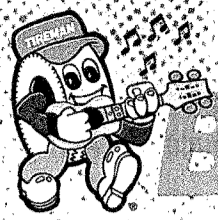
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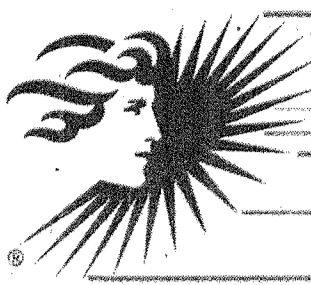
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14 MICHAEL W. SMITH/ \$ ON SALE SOON
THIRD DAY
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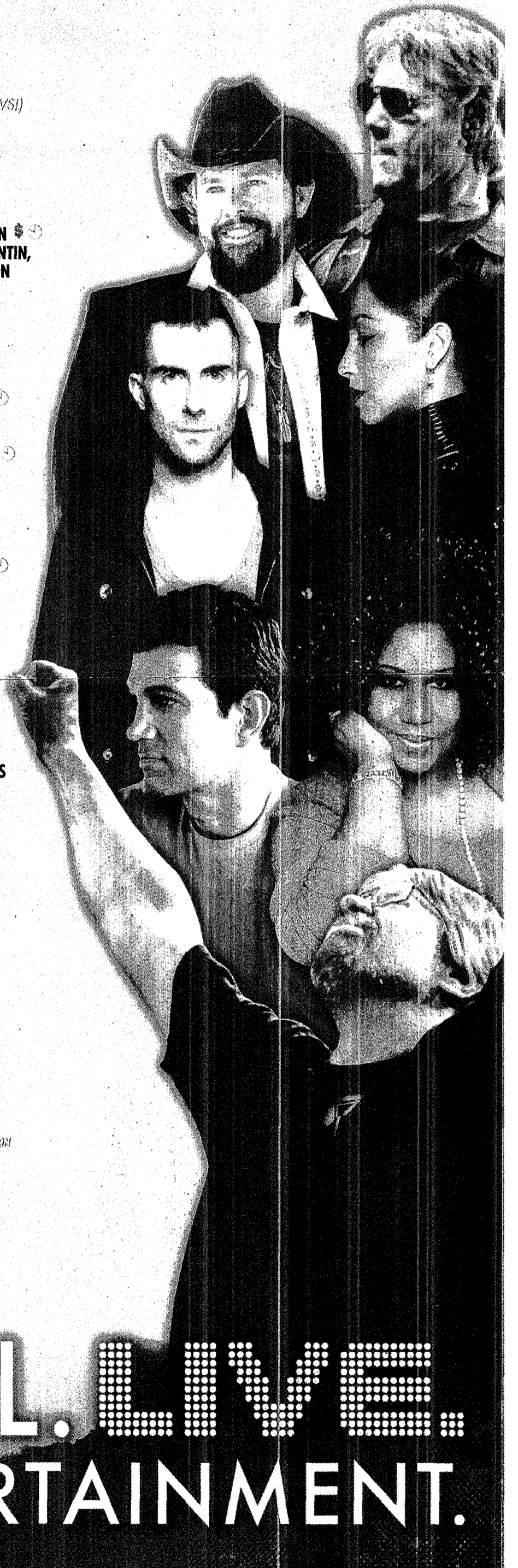
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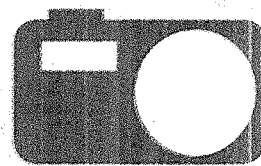


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The big 5-0

RNs talk old times, plan for nursing school reunion

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Back in the day, Marilyn Kramer deciphered doctors' handwritten orders, administered breathing treatments and sharpened injection needles.

Marge Becker made infant formula from scratch, scrubbed tracheal tubes by hand, and got to know her patients well because they often stayed at least a week.

"It took longer to do everything back then," said Becker, an RN who works in pre-anesthesia testing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia. "You had to sterilize everything."

Today, 50 years after the pair graduated from nursing school, physician orders are printed by computer; disposable "sharps" and tubing have become the norm and many patients leave the hospital a day or two after a surgical procedure.

"There's more responsibility, more technical care," said Kramer, an RN in the Medical Cardiology Unit at St. Mary Mercy. "We're using technical equipment and we have to know how it all works and we document everything. There is a whole lot more to everything. The whole scope of caring is more specific and there are protocols to follow."

"When I started in nursing school the basic comfort and care of the patient was not as technical as it is now."

She and Becker, along with their classmates from the Providence Hospital School of Nursing, will have plenty of time to reminisce about the old days



Marilyn Kramer nursed at Oakwood Hospital before starting her career at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Marge Becker at the start of her 50-year nursing career.

during their 50-year reunion, May 13-15 in Southfield. The event, which coincides with National Hospital Week, includes a stop on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, where the school operated until 1975, along with a visit to Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A STRONG BOND

Both Becker and Kramer have kept in touch with many of the



Marge Becker (left) and Marilyn Kramer will attend their 50-year nursing school reunion next weekend. They both work at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

class of 1961's 55 graduates. Less than a dozen of them are still nursing, but they all share in a kind of sisterhood that started at Providence, where students lived in hospital dorms during their three-year training.

"What was wonderful was if you had a bad day in the hospital, you could share your woes with friends because they were probably experiencing the same thing," Kramer said. "Today, students sit in classes and go on site to the hospital and then go home to their families and no one understands what they went through."

"We lived together for three years and were like sisters. We were there all the time and we became good friends. Everyone went their own way after graduation, but when we get together, it's

like old times."

Kramer worked on a "difficult" surgical floor at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn after she obtained her nursing certificate and before she moved to Charlotte near Lansing, where she assisted at a private medical practice where she did everything from getting patients ready for exams to sterilizing equipment.

By the time she took on a mid-night job at St. Mary Mercy, she had married and her husband was teaching at Schoolcraft College. She quit two years later to teach the nurses aid program in Livonia schools and rejoined St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1989. In the meantime, she also raised a son and daughter.

"I was anxious to get back to regular nursing," she said, explain-

ing why she quit teaching. "It's just something you want to do when you're a nurse. Everyday is different in nursing ... it's a challenge and it's exciting."

She's considering retirement within the next year or two and looking forward to travelling with her husband.

MOM AND SON

Becker trained in the operating room at Jennings Memorial Hospital in Detroit after her graduation. She stayed there for six years and then moved to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1968.

"We were one building back then. I worked the emergency room for 18 years," Becker said. Now she talks with patients primarily by phone, obtaining medical history and medication dosage

as they prepare for surgery. In her spare time she takes Irish dance classes.

One of her two sons is a nurse who works at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Her daughter works as a dietary aide at St. Mary Mercy.

She was surprised when her son decided to become a nurse, but also recognized that the career offers many perks.

"It's a wonderful profession. There are so many variables. You can work in different shifts and areas. You can always find a job," she said.

Kramer has worked with several women who raised families and then went to nursing school. She said mothers often do well nursing because of their caregiver roles.

"It just fits. They're (moms) always taking care of someone."

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Dishwasher problem almost stumps the 'doctor'

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

When you are married to a retired school principal there is no slacking off on the job. Around our house she figures that the Appliance Doctor can fix anything which is truly not the case, so once in a while I hire someone. She will not spend money to fix an appliance because she has me for free and I also must maintain a sense of pride. Several months ago after she ran out of dishwasher powdered detergent purchased last year, she filed the complaints on an almost



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

daily basis. "My glasses are coming out all foggy and they look terrible." When she started so did the readers of this column, along with the same comments coming from consumers calling my radio show. "My dishwasher does a terrible job" became a constant echo between my ears and it was time to make some inquires.

Some people went out and purchased a brand new dishwasher only to find out that was not a solution. Many individuals spent money for a service call which resulted in wasted dollars. Many homeowners changed the brand of dishwasher detergent they had been using for years to no avail. My standard answer has been, don't blame the dishwasher, and blame the detergent. The soap companies have removed the phosphates!

In our house I was under strict supervision to solve this dilemma. I

was told that my tenure was under a dark cloud and my doctoring days could suffer an image black-out so I got on the case full time.

I went to my all knowing computer and folks, I want to tell you that you should not believe everything you read on the Internet.

REMÉDIES

I tell my darling Valorie to try mixing a spoonful of Tang with the powdered detergent in the soap container. That doesn't work! I suggest she mix a spoonful of Kool-Aid and that doesn't work! Even with more emphasis I inform her that a spoonful of lime or lemon juice will take care of it and that doesn't work! I stop by an old friend's appliance store in Chelsea and I tell Mark Heydlauff that my marriage is about to go on the rocks and he hands me this

container of a product called Lemi-Shine and guarantees it will take care of all the problems.

He was absolutely correct and now the principal's dishwasher is working just beautifully and she begun to call me by my first name again.

HELPFUL PRODUCT

There are 16 states in this country that have a ban on using phosphate in dishwasher detergent and Michigan is now one of them. That means 36 states don't seem to be overly concerned about it. This new product called Lemi-Shine has not hit the grocery store market full bore yet but your request for it might make them act in a full speed manner. I can now guarantee it will take care of the problems with wash ability in your dishwasher.

Another suggestion might be appli-

cable if you are traveling to another state this year. I am going to North Dakota in a few days and I am stopping by a grocery store and will purchase a few boxes of powdered dishwasher detergent. These are the states that currently have banned the use of phosphates: Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. If you are going to one of the other 36 states please be careful crossing the borders. There may be border inspections to check your vehicle for illegal dishwasher detergent. Stay tuned.

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

Sunset at the Zoo tickets on sale

Sunset at the Zoo will feature a strolling supper offering tastes of signature dishes from 40 restaurants and zoo-themed martinis, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 17.

Tickets, ranging from \$150-\$600 are available by calling (248) 541-5717 and pressing 3 or by visiting www.detroit-zoo.org/sunset.

The 21-and-over gala will be held

rain or shine and will include live entertainment by Larry Lee and Back in the Day, dancing, live and silent auctions including "zoo-nique" experiences, and access to the Zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "safari chic."

The zoo will close that day at 2 p.m. in preparation for the festivities.

A benefactor party will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at the Grosse Pointe home of Lois and Gail Warden for those buying \$600 benefactor tickets. A VIP reception will be held at the Zoo from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, June 17 for those with \$600 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets.

Golf event benefits senior services in area

The Senior Alliance is registering teams for its 11th Annual Golf Classic, Friday, July 29, at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

The Senior Alliance is a non-profit, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, that is designated to help thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Meals-on-Wheels program, the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information and assistance and many other services for senior citizens. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised from this event will go directly to senior services.

The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick-off a day filled with opportunities to win raffle prizes, and possibly the cherished "Ficano Cup" trophy. Last year's event sold out quickly. To reserve a four-some or sponsor the event, call Linda DeVore, information services manager, at (734) 727-2017.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

PLANT SHARING

The Livonia Garden Club holds its annual Plant Sharing, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. The event will be held rain or shine. Questions? Call (734) 425-6880.

GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gar-

dens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the Web site.

BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants,

flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.

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For individuals with arthritis of the knees and shoulders, spring is both a help and hazard. The return of good weather means the chance to walk and play tennis or engage in golf. But a slip or fall, playing too long or too hard bring on wear to the joints and the risk of strain to supporting tendons and ligaments.

For patients with fibromyalgia, spring is a pure blessing. Many medications are available to treat fibromyalgia, but none of them are as effective as exercise. In turn, the best exercise is walking done early in the morning. When a person with fibromyalgia exercises early he or she is giving movement to muscles before those muscles can stiffen and ache through the day.

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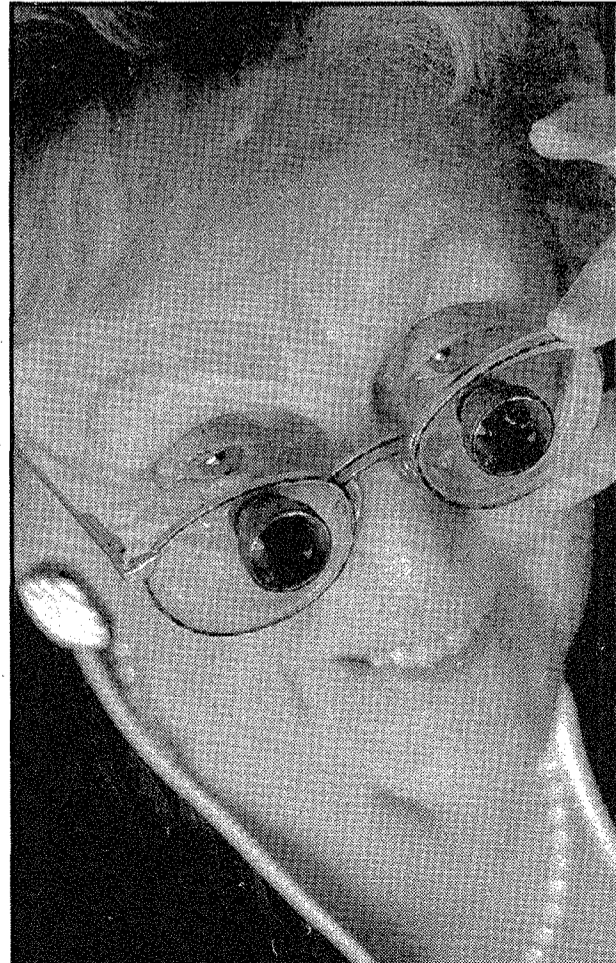
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REUNION CALENDAR

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Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School

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Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callaer Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

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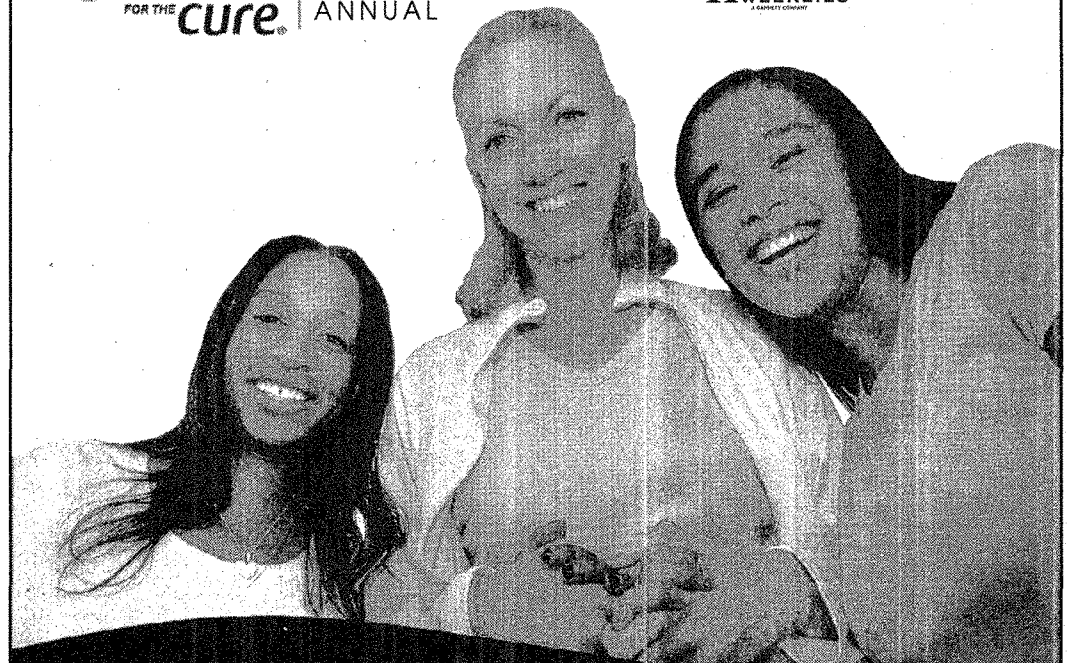
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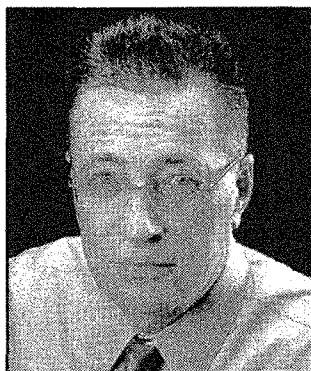
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Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients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



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

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

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/ Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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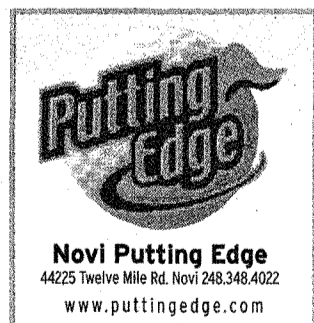
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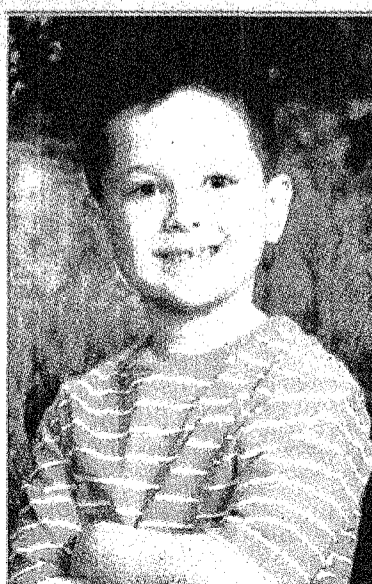
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