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## AROUND TOWN



### VA shuttle bus

The parking lot of the Meijer store in Westland is one of several locations where military veterans can get on a shuttle bus to get to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

The system has launched a new Veterans Transportation Service, providing shuttle transportation to veterans living in Livingston and western Wayne counties. Veterans can be picked up by a shuttle at designated locations and transported to and from their medical appointments at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

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For a shuttle schedule and exact locations, or to reserve a seat, call the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System at (800) 361-8387, Ext. 27145.

### Karate Tournament

The Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan is hosting a 2011 Michigan Karate Tournament Sunday, May 15, for children and teens ages 5-17 and young adults ages 18-25 at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Spectator/parent fees at the door are \$5 for adults 15 years and older, \$3 senior citizens age 65 and older, \$3 for children age 5-14 and children free age 4 and under. For more information, call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

# Few candidates means no primary

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what may be a first, at least in recent memory, Westland voters will not have a primary election in August.

Seven candidates — four incumbents and three challengers — have filed to run for four council seats. It would have taken nine candidates to trigger a primary election.

"I'm shocked that there is no primary. I believe, but can't say for certain, that this is the first time we haven't

had a primary, certainly in recent history," said Clerk Eileen DeHart-Schoof, who is running unopposed for a third four-year term as city clerk.

Running for re-election are current Council President James Godbout, President Pro Tem Michael Kehrer, Councilmen Bill Johnson and Adam Hammons.

The other three candidates are Rick Ciaramitaro, Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg, all running for the first time. The top three finishers will receive four-year terms on council

while the fourth-place candidate will earn a two-year term.

Retired from a sales career, Ciaramitaro, 64, is active in local veterans groups. He is commandant of the Marine Corps League in Westland, is quartermaster of the Romanowski VFW Post and vice president of the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter.

"I live in Westland, I go to council meetings. There is no veteran elected there and I feel they are getting left out," said Ciaramitaro. "I plan to stay

here and want to make sure all of my fellow neighbors are treated great."

A private music teacher with a degree from Western Michigan University, Coleman, 27, grew up in Westland and graduated from Livonia Churchill High School.

"We feel like the current administration and council are running up a lot of debt. The current council is kind of a rubber stamp for the mayor. We can represent citizens better," said

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## Club with no name

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sitting down and having a cup of coffee at two corner tables of the Coffee Beanery in Westland Shopping Center is like having a front row seat for *Saturday Night Live*. The one-liners come fast and furious from a group of men who can solve the problems of the world, but can't agree on a name for their coffee club.

"The sign says Tom's Coffee Club, but I think it should be Brian and Al's Coffee Club," said Brian Ferris, a retired Wayne County Sheriff's deputy. "Who made Tom president?"

"That's still up for debate," answered Tom Presnell, a former Wayne County commissioner and Westland deputy mayor. "We need a ruling from the advisory board."

"Everyone of us has a role, we're all advisers," said Ferris, also a Westland resident, adding that "all you need to do is talk to him (Presnell) for five minutes

## Group solves world's problems, crosswords over coffee



Not able to settle on a name for the club are members Al Parker (from left), Brian Ferris, John Lakatos, Tom Presnell, Shelton Worthy, all of Westland, and Richard Barrel of Garden City.

and know he's a politician."

"I'm a public servant," Presnell countered.

### LOOSE KNOT GROUP

The loosely knit group meets at the Coffee Beanery Monday through

Saturday. Sunday is their day of rest from the "pressure." They're not certain how long the club has been in existence, although Shelton Worthy has been deemed the oldest member. He's been stopping by the Beanery for coffee for at least 26 years.

"I think this is awesome," said Beanery employee Linda Labroff of Dearborn Heights. "It's nice to see the men get together like women who get together and bond."

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# Ready to Relay: Teams gear up for 24-hour event

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A full schedule of activities are on tap as Westland's 11th annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life kicks off 10 a.m. Saturday in Jaycee Park.

This year, there will be 20

teams with 318 registered participants raising money to fight cancer, remembering those lost to cancer, honoring survivors and keeping people walking throughout the 24-hour events recognizing cancer never sleeps.

"We wanted 30-34 teams like we had last year, but we're

happy with what we have," said Rhonda Temple, relay chair. "I think we're doing pretty good."

Prior to bank night when teams turn in money raised in advance of the event, the Westland teams had already raised over \$28,000.

Teams hold their own fund-

raisers before and during the event. Over at Biggy Coffee, owner Mo Alfakir has been selling Relay for Life travel mugs. The mugs sell for \$10 of which \$6.13 goes to the fund-raising efforts of the Reddy To Live a Little team.

"The mugs have been selling great. I ordered 100 and

have about 20 left. Selling all of the mugs will raise \$613 for our team," said Alfakir, who also will be selling coffee, hot chocolate and smoothies during the event. "One hundred percent of proceeds from the coffee and other items will go

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# Senior Expo is May 17: Come join the fun!

If it's spring, it's time for Senior Expo in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. Learn a lot by viewing the more than 60 exhibitors, listening to a host of experts and have some playing the Senior Feud — new this year.

Best of all *everything* is free — admission, parking, morning refreshments, workshops, presentations and more. (See the special section inside today's *Westland Observer* for a complete list of speakers, demonstrations and exhibitors).

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*Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College, this year's event is better than ever.

The first 25 people in line at 8:55 a.m. will receive a small gift.

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WESTLAND RELAY FOR LIFE

Get the picture

**time/Date:** 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15  
**Location:** Westland Jaycee Park, Wildwood east of Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment Relay Team will have an onsite photo booth fundraiser. Bring your smiles for a great cause.  
**Contact:** (888) 213-3335 or online at www.dd2dj.com

Yard Sale/Chocolate tasting

**Date:** Saturday, May 21  
**Location:** in the yard of held at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland  
**Details:** The AMVETS Post 171 Relay for Life team is holding a yard sale with toys, books, jewelry, clothing and many more treasures for sale, as well as a Dove Chocolate tasting by Carolyn Marnon, Dove Chocolate representative. Come out and taste the chocolate, book a party, and place an order for a good cause.  
**Contact:** rflamvets171@yahoo.com for the yard sale and chocolatequeen@wowway.com or (734) 721-7660 about the chocolate tasting.

Avon Fundraiser

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

Dine and donate

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

Bowling benefit

**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, check-in is at 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Come and enjoy cosmic bowling, 9-pin no tap and help Team AMVETS Post 171. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes. Check-in is at 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact the AMVETS Post 171 Team at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.

Quarter Mania

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7  
**Location:** Westland AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland  
**Details:** Join us to shop, book parties, ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters (per paddle,) depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing. Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.  
**Contact:** Stacy Edwards at quartermania.stacy@gmail.com or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the www.quartermaniami.eventbrite.com.



The 2011 Westland Relay for Life will honor the survivors and remember those who have died on the way to raising money for the American Cancer Society.

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to relay." This year's relay has a sports theme. Temple, whose team is Alyssa's Angels, formed in memory of her 6-year-old daughter who died of leukemia in 2006, is excited to decorate her team site. "Some teams will do baseball or football. Mine is UFC — Ultimate Fighting Champions. I wanted to be different. It will be fun," said Temple, who is changing the name to AFC — Angels Fighting Cancer. "We try to change it up and remind people what the relay is fighting for." A special lap honoring cancer survivors will be at 3:30 p.m., followed by a catered lunch and dinner. The lumina-ria ceremony with a silent lap honoring those lost to cancer is at 10 p.m. Throughout the event, there will be theme laps, entertainment, food and beverage sales. "We'll have a cupcake lap and a bunny hop lap. There will be softball at night, glow in the dark things and a college jersey lap," said Temple.

"There will be a relay Minute To Win It." There will be silent auction, hosted by the Westland Jaycees who are donating their time overseeing the auction. The teams are responsible for collecting the money from winning bidders. Over the first 10 years of the Westland Relay for Life, an average of \$100,000 was raised each year for \$1 million total to benefit the American Cancer Society. Temple, vice chair Meriem Kadi and cancer society representative Marie Matuszak have already been meeting about ideas to expand the relay next year. "We may want to start meeting in September. We'd like to get Wayne more involved," said Temple, who was planning some team building through visits with Kadi to each team site during the event. "That's never been done. We can say hello, talk about why they relay and get to know their team." Everyone is welcome to attend the event. For more information or to make online donations, visit <http://main.acevents.org/site/>.

Letter carriers put out call for food donations

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland letter carriers are hoping to be making plenty of pickups after delivering the mail Saturday as they hold their annual food drive.

Sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers with the support of the U.S. Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, the Campbell Soup Company and entertainer and entrepreneur Nick Cannon, the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive is the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

"We collected 32,000 pounds of food last year in Westland. People are very receptive. I'm really amazed that the amount has gone up each year, it has never gone down," said Joan Hicks, a letter carrier for 33 years and local food drive coordinator for five years.

This is the 19th year for the food drive which is designed to help people needing food in the local community. Nonperishable foods can be placed in the mail box by 9 a.m. Saturday for collection by the mail carriers.

"Our carriers pick up the food while they are delivering their route and bring it pack to the post office," said Hicks. "We have volunteers who put the food into boxes to be picked up by Gleaners or whichever group is getting the food."

Most Westland mail carriers walk their routes, Hicks said, so they have to do double duty to collect the food donations. Letter carriers Alicia Bryant and Kevin Winbush work with Hicks to coordinate the food drive. Supervisors work side by side with the letter carriers and volunteers when it comes to the food drive, Hicks said.

"Every year, more people are homeless. We are blessed and we should help them out," said Hicks, adding food has also been donated to groups including the St. Mary Church John Bolde Food Depot and Veterans Haven.

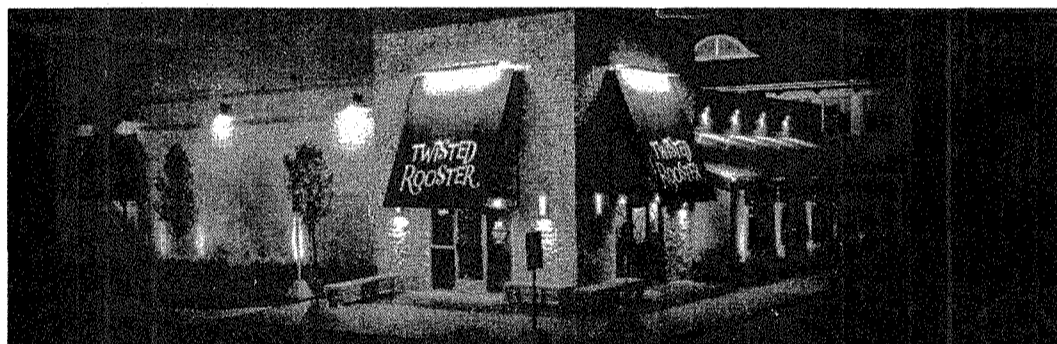
Last year, nationally, more than 77 million pounds of food were collected, pushing the overall total to more than one billion pounds since the annual drive began.

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Zumba and line dancing, as well as strength training for seniors. The Entertainment Network of Southfield will host a version of Senior Feud (a fun spoof of the original show *Family Feud*). This realistic, high-tech game show system has it all — questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes. Throughout the expo, The Entertainment Network will have fun-filled activities available every hour, including name that tune, TV trivia and more. Want to win a prize? Come to the Senior

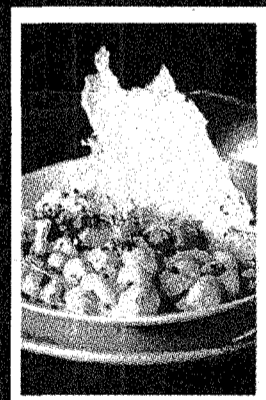
Expo and play. Relax and take advantage of our special Senior Expo Red Trolley Service scheduled at the following locations: Canton Leisure Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, pickup at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Westland Senior Resources Center (the Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, pickup at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, pickup at 9 and 11 a.m. Trolley seats are limited, so RSVP is a must. Call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2412 or e-mail her at [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) to reserve a seat.



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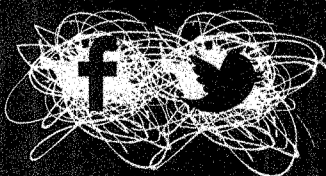
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Coleman, who is running with Herzberg, his cousin. "We'd like to evaluate the city infrastructure with citizen input and pinpoint what each unique neighborhood needs."

While not a member of local service clubs, Coleman said he has been a volunteer at a Redford senior citizen center and other activities such as Relay for Life.

A political science student at Henry Ford Community College, Herzberg, 20, said he thinks it is time for members

of his generation to take a role in local politics.

"Decisions they are making now will affect us in the future - bad decisions will impact us," said Herzberg. "It would be great if all citizens went to City Hall and got the budget to see what kind of spending there is in which departments."

In 2010, Herzberg unsuccessfully tried get petitions approved to recall Mayor William Wild. Like Coleman, Herzberg said he isn't an official member of any local organizations but attends a lot of different meetings and talks to a lot of people.

"I don't have time to be a member of something ongoing," Herzberg said.

For her part, DeHart-Schoof expressed surprise that she wouldn't be facing opposition in November.

"I'm flattered that the citizens think I'm doing a good job," she said.

A former state representative and councilwoman, she will appear on the ballot as DeHart having not yet changed her voter registration to reflect her recent remarriage.

The candidates, all of whom paid a \$100 fee in lieu of gathering signatures for a nominating petition, have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the race.

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# COFFEE CLUB

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Labroff has been with the Coffee Beanery from 20 years and was at Laurel Park in Livonia where there was a men's group, "but nothing like this group."

"It's a amazing, they're here every single day," she said. "It's kind of neat to see them get together."

"We solve the problems of the world, but we can't do it without Linda," said John Lakatos of Westland, who has been coming to the mall for 13 years with Presnell, whom he worked with at GM.

Since the club has no name, it only stands to reason that it has no rules. Members don't get docked, if they don't show up, although Ferris jokes that a doctor's note is needed, if they miss a day, "because they're at the doctor's," and Presnell cautions about a possible coup.

"Be gone a few days and they're taking over," he said.

"It's a very fluid club, the rules change every day," added Parker. "We're made to pay dues, but they're not monetary. You have to jump through certain hoops."

The men said that if all members — they estimate there are 20 — were to show up at once, they would fill all of the Beanery tables. And while it's mostly men, women do join them on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

## REASONS FOR JOINING

Each member has a different tale to tell about joining the group. Most have the word lonely in them, hinting at the state of the men sitting at the table. Ferris used to come to the mall with a friend and his grandchildren to walk. He saw the table full of men and said hello.

"They looked lonely, it looked like they could use some fresh blood," he said.

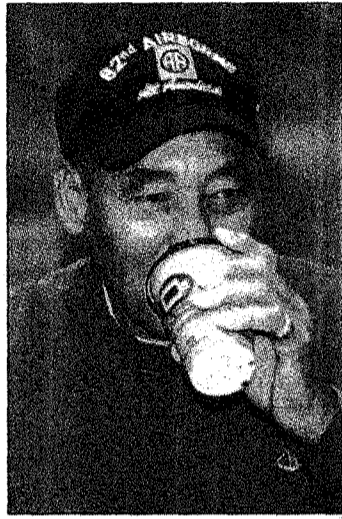
Parker hooked up with the group about three years ago after moving here from Clinton Township. He made the con-



Al Parker (from left), Brian Ferris and John Lakatos enjoy coffee and conversation at the Coffee Beanery in Westland Shopping Center.



Shelton Worthy has been stopping for coffee at the Coffee Beanery for more than 26 years. He's deemed the oldest member of the coffee club.



Al Parker hooked up with the group when he stopped to "cheer them up," because they looked sad.

nection partly because of his distinctive 82nd Airborne baseball cap.

"They were sitting here looking sad one day when I came by,

I had to cheer them up," he said.

Kevin Krzywdzinski considers himself a part-time member. Still working, the Garden City residents pops in when he can.

"I hooked up with this group through Brian and Rick, we used to sit separately," he said. "I usually catch the tail end of things. They call me the seat warmer."

"They saw we were having so much fun and laughing, they said, 'We're going to join them,'" said Presnell.

Newbie Richard Barrel of Garden City who may be the youngest member at age 56 although he said Ferris is claiming the honor with a fabricated age of 39. He's currently "between jobs" and enjoys working on crossword puzzles with Ferris and Sudoku in pen.

"When I find it's not working out, I throw it away," he said.

## IMPORTANT ISSUES

While the guys started out sharing stories and gently ribbing, they have expanded to include discussion about important issues like reorganizing the Tigers lineup, when the Red Wings will take out their golf clubs and the sudden demise of Osama bin Laden — good job, good riddance and no to

pictures.

"Anything that comes up, we talk about it," said Presnell.

"We solve the problems of the world, but sorry to say, our leaders don't listen to us," added Parker.

They even talked about the Kentucky Derby, but no one seemed eager to place a bet,

much to Worthy's dismay.

"They won't give me the money to place a bet," said Worthy. "They won't let me do it and I'm the most honest one at the table."

"This is what we do everyday," added Ferris. "We're going to sell tickets. They're going to do a play, than a movie. Brad Pitt is going to play me."

"George Clooney is playing me," added Presnell.

Lou Malik of Redford, a member since 2000, describes his cohorts a "good group of guys, plain and simple."

"We have a good time," he said.

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## Zumbathon benefits Sarcoidosis research

Zumba for a cause and raise money for Sarcoidosis research on Sunday, June 5, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. or the fundraiser. The cost is \$15 per person at the door. Cash and credit/debit will be accepted. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. There will be Zumba for 90 minutes, 50/50 draw-

ing and the opportunity to learn more about Sarcoidosis.

A fatal disease, the cause is still unknown and there is no known cure. In sarcoidosis, the immune system does not function properly and blood cells become overactive. These blood cells release chemicals which causes masses of inflamed tissue to form in lungs, lymph nodes, heart, liver, skin, eyes, sinus-

es, brain/nervous system, bones/joints/muscles, and other organ of the body. This disease does not discriminate. It can affect men and women of any age and of any race.

To learn more about Sarcoidosis, visit the website at [www.stopsarcoidosis.org](http://www.stopsarcoidosis.org). For more information about the Zumbathon, contact instructor Derica Wade at [mszumba247@gmail.com](mailto:mszumba247@gmail.com).

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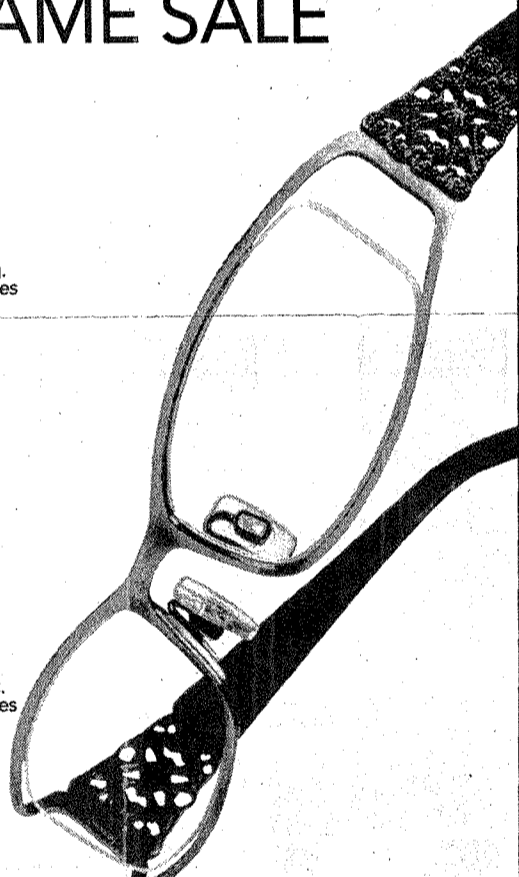
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## Couple stop woman driving erratically School's aluminum bleacher seats stolen

### GARDEN CITY

#### Under the influence

**4** A man and woman who observed a young woman driving erratically on Ford at 9 p.m. May 8 followed her and eventually took her keys away from her.

They thought that she was driving drunk and called the police after she pulled into the Mathison Hardware lot at Ford and Venoy. She had a two-year old-boy in the back seat. They had observed her swerving in and out of lanes and at one time she was in a lane facing ongoing traffic. She also bumped against the curb near the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home.

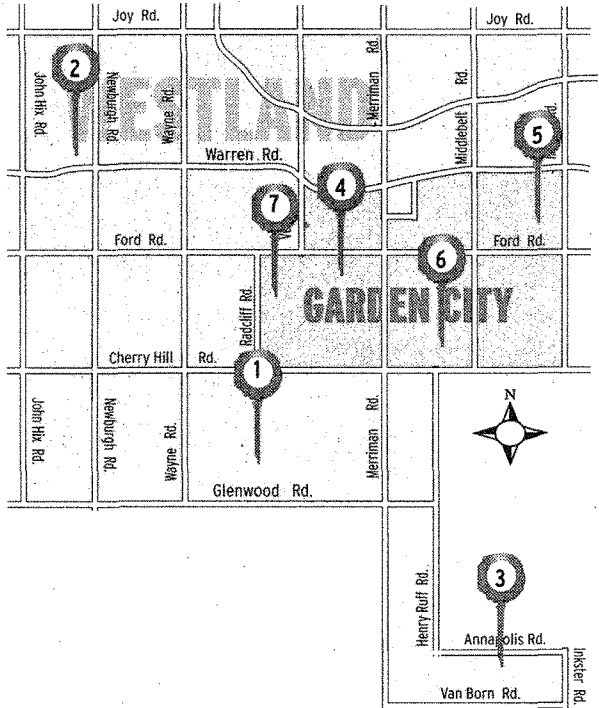
The police found that the woman wasn't drunk but under the influence of prescribed narcotics.

The 26-year-old Westland woman, who had been east-bound on Ford, said that she was going home to her house in the area of Ford and Wildwood, which was the wrong direction. She was arrested and a relative was called to take home the child. She was ticketed for operating a vehicle while under the influence of narcotics and child endangerment.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

**5** The owner of a 2008 Chrysler Aspen was approaching his car which, parked in the lot of Garden City Hospital, on Inkster south of Ford about 12:35 p.m. May 7 and saw an unknown man rummaging around in it.

According to the owner, the stranger was removing a GPS unit. When the suspect saw the car owner approaching, he left through a broken back car window, jumped into a nearby car and left in an older model



Mercury Marquis.

#### Stolen vehicle

**6** A resident in the 30500 block of Barton reported that sometime before 9 a.m. May 8, someone stole his locked truck and trailer from his driveway.

#### Disorderly conduct

**7** The police arrested a 28-year-old Garden City man who lives in the 30500 block of Florence after they had three encounters with him for disorderly conduct in the same night.

They were first called to Albert's on the Alley at Ford and Middlebelt where the man was escorted out for being disorderly.

After they drove him home, he was disruptive by yelling that he wanted his roommate evicted immediately when he returned home. The police advised him of the correct pro-

cess of eviction.

He went back into the house, and police waited a few houses away. He soon began yelling obscenities both inside and outside of his home. At 2 a.m., the police arrested him for his behavior.

#### Break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of John Hawk reported May 9 that someone broke into his locked garage door and stole \$5,000 in various tools.

He said that he noticed that his motion detectors were going on and off, but he didn't go to look why.

#### Stolen vehicle

The manager of the used car lot at the North Brothers Ford at 32405 Ford reported that someone stole a 2002 Chevy Malibu sometime before 8:30 a.m. May 5.

By Sue Buck

### WESTLAND

#### Larceny

**1** On May 9, the aluminum bleachers near the track at Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer, were reported stolen. A custodian said the bleachers hadn't been used for months and it was unknown when they were stolen.

The four aluminum tops of the bleachers, where people sit, had been unbolted and removed. The aluminum was

valued at \$400.

#### Injured animal

**2** A female deer was reported to have injured itself running head first into a gate in the nursery at Randazzo's, 6701 N. Newburgh, around 8:45 p.m. May 7. The gate was damaged and the deer was found to have a severe injury. After clearing the area of customers and employees, an officer shot the deer.

The officer issued a deer

tag at the request of the store owner, so that he could harvest the venison.

#### Larceny

**3** Police were called to a home in the 29000 block of Richard May 9 when the resident reported that a gas grill had been stolen from his front porch. The owner said the grill, valued at \$800, had been purchased less than a year ago.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Felony charges dismissed against man who bit relative's nose

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Due to an uncooperative victim, felony charges have been dismissed against a Westland man accused of biting off a portion of his brother-in-law's nose during an early morning altercation.

The victim himself might be in trouble after failing to obey a subpoena ordering him to appear for the hearing before Westland 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell last Thursday.

The most serious charges against John Gossett, 37 — assault with intent to maim and felonious assault — had been dismissed prior to the pretrial hearing. The remaining charges were misdemeanors, including aggravated assault, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license. A jury trial was scheduled for May 19.

"The complaining witness has been contacted by myself and detectives. He is refusing to cooperate. He said it is a situation that should be handled within the family," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Eric Sterbis. "He was supposed

to be here."

The brother-in-law, Kenneth Montrose of Wayne, didn't appear in court despite being served with a subpoena for the hearing.

"I think we've wasted enough police and judicial resources on this," said McConnell. "If he (Montrose) was served, it's an order for him to appear and he needs to comply. I'm going to adjourn the misdemeanors until that date (May 19). We need to get the victim here in the meantime."

Some criminal charges, such as misdemeanor domestic violence, can move forward without the cooperation of a victim, McConnell noted.

In the April 10 incident, Gossett and his wife had been visiting Montrose and alcohol was being consumed, according to police. At some point, Gossett left and while driving on a suspended license, was involved in a traffic accident in Norwayne, police said but fled the scene, returning to the brother-in-law's home.

There was an altercation involving Gossett and his wife in which Montrose intervened

and also got into a fight with Gossett, police said.

Gossett then went back to the couple's home on South Hambleton where he was joined by Thomas Dzugan, 38, a homeless friend who was spending the night.

Montrose, his girlfriend and another woman accompanied Gossett's wife to the home to pick up some belongings so that she could spend the night elsewhere, police said, when the fight resumed.

During the ensuing altercation, Montrose was reported to have been hit in the faces with a broom handle and bitten on the nose and forearm. Dzugan is charged with assault and battery, accused of punching and kicking Montrose. Dzugan's case was also adjourned until May 19.

Police reported that Montrose, driven to the hospital by his girlfriend, had a significant injury from his nose being bitten, a broken nose and orbital socket, received eight stitches to his lips and five stitches to close a bite on his left forearm.

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# Former UN ambassador praises, questions Obama's decisions

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Bolton believes President Barack Obama deserves credit for "making the courageous decision" in sending in the Navy SEALs to kill terrorist Osama bin Laden April 30.

Still Bolton, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush and potential Republican presidential candidate in 2012, questioned Obama's leadership abilities and challenged his foreign policy decisions in his remarks at the annual Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia Monday.

Bolton called the killing of bin Laden "a huge victory" for the United States.

"It was a risky decision," Bolton said, remembering a similar rescue attempt that failed in early 1980 to save hostages in Iran.

### 'REAL VINDICATION'

Bolton added that the SEALs' killing of bin Laden took a long time in planning with information collected under President George W. Bush to eventually locate bin Laden at his hideout in Pakistan.

"This information came from people who were captured, taken to Guantanamo, and some were subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques," Bolton said, in reference to water boarding. "This is a real vindication to President Bush's war on terrorism."

Bolton later said Obama does not list national security at the top of his agenda. "He deals with it when he has to," Bolton said.

Bolton believes Obama isn't tough enough when dealing with Iran and North Korea and their pursuit of nuclear weapons, and criticized Obama for his multilateral approach in attempting to oust Moammar Khadafy from power in Libya, calling that military action a "stalemate." "Khadafy is still in power," Bolton said.

Bolton told the Republican group the military budget should be a top priority and that domestic spending should be cut to pay for a strong military defense. "It's a powerful deterrent to other nations," Bolton said. "When it comes to military capabilities, I don't want the U.S. to be in a fair fight."

Negotiations will not work when the U.S. deals with countries pursuing nuclear weapons, Bolton said. "What are we going to negotiate, that Iran gets small nuclear weapons?" Bolton asked.

### CROWD AGREES

Of course, the dinner crowd was a friendly one and receptive to Bolton's ideas.

Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township treasurer, said she had looked forward to the Bolton speech. "I enjoy seeing him on the news and hearing his views of what America is and our role," McLaughlin said. "We have to lead from the front."

Matt Frendewey of Clawson said Bolton was insightful. "Any of the 2012 candidates could learn a lot from John Bolton," Frendewey said.

Audrey Robinson, Canton Township's attorney and a Plymouth resident, said Bolton helped put foreign policy in perspective.

"His context on foreign policy and spending priorities was new to me and interesting," Robinson said.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, said Bolton's discussion was topical with recent international events. "He demonstrated that foreign policy is a critical issue for economic success and a cause for freedom around the world," Heise said.

Steve Kolhoff of Livonia, who learned that the 11th District had named the district's volunteer award after his father, Don, who died last year, called Bolton a "straight shooter."

"If he doesn't run for president, I think that whichever Republican candidate wins would be well-served with him as secretary of state," Kolhoff said.



Michigan State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Michigan Republican Party Chairman Robert Schostak chat at the Lincoln dinner.

Kolhoff added that his father "would be very humbled and honored" with the 11th District's award named after him. Don Kolhoff helped with fund-raising and campaign efforts for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter,

R-Livonia, former Attorney General Mike Cox and others. The first recipient of that award Monday was Christal Smith.

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Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton talks with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, during the Lincoln Day dinner Monday.



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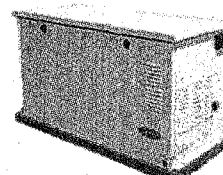


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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Support group**

**Time/date:** 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.  
**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**Car show**

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, May 19 through Sept. 29th  
**Location:** American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.  
**Details:** In addition to a variety of cars on display, there will be dinners will be served inside as well as grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

**Wheels for Blum**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 21  
**Location:** Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** The American Legion Riders of Post 32 in Livonia are sponsoring a fundraiser, Wheels for Blum's Bike and Car Show at Bennigan's. Included in this event will be trophy's for the bikes and cars, entry fee \$5, Blessing of the Bikes and Cars will be at 1 p.m. There also will be an honor guard rifle salute, dual, Taps, vendors, Yankeeville Band, Chinese Auction, 50-50 raffles and Bennigan's will be giving back 20 percent of food and drink purchases when you give them our coupon. Coupons are available on Facebook, go to American Legion Riders Post 32 Michigan. They also will be available at event. Proceeds will benefit Blum's Landing, a place near Rogers City where military personnel who have endured physical

and or mental wounds from serving in the war on terror, can vacation free of charge.

**Indoor Flea Market**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 22-23  
**Location:** Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** Vendors are being sought for an indoor flea market. The cost for a 6-foot table is \$10, and for an 8-foot table \$15. Table position will be based on a first come basis. Registration for a table can be made through Friday, June, 17.

**Contact:** To reserve a table or for more information, call (313) 791-3550.

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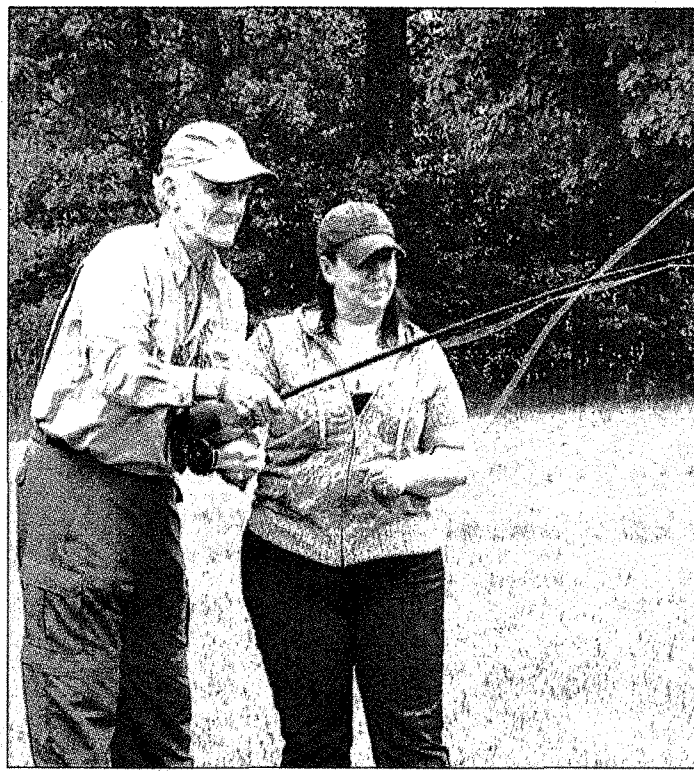
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15  
**Location:** Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak

**Details:** The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo will host the 19th annual spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, presented by PEDIGREE® at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption from MHS and more than 20 additional organizations at the largest off-site pet adoption event in the country. There is no charge for admission or parking for this event, which is held in the Detroit Zoo front parking lot. Last year, the spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event found homes for 498 animals. Since its inception in 1993, the event has helped more than 16,000 animals find new, loving families.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.michiganhumane.org/zoo](http://www.michiganhumane.org/zoo), or call 1-866-MHUMANE.

**Widowed Friends**

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15  
**Location:** St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton  
**Details:** Widowed Friends, a "peer" group in the Detroit Metro area, is sponsoring a special Mass for widowed men and women, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton. Arrive by 2:15 p.m. to check in, Mass at 2:30. Join the group after Mass for refreshments, social time and to obtain information on other upcoming activities in a safe and friendly



**Learn to fly fish**

The Huron River Watershed Council will host three free fly fishing lessons in May for beginning anglers. Learn casting, knot tying, fly identification, entomology, and wading with Mike Mouradian of Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited (pictured). The general fly fishing class, open to anyone 16 and older, will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 14. A family fly fishing class will take place noon-4 p.m., Saturday, May 21. It is open to families with their children/grandchildren age 11 and older; adult must accompany children. A women's fly fishing class will take place noon-4 p.m., Sunday, May 22. Rods, waders, flies and lunch will be provided. Participants should bring their own pair of polarized sunglasses and appropriate clothing for the weather. All classes will be held at the Wooden Shelter in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. Each is limited to 15 participants. Advance registration is required by contacting Mel Ring at (734) 769-5123 x 610, or [mring@hrwc.org](mailto:mring@hrwc.org). Visit [www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org) for more summer recreation opportunities.

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**Contact:** For more information, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

**Rouge Rescue**

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

**Contact:** Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or go online to [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) for more information.

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**Tapestry display**

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

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

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

**American Legion**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

**Contact:** Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at [www.post251.com](http://www.post251.com) or [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org).

**Fish fry**

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

**Details:** Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.  
**Contact:** For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own

vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

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

**Earth Angels**

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

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eaengell1986@comcast.net](mailto:eaengell1986@comcast.net)

**Higher Rock Cafe**

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

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

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

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

**FOR SENIORS**

**Friendship Center**

**Location:** 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland  
**Details:** The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

**Contact:** (734) 722-7632, [www.ci.westland.mi.us](http://www.ci.westland.mi.us)

**Dyer Center**

**Location:** 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

**Details:** Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

**Contact:** (734) 419-2020

**Senior Fitness**

**Location:** Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

**Contact:** (734) 793-1870

**VOLUNTEERS**

**First Step**

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

**Drivers Needed**

**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

**VNA Hospice**

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

**Seasons Hospice**

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

**Literacy Council**

**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Safe Place**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

**Adult Day Services**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals  
**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

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# Don't try to predict how world events will influence market

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

When the announcement came that U.S. Special Forces had brought justice to Osama bin Laden, I was ecstatic like most other red, white and blue, flag-waving Americans. When the initial euphoria died down, I began to think about what the results of taking down bin Laden would have on the stock market the next day. My initial thought was there would be a rally on Wall Street.

However, after I thought about it a little, I figured the market might react

to the good news in the morning but by the time the markets closed, things would be back to normal. I was not surprised when the death of bin Laden did not affect the market.

As long as I have been following the market, one thing I have always known is that it is nearly impossible to predict how world events will affect things. When certain world events occur, it may seem obvious how the market will react but that's not the way the market works. What makes following the market frustrating is when the outcome seems obvious and then the exact opposite happens. What affects the market one day may be irrelevant the next. The bottom line is that investors who think they can outsmart the market generally find that they

can't, and the result is that their portfolio underperforms.

It never ceases to amaze me that one day the market may be concerned with inflation while the next day, it's not even an issue. Being a golfer I'll analogize golf. Every round of golf is a new round and there is no carryover from the previous round. It's the same thing with the stock market. There rarely is any carryover.

In understanding the stock market and how it moves, investors need to remember the market is not rational in the short run. Emotions affect the market. If the bin Laden news had come in the middle of the day, who knows how the market would have reacted. The bottom line is that investors can't get caught up in emotions.

Investing is not a game. It doesn't have a traditional beginning and ending like games do. It's hard to know which world event will move the market and in what direction. I do know whatever movement occurs, it will be short-lived. Markets are looking forward, not backward.

In this ever-changing, fast-paced world we live, there's always another story waiting to dominate our attention.

My advice is, don't get caught up in the game. When you consider that the great majority of people that do play the game lose, why would you even want to get involved?

Good luck!

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

# Cod toss, food, parade mark Norwegian Constitution Day

Each year, on May 17 in Norway, festive Norwegians fill the streets with cheers and flags in celebration of Norway's constitution, adopted in 1814.

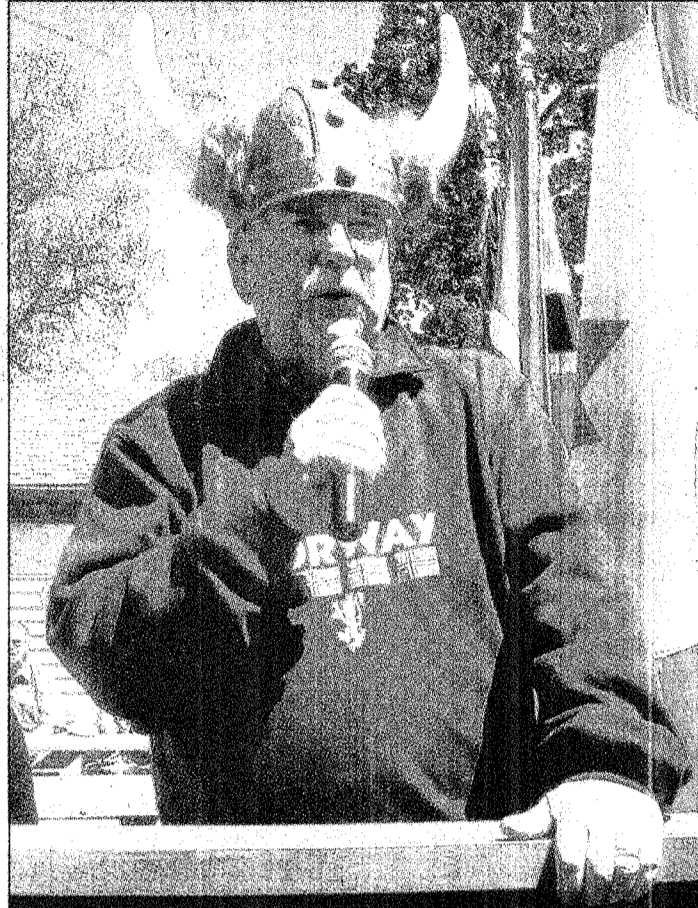
The spacious grounds of the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills will look much like the celebrations in Oslo this year as Detroit-area Norwegians and their friends gather to commemorate Norwegian Constitution Day on Saturday, May 14.

The local festivities will include the traditional children's parade, Scandinavian music, face painting, and children's games plus the not-so-traditional "cod toss" in which competitors toss frozen fish for distance.

Celebrants will also hear an update on Norway from the honorary consul of Norway to the State of Michigan, Dennis Flessland of Huntington Woods. Parade participants will be accompanied by the music of the Scandinavian-American Spelmanslag led by Karin Arneson of Dearborn.

After the parade, grilled hot dogs and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Guests will also enjoy an assortment of Norwegian desserts prepared by members of the host organization, Nordkap Lodge of the Sons of Norway.

As in Norway, it is popular to wear the colorful national



"Viking" Bob Giles of Huntington Woods served as master of ceremonies at last year's Norwegian Constitution Day celebration.

to bring their own Norwegian flags as well as noisemakers and lawn chairs.

The family-oriented event is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street, at Nine Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The parade will start at 11:30 a.m.

## LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY

The Constitution Day national holiday, called Syttende Mai (17th of May) in Norway, commemorates the day in 1814 when the new Norwegian Constitution was signed. The constitution established Norway as a sovereign state and constitutional monarchy ruled by the principles of liberty and democracy.

It was the most liberal constitution in Europe at that time, clearly inspired by the ideals of the revolutionary American and French constitutions. When a subsequent union with Sweden was dissolved in 1905, the constitution became the foundation of modern Norway which today has one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Membership in the Sons of Norway is open to all who are interested in the preservation of Norwegian culture and heritage. For more information, call (248) 398-5976 or (248) 302-2222.

dress, the hand-embroidered bunad, on this occasion, although many will wear simple spring clothes with a Norwegian flag or May 17 ribbon pinned to their lapel.

Inside the clubhouse, the Lodge will sell imported Norwegian products and foods, including cheese, her- ring, and Norwegian chocolate bars. Families are encouraged

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Bobbi Gladden plays the perpetually thirsty lyricist and Len Fisher is her strange composer/partner Roger in Inspire Theatre's "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

# 'Musical Murder Comedy' returns for four performances

Audience enthusiasm soared as theatre goers were treated to an evening of intrigue and laughter with the Inspire Theatre production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

The opening weekend proved that Inspire Theatre can do mystery and comedy, both at the same time, and do them well, according to director Len Fisher. Supported by a talented cast, Nancy Rocker of Garden City portrays eccentric Broadway backer Elsa Von Grossenkneuten, whose Westchester County mansion is the setting of the raucous romp to find the Stage Door Slasher.

"Although there were times of uncertainty, it's hard to know if it was for dramatic effect or opening night jitters," said Fisher. "The cast appeared to have as much fun as the audience."

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 returns to the Inspire Theatre stage this weekend for four performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 13-14, and 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Inspire Theatre is located in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$12 each

and can be purchased at the door or by reservation by calling (734) 751-7057.

Brothers Ben and Andrew Fisher appear in the murder comedy as the police sergeant and comedian respectfully. Andrew Fisher of Westland is the bumbling out of work comedian who stumbles in and out of situations with ease. His goal seems to get the girl, played by Beth Baumgartner of Wayne. Then there's the perpetually thirsty lyricist portrayed by Bobbi Gladden of Westland and her strange composer/partner Roger played by Fisher.

These caricature portrayals work to give the story its buoyancy. Deanna Lee of Redford, who is a regular on the IT stage, brings her upbeat personality to the character of Coco, the director of the proposed show, White House Merry-Go-Round.

"When the audience enters the room, they're surprised that this small intimate setting has been transformed into a mansion library," said Fisher. "Then as the lights go down, murder and comedy, an unlikely duo, reign. The cast has captured the feeling of both the 1940s and the stereotypical idiosyncrasies of 'theatre folk'."

## Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 27. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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

## AROUND WESTLAND

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.

**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](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit the website at [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

## Singles skate

Looking for a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun atmosphere? Look no further, come and enjoy a great night out at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. Singles Skate Night is every Tuesday 9-10 p.m. Rates for residents are \$4 and nonresidents are \$4.50. Skate rental is \$3. This event is for ages 18 and older. For more information, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

## 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.

## 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. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

## Weatherization help

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.

## American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, May 26th, various items of the City Westland - DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 9:00 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
8155190	2000	GMC	Yukon	1GKEK13V9YJ130771

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, May 26, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
7730428	1998	Ford	Windstar	2FMAZ5142WBE39982

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **May 24, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

**Public Service Department Lobby Renovation**

For this project, there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Westland Department of Public Services located at 37137 Marquette, Westland, Michigan. Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204 or at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com). Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

William Gabriel  
City Controller

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **May 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

**Heavy Rescue Ambulance**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the City's website [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com), or the Purchasing Office at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI. Questions pertaining to the vehicle should be directed to Martin Reddy, Deputy Fire Chief at (734) 467-3252. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel  
City Controller

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
MTG. 10 5/2/11**

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
68: Appr. req. from WFFFU to hold MDA iFill-the-Booti fundraiser from 7/7-9th.  
-Appr. req. from VFW #3323 to sell poppies from 5/4-8th.  
-Appr. req. from Wayne Memorial to hold flower sale at Wayne Lawn & Garden on 5/8 & 5/9 and a Schwann's sale.  
- Appr. agrmnt. btwn. COW & MERS to purchase generic time to provide for early retirement.  
- Adopted Revised Prep. Res. approving Wayne County Annual Permit A-11073.  
- Adopted Revised Prep. Res. approving Wayne County Annual Permit A-11128.  
- Adopted Revised Prep. Res. approving State of Michigan Annual Permit for work within MDOT Right-of-Way.  
69: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. 8' fence, Art Van, 8300 N. Wayne Rd.  
70: Appr. req. from Art Van to conduct Tent Sale 5/3-25 during reg. store hrs.  
71: Closed pub. hearing for proposed 2011-2012 Budget.  
72: Closed pub. hearing on proposed Vacation of Water Main Easement-MJR Site, 6800 N. Wayne Rd.  
73: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/18/11.  
74: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Serv. Station Convenience Store Use, 8008 N. Middlebelt Road.  
75: Appr. Site Plan for prop. Serv. Station Redevelopment, 8008 Middlebelt w/contingencies.  
76: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Serv. Station Convenience Store Use, 37400 Ford.  
77: Appr. Site Plan for prop. Service Station Redevelopment, 37400 Ford, w/contingencies.  
78: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Solar Pilot Project, DTE Training Facility, 38155 Cherry Hill x/contingencies.  
79: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Outside Sales Area, ACO Hardware, 132 S. Merriman w/contingencies.  
80: Appr. checklist: \$301,097.77 & Prepaid: \$1,312,616.00. Mtg. adj. at 8:38 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday May 15th, 2011 and end Sunday May 22nd, 2011. Interested persons should:

- visit <http://shop.ebay.com/sellingking01/m.html>
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The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:  
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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On May 17, 2011 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1999	Ford	Crown Vic/4DR	Black	2FAPP71WXXX198637
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1993	Honda	Accord/4DR	Brown	1HGCB7654PA146040

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, May 26, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
7730428	1998	Ford	Windstar	2FMAZ5142WBE39982

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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# Entertainment group stages Michigan-centric festival

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Music, food, art, camping — Michigan-style. That's the idea behind an entertainment company's premier event that promotes all things Mitten in an outdoor music festival unlike any other.

TGIF Entertainment Group of Farmington Hills is putting the finishing touches on MI Fest, a music and camping festival set for Saturday, Sept. 17, on the grounds of Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

It's all about promoting Michigan talent, food, beverage and art, said George Gikas, president of TGIF Entertainment Group.

"Michigan has produced some of the best music in the world and we need to take great pride in leveraging that asset," he said. "Aside from being the Motor City, the next thing everyone associates with Michigan is our great music from Motown to Madonna, Bob Seger to Kid Rock and Eminem.

"We don't have to look past our backyard to provide a great festival full of music and our vision is to provide that Michigan experience in a family friendly environment."

The national and Michigan-based music lineup will be announced in the coming weeks, but Gikas promises an array of genres. The festival experience will include many Michigan food and beverage vendors, artisans and a local farmers market. Camping options are offered for two nights on the MIS site, which is the state's largest registered campground with rustic and electric sites and brand new amenities.

## PROMOTING MICHIGAN

The festival is being marketed throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and southern Ontario in hopes of drawing about 15,000 people.

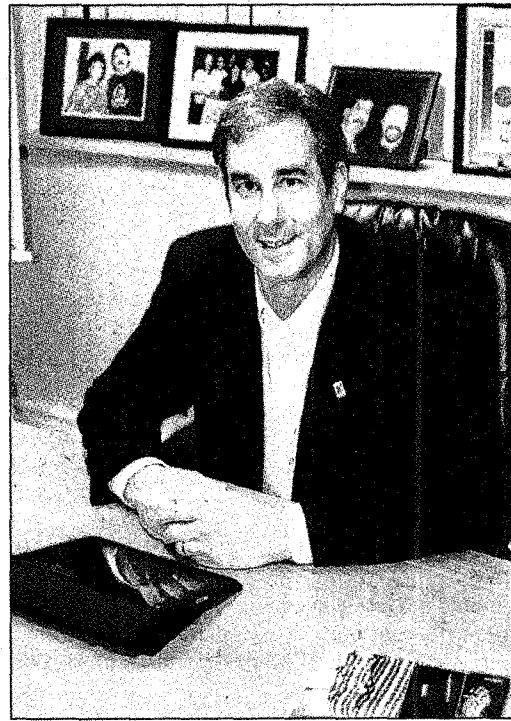
"MI Fest is intended to showcase Michigan, put people to work and drive tourism in the state," Gikas said.

The festival will offer a good vibe to people who need it right about now.

"It'll hit you right in the face — look what a great state we have," Gikas said. "This is helping boost our morale and (says that we're) bringing ourselves up by our boot straps."

Gikas said they're teaming up with Buy Michigan Now, a campaign aimed at revitalizing the state's economy by promoting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

"We are delighted to work with a campaign that supports the awareness of Michigan



George Gikas is president of TGIF Entertainment Group, located at 12 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

products and services," Gikas said. "Buy Michigan Now has a set of standard criteria for what makes a company, business or group a Michigan concern, and we really respect those criteria and want to embrace them at MI Fest."

Lisa Diggs, who founded Buy Michigan Now in 2007, said her campaign is about revitalizing the state's economy. She explained that if people made informed choices about their purchases, actively seeking out Michigan products, this could drastically help employment levels in Michigan.

"We are collaborating with MI Fest to involve as many Michigan businesses as possible so that it becomes a celebration of Michigan as well as a great music event," said Diggs, who will also be promoting MI Fest at her own Buy Michigan Now festival in Northville Aug. 5-7.

MI Fest tickets will go on sale and a full artist lineup will be announced in late spring. For more information or for corporate partnership or vendor opportunities, visit MI-Fest.com. Local vendors with unique food that presents well at outdoor festivals are still being sought. Inquire via the website.

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## Battle of Bands

Local bands will compete in a concert to help raise money for a local organization that provides those in need of home repairs with volunteers ready to help.

The Michigan Missions fourth annual Battle of the Bands will feature seven local bands playing all genres of music, including Jonah's Lament and RockHead Company recording artist Audio Remedy. The Battle of the Bands will be 1-7 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The Community Baptist Church, 28237 W. Warren Road, in Garden City. Admission is \$3, and food and T-shirts will also be available.

Because Michigan Missions pays for all the supplies needed on home repair projects, proceeds from the competition will go into the organization's general fund. Michigan Missions also welcomes donations of time, knowledge, and supplies from individuals and companies in all trades.

For more information, call (734) 679-6350 or go online to www.michiganmissions.com.

## Ghost Hunt

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

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

Paranormal enthusiasts who wish to attend the fundraiser can purchase presale tickets at www.grimstone-inc.com/fundraiser.php. The presale tickets,

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are \$20, and tickets at the door will cost \$25. Space is limited.

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

## Memorial Day

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

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

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

## Project Graduation

The countdown is one for Project Graduation's 2011 all-night party for graduating seniors at Garden City High School, and three fundraisers are on tap to help finance the event.

For people who need their car, SUV or truck washed, stop by the AT&T store on the corner of Merrimen and Ford Road 3-6 p.m. Friday, May 13 and 20, and noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and 21.

Project Graduation is holding a raffle with the winner receiving a gift certificate for driver's education classes for Segment 1 and Segment 11, donated by Accurate Driving School, which runs year round classes at the high school. The certificate which expires May 31, 2012.

Tickets are \$5. They're available in the high school's main office and counseling office, during regular school hours, by e-mailing Chris at ccnowak@yahoo.com, or by calling or e-mailing Lenise Smith at (734) 748-4847 or tweetylsmith@yahoo.com.

The winner will be announced Friday, May 20.

## Business Expo

The Garden City and

Dearborn Heights Chambers of Commerce will hold a Michigan Week Celebration: Business Recognition and Resource Expo Tuesday, May 17, at the Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center, 26116 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

The expo will bring local, state and federal organizations under one roof to assist the small business owner

and/or entrepreneur by providing low-cost and free business services and resources including financial, consulting, planning and advice.

The Resource Expo will be 9:30-11 a.m. Business owners and entrepreneurs can schedule short, personal and confidential interviews. (Registration is required). From 11 a.m. to noon, the expo will be open to the public.

The Business Recognition Luncheon will honor local businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries. The luncheon will be noon-1:30 p.m. and costs \$20 per person.

For more information, contact Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448 or go online to www.gardencity.org.

## Wheels For Blum's

American Legion Riders Post 32 is hosting the Wheels for Blum's Bike and Car Show 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, May 21, at Bennigan's Restaurant, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

A portion of show proceeds will benefit Blum's Landing, which is a place for military personnel and their immediate family to come for a short vacation free of charge. There will be a blessing of the bikes and cars at 1 p.m., and trophies will be given for best bikes and cars. Bennigan's will also donate 20 percent off qualifying purchases during the show to Blum's Landing. A coupon is available on the Blum's Landing website at www.blumslanding.org tell your server that you are a friend of the American Legion Riders.

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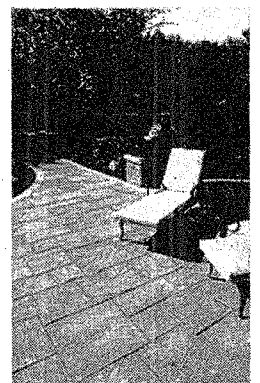
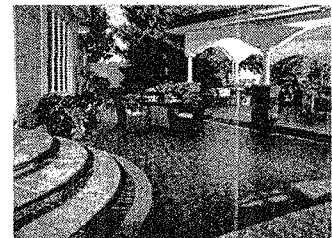
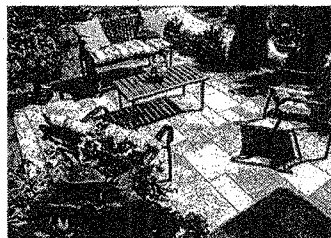
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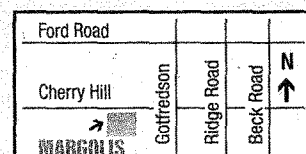
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# History comes alive at Armed Forces Day

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Donna Casaceli picked at a square of cotton, pulling free the loose threads. Called lint collection, she gathered the threads in her hand, forming a pad that was used to treat injured soldiers during the American Civil War.

"It's what you would think of as gauze," said Casaceli. "They'd place it on the wound and they would be able to take it off without removing the living tissue."

Dressed in period clothing, the West Bloomfield resident was among re-enactors and current military personnel who converged on the Westland Historic Village Park Saturday for Armed Forces Day. This is the fourth year the Westland Historical Commission has sponsored the event, which featured military personnel from the American Revolution through to today's War on Terror.

"The first year we did it we were here for three hours and had a few re-enactors, now we've grown to five hours and activities throughout the day," said commission vice chair Jeff Koslowski, who helped organize the event. "Now, they can see we're serious."

Casaceli along with commission member Bethany Stawasz, showed off the different things the Ladies' Soldiers Aid Society, which prepared bandage, lint pads, and care packages for the soldiers.

"Michigan was one of the largest contributors to the Civil War, the ladies tirelessly worked throughout the year to help the soldiers," said Casaceli.

In addition to bandages and lint pads, the ladies made clothing, cookies like springerle that had an extended shelf life, for care packages that also included compressed blocks of coffee, powdered ink and note paper to write letters home, dominoes, playing cards, a baseball and small sewing kits, called housewives.

## ADING THE MARINES

Outside, Stephanie Womack of Westland was re-enacting a U.S. Marine nurse waiting to aid the injured from the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. The women who wanted to help enlisted with the Marines and were a Marine. They would tend to the wounded and dying who were brought ashore.

"This is a lot of fun, I thoroughly enjoy talking to people about history," said Womack. "Seeing it makes it not quite as boring as in books. This makes what you read come alive."

Womack didn't have to go far to find Marines. Three members of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 471 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base — Gunnery Sgt. Mike Beccari and Master Sgts. Gary Morrell and Kurt Schneider

— stood in front of her encampment to raise the flag during the opening ceremony. Wearing their dress uniforms, the trio met the public in the Octagon House before testing their marksmanship with a Civil War soldier in the afternoon.

"If we can support something like this, we're there," said Schneider.

Also there was Garden City Joe Lee resident/re-enactor and his wife, Darlene. He used to do a re-enactment of a doctor from the Revolutionary War. Not quite able to fit in his uniform, Lee dressed casual, but brought his instruments as well as handmade toys of dancing Revolutionary soldiers, for an encampment with Kenneth Roberts of St. Clair, and his wife, Jean.

Jean Roberts wore a period outfit while her husband, a re-enactor for more than 40 years, wore a handmade uniform a soldier in Patrick Henry's 1st Virginia Regiment. It included what he called a "lottery coat."

"The original jackets were made in France, when they came back, the colonies bid on them, the one that bid the most got the coats," he explained.

Fanned out on a blanket on the ground was his many Revolutionary War artifacts and in his hand was the musket bearing the stamps that indicated it was U.S. government issued.

## HIS 'BABY'

Armed Forces Day has become Koslowski's "baby." Work on it began in January. Starting with a few re-enactors, the commission was able to reach out to get more.

"We started with our core group, I put out the word and they did the rest," he said.

With this the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, much of the focus was on that conflict. In the Felton House was a display, "Faces of the Civil War," with records of Nankin Township residents like Lucius Chubb and Thaddeus Treat who served in the war.

There were lectures in the Octagon House on the history of the Star-Spangled Banner, the Marines in Michigan during the War of 1812 and battles that took place in the area. Koslowski also did a presentation about the early stages of the Civil War.

"We're doing so much, we have something at every turn," said Koslowski.

As the event continues to grow, Koslowski is keeping a close eye on it. He doesn't want it to "outgrow its britches."

"We want to make Westland Garden City, Canton and Wayne aware and grow the program," he said. "We want to see what works and what doesn't work and do something that will grow the Historical Village Park."

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Re-enactors representing four wars stand at attention as U.S. Marines Master Sgt. Mike Beccari and Gunnery Sgt. Gary Morrell raise the flag during the opening ceremony of Armed Forces Day at the Westland Historical Village Park.



Gemma VanBuhler listens to Donna Casaceli talk about the work of the Soldiers Aid Society during the Civil War.



Jack Chapman, who brought his own rifle, and dad Nick talk with Rory Jones of Westland, dressed as a Union soldier.



Nurse Stephanie Womack and Don Burzynski portray the U.S. Marines during the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.



Bethany Stawasz and Andrew Donovan depict a civilian and soldier during the Civil War.



Among the Union soldiers at the Armed Forces Day was Bill Ziembra from Westland.



Roger Heiple portrayed a U.S. Marine from the War of 1812 at the re-enactment.

# Seeking 'Salvation' Corps remains key part of retiree's lifestyle

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salvation Army may not be in George Aren's blood, but it's certainly in his bloodline.

The 76-year-old Aren, a Livonia resident who recently retired after what he calls a 76-year career serving the Salvation Army, was basically born into service, born to a father who was a member of the Church of England, a mother who was in the Army and grandparents who had served, as well.

So it's no surprise Aren became the patriarch of what might be referred to as the "family business," a father who led two of his four children into the same sort of service.

"It's all we knew when I was a kid," said Aren, who started at the Temple Corps, located at Grand River and West Chicago in Detroit. "The Salvation Army becomes your way of life. It's not just a church, it's a lifestyle."

## A SANCTUARY

It's been George Aren's lifestyle virtually his whole life. He grew up in what he calls a working-class neighborhood and attended church at the Temple Corps. He actually ran the community center as a 16-year-old. Through high school, it was his sanctuary, a place he and his friends escaped for hour after hour of basketball or floor hockey.

He went on to own his own business — Telway Towing in Redford — for 38 years. He volunteered for the Salvation Army from 1987 through 2000. But it was the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255 at Detroit Metro Airport that put its stamp on what Aren would do with his latter years.

"That was my introduction to disaster services," said Aren, who would go on to become the chief of disaster services. "I had a friend serving as corps commander who was trying to get me to volun-



George Aren, who retired as director of disaster services for the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan region, has been followed into Army service by his son, Maj. John Aren, and his daughter Laurie, who is director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

teer for disaster services. He called me on a Friday, then called again Sunday to say the plane had crashed."

The Salvation Army turned the disaster services position into a part-time job, with Aren manning it. Then came Sept. 11, 2001. After the Salvation Army responded to the disaster in New York, Aren's job was turned into a full-time job, one he kept until he retired April 1.

## DISASTER RELIEF

While dealing with a variety of disasters — from the plane crash at Metro Airport to fires and other disasters — Aren has met a variety of people. For instance, he met the firefighter who walked out of the crash debris at Metro with Flight 255's only survivor (153 people died that day), 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan.

"It's necessary work," Aren

said of the disaster services job. "First responders and victims (on-scene) are despondent, they're very much upset. There's a saying that if you can get those people to eat or drink something, it alleviates that."

Aren's children heard all the stories over the years. It's had an effect on at least two of them. His son, John, is a major who, with wife Julie (also a major and a third-generation officer herself), runs the Romulus Adult Rehabilitation Center and manages the assets of seven different thrift stores, including the newest one in Canton.

He said it's no surprise he got involved, given his upbringing.

"My parents took us to the corps three times a week," John Aren recalled. "From that, and from being part of

study groups, we got good training in understanding what the Bible says."

Like most corps officers serving the Salvation Army, John and Julie Aren, who now live in Westland, have lived a transient lifestyle. They've served in places like Minneapolis, Minn.; Alpena and Monroe, Mich.; Des Moines, Iowa; Grand Rapids and now Romulus.

## ON THE MOVE

In fact, the Westland Arens are moving again; the biggest piece of John's ministry, the Adult Rehab Center in Romulus, has changed its mission and the Arens will move to the Chicago area in June.

While he thought about not doing it — John's background is in systems engineering, Julie is a registered nurse — John said his beginnings in



George Aren of Livonia (center) is flanked by his successor as director disaster services Chuck McDougall and his son, Maj. John Aren.



Laurie Aren of Westland, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, at a presentation she made to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

for his other daughter, Laurie Aren, either. Sure, for the last few years she has served as director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, but the Westland resident had an extensive career in the health care industry before that.

She spent more than 13 years at Henry Ford Hospital and also did bereavement work for Arbor Hospice before landing in Plymouth. She isn't surprised she gravitated to the Salvation Army.

"All of my family are there," Laurie said. "I don't know if it was an 'attraction,' it was just always there. It's such a way of life; 95 percent of our friendships are in the Army. You don't know anything else."

George Aren doesn't figure to be out of the Salvation Army way of life any time soon. He had his wife, Dorothy, still worship at the Dearborn Heights Corps. It's been a way of life for 76 years, so why change now?

"The people I've met ... I've made some good friends," Aren added. "You have all the stories ... it's amazing."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Our All-Stars

## These students represent a bright future

This Sunday, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will publish a special section in print and online (hometownlife.com) honoring the 2011 Academic All-Star Team.

The 25 students of this year's team and the 53 others who are runners-up represent the most accomplished of local public, private and parochial high school students.

These students are future physicians, scientists, engineers, teachers and political leaders.

Named to the team are: **Danielle Beaujon** of Andover High School, **Natalie Collins** of Seaholm High School, **Sahithi Gogineni** of Canton High School, **Preeta Gupta** of the International Academy/Bloomfield Hills, **Makayla McCoskey** of North Farmington High School, **Ben Novak** of North Farmington High School, **Maria Raykova** of the International Academy, **Jennifer Shi** of Groves High School and **Ishani Shah** of Plymouth High School.

Tied for second are **Eric Hwu** of Andover High School and **Anika Naidu** of Detroit County Day. They are followed by **Nicholas Honet** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Seong Wook Hwang** of Lahser High School and **Allen Yuan** of Detroit County Day.

Tied for the sixth ranking are **Alexander Saeedy** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Lynne Krutty** of Salem High School, **Yiran "Nika" Duan** of Churchill High School, **Sarah Kang** of Salem High School, **Marie Lhota** of Groves High School, **Kathleen Schaaf** of Seaholm High School, **Meghan Diehl** of Farmington High School, **Justin Heck** of Plymouth High School and **Elizabeth Rose Lyons** of Berkeley High School.

Also named to the team and tied for seventh ranking are **Tommy Wydra** of Brother Rice High School and **Nicholas Alaniva** of Canton High School.

Local runners-up include: **Patrick Kemp**, John Glenn High School; **Danielle Meyer**, Lutheran High School Westland; **Jeremy Kohtz**, Lutheran High School Westland; **Aimee Sassak**, Livonia Franklin High School; **Thomas Bevins**, Wayne Memorial High School; **Brij Patel**, Livonia Churchill High School; **John Marnon**, John Glenn High School; **David Adlof** and **Leah Miller**, Huron Valley Lutheran High School, and **Kristina Macek**, Wayne Memorial High School.

They shine in many ways — in test scores and grades and in their extracurricular and community activities. They are all examples of intelligence, involvement and industry. They have contributed to their schools, their communities and beyond. They will undoubtedly make a difference as they head off to college and new academic adventures.

The All-Stars are selected based solely on academic achievement — grade point and test scores.

The 2011 team marks the 26th year that the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* has honored and celebrated academic excellence. At the core of our mission as a local company is "enhancing the lives of our readers and nurturing the communities we serve."

We can't think of a better way to fulfill this mission than to profile the best and brightest of students in area schools and show our communities what is good and right with education today.

All of the students profiled in this section have set high goals for themselves. In addition to preparing themselves academically for a career, they also are concerned about helping others. They have great praise for the teachers who have influenced them over the years. Teachers have challenged these students and instilled in them the love of learning. They have given them lessons about life, including doing your best, being responsible citizens and knowing how one person can make a difference. The students have thanked the many teachers who spend countless hours not only teaching but encouraging and listening to these young men and women.

Don't miss this special section. It's a good reminder about the good things happening in our schools today. Help us celebrate this awesome group of 2011 graduates.

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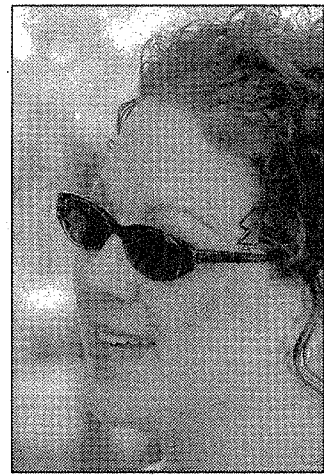
If you have an event you're in need for vendors or volunteers or just want to get the word out about the big weekend, a community blog may be the answer. It is one thing to have an independent presence on the web, but quite another to share space with thousands of community-minded individuals who are already drawn to news about local events, places and people.

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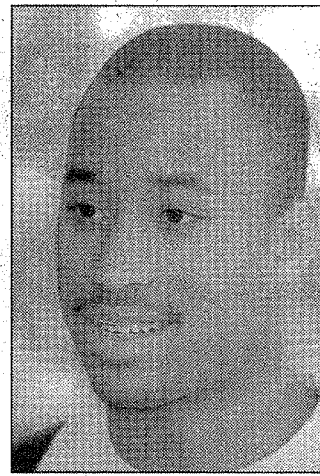
## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you think the United States is safer now that Osama bin Laden is dead?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



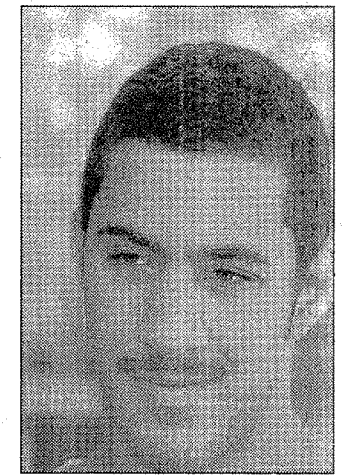
"Yes, I do."  
**Melissa Edmonds**  
Westland



"I'll have to say yes."  
**Jay Ho**  
Garden City



"Yes."  
**Jon Callahan**  
Westland



"Yes, I don't feel as threatened."  
**Anthony Sackett**  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Let immigrants settle Detroit

Dear Gov. Snyder,  
New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg voiced an idea that I, as a Michigander at heart, and a New Yorker born and bred, think is the most amazing, terrific and wonderful idea that I have heard: Open Detroit to resettlement by immigrants.

From personal experience, I can state that a city open to immigrants is a City Open To Business — wealth and opportunity abound. New York City has been a port of entry for Americans from every nation for more than 100 years and if the mayor of New York City knows we can do it — that's just cake!

It is time for us to get a piece of the action. Allow immigrants to achieve the American dream right here in Detroit and a cascade of fortunes will follow!

This is not a pipe dream. It is a vision of magnificent proportions. Our western lands across the continent and into Canada remain primarily unsettled — empty, desolate. Without people. We can bring them here to settle and they can pass on if they want to into the interior of the United States and Canada.

Canada is already embracing immigration and the new migration. Why should we be left behind?

Ronald Reagan spoke of the shining city on a hill — using words and the image of the Massachusetts Bay Colonists when this nation found its first footing. It is time to remake ourselves and become new.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Let that refrain be sounded out into the dark nights and let the bells of freedom ring with sounds of welcome, industry and mercantile. Light the lights and put up the beacon — fling the doors open upon this shining city and let the people come among us to rejoice and fill the land with song and the joy of refreshing work.

Please, I ask, won't you help this vision, so true to America and our homeland, come true? It's a great way to make money. Just look at

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**Alfred Brock**  
Wayne

### Children not pawns in a game

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed funding cut for K-12 schools. I find myself asking WHY? WHY would Gov. Snyder divert more than \$900 million from K-12 and place it in funding for colleges and universities? Are the children who attend these K-12 not the most vulnerable and innocent? Do they not deserve to have proper teaching and programs in place so they might one day grow-up to be responsible, productive, tax-paying citizens?

My children attend school in the Wayne-Westland school district and the proposed cuts there would be an astronomical \$1,150 per pupil cut! Does Gov. Snyder really believe that one district could bear such a loss of financial support? To say this would drastically change the face of the district would be an understatement. I personally believe this is too much for one district to bear.

Every year we ask our teachers to come in and help our children build a solid foundation so that

they will grow up to become responsible, productive, tax-paying citizens. Our teachers every year step up to the plate and help place these proper building blocks so that our children can achieve success in life. Making such devastating cuts will only cause our children's foundation to crumble.

Wayne-Westland has already had to make some tough choices and cuts recently. Last year they closed six elementary schools. This resulted in a redistribution of students to other schools, resulting in many classes having 30 plus kids per classroom. With these proposed cuts to Wayne-Westland this number would most certainly increase. Again setting our children up for failure.

As a mother, when I had my children, I never envisioned for them to go to school and get a second-rate education setting them up for failure. These proposed cuts set every child up to fail. We will be raising an ENTIRE generation of children left behind. We will be raising children who will never have the ability to go on to higher education because the proper building blocks they need to succeed will be gone because their government failed to see them as a priority.

My children and the 12,762 children who attend Wayne-Westland Schools are not numbers on a page or pawns in a game. They are innocent players here who these cuts would be affecting. They are the real losers in this political game. As a parent I am unwilling to accept failure for my children. I am unwilling to allow them to not succeed in life. Gov. Snyder, are you willing to let an entire generation of children fail?

I am not asking for more. I am simply asking that the funding for K-12 education simply be restored. I am asking that you do not let these children's lives crumble in front of your faces. I won't let my children fail. Will you let your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors children to fail? Please, I urge you to write to your legislator, write to the governor and simply ask them to restore the K-12 funding.

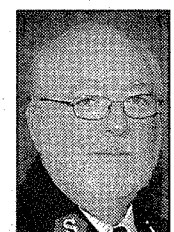
**Julie Briese**  
Westland

## Doing the most good: One act can help many live better life

BY MAJ. JOHN TURNER  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Doing the Most Good. What does this statement mean to you?

To me, it could be setting time aside to volunteer each week, donating to a local charity or something as simple as flashing a smile to a passer-by. But, I challenge you to reflect on these words and create your own meaning. How do you do the most good?



The Salvation Army is asking metro Detroiters this question during our sixth annual "Doing the Most Good" Week from May 9-14. This is a time for people to make a stronger commitment to helping others. It's a time to make "doing good" a priority in our lives.

Maybe you don't have enough time to volunteer in between work, soccer practice and dinner. Or maybe you're not in a position to make a large monetary donation. Each one of us can make "doing the most good" our personal mission; to do

the most good for the most people in the most need with the time and resources that we have. Because after all, doing the most good is much more than making grand overtures of service; it's about the little things too. Things like holding the door open for someone, checking in with an old friend or making a new one.

Each one of us has a personal responsibility to get out and do what we can to help those less fortunate in our community. Opportunities to change someone's life surround us every day, and while we may not have the power to change the world, we can change someone's day with something as simple as a few cans of food, or a \$10 donation. These small donations may not seem like much, but they can mean the world to someone who cannot afford a daily meal — let alone two or three.

Even a kind word of compassion can offer hope for someone feeling like they have nowhere else to turn. We all have time to consciously do one good deed each day. If we all do one good deed, that turns into millions of good deeds and even if just for a moment, brightens someone's day.

We may not all be able to make a monetary donation, or find the time to

volunteer each week, but we can still create small gifts of our own. Spring is here, and I'm sure a few things in the house could be put to better use by someone else. So, maybe you could take some time to clean out the clutter and donate the items you no longer use. Even better — get your kids involved. There is no greater lesson than to learn selflessness.

The Salvation Army has chosen the phrase "do the most good" as our commitment to doing the most good with every dollar, minute and resource donated. In fact, 85 cents of every dollar donated is directly allocated to services that assist people in need.

"Doing the most good" is a compassionate commitment made to people who are hurting, to help anyone, anytime, anyplace. Our goal is to give them a hand up — not a hand out — to help them see a brighter tomorrow.

So how do we know if we're really "doing the most good"? By asking this question of ourselves daily, it challenges us to make sure that the answer is a positive affirmation that makes us feel good about our contributions to society.

**Maj. John Turner** is the general secretary of the Salvation Army of Metro Detroit.

# New recess games get more kids playing

BY HELEN NIEMIEC  
CORRESPONDENT

The students at Hayes Elementary School in Westland were squealing with delight as they learned new recess games Monday. They raced, they practiced grabbing balls or beanbags before their opponents and learned to anticipate crazy bounces from a Z-ball, a ball with nodes on it so every bounce is unpredictable.

Don't tell them this part — it's good cardio exercise and the smaller group settings promote motor skills and social skills.

An \$80,000 federal Carole White Physical Education Program grant allowed Sheryl Archibald, coordinator of Livonia Public Schools' K-12 physical health and education, to bring in nationally noted Curt Hinson, founder of Trouble-Free Playground. After meeting with all elementary school principals who embraced the program, Hinson is running workshops nearly daily at each of Livonia's elementary schools. The students, teachers and lunchroom volunteers learn the new games.

## OLD GAMES WITH NEW TWIST

The new games are long-beloved playground games brought down in scale so everyone is moving around and playing. Gone are the 40-team kickball squads, which are replaced by games for two or four students, each competing in an activity.

An elementary physical education teacher for 16 years before launching Trouble-Free Playground 12 years ago, Hinson said he used to notice 20 or 30 children in a game with one soccer ball and how few actually got to the kick the ball or tend the goal.

"Only a select few really played and were engaged," Hinson said. "I scaled down the games and increased the participation level. It's more fun, more exercise and more skills than what the usual games were."

Gone are the days of children playing in their yards with their friends since more are finding themselves involved in isolating activities, such as video games, the Internet and more time watching television.

"It's resulted in less skills and activity levels for most children," Hinson said.

A byproduct of the program has been a marked decrease in bullying and aggressive behaviors in schools that have adopted his physical recess program.

## PLAYGROUND HIERARCHY

"There's a hierarchy to the playground. I call it my 'wedding cake' theory. The top layer decides the game and who plays. The middle layer goes along with what the top layer wants. The bottom layer can't play and they shy away or aren't chosen to play anyway," Hinson said.

It's the bottom layer children who become resentful from being kept out, who can

turn into bullies because of pent-up aggression and anger, he said.

"You break up the hierarchy and you get cooperation, communication and healthy competition," Hinson said. "Competition isn't the problem. A lack of empathy for other students and lack of cooperation is the problem."

Archibald said there already is evidence that this is the case. At Riley Elementary, which served as the pilot school in the district, there used to be three or four issues per day on the playground about sharing or other behaviors, she said. "Since the program started, it's down to two all year," Archibald said.

In addition to the anti-bullying effect, physical education instructor Fatino Kincaide said that the program is a good mix of learning skills and keeping active.

"Our job is to teach the little ones these skills. It's a part of our physical education class and now it will get reinforced in the recess program. We're taking skills and putting them into action," Kincaide said. "Some have a negative feeling about exercise from childhood because they weren't allowed to play and that feeling can follow them through life. This program lets everyone move and have fun, rather than one or two winning at all costs."

## LIFETIME LESSONS

Kincaide is taking the games and skills stressed in the playground recess program and will incorporate them into her fall plans for her recess and playground play session. She annually has a program in September that teaches students how to play at recess for maximum physical and fun benefits, but said that this new program melds everything together very well.

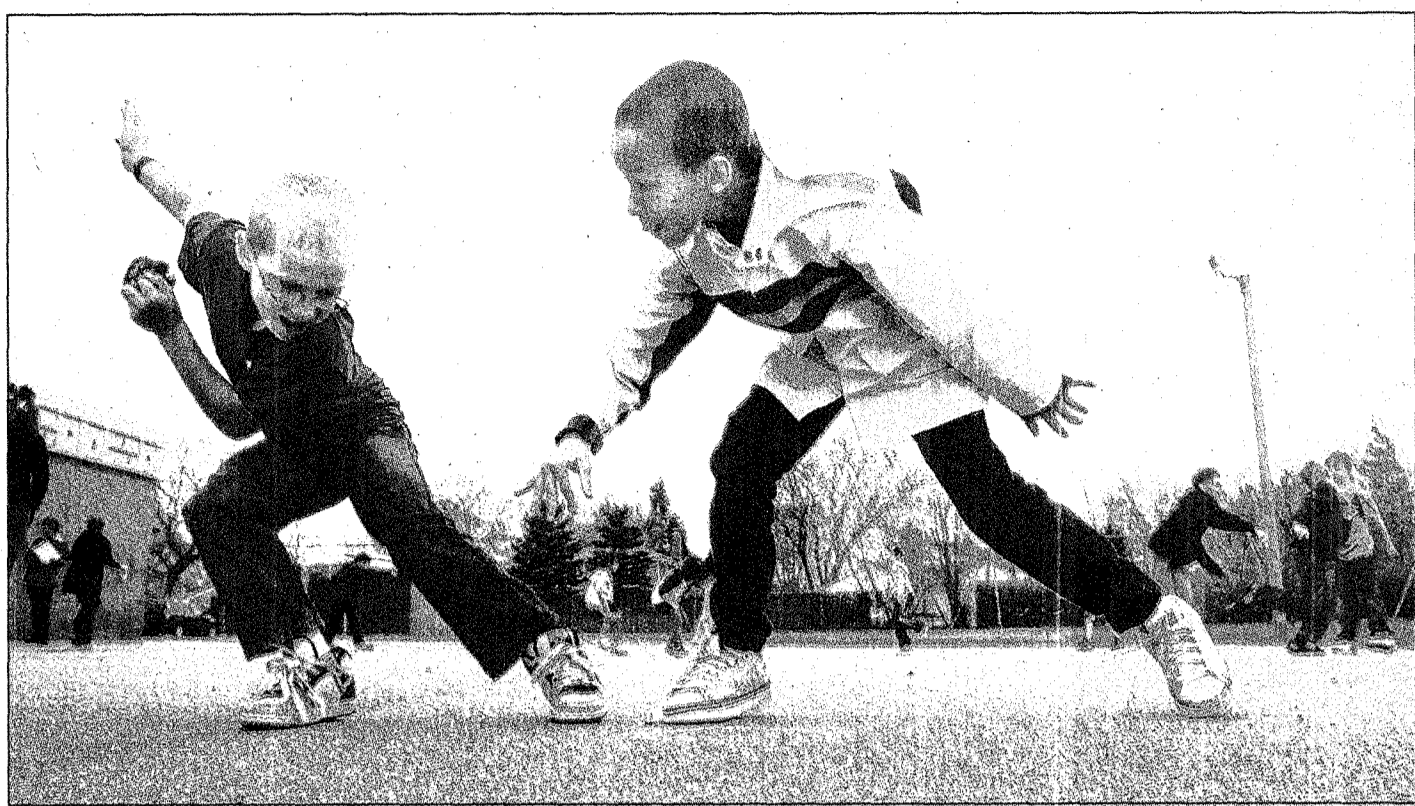
"This is just wonderful," Kincaide said. "It gives us the opportunity to build on each other. We want our children to know that it's all about moving and all about having fun. That's the lesson for a lifetime."

Kincaide has that right. Students gave rave reviews to what they learned in the half-hour sessions. They learned about three-on-three soccer, games with koosh balls, Frisbee tosses into a trash can, racing from opposite sides to retrieve a beanbag in the middle and "Simon says"-type games where instructions must be followed. Hinson had all his charges laughing at the first attempt of "left" meaning "right."

"For this game, when I say beanbag, I want you to grab the ball. If I say right hand, you grab it with your left," he said. Simple, right? Nope — and the children laughed out loud when they realized that they had used the wrong hand or grabbed at the wrong object.

"You stimulate the brain, too. It's a cross-training exercise," he said.

Akira Maison, a first-grader, said that game was her least favorite. "It was pretty hard," she said. "But it's new, so I'll learn it."



Benjamin Williams snatches the ball from Steven Russell during a game of "Go For The Gold."



Curt Hinson shows the students where to play their games.



Curt Hinson sets up "Go For The Gold."

Her favorite was the Frisbee toss games, since she plays Frisbee at home.

Briana Tracy, a fourth-grader, thinks the recess program is a good one because it allows everyone to play. The Frisbee game also was her favorite.

## 'EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY'

"Before this, my favorite game to play at recess was tag. Now I'll have these other games," she said. "When we play the bigger games, not everyone gets to play. It's harder to play when there are a lot of people."

Brendan Churgin, also a fourth-grader, has played football in a league for three years and likes that kind of activity. He said that he also likes the new recess games because they're different.

"I like the game where we knocked down water bottles," he said.

The real measure of success for this new program will be its incorporation into recess every day for years and years to come.

"It was very exciting to get this grant and to be able to put this program into place and buy the equipment. The idea of the grant is to start a sustainable physical education program and I believe this one will be that kind of success," Archibald said.

The beauty of the program is that games can be added every year for variety. Hinson introduced 15 games to the schools,

none of which requires expensive equipment, just a lot more than one school might buy. Two or three kickballs are replaced by several dozen bean bags, as an example. Then there are Frisbees, hula hoops and koosh balls.

Hinson will spend a day at each of the district's 16 ele-

mentary schools before June 2. Teachers, administrators and other staff participated in a one-day workshop prior to this to learn the philosophy of the program and what type of activities are introduced. Teachers on the playground will help the students with the rules as the learning contin-

ues. "Dr. Hinson had a good point. He asked all of us teachers when we stop teaching our students to read. We never stop teaching reading. Then he said the same idea holds for physical recess. It's a process that always is ongoing," Archibald said.

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- Ways to Manage Neck and Back Pain - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- How to Choose a Skilled Nursing Facility - 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
- 911 - Act in Time When to go to the ER - 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
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- Senior Moving Made Easy - 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
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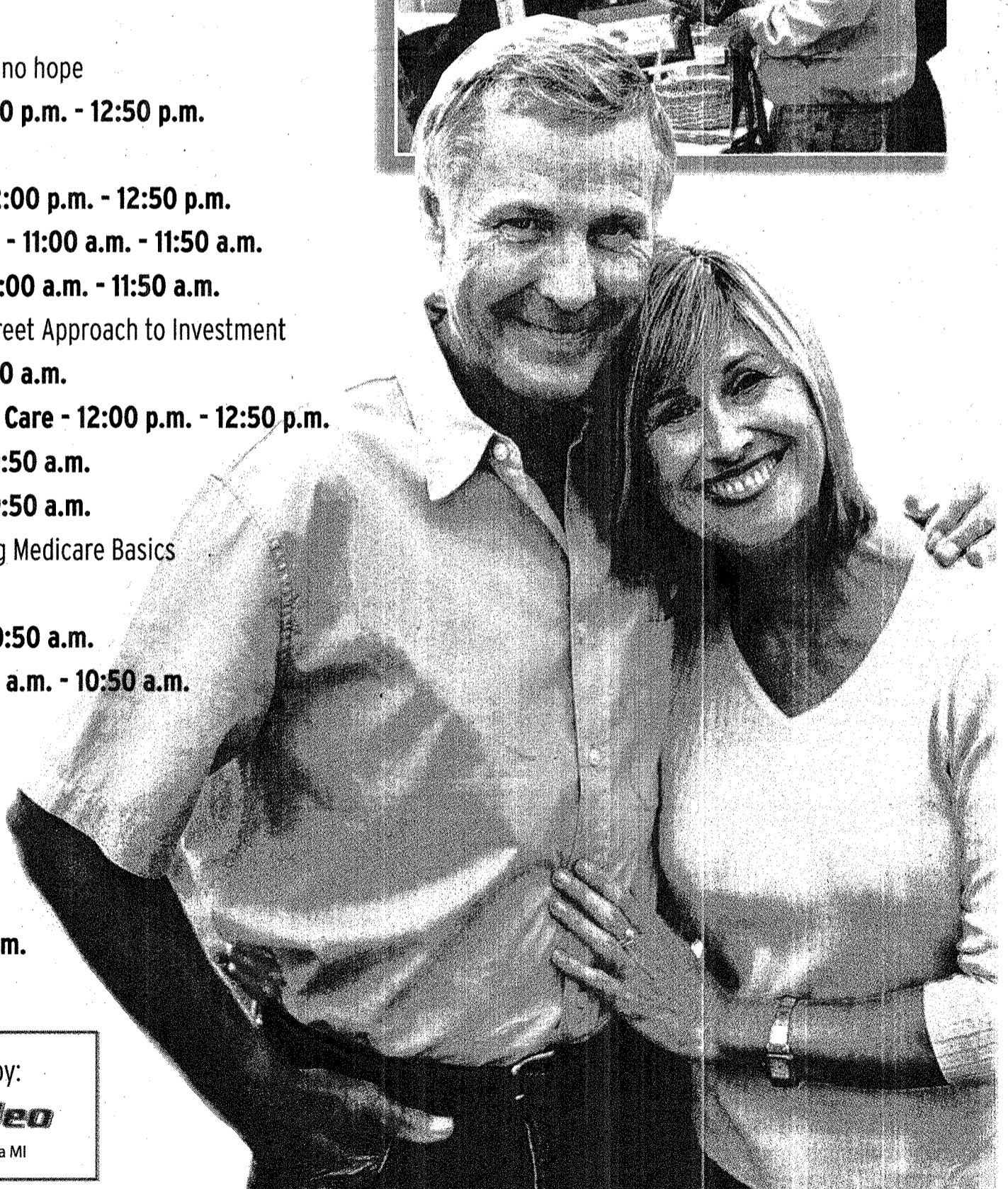
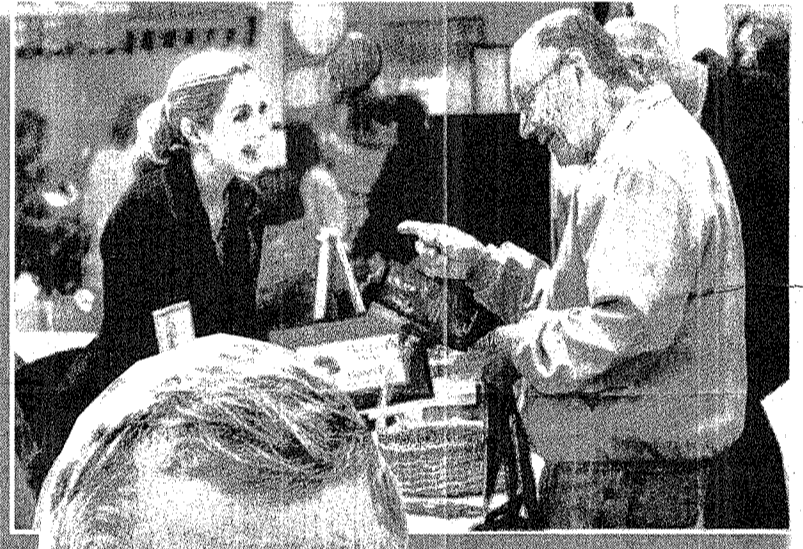
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# Shamrocks win wire-to-wire at Observerland

## Third straight crown for Catholic Central

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every year since moving from Redford to Novi in 2005, the Shamrocks of Detroit Catholic Central are invited back to the Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays.

"I tell you, I appreciate them inviting us every year," veteran CC boys track and field coach Tony Magni said. "We're out of the Observer area, but they are kind enough to invite us back and we'll come back every year they invite us back."

Other teams from the area might not be thrilled to know that. On Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, CC won the Observerland championship for the third consecutive year.

This time, the Shamrocks tallied 114 points — taking the honors in eight of 16 events to

best 16 other teams. "It (first place) means a lot because it was a total team effort," Magni said. "Everybody contributed tonight, everybody. We scored in almost every event that we were in."

"So everybody got a medal (awarded to the top-six finishers per event) and everybody did really well."

The highlight for CC was setting a new Observerland record in the 6,400-meter relay with a time of 17-minutes, 56-seconds.

That eclipsed the former mark of 18:05.0, set in 2001 by the Shamrocks.

Winning the runners-up trophy with a late surge was Farmington, with 61 points.

The Falcons, also second place in 2010, edged third-place Canton (57 points) and fourth place Livonia Stevenson (52 points). Observerland-host Salem finished in fifth place, with 42 points.

"We ran extremely well and set a lot of PR's today," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "Our 4-x-400 PR'ed. We scored in all the events we entered. We won two and there were three events we didn't enter."

Bridges said he was careful not to have his athletes overdo it Saturday, considering the Falcons were coming off the Farmington City Meet.

"We only ran two guys in two events," he said. "So to get second place ... we were surprised and very happy."

The Shamrocks, meanwhile, were "just deep in every event," Canton coach Bob Richardson said.

"It's like they have no weakness in their armor, so to speak," he said.

For much of the meet, it looked as if the Chiefs would finish second. But Farmington won the second-to-last event (the 1,600-meter relay) to leap-frog Canton.

"We knew second place was up for grabs," Richardson said. "And there were three or four schools that were all in the hunt. It came down to the 1,600 relay."

In that race, the Falcons finished with a time of 3:28.2, while Stevenson was runner-up in 3:29.1.

The fourth-place Spartans had an overall solid performance, despite not having top 400 runner Pat Smith in the lineup due to reportedly suffering a concussion playing soccer earlier in the day.

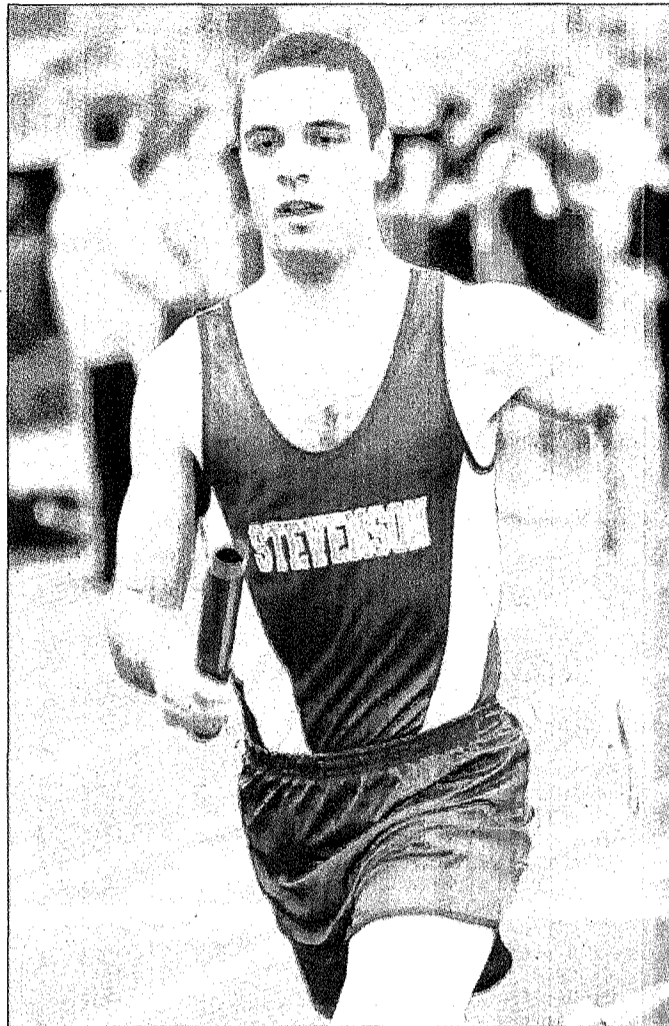
"I thought we did well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We had some good times and performances. Jake Colley took second in the mile (1,600), a 4:38, which is a nice surprise to us."

"I think he dropped his personal best by about seven seconds. He ran a nice race."

Shaw added that the long jump relay's second-place showing (57-7.5) was another plus.

"We hung in and did a nice job in the long jump where we took a second, which I wasn't expecting necessarily," Shaw said. "Two guys had their best performances."

A unique meet because it features relays of typical individual field events (pole vault, high jump, etc.), CC also earned wins in the discus and long jump relays with respective marks of 405-feet, 1-inch and 57-10.25.



PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Joe Urso runs a leg of the 4 x 1,600-meter relay in Saturday's 41st annual Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays. The Spartans took second in the event.



Livonia Churchill senior Carl Rayford grazes the bar in the pole vault in Saturday's 41st annual Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays. The Chargers took first place in that event.

Please see **RELAYS, B3**

## Net gains: Churchill places first

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill came away with the first-place trophy in Saturday's Woodhaven Classic girls tennis tournament.

The Chargers, who scored 17 points along with Plymouth and Berkley, won the tiebreaker based on head-to-head matches.

Livonia Franklin placed fifth with 13 points in the eight-school tourney.

Churchill's Mara Karagozian defeated Plymouth's Andrea Haidar for the No. 4 singles title, 6-4, 6-4, while the Chargers' No. 1 doubles team of Quincy Banini and Rylie Fallu also were victo-

Please see **TENNIS, B2**

## Spartans pounce on 'Cats' miscues

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth literally threw a victory away Monday against Livonia Stevenson, putting a damper on a benefit softball game for the American Cancer Society.

The host Wildcats took a 6-4 lead into the top of the seventh and sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou retired the first two batters.

Gerou had the win on her fingertips after fielding a comebacker by Allie Koestering. But the throw to first went awry and the Spartans pounced on that chance to score three runs for a 7-6 victory.

Ashley Avery's single up the middle scored Jackie Johnson with the lead run.

The Wildcats (10-5) then were unable to respond in their last at-bat of the KLAA crossover game against relief pitcher Morgan Copperstone (who picked up the win). "Softball is such a fast



JOHN KEMSKI

Stevenson base runner Molly Knoph can't elude the tag against Plymouth's Lindsay Lutton during Monday's Kensington Conference softball crossover.

game, you got to take advantage of the other team's mistakes," Stevenson head coach Rob Witherspoon said. "And fortunately, we had a chance to take advantage."

Witherspoon said it was good to see junior co-captain Avery notch the winning hit. "Ashley was a little down on herself during the game,"

he noted. "She wasn't hitting the ball like she normally does. I told her 'Your time's going to come,' and it came."

Plymouth head coach Val Canfield had little to say about the disappointing finish to a roller-coaster game.

The Wildcats trailed 3-0 early on (with Johnson accounting for two runs with

a homer to left-center in the first) but sent 12 batters to the plate in a six-run fourth against Stevenson starting pitcher Johnson.

Big hits in that frame were doubles off the center-field fence by sophomore Kayla Rebain and freshman Brooke Senkbeil. Freshman Lindsay Lutton collected two singles during the inning, including one to get the surge started.

But Plymouth's bats cooled off for the rest of the day, with just singles by Senkbeil and Karen Rebain.

"I think we just pressed too much at the plate," Canfield said.

The victory improved Stevenson's record to 9-5 overall.

"I tell you what, I told the girls that might be one of the best games I've been associated with, ... in my many years of coaching," Witherspoon said.

Canfield was happy to talk

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## SIDELINES

### MU softball laurels

Madonna University senior Jess Irwin, the NAIA all-time strikeout leader, earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year for the fourth straight season.

Irwin (19-8, 1.71 ERA) is joined on the first-team All-WHAC team by catcher Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child), second baseman Jackie Barley, first baseman Erin Mayes and utility player Hallie Minch (Garden City).

Senior Tara LaMilza and junior Kiley Thornton earned Academic All-WHAC honors, while Shay was named to the Champions of Character squad. The Crusaders finished 38-12 overall.

### All-WHAC baseball

The 32-14 Madonna University baseball team, Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champions, swept the league's top three post season awards.

Greg Haeger earned Coach of the Year for the fourth straight season, while senior second baseman Jeff Bultinck (.372) earned Player of the Year and sophomore right-hander Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) was named Pitcher of the Year after going 9-0 with a 1.10 ERA.

Senior outfielder Matt Kay (Canton) also made the first-team, while Mike Gansser, Dan Harder, Tarik Khasawneh (Canton), Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) and Travis Schuba earned honorable mention.

Making the Rawlings Gold Glove team was Bultinck, Khasawneh and outfielder Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice). Garrett Rebain (Plymouth) earned Academic All-WHAC honors.

### Softball in Pink

The Bat Away Breast Cancer round-robin girls softball tournament will be Saturday, May 14, at Westland John Glenn High.

Wayne Memorial and host Glenn face in the opener at 9 a.m.

Other games include: Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10:30 a.m.; Glenn vs. Crestwood, noon; Wayne vs. Huron Valley, 1:30 p.m.; Wayne vs. Crestwood, 3 p.m.; and Glenn vs. Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds will provide short-term financial aid to those who are in active treatment for and recovery from breast cancer.

For more information, visit [www.thepinkfund.org](http://www.thepinkfund.org).

### Blazers reach final

Senior Alexa Burns tallied five goals and added seven assists as Livonia Ladywood romped past Warren Regina, 17-3, in a Catholic League semifinal girls lacrosse semifinal Tuesday night at Notre Dame Prep.

The Blazers, now 6-4 overall, also got four goals and one assist from Niki Jacobs, along with two goals apiece from Christina Riga and Courtney Smith.

Alexandra Huzar scored twice for Regina (2-5).

Ladywood goalies Lauren Perugi and Stephanie Mackley combined for 15 saves, while Erin Scott made 11 for the Saddlelites.

Ladywood now takes on host Notre Dame Prep for the championship on Saturday (time to be determined).

On Monday, Burns tallied three goals and added five assists as host Ladywood romped to an 18-4 win over visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (0-6 league).

Jacobs contributed four goals and one assist, while Kylie Birney had three goals and one assist as the Blazers 4-2 (league).

Perugi and Mackley each had two saves for Ladywood.

# TENNIS

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rious with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Plymouth's Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey.

Runner-ups for the Chargers included Nicole Kruse (No. 2), who lost to Franklin's Carolyn McCullen, 6-2, 6-0, and Ani Cooper (No. 2), who fell to Berkeley's Emma Bunin, 7-5, 7-6 (7-1 tiebreaker).

Churchill's No. 2 doubles (Jayde Schulz-Kristi Fata) and No. 4 doubles (Pankti Thaker-Claire Rose) both won the consolation round titles.

Franklin, meanwhile, boasted two individual singles champions with senior

Angelica Woods (No. 1) defeating Amanda Bloom of Dearborn (6-1, 6-0), Churchill's Paige Fallu (6-0, 6-1) and Berkeley's Erika Northcross (6-1, 6-1) en route to the title.

McCullen (No. 2) also captured all three of her matches in straight sets — 6-1, 6-3 over Lexi Northcross (Berkeley); 6-0, 6-1 over Miranda Cerna (Plymouth); and 6-2, 6-0 over Kruse (Churchill).

Other medalists for the Patriots included Jenny Pagador (No. 3) and Renee Kozakowski and Nicole Jarecki (No. 3 doubles) winning two-of-three matches.

## Spartans triumph

Livonia Stevenson tallied a team-high 23 points Saturday to capture the four-team Howell Invitational.

The Spartans were followed by Walled Lake Central (12), Fenton (11) and host Highlanders (8).

Singles players going 3-0 on the day for Stevenson included freshman Aimee Moccia (No. 1), senior Laura Gumper (No. 2) and senior Melissa Martinez (No. 4).

Doubles winners for the Spartans included Taylor Tinham and Maiko Reutimann (No. 2); Kelsey Futrell and Lauren Arsenault (No. 3); Laura Shureb and Melina Canzano (No. 4).

Second-place finishers for Stevenson were: Ashley Benvenuti (No. 2 singles); Kathryn Malkowski and Lexie Ranski (No. 1 doubles); Jenny Cami and Carolyn Hay (No. 5 doubles).

# Weekend Warriors

## Lutheran Westland bats come alive in tourney

### PREP BASEBALL

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team was looking to pick up the offense Saturday in its own four-team invitational tourney.

And their bats obliged as the Warriors swept Warren Macomb Christian, 29-1, in two innings and Ann Arbor Greenhills, 8-3, en route to the championship.

"I am happy with how we were able to come out and put the bat on the ball and get some hits these two games," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 5-2 overall. "We haven't been hitting the ball too well and hopefully Saturday we turned the corner with that."

Against Macomb Christian (0-5), Kent Krzyske led a 22-hit assault going 4-for-5 with four runs scored. Recent JV call-up Mark Mika also went 3-for-3 with two runs.

Others getting into the act included Marc Rosin, who went 2-for-2 including a 2-run homer and six RBI; Nick Andrzejewski, 2-for-2, three runs; Matt Sylvester, 2-for-3, three runs; and Thomas Handschumacher, 2-for-3, three RBI and two runs.

Rosin pitched six strong innings to pick up the victory over Greenhills (5-4). He allowed two earned runs on six hits and five walks before giving way to Jordan Garber.

Nick Andrzejewski and Aaron Gartha each went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, while Jeremy Kohtz and Krzyske each added two hits.

The Warriors embarked on a stretch this week with five games in five days.

"Hopefully our pitching holds up and our offense can take some pressure off of our pitching staff," Wade said.

Jake Andrzejewski also added two hits and knocked in three runs.

Hanschumacher went the first five innings, allowing three hits. But he walked 10 and struck out six. Krzyske got the final three outs.

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 9, CLARENCEVILLE 8:** Dillon Rahill went 3-for-4 with the game-tying double in the top of the sixth inning to propel Plymouth Christian Academy to a comeback victory Monday at Livonia Clarenceville (6-5).

Clarenceville led 8-1 through five innings before the Eagle exploded for seven runs in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Matt Dodson went 2-for-5 with a double and RBI for PCA. Ben Gehan led the Trojans going 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI.

Donovan Watts added two hits and two RBI, while Damien Quarles also had two hits and an RBI.

Eric Trotter went the first 6.1 innings before giving way to Quarles, who took the loss. Daniel Slater went all eight innings for the Eagles. He allowed 14 hits, walked two and struck out eight.

**GREENHILLS 10, LUTH. WESTLAND 8:** In an MIAC Blue Division game Monday, host Lutheran High Westland (5-3, 2-2) fell to Ann Arbor Greenhills (4-7, 4-2).

The Warriors squandered a 6-3 fifth-inning lead as the Gryphons stormed back with four runs in the top of the fifth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Jake Andrzejewski gave up seven earned runs on 11 hits and three walks. He struck out six before giving way to reliever Jordan Garber.

Top hitters for the Warriors included Kent Krzyske (3-for-4, three runs); Marc Rosin (two doubles, two RBI); Jake Andrzejewski (2-for-3, two RBI) and Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-3, two RBI).

"This is a very disappointing loss," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team stranded nine runners. "We just didn't get it done defensively today and that disappoints me because we have been playing good defense all year and on top of that, after everything, to strand the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth was tough to take. Ultimately you have to give credit to Greenhills, but we know we can play better."

**CLARENCEVILLE 8-4, LUTH. N'WEST 5-16:** In a non-league double-header Saturday, host Livonia Clarenceville (6-4) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest split a pair of games.

Damien Quarles doubled twice and knocked in three runs as the Trojans downed Northwest in the opener, 8-5. Jimmy Moody also added a 2-run single for Clarenceville.

Starting pitcher Damien Sanchez went all seven innings, scattering eight hits and two walks to pick up the victory.

In the second game, Matt Mischley doubled three times and knocked in three runs as Northwest rolled in a five-inning mercy, 16-4.

Mischley gave up just five hits, while Clarenceville starter Ben Gehan suffered the loss as the Trojans committed five errors.

Tyler Weed (RBI double), Donovan Watts (RBI single), Evan Gregg (RBI single) and Chris Kanagy (RBI ground-out) accounted for the lone Clarenceville runs.

## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

May 10 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Aimee Moccia, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; No. 2: Laura Gumper (LS) def. Bria Tiller, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Jenny Pagador, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Laura Shureb (LS) def. Natalie Mays, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Taylor Tinham-Maiko Reutimann (LS) def. Kelsey Sitarski-Brittany Borregard, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault (LS) def. Renee Kozakowski-Nicole Jarecki, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0; No. 5: Shelby Seay-Caitlyn Doty (LS) def. Laura Corp-Sarah Godzinski, 6-4, 6-2.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-7 overall; Franklin, 3-7 overall.

#### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 6 SOUTH LYON EAST 3

May 10 at South Lyon East

No. 1 singles: Sabrina Lawrence (WJG) def. Julie Wilder, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Latina Yacks (WJG) def. Chelsea Mongeau, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jamatha Johnson (WJG) def. Christine Appicelli, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Sara Aulidge (WJG) def. Shelby Thweatt, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Desiree Cienney-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Colleen Ferda-Sam Raney, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Rose Mary Hurilla-Erin Blackledge (SLE) def. Khadijah McColoud-Krya Moorehead, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Rachael Alholina-Montana Graszak (WJG) def. Nicole Cline-Leah Nonis, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Lisa Smith-Abby Fielding (SLE) def. Eunice Onadia-Alyssa Napier, 6-4, 7-6 (6-4); No. 5: Kacey Felt-Leah Goudie.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 6-5 overall; South Lyon East, 2-7 overall.

# SOFTBALL

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about the benefit for breast cancer awareness. Players from both teams wore pink T-shirts while the Wildcats also wore pink ribbons in their hair.

"I was pleased with the turnout, pleased with all the work that was put into it to make it successful," Canfield said. "And it is so good to acknowledge a disease that's a silent killer like it is."

"Hopefully one day, with research and additional money

and funding we'll really get a cure for this."

There were baked goods for the cause as well as a silent auction; the fourth was a "miracle inning." Containers were passed around for spectators to donate dollar bills and coins.

It was estimated that about \$500 was raised at the game.

Getting the ball rolling for the benefit, Canfield said, were mailings from Coaches vs. Cancer.

She added that it was nice that Stevenson agreed to participate.

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# Stevenson's Piechota one-hits 'Cats in 3-1 win

### KLAA BASEBALL

Livonia Stevenson doesn't appear to be losing its stranglehold on first place in the KLAA Central Division baseball race anytime soon.

The state-ranked Spartans, getting a one-hitter from senior Evan Piechota, improved to 16-6 overall and

10-0 in the Central with a 3-0 Kensington Conference crossover victory host Plymouth.

Piechota struck out six and walked only three to earn the complete-game victory.

Tyler Goble had the lone hit for the Wildcats (10-7, 5-5).

Josh DeYonker went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Stevenson.

Mark Wagner also had two hits, while Piechota and Justin Small each knocked in a run.

Losing pitcher Harrison Michels went all seven as well, allowing seven hits and a walk. He struck out three.

**CANTON 11-13, JOHN GLENN 2-2:** On Tuesday, the host Chiefs (16-3, 9-2) moved into a first place tie in the KLAA South Division by sweeping Westland John Glenn (6-15, 1-9).

Winning pitch Braden Price helped his own cause by going 3-for-3, while Evan Rinke added two hits and an RBI double as Canton took the opener, 11-2.

Shane Anderson went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Derrick Ammons contributed an RBI sacrifice fly for Rockets.

Glenn starter Rob Schurig took the loss.

In the nightcap, Canton pitchers David Blythe and Art Chavez combined on a one-hitter in Canton's 13-2 triumph in five innings.

Dirk Willette led the Chiefs eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with two runs score.

Anderson doubled in a run for Glenn. Starter Jesse Reid took the loss.

**CHURCHILL 10, NOVI 0:** Troy Bogenschutz tossed a five-hit shutout over five innings Monday as host Livonia Churchill (14-4, 9-2) used the 10-run rule to stop the Wildcats (5-8, 4-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Bogenschutz walked only one to earn the victory.

Top hitters for the Chargers included Stephen Foster (2-for-2, two RBI); Dan Cameron (2-for-2, RBI); Ben Matigian (double, two RBI) and Joe Williams (2-for-4).

**JOHN GLENN 4, SALEM 3:** Winning pitcher Kevin Karsnick belted a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth to break a 3-3 tie Monday and host Westland John Glenn (6-13, 1-7) posted a Kensington Conference crossover triumph over the Rocks (7-6, 5-3).

Karsnick allowed eight hits, walked two and struck out seven over seven innings. He also went 2-for-3.

Shane Anderson added two hits, while Brian Monty contributed an RBI double for the Rockets.

Marcus Olind was the losing pitcher in relief for Salem.

Brett Ramirez and Devin Price each had two hits for the Rocks.

**NORTHVILLE 18, FRANKLIN 7:** Trevor Maresh went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs Monday as the Mustangs (8-6, 5-4) unloaded for 17 hits in a Kensington Conference crossover win over host Livonia Franklin (12-9, 4-7).

Matt Satterfield (2-for-3, three RBI) and Connor Smith (three hits, two runs, one RBI) also helped the Northville cause.

Winning pitcher Matt Stojkov went the first four innings.

Franklin starter Joel Trudell, who gave up eight earned runs in 1.2 innings, took the loss.

Brandon Hawkins went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer in a losing cause. Dan Muller also added a 2-run homer.

**SOUTH LYON 6, WAYNE 2:** Pitcher Josh Green went seven complete innings Monday as the visiting Lions (5-10, 4-6) turned back Wayne Memorial (9-9, 4-7).

Green scattered six hits and one walk while fanning four.

Losing pitcher Brandon Harnos also went all seven, allowing eight hits and a pair of walks. He struck out three.

Dakota Heidt went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Tom Kort added two hits and RBI for the victorious Lions.

Jacob Lefler doubled, tripled and scored both Wayne runs. Shane Wilson got credit for both RBI.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BASEBALL

**Thursday, May 12**  
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.  
Roeper at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 13**  
Wayne at Garden City (2), 4 p.m.  
Summit at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Annapolis at Clarenceville (2), 10 a.m.  
Lakeland Invitational, TBA.

**(Carleton Airport Invitational)**  
Churchill vs. Carleton Airport, 10 a.m.  
Churchill vs. Blissfield, 12:30 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Taylor Kennedy, 3 p.m.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, May 12**  
Groves at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 13**  
Franklin at Redford Union (2), 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Swartz Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.

Charlotte Invitational, TBA.

Lakeland Invitational, TBA.

### (Bat Away Breast Cancer at John Glenn)

John Glenn vs. Wayne, 9:30 a.m.  
Crestwood vs. Huron Valley, 10:30 a.m.  
John Glenn vs. D.H. Crestwood, noon

Wayne vs. Huron Valley, 1:30 p.m.  
Wayne vs. D.H. Crestwood, 3 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

**Thursday, May 12**  
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Plymouth (CEP), 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 13**  
Kensington Wds. at Luth. Westland, 3:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Country Day, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Lutheran North at Ladywood, 12:30 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Friday, May 13**  
KLAA Kensington Conference Meet

at Churchill, 12:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
River Rat Inv. at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m.  
Warrior Inv. at Luth. Westland, 9:30 a.m.

### GIRLS TENNIS

**Thursday, May 12**  
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Kensington Conference Tourney at Plymouth High School, 9 a.m.  
Catholic League Tournament at Marian, Sacred Heart, TBA.

### BOYS GOLF

**Thursday, May 12**  
Churchill vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Birm. Roeper at Idyl Wild G.C., 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Bedford Inv. at Legacy G.C., 9 a.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

**Saturday, May 14**  
(Catholic League Finals)  
Ladywood at Notre Dame Prep, TBA.

TBA - time to be announced.

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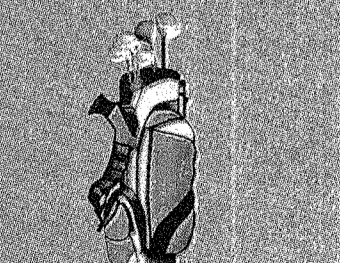
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# Newcomers spark C'ville sweep

Livonia Clarenceville improved to 6-5 on the girls softball season by sweeping a pair of games Saturday at home against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 12-11 and 20-15.

Northwest led 11-2 in the first game before the Trojans fought back with five runs each in the sixth and seventh innings.

A 2-run double by Rachel Grefke keyed the sixth-inning surge followed by senior catcher Joanna Burling scoring the game-winning run on a walk to Lauren Katz in the bottom of the seventh.

Grefke went 4-for-4 with three RBI.

Other top Clarenceville hitters included Erica Katz (3-for-4), Kellie Ankiel (2-for-4) and Joanna Burling (2-for-5, three RBI).

Sophomore pitcher Jaki Bateman, in emergency start, picked up her first varsity win.

"This was a team win," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "Our girls played to the last out of the game and really earned a huge victory for the program. I am proud, very proud."

In the nightcap, twin sister Justine Bateman made her first varsity start and Jaki came on for the save.

Ankiel went 2-for-2 with three RBI, while Lauren and Erica Katz combined for a 4-for-8 effort, six RBI and two runs scored.

## PREP SOFTBALL

Nicki Thompson went 4-for-5 and scored four runs for Northwest.

### Patriots win 2-of-3

Livonia Franklin (10-7) finished 2-1 in Saturday's Farmington Invitational.

In Game One, Katelyn Devers and Nicole Williamson each collected three hits in an 8-6 victory over Walled Lake Western.

Audrey Geraghty and Mariah Barcus also combined for four hits and three RBI, while pitcher Nicole Williamson (3-2) earned the victory with relief help from Tiffany Lamble.

In Game Two, Farmington beat the Patriots in nine innings under the international tiebreaker rule, 7-6.

Lamble (7-5) was the losing pitcher, while Audrey Geraghty clubbed a 2-run triple.

Other Patriot offensive contributors included Chelsea Williams (2-for-4, RBI), Afton DeWyse (RBI double) and Devers (RBI single).

In Game Three, Franklin routed Farmington Hills Harrison, 11-2, as DeWyse, Williamson, Williams each went 3-for-4 and combined for five RBI.

Jessica Emery and Barcus also added two hits apiece.

## Chargers 2-1 at Dakota

Livonia Churchill (13-6) bounced back from an opening round 8-5 setback Saturday to the host Cougars to finish 2-1 in the Macomb Dakota Tournament.

Christina Keith scattered six hits and seven walks, while Sam Cornielsson went 2-3 to pace Dakota, the runner-up the previous weekend in the Michigan Stars Classic.

Casey Bias went 3-for-4, including two doubles and three RBI for the Chargers. Katie Shereda also added two hits.

Natalie Hiser, the losing pitcher, allowed 10 hits, walked seven and struck out four.

In Game Two, Churchill defeated 6-4 Fenton, 2-1, as Abby Jewell scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh on Missy Sidor's sacrifice fly.

Jewell, the winning pitcher, struck out nine, walked five and allowed six hits in going the distance. She outdueled Fenton starter Sam Cowgher, who gave up five hits, walked five and fanned 10.

In Game Three, Sidor pitched a three-hitter in Churchill's 6-1 triumph over Southgate Anderson.

Sidor struck out four and walked only two.

Mackenzie Everson, Everson and Shereda each collected two hits.

## GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68.5

#### PLYMOUTH 68.5

##### May 10 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 32 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 31-4; 3. Tione Johnson (P), 30-5.5.

Discus: 1. C. Wright (WJG), 101-8; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 101-3; 3. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 96-9.

High jump: 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-10; 2. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9; 3. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 16-11; 2. Becka Knox (P), 16-5.75; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-5.

Pole vault: 1. Jane McCurry (P), 9-8; 2. Rieckhoff (P), 8-6; 3. (tie) Audra Flores (WJG) and Sarah Anlian (P), 8-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 16.5; 2. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16.9; 3. Natalie Puckett (P), 17.9.

300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 49.7; 2. Phillips (WJG), 51.3; 3. Jenna Hamed (P), 51.6.

100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis (P), 12.0; 2. E'asha Guster (WJG), 12.5; 3. Scott (WJG), 12.8.

200: 1. Lewis (P), 25.6; 2. Scott (WJG), 26.7; 3. Rheanna Allen (WJG), 27.2.

400: 1. Lewis (P), 59.9; 2. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:02.8; 3. Knox (P), 1:05.2.

800: 1. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:30.4; 2. Brown (WJG), 2:35.6; 3. Lydia Pienner (P), 2:46.4.

1,600: 1. Traitses (P), 5:35.3; 2. Brianna Lax (P), 5:37.2; 3. Abbey Wright (WJG), 5:45.1.

3,200: 1. Lax (P), 12:08.6; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 12:41.5; 3. A. Wright (WJG), 12:45.6.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Kaira Barnes, Allen, Kayla Jones), 51.6; 2. Plymouth, 56.2; 3. 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, Brown, Scott), 1:48.8; 2. Plymouth, 1:54.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:08.9; 2. John Glenn, 4:14.7; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:19.8; 2. John Glenn, 14:06.5.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4-0-1 overall, 4-0-1 KLAAs South Division (clinched title); Plymouth 3-1-1 overall, 3-1-1 KLAAs South.

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 73

#### CANTON 64

##### May 10 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Nicole Price (LF), 31 feet, 10 inches; 2. Ashley Gruden (LF), 30-3; 3. Grace Modes (LF), 27-7.

Discus: 1. Price (LF), 85-11; 2. Gruden (LF), 30-3; 3. Kaylie Lobb (C), 77-4.

High jump: 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-4; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-2; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0.

Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 16-6; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 14-2.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-3.25.

Pole vault: 1. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-6; 2. Sheila McKintley (LF), 7-0; 3. Bridget Alaniva (C), 6-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 16.0; 2. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.9; 3. Gabby Williams (C), 17.3.

300 hurdles: 1. Klein (LF), 47.5 (breaks school record of 47.6 set by Seneca Scott, 2009); 2. O'Brien (LF), 49.1; 3. Williams (C), 52.5.

100 dash: 1. Lipa (C), 13.2; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 13.3; 3. Elena Valetti (C), 13.3.

200: 1. Lipa (C), 27.1; 2. Piowar (C), 27.9; 3. Valetti (C), 28.0.

400: 1. Rachel Martin (C), 1:05.2; 2. Alaniva (C), 1:08.0; 3. Olivia Carter (LF), 1:08.6.

800: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:30.5; 2. Katie Grimes (C), 2:37.0; 3. Megan Wickens (LF), 2:38.5.

1,600: 1. McPherson (LF), 5:23.7; 2. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:29.0; 3. Chelsea Smith (C), 5:50.8.

3,200: 1. Kubicki (C), 11:40.7; 2. Jessica Siegler (C), 12:51.0; 3. Wickens (LF), 12:51.4.

400 relay: 1. Canton, 51.9; 2. Franklin, 52.4; 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:52.5; 2. Franklin, 1:52.8; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:24.1; 2. Franklin, 4:47.3; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Anna Snider, Wickens, Kelly Walby, McPherson), 10:22.2; 2. Canton, 10:30.8.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAAs South Division; Canton, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAAs South.

### NOVI 92, LIVONIA STEVENSON 45

#### May 10 at Stevenson

Stevenson 1sts: Alex Kitz, pole vault (10 feet); Kayla Branton, discus (104-0); Andrea Gentile, 100-meter hurdles (16.6); Karlie Gallagher, 800 (2:31.3); 3,200 relay (Gallagher, Emily Mulcahy, Brenna Gabrielson, Nicole Collins), 10:59.9; 2nds: Mulcahy, 400 (1:05.8); Chelsea Billingsley, shot put (30-2.75); Jade

Wesley, 100 hurdles (20.6); 300 hurdles (48.14); Gibson, 1,600 (5:51.0); Bryant, 100 (11.84); 200 (24.5); Ian Bunker, 3,200 (12:24.0); Deacon Wilson, discus (110-10); Cummings, shot put (41-5); 3rds: Alan Zhen, 1,600 (5:54.0); Myers, 400 (56.8); C. Dooley, 800 (2:13.0); Anthony Giordano, shot put (40-11); discus (109-7).

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 3-3 overall.

### MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 90

#### LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 13

##### May 2 at Lutheran North

Clarenceville 1sts: Evangela Daniels, 100-meter hurdles (19.5); 300 hurdles (52.96); Mya Banks, 100 (14.1); Emily Jasmer, discus (80 feet, 3 inches); Micah Willingham, long jump (13-9); 400 relay (56.81); 800 relay (1:59.09); 2nds: Jasmer, shot put (23-9.5); Banks, 200 (30.39); Melanie Kieling, 800 (2:59.52); 1,600 (6:44.03); 1,600 relay (4:49.62); 3rds: Kieling, 800 (2:59.52); 4ths: Amber Bell, 200 (31.8); 3,200 (14:56.93); 5ths: Bell, 100 (15.08).

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 2-3 overall.

### SPARTAN INVITATIONAL

#### May 7 at Livonia Stevenson

Team Participants (no scoring): Livonia Churchill (C), Livonia Franklin (LF), Livonia Stevenson (LS), Livonia Ladywood (LL), Farmington Hills Mercy (FHM), Salem (Salem), Canton (Canton), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (DHC), Oxford (Oxford).

#### FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 36 feet, 5.25 inches; 2. Abbey Lovat (FHM), 34-6.25; 3. Amay Lewandowski (LL), 33-0; 4. Kelsey Pizana (FHM), 31-7; 5. Elizabeth Jenkins (FHM), 29-6.25; 6. Megan Ling (LC), 28-10.

Discus: 1. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 118-7 (school record); 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 103-3; 3. Kayla Branton (LS), 98-11; 4. Jade Burkett (LS), 92-3; 5. Sarah Muzzin (LS), 91-6; 6. Rebekah Hendrian (Salem), 89-4.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 2. Pia Klein (LF), 5-1; 3. Micah Ernst (FHM), 4-11; 4. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-1; 5. Lauren Roberts (FHM), 4-1; 6. Lovat (FHM), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 16-11; 2. Jordan Clark (Canton), 15-5; 3. Jordan Verleye (LS), 15-4.75; 4. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-1.5; 5. Marci Kovsky (LS), 14-8; 6. Ernst (FHM), 14-3.25.

Pole vault: 1. Alex Kitz (LS), 10-5; 2. Meghan Lark (LF), 10-0; 3. Sarah Hillebrand (Oxford), 10-0; 4. Megan Paruta (Salem), 9-6; 5. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-6; 6. Nancy Krutty (Canton), 9-0.

3,200-meter run: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binseld, Kayla Kavulich), 9:52.4; 2. Churchill, 9:53.56; 3. Stevenson, 10:14.67; 4. Mercy, 10:25.68; 5. Ladywood, 11:13.41; 6. Canton, 12:00.14.

100 hurdles: 1. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16.4; 2. Andrea Gentile (LS), 17.34; 3. Gabby Williams (Canton), 17.51; 4. Paruta (Salem), 17.69; 5. Kovsky (LS), 18.88; 6. Marina Milad (Canton), 19.03.

100 dash: 1. Clark (Canton), 12.28; 2. Lauren Roberts (FHM), 12.95; 3. Lipa (Canton), 12.96; 4. Heinzelman (LC), 13.23; 5. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.27; 6. Emerald Stanley (FHM), 13.96.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Sydney Anderson, Molly Jarvis, Heipzelman, Latasha Smalls), 1:49.35; 2. Franklin, 1:53.13; 3. Canton, 1:53.92; 4. Salem, 1:57.55; 5. Mercy, 1:57.63; 6. Ladywood, 2:09.31.

1,600: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:09.1; 2. Kavulich (Salem), 5:16.19; 3. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:19.37; 4. Kergian Riley (LC), 5:31.49; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:31.8; 6. Heather Smith (Mercy), 5:43.06.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Madison Agnew, Natalie Modes, Lark, Jen Mueller), 52.21; 2. Churchill, 52.45; 3. Stevenson, 52.61; 4. Canton,

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Burkett, discus (102-0); 3rds: Brianna Jed, 100 (13.3); 200 (27.8); Allison Gudeman, 800 (2:38.8); 1,600 (5:50.0); Jordan Verleye, 400 (106.6); long jump (14-9.5); Laura Blackstone, pole vault (8-0); Marci Kovsky, 300 hurdles (52.9).

Dual meet records: Novi, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAAs Central Division (clinched title); Stevenson, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAAs Central.

### LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 55

#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 41

##### May 5 at Annapolis

Clarenceville 1sts: Evangela Daniels, 100-meter hurdles (19.5); 300 hurdles (50.7); Melanie Kieling, 1,600 (6:43.0); 3,200 (16:29.0); Micah Willingham, long jump (13 feet, 9 inches); Tangelia Dooley, 400 (1:10.0); 800 relay (Willingham, Kamaria Sanders, Kayla Dumas, Mya Banks), 2:00.0; 1,600 relay (Daniels, Dooley, Sanders, Willingham), 4:52.0; 2nds: Mercedes Gough, 400 (1:19.0); Kieling, 800 (2:54.0); Banks, 200 (28.7); Emily Jasmer, discus (86-6); 3rds: Banks, 100 (13.5); Sanders, 200 (29.9); Jasmer, shot put (26-3).

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 3-3 overall.

### MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 87

#### LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 50

##### May 2 at Lutheran North

Clarenceville 1sts: Evangela Daniels, 100-meter hurdles (17.9); 300 hurdles (52.96); Mya Banks, 100 (14.1); Emily Jasmer, discus (80 feet, 3 inches); Micah Willingham, long jump (13-9); 400 relay (56.81); 800 relay (1:59.09); 2nds: Jasmer, shot put (23-9.5); Banks, 200 (30.39); Melanie Kieling, 800 (2:59.52); 1,600 (6:44.03); 1,600 relay (4:49.62); 3rds: Kieling, 800 (2:59.52); 4ths: Amber Bell, 200 (31.8); 3,200 (14:56.93); 5ths: Bell, 100 (15.08).

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### SPARTAN INVITATIONAL

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Pole vault: 1. Alex Kitz (LS), 10-5; 2. Meghan Lark (LF), 10-0; 3. Sarah Hillebrand (Oxford), 10-0; 4. Megan Paruta (Salem), 9-6; 5. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-6; 6. Nancy Krutty (Canton), 9-0.

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300 hurdles: 1. Klein (LF), 47.7; 2. Jarvis (LC), 49.27; 3. O'Brien (LF), 49.48; 4. Milad (Canton), 51.25; 5. Williams (Canton), 51.28; 6. Gentile (LS), 51.75.

800: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 2:22.57; 2. Megan Vitale (LL), 2:24.35; 3. McPherson (LF), 2:25.37; 4. Tripp (Salem), 2:28.68; 5. Anderson (LC), 2:31.34; 6. Riley (LC), 2:32.03.

200: 1. Clark (Canton), 24.7; 2. Lipa (Canton), 26.53; 3. Roberts (LC), 27.23; 4. Elena Valetti (Canton), 27.73; 5. McDonnell (LC), 28.35; 6. Briandi Jed (LS), 28.5.

3,200: 1. Kubicki (Canton), 11:36.71; 2. Pilat (LC), 12:05.95; 3. Madeline Herman (LF), 12:32.05; 4. Smith (Mercy), 12:36.16; 5. Teagan Dillon (Mercy), 12:59.47; 6. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 12:03.05.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Verleye, Stephanie Balshon, Timberlake, Amy Freed), 4:16.95; 2. Ladywood, 4:18.52; 3. Churchill, 4:20.09; 4. Salem, 4:22.02; 5. Franklin, 4:23.49; 6. Canton, 4:27.65.

### LADY ROCKET RELAYS

#### May 6 at Westland John Glenn

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 110 points; 2. North Farmington, 86; 3. Dearborn, 84; 4. Garden City, 57; 5. Redford Union, 39; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 24.

#### FINAL RESULTS

High jump: 1. RU, 8 feet, 6 inches; 2. Garden City, 8-3; 3. John Glenn, 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Garden City, 40-10.5; 2. Farmington, 39-3; 3. Dearborn, 37-2.5.

Shot put: 1. John Glenn (Andrea Gordon-McClain, Chanelle Wright, Alexis Mikonczyk), 92-8; 2. Garden City, 91-6; 3. N. Farmington, 76-4.

Discus: 1. John Glenn (Gordon-McClain, C. Wright, Mikonczyk), 264-10; 2. Dearborn, 229-7; 3. Garden City, 225-7.

Pole vault: 1. John Glenn (Jenn Drum, Audra Flores, Brooke Femat), 21-0; 2. RU, 8-6; 3. (tie) Dearborn and Edsel Ford, 7-0 each.

Shotput relay: 1. John Glenn (Talour Phillips, Obere Ogbuaku, Sydney Alioto, Kirsten Smith), 1:11.90; 2. N. Farmington, 1:15.42; 3. Dearborn, 1:16.45.

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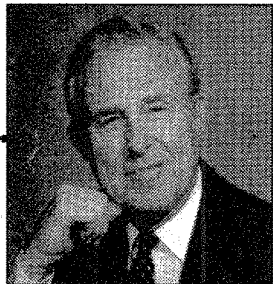
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**LIVERMORE, ALFRED H.**  
 May 6, 2011, age 88. Husband of the late Joyce for 62 yrs. Father of Terry (Kim). Grandfather of Thomas & Lindsay (Mike) Boujoulain. Private services at Grandlawn Cemetery. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**STANLEY, JEANE M.**  
 April 10, 2011, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Alan. Loving mother of Karen (Marshall) and Julie (Ed). Dearest grandmother of Tony Atkins, Sara Weingarden, and Alexander Brezinsky. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard (at the corner of W. Chicago) in Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt in Livonia. [www.neely-turowski.com](http://www.neely-turowski.com)



**YEAGER, WELDON OSBORNE**  
 Retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State. Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for four years prior to starting his own insurance company. He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida, and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr. Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Weldon Osborne Yeager, retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died on April 30th in his home in Palm Beach, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. He is also survived by his son, Mark Yeager; his stepson David Gilman; his three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and his brother, David Yeager. Other survivors include an adopted daughter, Carey Yeager; an adopted son, Skye Yeager; a step-granddaughter Shana Gilman; and a step-grandson, Thomas E. Gilman, V. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager; and step-son, Thomas E. Gilman, IV. Services were held earlier in Tallahassee and Palm Beach, Florida. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, Sixty Coconut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. BEVIS FUNERAL HOME of Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) assisted the Yeager family.



**MULDOON, DOUGLAS J.**  
 Age 50, May 5, 2011 of Livonia. Loving father of Christopher, Jaelyn (Josh) Truax and Scott. Beloved son of Sarah and the late Jerome. Dearest companion of Stephanie Gilliland. Dear brother of Jack, Tim, Barbara Salvadore, Kathy Nakoneczny and the late Norman Muldoon. Also survived by many dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford on May 10. Visitation was at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of Doug at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).

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## Battle of the Bands raises money, awareness for mission

BY SHARON DARGAY  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

A Bible is just as important as a paintbrush or shovel when Michigan Missions volunteers help paint, garden, spruce up and make repairs for a homeowner in need.

"Our main mission is we want to fix someone's home and fix their heart. We want to be able to show them what love is rather than pay them lip service and just tell them," said Jo Anne Pooley, founder and executive director of the Garden City-based organization.

"We want to help people who have a need. If they have a (home) need they probably have a heart need, too."

The Mission's youth volunteers generally sign a Bible and leave it with the homeowner after they have finished repairing their house. Pooley also encourages young adults and teens to reflect on their mission work by writing in the journals they receive from Michigan Missions.

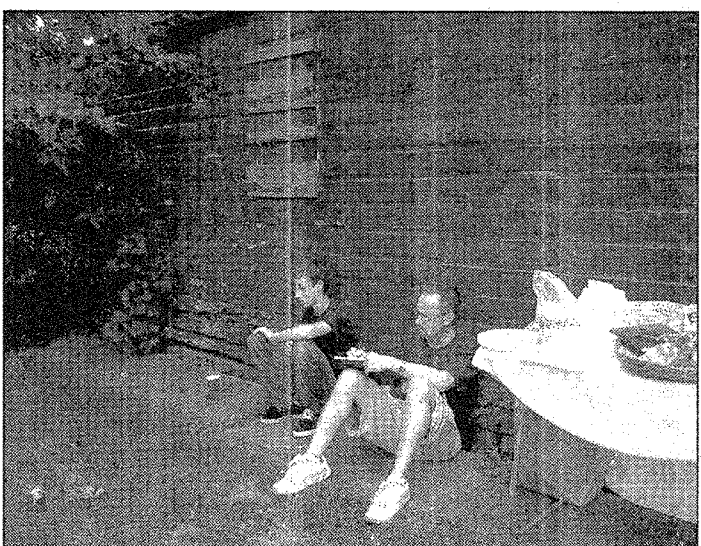
"We may do a devotion on the lawn and give them questions to think about. At the end of the day we usually go back to the host church and we sometimes have a praise and worship band while we eat or we do more journal questions. It's the beginning of them being missionaries in their own backyard."

Pooley, a single mother of four, created Michigan Missions in 2005 after taking a mission trip to Florida. She realized the money she spent on the trip could have helped needy individuals closer to home. The group became a 501(c)3 nonprofit last year.

Volunteers have painted houses, planted tulip bulbs, shoveled snow, cleaned, repaired flooring and more at the homes of needy individuals and families. Most volunteers are members of church youth groups, although adults help with organizing behind the scenes.

"It's not a denominational thing. It's a group of people with the same mindset. We're serving God by serving others. This year our goal to help as many people as we can and really expand on being able to share our faith."

The Mission's annual Battle



Volunteers on a Michigan Mission trip take time to write in their journals.



Volunteers on a mission day trip spruce up landscaping.

of the Bands will help raise awareness and money to continue its work. All proceeds will go into the organization's general fund to help pay for supplies used on home repair projects.

Seven bands will perform from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The Community Baptist Church, 28237 W. Warren Road, Garden City. They'll play all kinds of music with Christian lyrics and will include Jonah's Lament and RockHead Company recording

artist, Audio Remedy. Admission is \$3. Food and T-shirts will be available.

Applications are available on the Michigan Missions Web site for homeowners in need of help, as well as for young adults and teens interested in volunteering through day, weekend and weeklong mission trips. Volunteers all receive food, a T-shirt, and a journal. Weekend and weeklong missions also include lodging, small group sessions, praise and worship time, free time and showers. Visit [www.michiganmissions.com](http://www.michiganmissions.com)

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## MILESTONES

### Beer Festival

**Time/Date:** 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 14

**Location:** Ashley's Bar and Grill, 7525 Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Ashley's will be host to the fourth annual Michigan Cask Ale Festival will feature more

than 20 casks of real ale (made only with natural carbonation by undergoing a second fermentation in the keg) served right from the cask. There will be beers from Stone in California, Ruddles in England, Southern Tier in New York plus an outstanding collection from great Michigan breweries. Tickets are \$30 each (\$35 the day of the event) and may be bought online at [www.ashleys.com](http://www.ashleys.com).

**Contact:** For up to date information on the festival, visit Ashley's Facebook page at Michigan-Cask-Ale-Festival or call (734) 525-1667.

### It's a Blizzard

**Location:** Dairy Queen of Garden City, 28825 Ford, east of Middlebelt

**Details:** If you're a fan of Blizzards an German chocolate cake, you'll find just the thing at DQ where the folks have combined creamy vanilla soft serve with chewy

brownie pieces, pecan pieces, caramel and coconut to give DQ fans the new German Chocolate Brownie Blizzard® Treat of the Month for May. Stop by and try one

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 427-7850.

### Coffee Connection

**Time/Date:** 8-9 a.m. Thursday, May 26

**Location:** Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Coffee Connection is an informal gathering of Chamber members over coffee. No need to RSVP, no need to sign in when you get there. Just bring plenty of business cards and a couple of bucks for breakfast. Just get there when you can make a few connections and head on to work. It's a great way to meet other busy business owners and still get some work done.

**Contact:** For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

**Dine for \$7.99**

**Time/Day:** 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday

**Location:** Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, Westland

**Details:** Texas Roadhouse is now offering 10 dinners priced at just \$7.99.

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Are you having a special event, a sale or just want to let people know where you are? Interested in being featured in our Business Q & A? It's as easy as sending your information to or requesting a Q & A form from Sue Mason at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). You can also mail it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

This legendary offer is similar to the Texas 2fers offer but is even better by offering you more choices. Your dinner options include 6-ounce Sirloin, Road Kill, Single Pork Chop, Pulled Pork Dinner, Grilled BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Chicken, Chicken Critters Dinner, Grilled Chicken Salad, Chicken Caesar Salad and Chicken Critter Salad. All dinners except salads come with two made-from-scratch sides of your choice and fresh baked bread.

**Contact:** (734) 729-4570

### Buy one, get one

**Time/Date:** Going on now

**Location:** Aeropostale in Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Get ready for summer with 50 percent off tees, shorts, polos and more or buy one get one free graphic tees and shorts at Aeropostale, a destination specialty store for hip young men and women seeking fun, classic casuals at affordable prices. Merchandise from jeans and graphic

T-shirts to shirts, skirts and dresses. Even the accessories - including socks, boxes, caps and backpacks - are designed exclusively for Aeropostale.

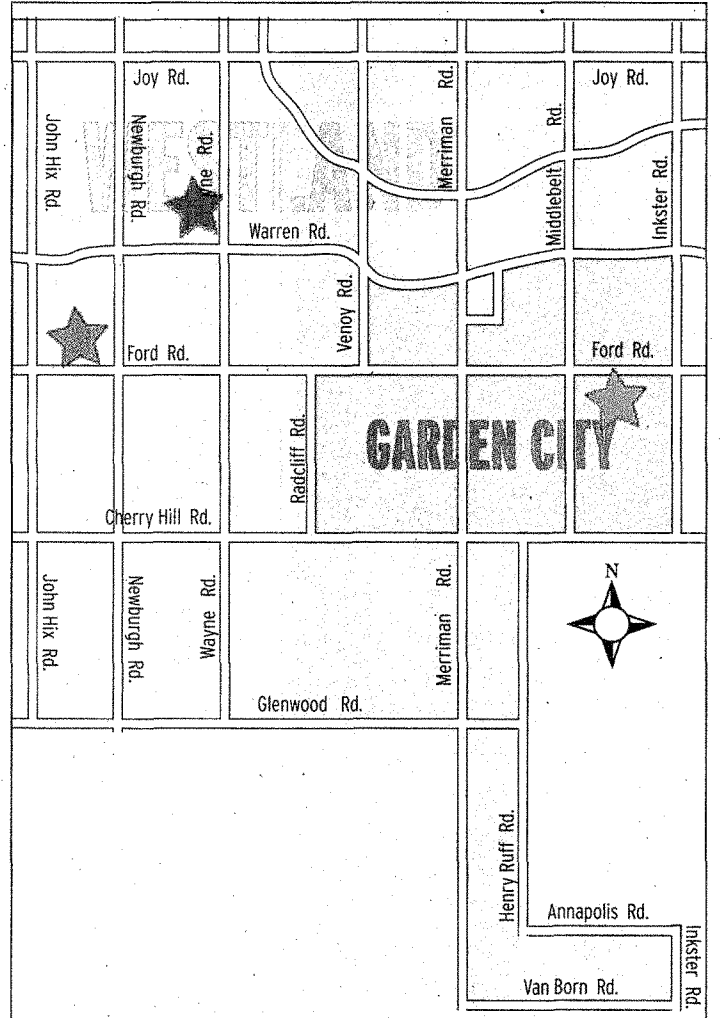
**Contact:** for more information, call (734) 422-0047.

### Garden stones

**Time/Date:** Now through June 28

**Location:** Materials Unlimited, 2 W. Michigan Ave in downtown Ypsilanti

**Details:** As you plan your spring garden this season remember to save a little room for a cast stone garden accessory or two from Materials Unlimited. The vendor for cast stone garden products in southeast Michigan, Materials Unlimited carries products from Campania International and Unique Stone. Made in the United States, these companies offer a wide variety of cast stone fountains, urns, birdbaths, statuary and more to fit any style or budget. During Materials Unlimited's Garden Sale, buy one garden item and get the second garden item of equal or lesser value at 40 percent off. Whether you prefer



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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

# Franchise owner sees positive in being a small business

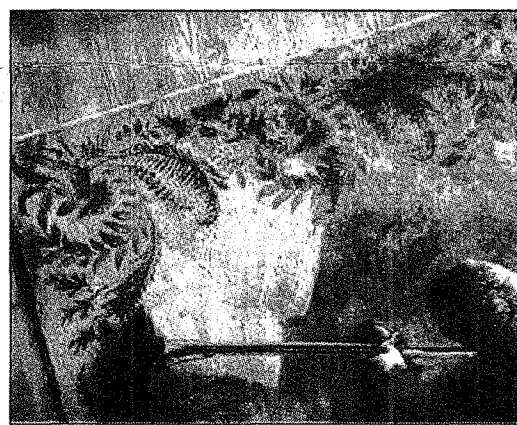
National Small Business Week this week is shining the spotlight on entrepreneurs and independent business owners and the unique contribution they make to the economic strength of America. SERVPRO hopes that the week's focus on the opportunity inherent in small business ownership may strike a responsive chord with experienced professionals who are looking to take a new direction in the workplace.

Whether attracted by the lure of independence, or driven by competition in the jobs marketplace, more and more seasoned professionals are investigating franchise ownership as their next career move. There's a good reason for this, according to Gary Gasser, owner of SERVPRO of Westland.

"Experience in business does not necessarily translate into experience in business ownership," said Gasser. "When you purchase a franchise, you are given a road map on how to operate the key areas of the business, including management, marketing, business operations, sales and finance. This guidance helps a first-time business owner stay focused on the critical operating components that contribute to running a successful small business."

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and small businesses create 60-80 percent of new jobs in the country. The small businesses of America drive innovation while they create jobs for the 21st century and enhance our nation's competitive position in the world.

The franchise industry occupies an impressive segment of that small business universe. The International Franchise Association published economic impact data prepared for the IFA Education Foundation by PricewaterhouseCoopers, which illustrated that 900,000 franchise businesses provide over 20 million jobs and generate \$2.3 trillion in economic activity.



SERVPRO has placed No. 1 in the disaster recovery and restoration category for eight consecutive years.

"The opportunity that a well-established franchise like SERVPRO offers is really limited only by the effort and determination of the franchise owner," said Gasser. "We were ranked No. 8 in Entrepreneur magazine's 2011 Franchise 500, and placed No. 1 in the disaster recovery and restoration category for the eighth consecutive year. Small Business Week is really a great time to reflect on whether business ownership is the right choice for you. After all, all SERVPRO owners benefit when new owners join the company and are willing to work hard to maintain our reputation of integrity and professionalism."

SERVPRO of Westland specializes in disaster restoration, cleanup and repair services, helping to remediate fire or water damage for both commercial and residential customers. SERVPRO also offers mold remediation, carpet and upholstery cleaning and other home-maintenance and restoration services.

For more information about SERVPRO of Westland, call Gary Gasser at (734) 721-5699.

## In a crowd, you're not alone

Hello, Michigan! Today's topic is networking. It's on my mind because I recently attended a networking event.

The event was outstanding and so was the turnout, which brings us to "networking."

Entering alone into a room full of hundreds of strangers is intimidating. I'm willing to admit it... for the sake of being helpful, because if I'm intimidated despite being a friendly and outgoing person, then I know others feel this way, too.

I attend a lot of events, often by myself, and I've learned a simple technique that saves me from drowning when I dive into an ocean of strangers. When entering a room, remind oneself of this: "I am not alone. There are other people here who feel just as shy as I do - or worse!"

So instead of wishing to be rescued, try rescuing somebody else. Find someone who's mingling alone, take a deep breath, put out a hand and say, "Hi, I'm (me). How are you today?" Chances are, you just rescued both of you. They return the handshake, you say something nice about the event, and suddenly you've

confirmed what you already knew - you are not alone.

We could go on and on with this topic. Much has been written about networking and overcoming the fear of strangers. But if you don't have this fear, or have

found your own way to conquer it, I would love to hear your insights.

For now, I'll conclude with this thought. When faced with "breaking the ice," be the one to go first. Nobody else wants to either and that's reason enough right there.

It might even help someone have a sunny day!

**Clarity Patton Newhouse**

P.S. "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."  
**Tennessee Williams, "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1947)**

**Clarity Patton Newhouse** is Quality and Business Development manager for Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at [ASunnyNote.com](http://ASunnyNote.com) for readers across America and beyond.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Business seminar

Lynne Bozeman, publisher/editor [www.fromtheinsideoutmag.com](http://www.fromtheinsideoutmag.com) "Better Me," is hosting a promotional networking luncheon Tuesday, June 14, at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.

The "Better Me" luncheon is the first in a series of promotional network luncheons to be held to promote living a healthier life style for the mind, body and spirit. This luncheon is operating under the con-

cept of "Pay it Forward."

Vendors invited to the luncheon pay a fee to display and promote their healthy living home-based business products or service. There will be no selling. The event will be 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on meeting rooms 1 and 2 at the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call Bozeman at (877) 414-5550 or by e-mail to [ftisomag@yahoo.com](mailto:ftisomag@yahoo.com).

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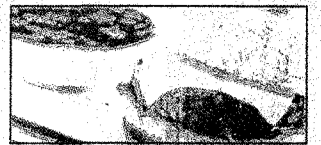
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Art al fresco

Festival season kicks off this weekend for local artists and shoppers

BY SHARON DARGAY  
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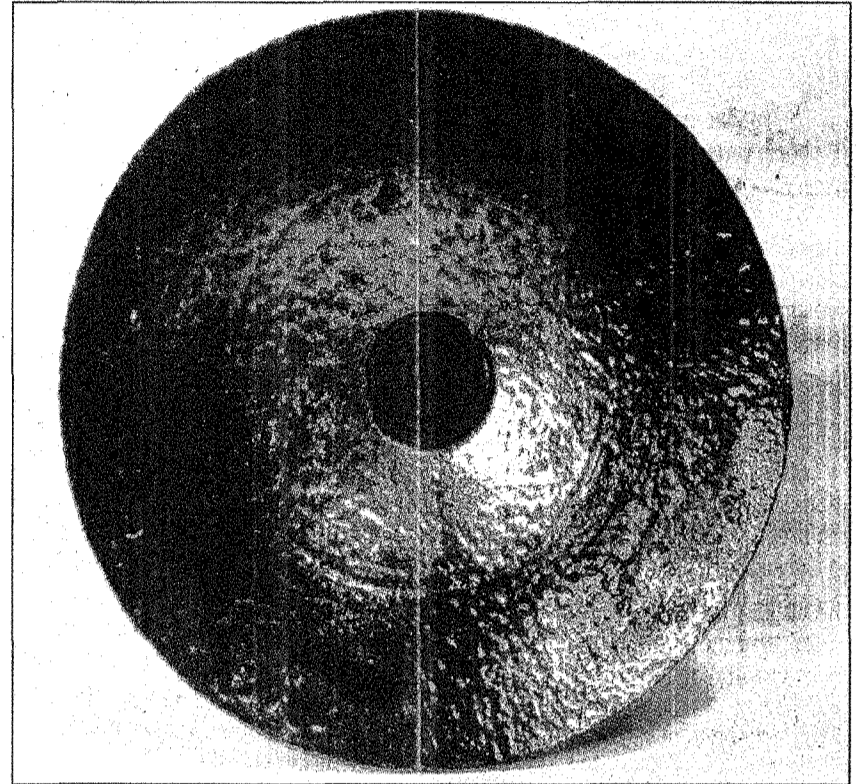
Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills will view the Art Birmingham festival this weekend the way he's always wanted to — as an exhibiting artist.

"I've tried to get into this festival for a couple of years and couldn't get in," said O'Neill, who creates raku pottery. "I was in the Ann Arbor fair for five or six years but I wasn't able to get into this one. The reason I wanted to get into this show is that it's very high quality. I'm doing five (spring-summer) shows and they are all in Michigan."

O'Neill, 72, suspects he got into the show in part because The Guild of Artists & Artisans, best known for its Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, is running the Birmingham event this year. He's a Guild member and has been juried into the Ann Arbor fair in the past. Art Birmingham also is a juried show, which runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in Shain Park, located in downtown Birmingham. More than 175 artists will sell their art at the fair, one of the first festivals of the spring-summer outdoor art show season.

### ART HOBBY

O'Neill, who owned a home improvement company before retirement, began taking pottery classes at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus 25 years ago. "I did a few shows when I was working, but nothing big time. But



Dennis O'Neill's raku pottery will be on display at several art fairs this summer, including Art on the Grand in Farmington.

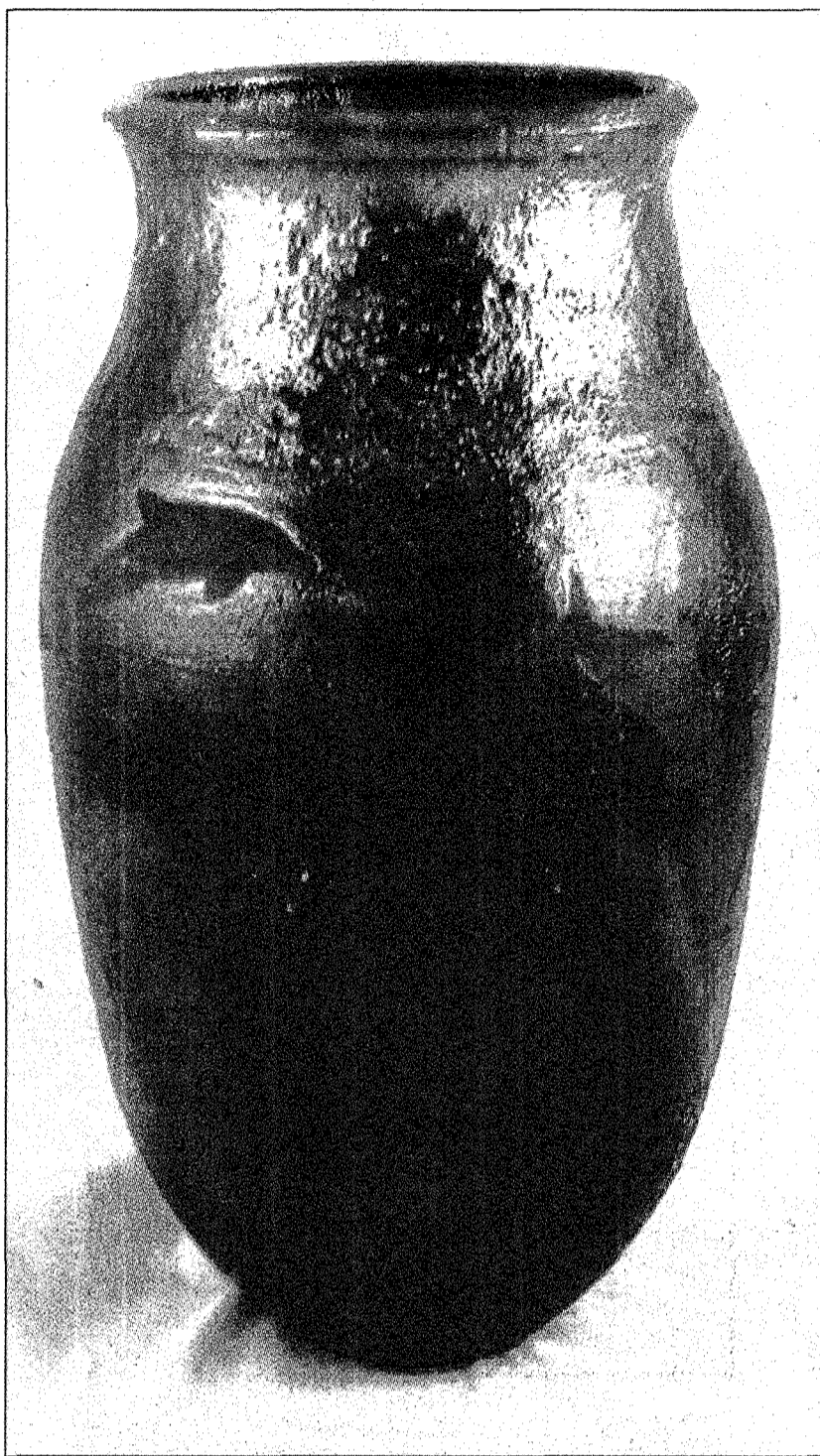
once I retired I got into it, doing six or seven a year."

His wife, Denise, helps him set up and take down his booth, which includes vases, plates and other ceramic pieces fired in the Japanese raku style. They no longer travel out of state to fairs and O'Neill has retired from the Ann Arbor fair

because of its tiring four-day schedule.

"When you do something as a hobby, it's a fun avocation. Once it's not fun any more, there's no reason to do it. All the shows I do now are two days and close to my house. I can pick

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Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills creates raku pottery. He'll sell his works at the 30th Annual Art Birmingham festival May 14-15.

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# Hear gospel, classic rock, Motown music at festival

Jamapalooza II, an all-day musical festival Saturday, May 14, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Livonia, will feature a Michigan music tribute.



Nahajewski

Michigan-Musi-Palooza will celebrate the state's contribution to music and will be a part of Jamapalooza II, which benefits Doorway to Recovery, an organization that helps the homeless.

St. Andrew's is located at 16360 Hubbard. "It's a wonderful coincidence to have two paloozas in one," says Allan Nahajewski, a former Livonia resident and creator of Michigan-Musi-Palooza. "We're delighted to be able to debut our palooza for such a worthy cause."

A trip he and his wife, Donna, took to New Zealand last year inspired the new festival. While there, they heard songs by Bob Seger, Kid Rock, Uncle Kracker and other Michigan-based musicians, in pubs, on the car radio and in hotel lobbies. They also attended a native Maori feast, designed to give tourists a taste of the local culture. Maoris in native attire talked about their native traditions, then sang a couple of songs in their native language.

Nahajewski recognized a familiar tune in one of the songs

— *My Guy* by Mary Wells. The grand finale was sung to the tune of *I Just Called To Say I Love You* by Stevie Wonder.

"It made me wonder how songs can travel across cultures, and it made me realize that we really do provide the soundtrack for the world," he said.

Michigan-Musi-Palooza will include Nahajewski on keyboard and harmonica, Tom Zakarian on vocals, guitar, Kari Holmes on vocals and Marc Hubbel on drums. The group also performs throughout the state under the name "Half-Whacked."

Jamapalooza II will feature four musical acts. Theophilus will open the show at 1 p.m. with an hour of gospel music. Michigan-Musi-Palooza is slated for 2-4 p.m. Devereaux Dawgs will play classic rock from 4-6 p.m., followed by New Fossils and The Heat, also classic rock, from 7-10 p.m.

The all-day benefit includes all-you-can-eat barbeque, 50/50 raffles and a kids' bounce-and-play area. Admission is \$15 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, or to make a donation, call (877) 751-7925 or visit [www.TheDoorwayToRecovery.com](http://www.TheDoorwayToRecovery.com).

For more information on Michigan-Musi-Palooza, including song samples and a blog, visit [www.reverbnation.com/michigamusipalooza](http://www.reverbnation.com/michigamusipalooza).

## ART

### Art & Ideas

**Time/Date:** May 12-July 2; artist reception 5:30-9 p.m. May 14; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth

**Details:** "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or [www.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.com)

### VAAL

**Time/Date:** Through May 27

**Location:** Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

**Details:** Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

**Contact:** (734) 838-1204 or [vaalart.com](http://vaalart.com)

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## Pint-sized tribute

Mini Lady Gaga, aka actress Terra Jole, will perform Friday, May 13, at The Liquor Store, a night club at Fountain Walk, 44325 12 Mile, Novi. Doors open at 10 p.m. In her sets, Jole pays homage to Lady Gaga's top hits, complete with Gaga's iconic choreography and high-end replicas of her edgy costumes. In addition to her live show, also has appeared on television and most recently in the feature film *Jack Ass 3-D*. For more information about the club, call (248) 305-8135.

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m.

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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Rob Little, Through May 14; Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brennan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** John Pinette, May 12-14; Harland Williams, May 19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

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### The Ark

**Time/Date:** Girlyman and Coyote Grace, May 13; The RFD Boys, May 14; Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks, May 15; Raul Malo and Seth Walker, May 17; Lynn Miles, May 18; Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26;

Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell XI, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15; Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wranglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30

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## FESTIVALS

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and choose now."

One of his favorites is the Funky Ferndale Art show in September because of its "kooky art" and interesting conversations. He calls Farmington's Art on the Grand show in June "magnificent" and looks forward to participating again this year. Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal show, also in June, is "a biggie" and "a very good show." Another Birmingham show, in September, will round out his outdoor festival schedule this year.

### WORKING A FESTIVAL

O'Neill displays about 35-40 pieces, ranging in price from \$40-\$110, during an outdoor festival.

"If I were to sell 20 pieces, that would be a big day," he said, recalling only one show at which he made no sales.

"It was two or three years ago. We set up on Friday and it poured rain all day Saturday. I don't think five people walked by my booth. I was going to give them a pot just for showing up," he said. With a forecast for high winds the next day, many of the artists, including O'Neill, began packing it in just an hour after arriving on Sunday.

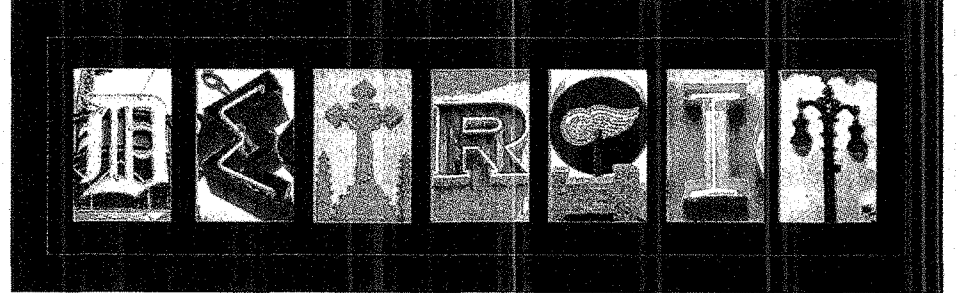
Windy weather isn't kind to fragile pottery.

"I've broken a few pieces. I did an art show in Southfield a few years ago. It got real windy and the shelves blew back a few inches and blew forward a few inches. A pot fell and landed on the ground but didn't break. It was the second pot that fell on top of it — they both broke — and the third and fourth. These poor ladies were there, watching, their eyes big as saucers. They were backing out as if they were saying 'I didn't do that.' I lost a few pots."

On the rare occasion that his pieces break, O'Neill says he simply makes a few more.

In addition to O'Neill, Plymouth artists Michele Riddel Bagnasco and Donna Williams will sell their works at Shain Park. Bagnasco creates mixed media pieces and Williams is a ceramics artist.

Here's a sampling of other art fairs and festivals through July:



Brian Hill of Plymouth spells out city names with photographed letters.

• Brian Hill, a photographer from Plymouth, will show his photographic collages at the Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills, May 21-22. Hill spells out city names with sign letters and icons he photographed around town. Other local artists at the show will include painter Barbara Spraul of Livonia, weaver Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills, Anne Marie Fisher of Farmington Hills with 3D works, and Farmington Hills jeweler Lisa Kull and Kathleen Smith. The show runs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 21 and noon-6 p.m. May 22 at the Village of Rochester Hills, located at Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills; (248) 689-8734.

• More than 115 artists, including O'Neill, will sell their paintings, sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry, and fiber at Art on the Grand, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 5, on Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove Street in downtown Farmington. The festival will include music, food, a children's area with hands-on art, demonstrations and strolling performers. (248) 473-1848

• Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal show, another O'Neill favorite, will run 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 11 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 on Washington Ave., in downtown Royal Oak. The festival features 125 artists, a children's area, food and music. Music will continue to 11 p.m. Saturday. (248) 547-4000

• Art from the Heart, a family friendly arts and crafts festival, is held in conjunction with Livonia Spree, the city's six-day birthday celebration. The art fair will run 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Spree, located at

Ford Field at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon. (734) 466-2542

• The 2011 Westland Summer Festival will run June 30-July 4 and will include an arts and crafts area. The festival is held on the grounds of Westland City Hall, located on the south side of Ford Road, east of Newburgh.

• Art in the Park will run 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, July 8; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 10, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. It will include live entertainment, 400 artists, kids' activities, interactive theater, strolling characters and food. (734) 454-1314 or [info@artinthepark.com](mailto:info@artinthepark.com)

• IArt Festival runs noon-9 p.m. July 16 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17 at the Redford Township Marquee, behind the township hall, located on Beech Daly south of Five Mile. During the interactive art festival, attendees will take mini workshops in poetry, acting, playing music, painting and drawing. Its focus is on participating in the arts. The Marquee Stage will offer live music, poetry and theater performances. [www.rpaconservancy.org](http://www.rpaconservancy.org)

• The Ann Arbor Art Fairs is made up of four art fairs. The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, with 200 artists selling their works near the clock tower on the University of Michigan campus, is the oldest of the four. The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair is located around the city's Main street area. State Street Area Art Fair includes works by 325 artists as well as merchant displays. The South University Art Fair features 150 artists. They all run July 20-23. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. [visittannarbor.org](http://visittannarbor.org) and click on art fairs.

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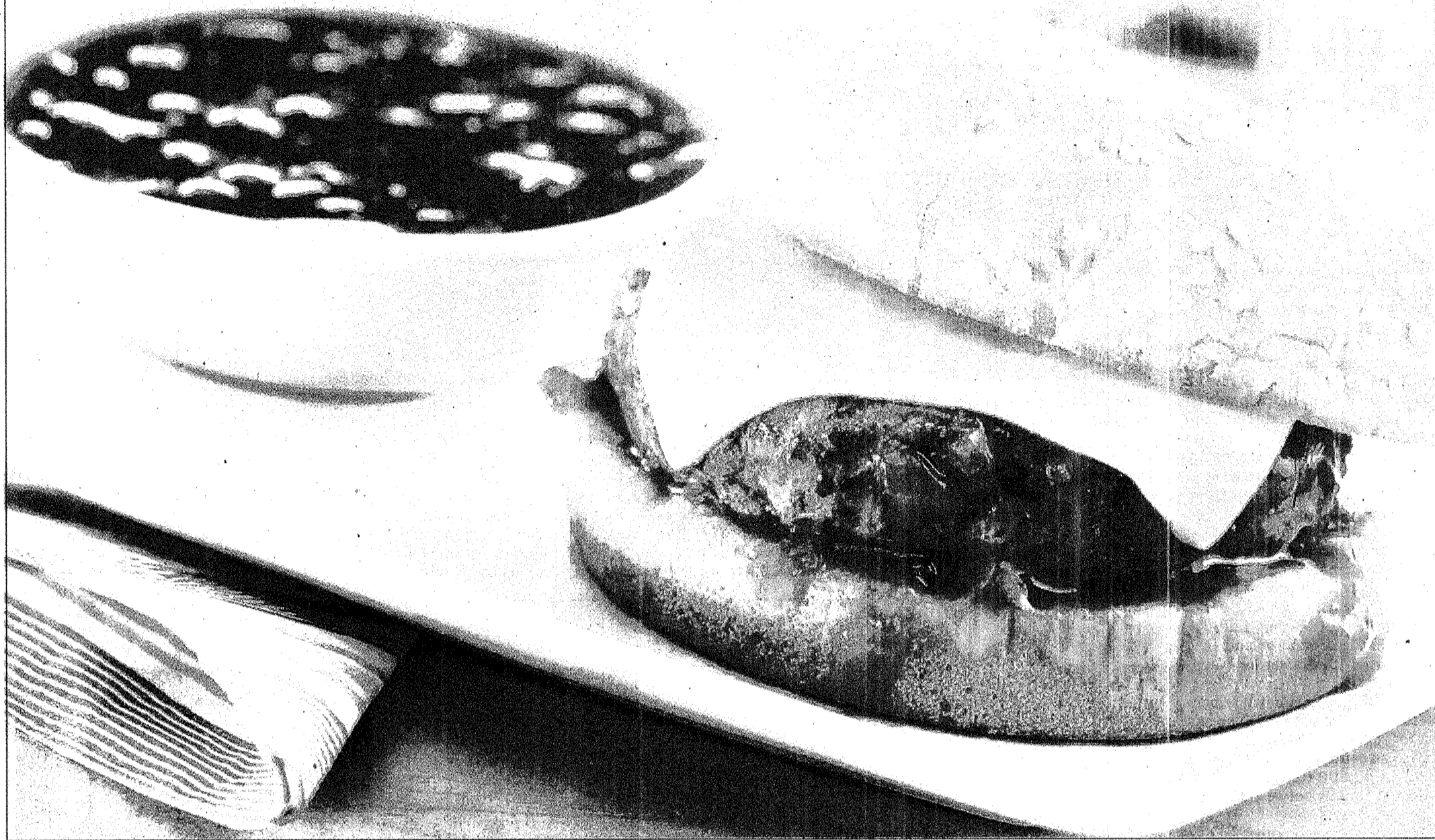
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#### STAMPING OUT HUNGER

The Stamp Out Hunger drive is a nationwide effort to provide food to local food banks and pantries.

On Saturday, May 14, the nation's 300,000 letter carriers will collect food donations left at the mailboxes of generous Americans in more than 10,000 local communities and deliver them to regional food banks and local hunger relief organizations. The timing is important, because many organizations would otherwise face depleted food stocks during the summer months, which is when demand increases to meet the needs of children no longer being served breakfast and lunch by school programs.

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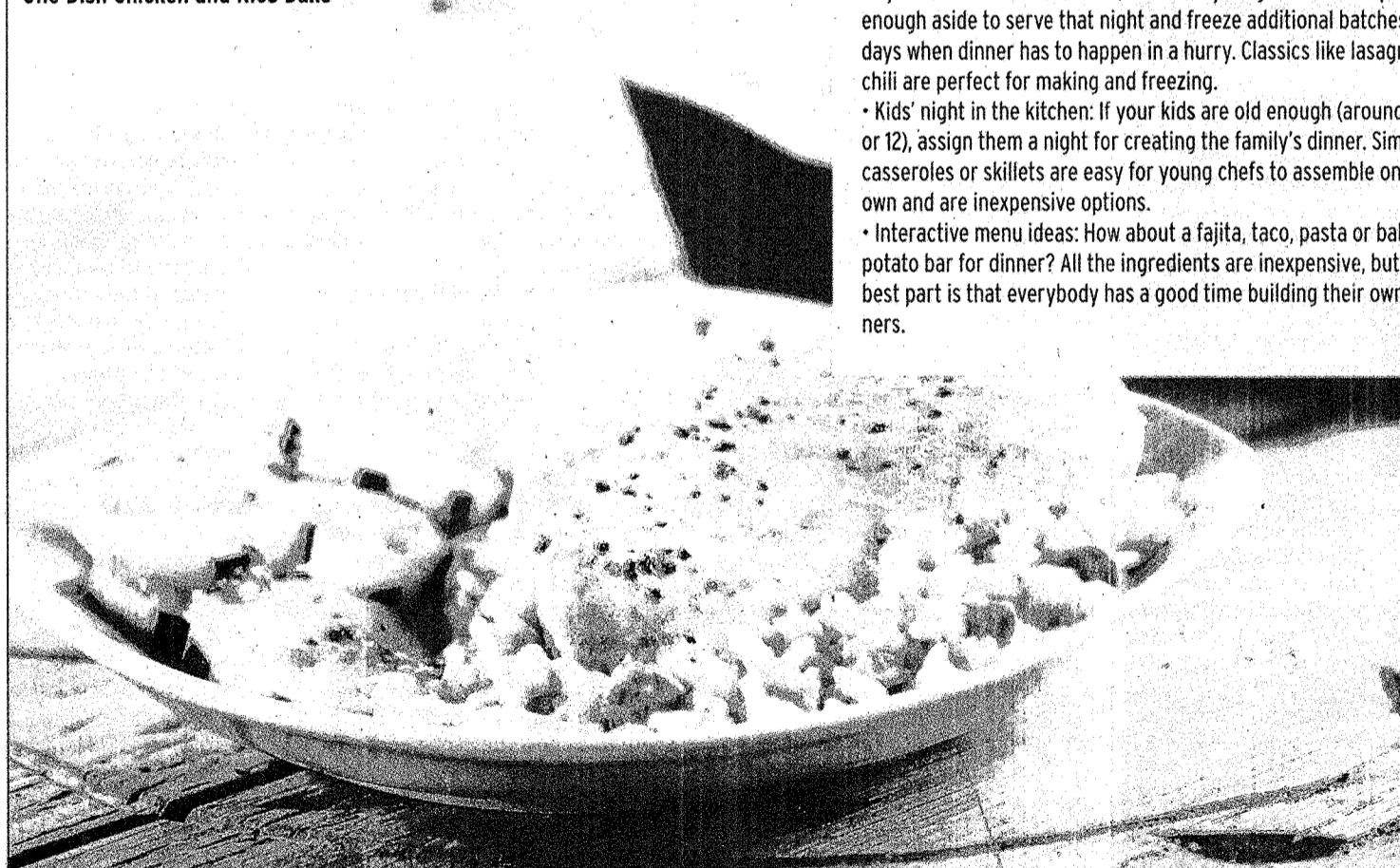
Helping Stamp Out Hunger is as easy as checking your mailbox. Just leave a bag of non-perishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will then pick up and deliver the food to a local food bank. Examples of non-perishable items include:

- Canned soup
- Canned meats and fish
- Canned vegetables, fruits and juices
- Boxed goods (such as cereal)
- Pasta and rice

These items are not expensive and will go a long way toward helping others. For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger effort in your community, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

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## Bowling benefit mixes fun, giving back for Realtor association

BY JULIE BROWN  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Some 67 bowlers — “Realtors and family and friends” — participated Wednesday, May 4, in a Bowling for Charity event of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Proceeds from the event at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia will support the ARC of Northwest Wayne County, which helps developmentally disabled people and their families, and the Warm Hearts organization, which provides scarves, hats, coats and other clothing to needy people. Warm Hearts also provides goodie bags for soldiers.

WWOCAR’s Member Services Committee picks the charities each year, said Terrance Baker, tool shop manager. Realtor Kim Hahn has a daughter who uses ARC services, and Realtor Meriem Kadi, a Westland City Council member, had an earlier fundraiser for Warm Hearts.

WWOCAR has held bowling benefits for other nonprofits in the past. “Just for the organization to give back to the community,” said Baker, noting the \$2,300 raised May 4 will be divided equally between the ARC and Warm Hearts.

“Everyone had a good time,” he said. “Everything went like clockwork. Everyone I talked to had a nice time.”



Bowlers from Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel are a happy bunch.



Carol Sharp and friends from the Warm Hearts organization take a break during the bowling benefit May 4.

The Realtors, their family and friends liked socializing and networking, Baker said.

“It was an excellent event. We had both of the charities there, so we got a chance to meet them,” said Dale

E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR. Participants enjoyed meeting charity representatives, Smith said, and learning about their work.

This was a WWOCAR benefit. WWOCAR is merging with

the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors to form the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, a move announced earlier this year. The merger will wrap up in the next couple of months, Smith said.



Tony Schippa, WWOCAR 2011 president, Jamie Jones and Terrance Baker have some fun at the bowling benefit. Jones was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.



Christine Lerchen and friends from the ARC Northwest Wayne County enjoy some bowling fun at the benefit.

## State mulls licensing firms that manage

**Q: I understand that there is some discussion about the licensure of professional management companies. Do you have any information about it?**

**A: As I understand it, Michigan is one of four states that are considering**



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the licensure of professional management companies. The Community Association Institute has apparently engaged the legislature

to ensure that if a licensure statute is adopted, the requirements for such licenses are based upon industry-developed certifications and designations. Additionally, any administrative body set up to oversee such a program must consist of a majority of professional community association managers. You may wish to let your state legislator know of your desires with respect to the licensure of professional management companies which, in this writer’s view, is long overdue.

**Q: What do we do about a co-owner who refuses to leave a board meeting that he was invited to?**

**A: You might consider adopting a policy resolution addressing “Decorum at Association Meetings or Board meetings” that lays out the standard code of conduct for attendees at association meetings and functions.**

That way, the misbehaving unit owner is, by acting out, breaking the rules. This would also help if you wanted to assess fines and I believe it builds an expectation as to the proper behavior that could also be enforced by the sergeant of arms according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Obviously, the association should have the right to a civilized meeting and, hopefully, it will not be necessary to call the police or other security. If that doesn’t work, adjourn the meeting and regroup.

**Q: Our association is thinking about trying to keep our neighborhood safer and property values from declining by banning sexual predators and offenders from living in our community. Do you think that is possible?**

**A: I am aware of some cases where a restriction on sexual predators being precluded from living in a condominium has been upheld. Of course, in many jurisdictions, those convicted of the most serious sexual crimes are banned from living within one thousand (1,000) feet of areas where children frequently interact such as schools, day care centers and playgrounds, but, obviously, you would want to take it further. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney who hopefully can draft it in a fashion which will be enforceable.**

**Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn’t be construed as legal advice.**

## Senior lifestyle: It’s often about staying put

BY NANCY AUSTIN  
 SENIORS REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST

Moving isn’t always about moving. Sometimes it’s about aging in place, which is a rapidly growing, conscious movement in senior living today.

In 2002, AARP, working with the National Association of Home Builders, began offering three-day seminars for builders to earn certification as aging-in-place specialists (CAPS).

To date about 3,000 contractors have completed the program according to Therese Crahan, the executive director of the homebuilders’ remodeling division.

I have a close friend who moved from Kansas City to Tennessee where

she and her husband built their dream retirement home. (Tennessee, along with six other states does not tax have taxes on their personal income and wages. Tennessee does, however, tax interest income and dividends.)

Because they were mindful enough of the fact that this was their final purchase, they had installed several aging-in-place options. These include elevated toilets, wheelchair accessible doorways and arches, as well as between the island and cabinets in kitchen, grab bars and a hand-held shower head with long flexible hose in bathroom showers. They also built a first-floor master bedroom.

Another friend has decided to put a shower in her first floor laundry area. She doesn’t want to leave her two-story house. She loves her location on a lake and the house itself which is close to

her three children and grandchildren. She is exploring the various kinds of walk-in showers and tubs that are available. The tub with jets is very appealing to her due to her arthritis. Grab bars will be also be installed.

There are many CAPS-certified companies in the local metropolitan areas that will retrofit homes with devices and will make changes to things like lowering countertops and electrical plugs, making bathrooms and kitchens accessible and barrier-free. Barrier-free areas of the home would include widening archways and doorways, leveling entrances to rooms in the house, as well as exterior entrances.

For the bathroom, you may want to consider installing low-level shelves next to the sink and cabinet for additional storage. A hand-held shower may solve bathing problems. I have seen bathtubs with built-in bench seats as well as the ever-necessary

grab bars in the tub and shower.

Change appliances when convenient, to side-by-side refrigerator and electric stove with controls in the front. Garbage disposals can have a button installed on the counter so you don’t have to reach to the back of the counter to turn it on.

These are just a few of the many options and suggestions to help you stay in your home.

On May 17, a Senior Expo, which is sponsored by this newspaper will be held at Schoolcraft College. I attended the event last year and will be a participant this year. I can assure you that if aging in place and staying in your own home is a priority, you will find many companies participating who are willing to help you accomplish that goal.

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### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

42820 Arlington Rd	\$145,000	18465 Daiby	\$13,000
43892 Arlington Rd	\$135,000	12889 Laverne	\$82,000
7945 Charrington Dr	\$137,000	15001 Lexington	\$85,000
7301 Chichester Rd	\$195,000	17396 Olympia	\$35,000
46872 Creeks Bend	\$180,000	24804 Ross Dr	\$40,000
1946 Echo Woods Dr	\$260,000	13974 Sarasota	\$45,000
1578 Heritage Dr	\$113,000		
45093 Horseshoe Cir	\$136,000	1959 Ackley Ave	\$66,000
4744 Pond Run	\$165,000	7698 Cherrywood Dr	\$135,000
2822 River Meadow Cir	\$166,000	38452 Chestnut Ln	\$75,000
		4956 Julius Blvd	\$28,000
		507 N Wildwood St	\$61,000
		32660 Sandra Ln	\$75,000
		2289 Stieber St	\$10,000
31741 Brown St	\$29,000		
32761 Maplewood St	\$40,000		
20121 Ellen Dr	\$285,000		
15205 Houghton St	\$105,000		
28872 Olson St	\$130,000		

14400 Stonehouse Ave	\$123,000
19605 Cardene Way	\$160,000
16749 Carriage Way	\$100,000
17960 Ridgeview Dr	\$580,000
804 Arthur St	\$145,000
44424 Brookside Rd	\$287,000
740 Kellogg St	\$46,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$40,000

1192 Cole St	\$75,000
381 N Old Woodward Ave	\$75,000
2348 Northlawn Blvd	\$228,000
215 Poppleton St	\$240,000
1333 S Cranbrook Rd	\$125,000
819 Sufferfield Ave	\$40,000
1965 Webster St	\$395,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 24-28, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

8548 Cascade St	\$455,000
3525 E Commerce Rd	\$277,000
5340 Inverrary Ln	\$288,000
2140 Sunnybrook Rd	\$256,000
4999 Wavewood Dr	\$250,000
2619 Wixom Rd	\$257,000
33336 Grand River Ave	\$212,000
31740 Lee Ln	\$118,000
23900 Pickett Ave	\$215,000
38275 Fleetwood Dr	\$242,000
29805 Hemlock Ave	\$69,000
29075 Millbrook Rd	\$285,000
21336 Mulberry Ct	\$142,000

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1500 Duff Ln	\$30,000
1430 Hunters Lake Ct	\$524,000
1435 Hunters Lake Dr	\$422,000
24333 Bashian Dr	\$54,000
50847 Chesapeake Dr	\$599,000
41620 Monterey Ct	\$134,000
22333 Peachtree	\$99,000
25634 Portico Ln	\$116,000
23127 Sarmia Dr	\$585,000
25800 Sullivan Ln	\$312,000
28305 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
54085 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
21750 Natasha Ln	\$264,000
787 Worcester St	\$99,000
176 Princeton Dr	\$23,000
385 Princeton Dr	\$142,000
61643 Rambling Way	\$145,000
25844 Arrowhead St	\$118,000
17665 George Washington Dr	\$77,000
29515 Heritage Ln	\$132,000
20220 Ledgestone St	\$21,000
17223 Louise St	\$38,000
19597 Melrose Ave	\$85,000
17161 New Jersey St	\$111,000
25590 Saint James	\$58,000
5000 Town Ctr	\$65,000

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A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).



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5 Out of reach  
8 Chowder morsel  
12 Buffalo's lake  
13 Here, in Le Havre  
14 Ad spiel  
15 DEA operative  
16 Stayed put  
18 Little kids  
20 Gives personally  
21 Completely wrecks  
24 Hindu mystics  
27 "Road movie" locale  
28 Hearty laugh  
31 As to (2 wds.)  
32 Theorem ender  
33 MHz part  
34 Norm  
35 CEO degree  
36 Suspicious  
37 Long-answer exams  
39 Photo session  
43 Slicked up  
46 Cheap roof  
49 Radiate  
51 Range in Asia  
52 Jet —  
53 Cookie magnate  
54 Movie part.  
55 Suit — tee  
56 Unit of force

**DOWN**  
1 Hankering  
2 Smell —  
3 Lean and sinewy  
4 Suit accessory  
5 Low gear  
6 Top-notch pilot  
7 Crater edge  
8 "Wool" on clay sheep  
9 Singer Loretta  
10 Limited  
11 Docs prescribe them  
17 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)  
19 Dawn goddess  
22 Fields of study  
23 Casserole cover  
24 Pet shop sound  
25 — whim  
26 Dog sound  
28 Da or ja  
29 Gross!  
30 Round Table knight  
32 Football team mems.  
33 Play false  
35 Physics intro  
36 Memo acronym  
38 Ventricle neighbor  
39 Milky Way unit  
40 Nimbus  
41 Unwritten test  
42 Sheriff Andy's kid  
44 Tube trophy  
45 Pop's Celine  
47 Seattle hrs.  
48 Fair-hiring letters  
50 Mao — tung

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

IRIS	MAST	AWE
FORA	OBIE	ROD
STALK	YULE	LOG
	AMPS	LOSE
EXAM	OSAKA	
ALBINO	BANANA	
RIA	ED RN	BEN
PISTIL	AEGEAN	
	KNEAD	OLLA
XERO	NEST	
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ESP	DADO	IDEA
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				1		6	5		
2		7	3			1			
5	6	1	4	8			7		
		2		4					3
			6	1	9				
			3			6	5		
	4	5	9	6		8		2	
3						7			
1	9								

Level: Beginner

## Word Search — Healthy Vision

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

C	N	O	I	T	A	T	I	R	R	I	L	H	O	A
O	F	U	K	D	S	H	A	S	O	E	Q	P	H	M
N	D	P	Y	J	N	R	T	B	N	T	T	K	E	O
J	J	X	O	N	S	C	A	S	W	O	R	G	A	C
U	H	V	B	C	A	R	E	E	M	T	L	Y	L	U
N	T	W	I	T	I	S	V	E	T	Q	J	B	T	A
C	C	C	N	S	R	W	T	V	B	Z	S	L	H	L
T	C	O	A	R	I	R	G	L	A	S	S	E	S	G
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V	Y	V	F	S	A	D	N	I	G	M	X	L	A	O
I	V	I	T	E	Z	T	B	H	P	Z	M	X	E	T
T	I	D	C	I	V	I	A	P	S	Z	E	F	S	O
I	N	X	T	F	X	U	A	C	S	Q	I	Q	E	P
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## Word Search

**Word Search**

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4	7	8	2	1	9	8	3
2	1	8	8	9	6	9	7
5	1	9	8	8	2	4	7
7	2	4	6	3	9	8	9
3	8	6	7	4	5	4	1
6	7	3	2	8	4	1	9
8	8	1	4	9	5	3	7
1	9	1	7	1	6	2	2
5	9	1	2	1	6	7	8

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<b>Announcements &amp; Notices</b> (6200)	<b>Antiques/Collectibles</b> (7020)	<b>ESTATE AUCTION</b> Sat., May 14th - 7pm. Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth MI Furniture/Accessories Collectibles & Antiques Coins/Gem Stones Household Items Cash/MC/Visa Bank Debit Cards No Checks Doors Open 6pm <b>JCC Auction Service</b> 734.451.7444 www.jccauctions.com	<b>LIVONIA: ST. ANDREW'S RUMMAGE SALE</b> May 13, 9-4pm, May 14, 9-1pm. 16360 Hubbard btwn 5 & 6 MI	<b>COMMERCER TWP.</b> Drexel Heritage dining rm, sofas, tables, lamps & chairs, etc. Lenox china, & more! 5/13-9-4pm, 5/14 9-2. 311 Winslow Cir, N sidot 14, W of M-5.	<b>BEAUTIFUL Oak Wallunit</b> 75" tall, 55" long, 17" wide. Leaded glass doors (4), holds up to a 27" TV. Excellent con- dition. \$300. 734-522-3476	<b>PERENNIALS, REASONABLE</b> Hostas, Ground Cover & misc. Potted or Bare Root. Call: (248) 477-1435	<b>STORAGE SHED - RUBBER MADE</b> 7ft by 7ft., \$550. Call: (313) 537-6306	<b>LHASA APSO</b> - Cute, 1 yr old. Spayed female. White w/tan spots. CKC reg. \$300/cash. 734-879-0909
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b> Paul Tytschkowski Expert Watch Repair, 124 S. Maple, will be closing doors as of June 1, 2011. Please contact at 313.613.4444 (Wol) regarding merchan- dise claims. 313-613-4444	<b>DOLLS FROM GONE WITH THE WIND.</b> Marilyn Monroe from 7 year Itch, Wizard Of Oz Dolls & collectibles. Westland: 734-467-6352	<b>When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer &amp; Eccentric Classifieds!</b> 1-800-579-7355	<b>WALLED LAKE HUGE SALE</b> Fri. May 13, 9am-4pm. Sat. May 14, 9am-3pm. Stone Crest Building, 207 Liberty, 48390. 1/2 blk. N. of Walled Lake Dr. Front of bldg. faces Liberty St. www.mydemis.info	<b>ESTATE SALE: Antiques, yard equip, furniture, clothing, toys, games, many household items, motorcycle, everything must go! 13425 Beacon Hill Dr., Plymouth, 48170. N Territorial, just W of Sheldon Rd. May 13-15, 11-6pm.</b>	<b>CURIO CABINET -</b> Lights up inside, Oak, \$300 Dresser, oak, \$150. Dresser, oak with full length mirror that opens to drawers, \$200. Curio cabinet, all glass with oak on outside, two doors, holds collectibles, \$300. Westland: 734-467-6352	<b>LAWN, GARDEN &amp; Snow Equipment</b> (7480)	<b>WANTED TO BUY</b> (7540)	<b>PARTI POODLE - AKC</b> Standard. Female. Trained & white. Obedience part, microchipped, very sweet & smart. She's a fast learner, 1 year. Call: 989-362-5211
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<b>CANTON</b> CARRIAGE HILLS SUB SALE, Thurs-Sat., May 12-14, N of Ford Rd., S of Warren btwn Canton Center & Lillye Rds.	<b>CANTON</b> SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs-Sat, May 12-14, 9AM-2PM Cherry Knoll Sub (47 homes). Many great treasures! NE corner of Cherry Hill & Becker.	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> - House- hold, tools, toys, new Pella windows, etc! May 13-16th, 9- 5pm. 29378 Lake Park Dr. off 13, btwn Farmington & Drake.	<b>LIVONIA: Burton</b> Hollow Sub Sale. OVER 60 HOMES! May 14-15, Sat. & Sun, 9am-5pm. S of 6 Mile, W. of Farmington Rd.	<b>LIVONIA WOODCREEK</b> FARMS SUB - 15-20 HOMES! May 12, 13 & 14, Thu-Sat, 9-4. Furniture, toys, tools, etc. E. of Farmington, btwn 5 & 6 Mile	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> - Friday, June 13th, 17350 Rollingwoods Cir. Furniture, Gorilla basket ball- hoop, Jordan shoes, clothes, TV, pilot headset, aviation hand held radio, new snow- board equipment and more! Doors open at 8am.	<b>NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP</b> MILE-LONG GARAGE SALE Fri & Sat, May 13 & 14, 8am-5pm 7 SUBDIVISIONS Six mile west of Haggerty, both sides of the road, off Abby Court, E. Northville Trail, Whitehaven, Maple Hill Drive, Summit, Winchester (north & south), Bradner (north & south), includes, Northville Colony Estates I-V, Northville Commons, Northville Trails, Brookstone Village, Maple Hill, Lakes of Northville, and Whisperwood.	<b>PLYMOUTH:</b> 3 family mov- ing/garage sale. 13286 Karl Dr. off N. Territorial btwn Ridge & Napier. May 12-14, 9-4:30pm. Furniture, children's items, etc.	<b>REDFORD Treasures!</b> May 13 & 14, 10am-3pm. 12853 Crosley, Redford. Antiques, Power tools, Garden items, Furniture, Household, Misc.
<b>CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE</b> SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs-Sun, May 12-15, 9am- 5pm. S. of Joy, E. of Sheldon, W. of Morton Taylor.	<b>CANTON SUNFLOWER SUB</b> Thurs-Sat, May 12-14, 9am-? W. of Canton Center & N. & S. of Warren. Look for signs & yellow balloons!	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Neighborhood Sale Stratton Hill Ct. N. of 13, E. of Drake. May 12-14, 9am-4pm. Household goods, clothes, furniture & a few antiques.	<b>LIVONIA</b> Great Prices & Variety!!! 8982 Fremont, N of Joy, W of Middlebelt. May 12-13-14, 9-5pm.	<b>MILFORD</b> - Multi family mov- ing sale! Furniture, chairs & household items. All must go! 54 Hickory Millford Village, Corner of Detroit St., near Commerce. 5/12-5/14, 9-4pm.	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> 9-4pm. Furniture, books, clothing. Great Prices! 582 Morgan Circle	<b>PLYMOUTH:</b> 4 Family Sale. 1302 Maple St. Fri, May 13, 9am-? Furniture, Longaberger baskets, lamps, clothes, decor, household items, etc.	<b>SOUTH LYON</b> Multi-Family-1035 Arabian, 11 Mile/Pontiac Trail. Thurs-Sat., 9-2pm. Furni- ture, appliances, home, clothes & toys all ages, bikes, books, more!	
<b>CANTON MULTI SUBS:</b> Oakvale, Stonegate & Cherry Hill Orchards, N/ Palmer, S/ Cherry Hill. E. & W. of Lillye, May 12-15. Look for signs.	<b>CANTON</b> Windmere Sub-Wide Garage Sale. Thurs-Sat., May 12- 14th, 9am-? Off Warren, btwn Sheldon & Canton Center.	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Oxford Estates Subwide Garage Sale. 9-5pm, Fri. May 13 & Sat. May 14. Drake, btwn 12 Mile & Grand River.	<b>LIVONIA</b> household, crafts, kids toys & games, Christmas items, hardware. 14744 Flamingo, E. of Merriman, S of 5 Mile. May 14 & 15th, 9-4pm	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> - Appli., toys, housewares, clothing, TVs, stereo equip. Fri, 5/13 & Sat, 5/14; 9-4pm. 46501 Greenridge Dr., 8 Mile & Becker.	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> - Men's Sale 231 S. Ely. 1 blk. N/W, W. off Center. Post War Lionel, vin- tage fishing, hunting, hickory golf, pocket watches. Sat. 9-4.	<b>PLYMOUTH:</b> Furniture, TV's, snowblower, freezer, some toys, household. 5/12-5/14, 9- 4. 51202 Plymouth Lake Dr., near Ann Arbor Rd & Napier.	<b>SOUTHFIELD</b> - Going out of business sale. High fashion. New and gently used clothing, purses, jewelry and shoes. Great buys! May 13-14th, 10- 6pm. 21789 Glenmorra, Off Lahser btwn 11 & 12 Mile	
<b>CANTON PINWOOD SUB SALE</b> May 12-14, 9-4pm. E. of Beck, S. of Cherry Hill. Come for great stuff!	<b>CANTON</b> Davisburg COMMUNITY WIDE SALE May 13-14, 9:30am-3:30pm Millpond Park (In downtown Davisburg)	<b>LIVONIA</b> - 1964 Impala, house- hold goods, books, mens bike, yard equip. & more! May 12- 14th, 9-4pm. 15981 Norwich, 5 Mile & Farmington	<b>LIVONIA</b> Household misc, craft supplies and fabric, clothes, toys, etc. 18949 Doris, S. of 7, W of Middlebelt. May 12-15, 9-5pm.	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> Blue Heron Pointe Condo Community Garage Sale - Sat., May 14th, 9am-5pm. W. side of Beck Rd, btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Furniture, books, clothing, appliances, & misc.	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> Heights Subdivision Sale - Fri, Sat. 9am-6pm. South of Grand River; West of Novi Rd.	<b>PLYMOUTH</b> Heather Hills Sub Sale - (W of Beck, S of M-14, across from Our Lady of Good Council Church) - May 12- 14th, 9am-5pm.	<b>Moving Sales</b> (7130)	
<b>CANTON SUB-WIDE SALE!</b> Sat., May 14th, 9-4pm: Bedford Villa Condos, enter off Haggerty, S. of Ford. Lots of stuff & collectibles.		<b>LIVONIA BIG 2 Family Sale</b> - 5/12-5/14, 9am-4pm. Quality Camping, Wedding, Party, Baby, Household, Books, more! 18643-79 Comstock, S of 7, E. of Newburgh.	<b>LIVONIA</b> Moving/Garage Sale Furniture, children's clothes household items. Fri-Sat., May 13th & 14th, 8-5pm. 34067 Bretton Drive, Wind-ridge Sub, W of Farmington, N of 7 Mile.	<b>NORTHVILLE</b> DOWNTOWN HUGE SALE to benefit school & orphanage. May 11, 12, 13 & 14th, 9- 6pm. 229 High St. N. of Main St. W. of Center/ Sheldon. Antiques, furniture, toys, misc.	<b>NOVI</b> Multi-Family - May 12-14, 9ma-4pm. 24706 Sarah Flynn, North of 10 Mile, East of Taft.	<b>PLYMOUTH</b> Heather Hills Sub Sale - (W of Beck, S of M-14, across from Our Lady of Good Council Church) - May 12- 14th, 9am-5pm.	<b>NOVI SUB SALE!</b> Multi-Family Garage Sale! Dunbarton Pines - 9 Mile & Taft. May 13 & 14, 9am-4pm.	

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## CAReport



By Dale Buss

U.S. auto makers sold 1.17 million vehicles in April, up 18 percent from their performance a year earlier. And while Ford's 13-percent increase ranked third among the domestic Big Three for the month, it wasn't because its vehicles were less in demand: Ford's Focus and Fiesta, as well as its new Explorer SUV, were among the hottest vehicles in the market.

Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing, said, "Obviously, the market has shifted. It's the first month for our new Focus, and dealers were selling them right off the convoy trucks."

Subcompact and compact cars overall accounted for 24 percent of industry sales in April, about the same percentages as March, when fuel prices began taking hold in the consumer consciousness - but three percentage points ahead of a year ago. "If the industry had an unlimited supply of small cars, that percentage may have gotten to 28 percent or 30 percent in April," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis.

Ford reported April sales of 189,778 units, up 13 percent from a year earlier. And if it weren't for tight supplies of its small cars, company executives said, they would have sold even more. "The availability of small cars is putting a cap on the segment,"

Pipas said.

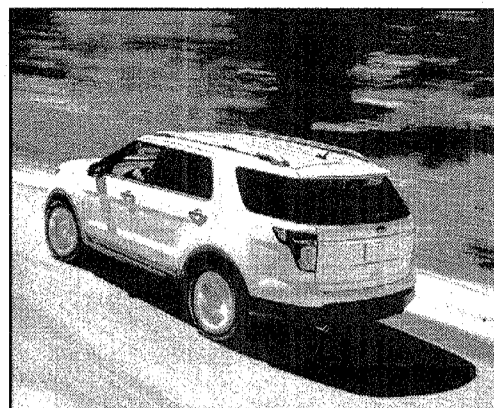
So Ford has been able to sell its year-old Fiesta, and its new 2012 Focus, at a breathless clip. Fiesta transaction prices are the highest of any vehicle in its segment, Pipas said, and the model sold more than 9,000 units for the second month in a row. Focus experienced "a ramp-up month" during April, Czubay said. "Availability will continue to be lean because the product is in such high demand."

Combined, Fiesta and Focus - with the new version still in limited supply - accounted for 15 percent of Ford's retail sales in April, six percentage points higher than realized by Fiesta and the previous version of Focus a year ago.

Sales of Ford Fusion, a compact, were 12 percent ahead of a year ago. Taurus, Ford's mid-size sedan, was 2 percent ahead of last year's pace. Even Mustang sold 59 percent more units than a year earlier, largely because of an increase in fleet sales this year compared with last year, Pipas said.

Over half of Mustangs were sold with a V6 engine that yields 305 horsepower and 31mpg on the highway. "People are saying, 'I can get everything in that category I want' with this six-cylinder engine," Czubay said.

The model that propelled Ford sales



The new Ford Explorer boasts about a 25-percent improvement in fuel efficiency.



The 2012 Ford Focus is a hot model, with gas prices rising.

more than any other, however, was the new Explorer, whose 25 mpg on the highway is a 25-percent improvement over the fuel economy of the old version. And Ford won't begin production of a four-cylinder EcoBoost version of Edge until later this year, which promises even better mileage.

Already, "It's the fastest-turning vehicle in the Ford showroom," Czubay said, indicating that Ford also could sell more Explorer - as well as Focus and Fiesta - units if they were available.

Czubay mentioned Ford's overall positioning for the times. "I've never seen a company better positioned for a market shift than Ford, he said. "No matter where the consumer wants to go, Ford is lined up to give them the fuel efficiency they want."

The best example of that may be what's happened with buyers' approach to the F series trucks. Ford just began in January offering a couple of six-cylinder engine alternatives to its previous offerings of only eight-

cylinder versions of the F150, and in April the two smaller engines accounted already for half of the model's retail sales.

"That's the most startling number" of the month, Czubay said. "That's a high-volume model. What consumers are saying is that they're willing to go with a six-cylinder engine" if it meets their performance standards. Overall, F Series sales were up 11 percent in April.

Lincoln's problems have been much discussed, and that won't stop after the brand registered a 1-percent decline in April sales compared with a year ago.

Ford reduced its incentive spending in April by more than \$600 per vehicle compared with March levels, Pipas said, while the overall industry registered an incentive reduction averaging only about \$300 a vehicle.

Fleet sales in April were 36 percent of the total for Ford, on the high end of its desired range. Year-to-date, the figure was 34 percent.

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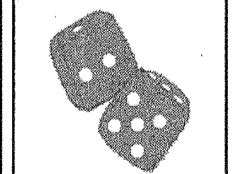
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