

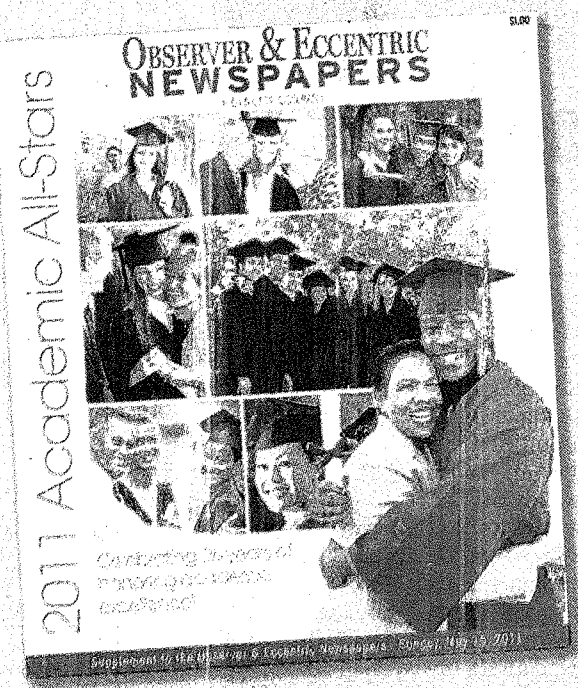
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## AROUND TOWN

### Energy savings

Westland Mayor William Wild will be hosting a kickoff event Tuesday, May 17, to announce the Neighborhood Energy-Savings Outreach program



for Norway residents, homeowners and renters.

The event will be held at 5 p.m. at the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Residents can join the mayor, DTE

Energy and Consumers Energy in signing up for the free Neighborhood Energy-Savings Outreach program which is being offered to the entire Norway community. Starting on June 1, the NESO program will be expanded and offered community wide.

DTE Energy will provide simple energy-saving improvements and a better understanding of energy costs. Consumers Energy will also provide pipe wrapping devices. Residents will be to take control of their energy use and make their homes more energy efficient.

"These days we are all looking for ways to make life more affordable," said Wild. "One of the ways our city is

helping its residents take control of their energy costs is by partnering with DTE Energy and Consumers Energy to offer a Neighborhood Energy-Savings Outreach program."

For residents who choose to participate in the program, DTE Energy will assess the energy efficiency of their homes and discuss ways to lower energy costs. In addition, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy will share the cost of the water saving devices. They will professionally install free energy- and water-saving products in homes, including ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs, water-saving shower heads, water-saving faucet aerators in the kitchen and bath and hot water pipe wrap.

A Home Energy Consultation can be scheduled at the kickoff event or by calling (877) 497-2191.

### Fishing Derby

Young anglers can have a chance to catch some fish during a fishing derby Saturday, May 21, at the Waterford Bend Area of Hines Park in Northville.

All kids ages 12 and younger are welcome to have some fishing fun and win prizes 8 a.m. to noon. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout and a casting contest will take place. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait.

The event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of American - Plymouth Canton, Chapter 528 and Northville Parks and Recreation.

Register on site for the derby starting at 7:30 a.m.

# Hearing looks at impediments to home buying

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was a time when deed restrictions like allowing homes to be sold only to white Christians, for example, were used to limit who could buy a home in a particular subdivision.

Those discriminatory and illegal deed restrictions are gone now but

there are other impediments that can make it difficult for people to buy homes. The nature of those impediments will be the subject of a public hearing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, hosted jointly by Westland, Livonia and Redford Township.

"The hearing is required by HUD (the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development) but they

allow the communities to collaborate on requirements such as these," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "It's cost saving and benefits as well through sharing expertise."

The joint public hearing will be held at the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia. The public hearing

will feature data on population and housing characteristics, fair housing considerations, impediments and fair housing strategies.

"Under the Fair Housing laws, which are similar to civil rights laws, there are protected classes like race, age, religion and disability," said Inglis.

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After some rain delays, crews were back at work on the remediation and restoration of Central City Park.

# Crews back to work at Central City Park

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Crews were back working at Central City Park last week following some delays due to rainy weather.

"They are working with three crews - that's an extra crew - to help catch up. We were shut down, especially about a week and a half ago, due to the rain," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "They can't put equipment out there

(when it is wet)."

Pre-construction meetings with contact ABC Paving of Trenton were held earlier in the month.

"The wet weather put them back about 30 days," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "They set the grade last year, so they are hesitant to get out there with equipment in the soft soil."

The crews are finalizing the grading and putting in the rest of the geotextile layer, along with getting final grades for the retention pond and pre-

paring the methane gas trench. The next step will be bringing in a 12-inch layer of top soil which will be hydroseeded in some areas and sod placed in other sections.

While the contract requires ABC Paving to complete work on the park in June, that doesn't mean the park would then be ready for public use.

"We want the park open. It will take couple of months for the grass root system to take hold," said Kosowski. The contractor began working at

the park last fall on the remediation and restoration of Central City Park which has been closed January 2006 due to the lead contamination that came from various sources and concerns about methane gas in areas used as a landfill. A passive ventilations trench and several monitoring probes will address the methane gas issues.

The remediation effort is focusing

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# Westland man bound over for trial in pedestrian fatality

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been ordered bound over for trial on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the death of a pedestrian struck by his vehicle.

Terry Albert Hinz, 44, is charging with fatally injuring Patricia Beaver, 19, of Sumpter Township on Aug. 4, 2010. Police said Beaver was cross-

ing Cherry Hill southbound at Wildwood at about 10 p.m. when she was hit.

Hearings for Hinz, described in court by his attorney as having diminished mental capabilities and as being a resident of a group home, had been delayed to allow a competency examination. The hearing proceeded in 18th District Court after Hinz was found competent. Witnesses included Westland police Sgt. Patrick

Corby of the Traffic Bureau who investigated the accident and Officer Robert Fruit, who interviewed Hinz at the accident scene.

Immediately following the accident, Hinz told Fruit multiple versions of how the accident occurred, according to testimony.

"The prosecutor had a unique argument. Her (Beaver's) father testified that she was in the habit of crossing

at the light," said Corby.

Staying at her father's nearby home, Beaver was reported to be walking to a nearby convenience store when she was killed. Police said that one of versions of the accident from Hinz was that he ran a red light at the intersection. There were no witnesses to the accident, police said.

Toxicology reports showed that neither Hinz or Beaver had drugs or alcohol in their

system at the time of the accident, police said.

Free on \$12,500 cash/surety bond, Hinz is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment May 28.

Following the fatal accident, the Michigan Secretary of State automatically reviewed Hinz's driver's license and decided to let him keep his license.

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# Free Senior Expo is Tuesday

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 for the Observer & Eccentric annual Spring Senior Expo.

O&E Web Editor Larry Ruchlen will be on hand to answer web-based questions about hometownlife.com and help seniors who want to learn more about Facebook and Twitter. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with your grandchildren no

matter how far away they be and Larry is the guy to show you how to get started.

Photojournalist John Heider will be on hand to shoot a video montage of seniors at the event. Stop by the O&E exhibit booth for more information.

Tuesday's event features more than 60 exhibitors, speakers, programs and demonstrations. Learn a lot then have some fun playing the Senior Feud. The

Entertainment Network of Southfield will host this 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

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**HOUSING**

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“Handicapped people are definitely one protected class. A big part of this is redlining. Like if all of the disabled people in Westland lived south of Michigan Avenue. Redlining isn’t happening in any of our communities.”

The Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments is a requirement for communities that want to receive federal Community Development Block Grant funds. It is normally done on a five-year cycle, but HUD allowed another year so 2010 census figures could be used.

“The ability of low income people to apply for loans and affordable housing is one of the biggest impediments, income isn’t a protected class under the law,” said Inglis. “The intent of this is to provide opportunities for housing.”

Those opportunities can come in different ways. Livonia has public housing units which have subsidized rents. Those subsidies stay with the unit and would be lost when a person moves out.

Westland handles more than \$7 million federal funds annually with a housing voucher program, serving 1,000 fami-

lies. Generally, families pay 30 percent of their income towards rent but Inglis said that can vary, depending on their income.

“That is a tenant-based program. The federal voucher families can live anywhere although 35 percent of the families we serve live in Westland,” said Inglis.

Along with the public hearing in Livonia, residents and other interested parties can complete a Fair Housing Survey, found on the City of Westland website at www.cityofwestland.com, under Choose Service/Community Development Survey.

Written comments regarding the draft Analysis of Impediments should be sent to the City of Westland, Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for review at the Westland Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours.

For more information, call the Housing and Community Development Department at (734) 595-0288, Ext. 3711.

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**Self-sufficiency program gets federal grant**

The Westland Housing Commission's Family Self-Sufficiency Program is on the receiving end of a \$33,069 federal grant.

The FSS program assists Housing Voucher Program participants with education, job training and financial counseling to achieve financial independence.

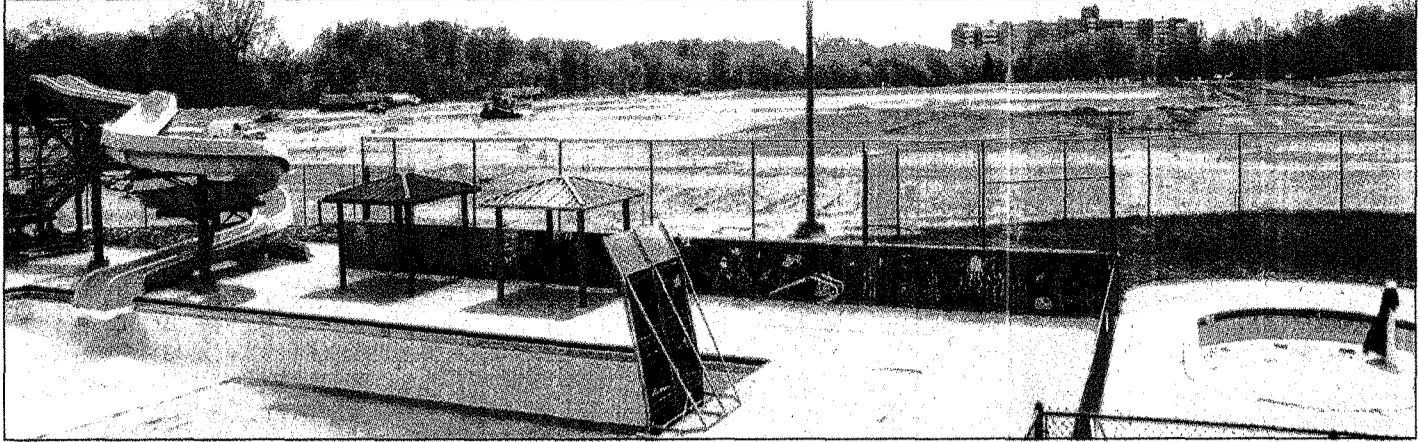
The grant will assist 25 Housing Commission participants. The Housing Commission partners with Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency to provide supportive services for participants. The Housing Commission has assisted 25 families who have graduated from the program since its inception.

“This grant will open many doors of opportunity to our residents by helping them create an independent, sustain-

able and successful future,” said Westland Mayor William Wild.

Families currently receiving Housing Voucher rental assistance from the Westland Housing Commission can apply. They must be willing to meet with the program manager through Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency at the Dorsey Center, prepare an Individual Development Plan that lists their interests and goals, and participate in activities to meet their goals such as attending classes or job training. Currently, there are open positions. If more families apply than space allows, a waiting list will be created.

For more information, call Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis at (734) 595-0288.



It looks barren now but before long grass should be growing again at Central City Park.

**PARK**

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on the 12 acres in the eastern part of the park. Plans approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment call for mitigation of lead contamination by regrading and installation of a geotext-

tile membrane covered by 12 inches of soil.

Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields and a walking path will be installed with pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand to follow.

The city has applied for a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to fund the construction of the proposed

park pavilion. The Westland Farmers Market is moving to the City Hall parking lot in anticipation of eventually relocating to Central City Park after a pavilion is constructed.

Last year, Westland accepted ownership of the 33-acre park from Wayne County after having leased it for a number of years. Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres

but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restricted for the foreseeable future.

For updates on the park project, visit www.cityofwestland.com or look for updates, beginning Monday, on the Westland Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page.

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**EXPO**

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\*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 to reserve a seat.

**Low bidder blasts Library Board's contract decisions**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The owner of a Westland landscaping business isn't happy that a Romulus firm was hired to take care of the grounds at the William P. Faust Library despite his company submitting a lower bid.

“I'm licensed, I pay taxes. I question who makes this decision? What kind of sense does this make,” said Chris Rice, owner of Owen's Landscaping, at the Westland Library Board meeting. “I don't know if you're paid, but if you are, you should be ashamed of yourself. We support you (through property taxes) but you don't support us.”

With his landscaping business and home in Westland, along with four other buildings he owns, Rice said his summer property tax bill is over \$92,000.

Rice wasn't at the April board meeting where the bid was awarded after lengthy discussion. His bid for basic services, such as mowing, edging and fertilizing, was

just over \$1,000 less than the next bidder W.H. Canon which is based in Romulus.

The library was using the city's bidding process and as board members noted, didn't know where any of the bidders were located.

A main point in favor of using W.H. Canon was that the low bidder had already received a contract to handle landscaping maintenance for the Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing Authority, including Central City Parkway where the library is located.

“There is no requirement to automatically go with the low bidder. There was discussion about who would be awarded the bid,” said Michael McNamara, assistant city attorney.

The difference between the first and second bidders for the library landscaping work — expected to total about \$93,000 in a year — wasn't that large, he said. By using the same contractor as the DDA-

TIFA, McNamara said the hope was that there would not be finger-pointing, if there were problems, for example sprinkler heads being damaged or arguing over where one company's area ended and the other's began.

The library purchasing policy doesn't include language that the city has to give preference to local vendors, if their bid is within 5 percent of the low bidder.

Rice left the meeting before the section of the agenda when board members could respond. He did comment that he had heard from the Mayor's Office that Canon was preferred due their contract to maintain Central City Park.

Library Board members Rebecca Kelly and Duane Moody both commented that knowing the low bidder was located in Westland would likely have been a factor in their decision. The contract is for one year.

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# Westland man looks for information about open heart surgery in 1950

# Dorsey Center offers homeowner workshops

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Doctors have told David Hatty he has the heart of a 25-year-old and that's with having several heart attacks, triple bypass surgery and even an operation to place stents in his veins. But the most important heart operation he had came when he was 11 years old.

In the fall of 1950, doctors at Children's Hospital in Boston successfully performed open heart surgery, repairing his aorta which was too small to adequately pump blood. Had the surgery not been done, Hatty said he most likely would not have lived much beyond age 20. "My mom told me the doctors told her it hadn't been done before, but they knew what to do," said the Westland resident. "Back then you had blind faith in doctors. They would make everything good — get this operation, it'll take care of the problem and you'll be well. I was a guinea pig."

Now age 72, David Hatty is telling his story, urged on by his son, Daniel, who is scouting the Internet to see if there is information about the remarkable operation, spurred on by a Detroit Medical Center ad that talks about the birth of open heart surgery at Harper University Hospital in 1952.

"I did a search online and thought I saw 1948, then I saw first ever successful one was in 1952, but my dad's was in 1950," said Daniel Hatty. "Grandma didn't want all the notoriety." "Her comment was to let someone else get the credit, she was a little shy," added David's wife Mary, who has faxed paperwork to the hospital, including the medical record number on the card which lists appointments in September and October 1950, in hopes of getting information about the surgery. "We want to see if the warranty is up," said David Hatty, adding that "Mom didn't want anything."



Mary Hatty laughs at her husband David who wants to see if "warranty is up" on open heart surgery he had Children's Hospital of Boston in 1950.

## PAIN IN THE LEG

David Hatty's brush with medical history started when he was age 9. The youngster had a pain in his leg and his mother took him to the pediatrician. While examining his entire body, the doctor discovered the problem with his aorta. When he was 11, his father drove him and his mother to Boston where doctors performed the operation free of charge.

"I didn't know what was going on," said Hatty. "From what I learned later on my heart wasn't pumping enough blood and I suspect between age 14 and 20 I would have been dead. I had the pain for a year and a half and it then it was gone."

David Hatty's father returned to Detroit to work. A baby sitter was found to take care of his four siblings while he and his mother stayed with relatives in Brookline, Mass. He was hospitalized for a month and then spent another two months recovering before they returned to Detroit by train.

He really didn't know much about what was happening. When he got to Boston, he thought the operation was for his leg. What he remembers of the experience is things like waking up and seeing the big light overhead and being in a large ward with a TV at the far end "so we could look at the test pattern."

## THREE-FOOT-LONG SCAR

And of course, there's the three-foot-long scar that stretches across his chest and up under his arm. It attracted a lot of attention over the years.

"I'd see a doctor and he'd drag me into the examining room, he'd say 'I've never seen anything like that,'" David Hatty said. "I was leaving the Army and they were checking me out. They said they didn't think I'd be accepted. I said that was fine because I was getting out."

And then there was the fact that he had to see a pediatrician until he was 18 years old.

It goes without saying that the operation was a success. He played football in high school — the doctor told him his scar looked like a zipper — and has been an assistant coach with CYO programs at schools like

St. Michael's in Livonia where the eighth-grade team won 10 championships, and St. William of Walled Lake. He also coached women's softball for 20 years and has been walking four-five miles a day for a similar amount of time. "It hasn't stopped me from doing things," he said. "They took me in the Army, so it must have been successful."

The Hattys hope to find out more from the Boston hospital. In the meantime, they celebrate its success. "I'm not sure what led my parents to believe in this," said David Hatty. "It all started with a pain in the leg. It's a miracle. If my mother had been scared to have me have the heart surgery, today may be a lot different."

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BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Homeowners having problems with their mortgages can get information about their options at the Dorsey Center 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

"We've talked about doing this. We've had workshops, but this is more individualized. It's very one-on-one," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

In the first of what may become monthly sessions, homeowners can attend a free loan modification and short sale workshop offered by National Faith Homebuyers. The session is described as offering real options to the homeowner's situation.

The featured speakers will include Linda Miller of National Faith Homebuyers, a Michigan State Housing Development Authority certified foreclosure counselor and Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411.

Although the Dorsey Center has hosted a couple of mortgage workshops, Inglis said throughout the foreclosure crisis she has received few calls from people needing help with mortgages.

"Mostly I get inquiries about affordable housing," she said.

For some time, Westland's

William P. Faust Public Library had hosted one-on-one meetings with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute session with a counselor to help avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. At a recent Library Board meeting, a map covered with points showing locations of homeowners assisted by the program was displayed. The one-on-one sessions have proved to be popular and attracts homeowners from all over the area.

"They were here every other Monday for a three-hour slot. There would consistently be four to five people (at each session) for about a year and a half with this format," said Interim Library Director Marilyn Kwik. "We're getting a wonderful response. It doesn't matter where they live. We don't even take a last name (when people reserve a spot) — just their first name for a reminder call."

To register for the upcoming program at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org. roggers@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-5428

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## Glenn NHS helps MHS with canister drive

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life will be a little brighter for homeless animals thanks to a donation to the Michigan Humane Society from John Glenn High School's National Honor Society.

The students presented MHS representative Nicole Reno Senczyszyn with a check for more than \$1,068 last Wednesday, money the 63 members raised as part of a two-week long canister drive in April.

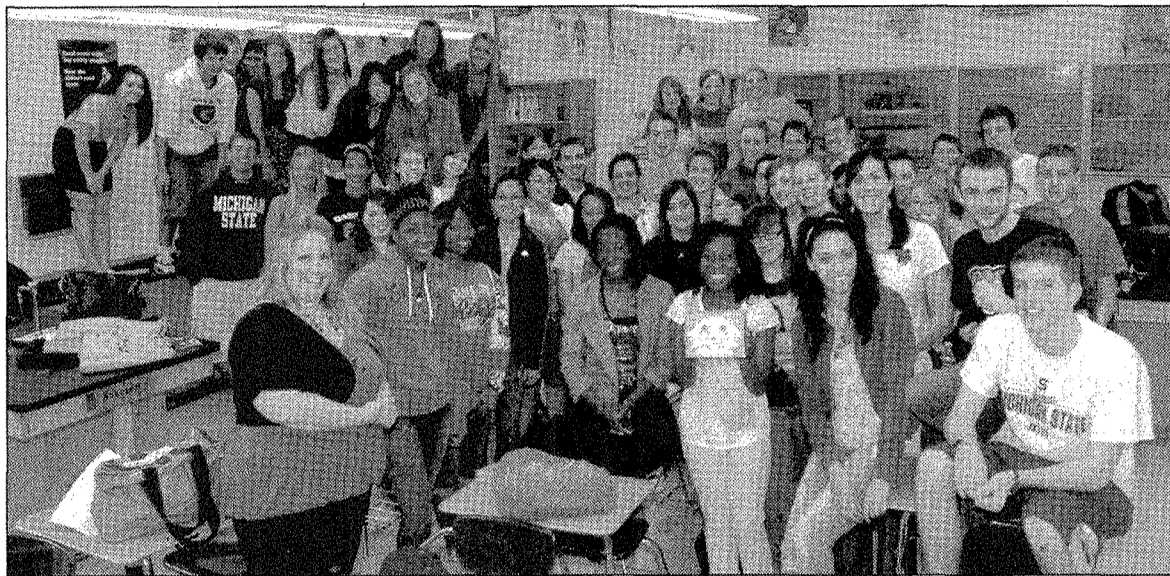
The collection was the idea of senior John Tufnell who was in need of an activity to fulfill his community service hours. He wanted to do something big that would benefit a lot of people, and his mother suggested MHS.

"I was going to do a food drive, but decide to give them money so they can use for what they need," he said. "I'm honestly surprised we got that kind of turnout. I thought we might get \$300. This is very impressive."

"It was a good community project, it was a good idea," said NHS adviser Kristine Drews. "Usually we do a big one for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, but the officers wanted to do something different. One of my accelerated biology classes took on raising money for them. I didn't want them left in the dust."

According to Tufnell, the students made their own collection boxes and moved around the school for two weeks getting donations. Some students went around during last month's parent-teacher conferences, others did collections at home.

To motivate students, Drews added a challenge to the collec-



Representative Nicole Reno Senczyszyn (left) gladly poses with the National Honor Society members who did a two-week collection on behalf of the Michigan Humane Society.

tion drive. The top three students and the best decorated collection box received prizes. Junior Cathy Ionescu raised the most — \$255 — and received a \$20 Westland Shopping Center gift card. She took the collection one step further by using a bottle drive in her neighborhood to boost her final total, Drews said.

Second place went to Lila May, while NHS president Angela Altimus was third.

A group of teachers decided who had the best decorated collection box. That honor went to Ediana Hoxhallari, who covered her box with hand-drawn pictures of cats and dogs and dog footprints and encircled the donation slot with a Pennies for Paws request.

Community service is what NHS

members do. In addition to having a minimum 3.5 grade point average, they have to submit a letter about leadership roles they have served in, have a letter of recommendation and some previous community service experience to be recommended for the honor society. As members, they have complete 12 individual community service hours, they also doing it with the entire group and attend five meetings. In addition to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society collection, the NHS has done cleanup around the high school and done a collection for Toys for Tots. This past Christmas, they donated the toys to the families who were displaced by a massive fire at the Waynwood apartment complex just before Christmas.

Since the collection drive was done by the entire group, it doesn't count toward Tufnell's community service hours. That doesn't bother him in the least. In fact, he's hoping the group will be considered doing the collection drive again next year.

"I'd like to see it done again," he said. "If we do it this year, they could do it next year. The could make it a challenge to do better than this year."

Drews said she would consider asking next year's officers if they would like to do it "in John's honor."

"I'm proud of them, especially with these tough times and the conditions our students are facing," she said.

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### ACHIEVERS

Defiance College in Ohio has awarded an Achievement Scholarship to **Silvia Carone** of Westland for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Carone, the daughter of Michael and Brenda Carone, is a student at Wayne Memorial High School.



Carone

**Alex M. Lickliter** of Westland has received a bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University in Midland.

**Lindsey Grudnicki** of Westland, attended the Western Pennsylvania Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta, held in March held at Grove City College. Grudnicki was one of four Ashland University students that attended, along with John Moser, associate professor of history.

Phi Alpha Theta is the national honor society for history. Each year the honor society sponsors a series of regional conferences. Since there wasn't an Ohio Regional Conference this year, the group decided to attend the one for Western Pennsylvania.

Grudnicki, the daughter of Michael and Linda Grudnicki, is majoring in history. She presented a paper entitled "The Constitution of 3 May and the destruction of Poland."

Ashland University is a mid-sized, private institution conveniently located a short distance from Akron, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio.

**Melissa Schmidt** of Westland was a among a team of 11 Saginaw Valley State University students who devoted their spring break to sharing fun with patients at a veteran's hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

The students were volunteers through the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, engaging in recreational and other activities with veterans. The trip was part of SVSU's Alternative Breaks program, a drug- and alcohol-free student-led organization that sends service groups on weeklong trips during winter and spring breaks.

Schmidt is majoring in social work SVSU.

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# Hills couple will visit their school in Africa, gifts in hand

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a tapestry of goodwill, things are coming together, piece by piece, for Paul and Nancy Berrigan.

The Farmington Hills couple, who has opened a secondary school in Chelekura, a remote area in the east African nation of Uganda, about four hours east of the country's capital, Kampala, will return there in June, bearing gifts.

About 2,000 of them.

The gifts are colorful, cotton, handmade dresses for the girls of Chelekura.

"Each one is cuter than the next," said Nancy Berrigan, who was contacted by Joan Mountford of Canton, after reading an article in the *Observer* about the John Paul School built by the Berrigans.

Mountford sews the dresses and gives them to the Berrigans. She came up with the idea of sewing the dresses out of fabric or pillow cases, when she saw the Little Dresses for Africa nonprofit set up at the Summit in Canton. She knew, from reading the newspaper story, that the Berrigans would return to Africa, so she contacted them to see if they'd be interested in taking some dresses.

Nancy Berrigan, of course, said they would love to take dresses for the girls.

"It's exciting," she said. "I just can't wait to see their faces."

Mountford and Nancy Berrigan have become fast friends, and Berrigan has collected fabric from her church, St. Fabian Catholic Church, for Mountford to continue creating the adorable dresses.

Mountford, who has made about 70 so far, is happy to do it.

"I'm just really having a good time," said Mountford. "I try to make one a day, but sometimes I can make five in a day." She pictures the girls enjoying the dresses.

"I know some little child is going to really enjoy it and appreciate it for at least a year," she said, noting that's how long, or longer, they'll wear the dresses. "A lot of the kids have nothing else — no nightgowns, no change of clothes."

She purposely makes each dress unique — and that's for a reason.

"Every one has been different," she said. "So they all can feel individual and important."

The Berrigans are also taking



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul and Nancy Berrigan sort through the colorful, handmade dresses they will take with them to Africa.

dresses that were made for the Little Dresses for Africa organization, which has people volunteering to sew from all 50 states and around the world.

The organization was started by Rachel O'Neill after visiting Africa.

"When she saw all these little girls, she said, 'I'm going to get you a dress,'" said Berrigan, noting the O'Neill didn't know how to sew, so she came up with the idea to start the sewing network that's based in Brownstown. For more information about Little Dresses for Africa, visit [www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org).

#### PROGRESS

The Berrigans are excited that their trip to Uganda will include their daughter, Kathleen, her friend and another friend of the family.

They will also mark a very special occasion while they're there — the dedication of the new Science and Learning Center, with a physics lab,

a biology lab and a chemistry lab. The building will also have a library, a study hall and a computer lab. The Berrigans are hoping for donations of solar panels on the building, since there's no electricity. They're also in need of furniture for the building.

"Their needs are endless," said Paul Berrigan.

Yet, the school keeps growing. It's up to 149 students now, 61 of whom are female boarding students.

"Each new success brings a new challenge," said Paul Berrigan, noting that they hope to build staff housing so they can retain top quality teachers. He said they've already started a bonus incentive for teachers, to keep them at the school. Their goal is to make it a premier school, focused on science. They offer 40 scholarships per year, including those for the top male and top female student.

"We want it to be a quality school to get a good education and that's

why they come," said Paul Berrigan.

It's only \$100 to sponsor a student; \$200 to sponsor a boarding student and \$1,500 to sponsor a teacher.

The John Paul School — which is named after Paul and Nancy's father's first names — has become the center point of the rural community and it seems to be attracting more people to the area.

The first school in Chelekura was the shade from a large tree. The second school was under a hut made from tree limbs and a thatched roof, with no walls. The third location for the school was inside a crumbling old church, after a new one was built.

The Berrigans, who try to visit once a year, are excited to return.

"We're really happy with the progress," said Nancy Berrigan. "We're excited to see how things have grown and changed."

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# Friends of Rouge seek volunteers for annual Rescue

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for its 25th anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011 on Saturday, June 4.

Schools, businesses, church congregations, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in helping to improve the health of the Rouge River Watershed.

Friends of the Rouge anticipate having approximately 35 work sites along the four major branches of the Rouge River for the annual volunteer river cleanup. People interested in participating can visit Friends of the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) for more information and site locations.

In 1986, the Rouge River was designated by the federal government as one of the worst polluters of the Great Lakes. Today, the Friends of the Rouge dream of one day utilizing the river as a recreational resource has become more attainable. With the cities doing their part in storm water pollution prevention, it is more important than ever to inform the citizens of the watershed that their actions affect the Rouge River.

Friends of the Rouge was incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) organization in order to assist in the Rouge River Project by conducting public outreach programs and educating local citizens about our watershed and the impact that their actions have on its health.

What began as a grassroots effort has now become a much celebrated tradition in Rouge River communities. Thousands of volunteers, young and old, participate in this annual event and in Friends of the Rouge events throughout the year. To date the Rouge Rescue event has had a total of 48,068 volunteers removing approximately 44,000 cubic yards of trash and debris, 60 vehicles and 1,600 tires along with hundreds of other items.

Among pre-Rouge Rescue events taking place this month is the Liberty Street Trash Grab 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21, in Plymouth. Registration begins at 8 a.m., ride at 9 a.m. and return with collected trash where top trash collectors will win a prize.

Snacks and discounts at the Liberty Street Brewing Company will be provided. For more information, call Joe Walters (734) 207-9600.

For Rouge Rescue 2011 site locations and information, visit [www.througe.org](http://www.througe.org) or call (313) 792-9621.

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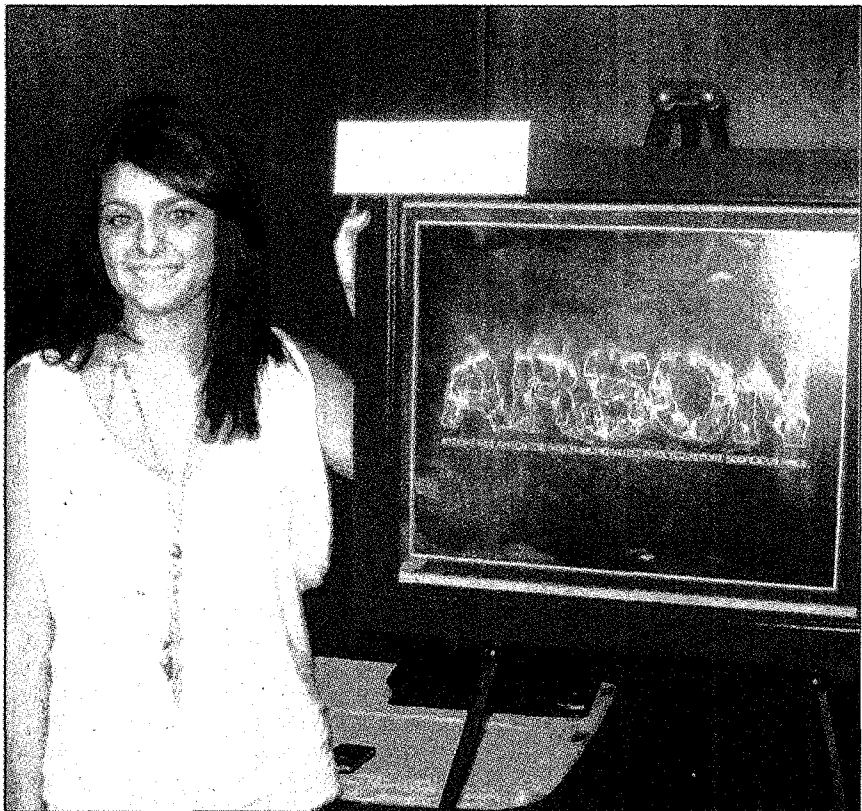
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Kaela Wojtowicz, a senior at the The William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, placed first place in the 2011 Arson Awareness Poster Contest in the computer-generated category.

## Career Tech students win in poster contest

Two students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center finished in the top three of the statewide 2011 Arson Awareness Poster Contest.

Kaela Wojtowicz, a senior at the Career Tech Center in Westland, was awarded first place in the computer-generated category of the contest, sponsored by the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee (MAPC) and the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). Hailey Gladden, also a senior, was awarded third place in the computer-generated category.

The contest, open to students enrolled in grades 7-12, is a joint effort by the two anti-arson groups to increase the public's awareness about the devastating effects of arson in Michigan. Posters were judged on their illustration of the negative aspect of arson, such as fire deaths, injuries, job losses, community decay and moral destruction.

First-, second- and third-place winners were selected in each of two categories: middle school-aged students and high school aged-students. More than 100 entries were received. The winners and their schools receive cash awards.

The Michigan Chapter of IAAI represents nearly 1,000 individuals dedicated to investigating fires and combating arson. The organization sponsors number training programs held throughout the state for fire personnel.

The MAPC represents police and fire services, the insurance industry, private business and many governmental entities. The MAPC sponsors a number of educational and public information programs, as well as maintaining a tip-reward program. Rewards of up to \$5,000 are available for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of arsonists. The toll-free tip line is 1-800-44-ARSON.

## Explore world's fourth largest religion

Buddhism is the fourth largest religion in the world with more than 400 million followers. Most Buddhists do not consider Buddha as a divine being to be worshiped. He is considered their teacher and practitioners of Buddhism aspire to follow his example to achieve enlightenment.

Buddha was born around 563 BCE and grew up in a palace as a wealthy and sheltered prince. The story goes that at the age of 29 he left his palace walls and came out to discover that there was suffering and death in the world.

Then Buddha went on a quest to figure out how to alleviate human suffering and find enlightenment. He sought various teachers and tried extreme self-deprivation by eating only a nut a day. Then he tried meditating under a Bodhi tree for 49 days and achieved enlightenment. He realized what are considered the four noble truths:

- Suffering does exist.
- Suffering arises from attachment to desires.
- Suffering ceases when attachment to desire ceases.
- Freedom from suffering is possible by practicing the Eightfold Path.

Many people consider Buddhism more of a philosophy than a religion. If you are interested in learning more about Buddha and the Buddhist belief system, the Westland Public Library is a great place to start. Take a look at "Buddha" by Karen Armstrong, "Before He Was Buddha: The Life of Siddhartha" by Hammalawa Saddhatissa, "The Teachings of Buddha" by Paul Caurus and "The Vision of the Buddha" by Tom Lowenstein. You can also check out the DVD, "The Buddha: The Story of Siddhartha."

For more information, visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search the online catalog at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org) at any time.

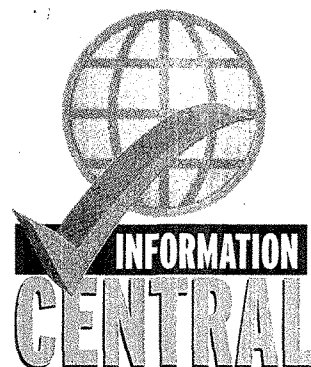
### Highlighted Activities

**Afternoon Movie Classics:** "Flags of Our Fathers," 3:30 p.m. May 17, age 18 and up, unless accompanied by an adult.

Join us for the summer version of Afternoon Classics! This month we explore great American war movies. This week, the Clint Eastwood-directed classic, "Flags of Our Fathers" about "six men who raised the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point in World War II." This movie is Rated R.

**Financial Life Event Planning Series - Plan for Your Future - How an Estate Plan Puts You in Control:** 7 p.m. May 17

Learn how you can care for the people you love, even after you're gone, leave behind a lasting, meaningful legacy, and



manage estate tax burden - for you and your heirs. Guest speaker is attorney Ronald Thompson of the Morello Law Group, Northville. Call the library at (734) 326-6123 to save your seat or sign up online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events).

**Social Media for Beginners:** 2-3:30 p.m. May 18, Adults

Join us to learn about popular social media websites that can connect you with like-minded people. Learn about the difference between Facebook and Twitter, websites that can help you share pictures and videos, find the best restaurant in the city, or a new job! Prerequisites: No specific computer experience is required, but familiarity with the Internet is recommended. Seating is limited, registration required.

**Documentary Movie Night:** "Waiting for Superman," 7 p.m. May 18

This film, from the director of "An Inconvenient Truth," offers an eye-opening overview of America's ailing educational system. "Waiting for Superman" has helped launch a movement to achieve a real and lasting change through the compelling stories of five unforgettable students such as Emily, a Silicon Valley eighth-grader who is afraid of being labeled as unfit for college and Francisco, a Bronx first-grader whose mom will do anything to give him a shot at a better life. This film will leave a lasting and powerful impression that you will want to share with your friends and family.

**Green Jobs Training Information Session:** 1 p.m. May 19

Learn about free training opportunities to prepare you for a green job in your future. Marie Guerra, Regional Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEPT) Representative, will explain how you can take advantage of this free training opportunity. Funding for this training is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library and speak to a librarian. Training is

available only for Wayne County residents. No registration necessary.

**Self-Defense for Everyone:** 7 p.m. May 19  
Learn simple, effective techniques to keep you safe. Sensei Oscar Silvera of Silverado Karate in Westland leads the class with over 25 years of martial arts experience. Class is open to all interested persons. Please wear loose clothing. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123 to save your spot.

**Adult Literacy Tutor Training:** 9:30 a.m. May 21

This is one of three training sessions for those who are interested in helping an adult in need learn to read for the new Westland Library Adult Literacy Program. The training is a total of 15 hours (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 21, June 4 and June 11) and will be conducted by Alison Austin of Washtenaw Literacy. Each day will have an hour break in the middle for everyone to have lunch (bring your own or go out to eat with other tutors). There will be snacks provided in the morning. If you cannot attend all 15 hours, there will be make-up options available. You must be able to attend at least 10 hours of total training though. Call the library and ask for Kristy, if you are interested in this great volunteer opportunity.

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

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**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:** 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

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

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

**Information Central** was compiled by webmaster and volunteer coordinator Kristy Cooper. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

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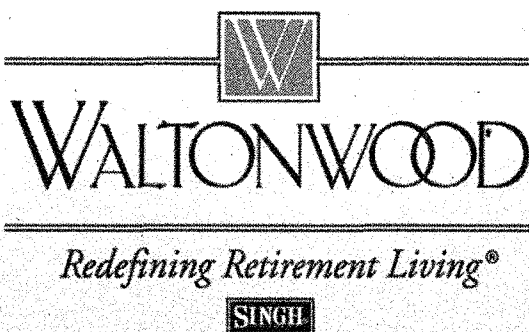
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# Chuck Gaidica: 'Storms of life' are God's will

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chuck Gaidica remembers an 82-year-old woman who wrote a six-page letter to him, describing her life, family and church life to him.

The WDIV-TV meteorologist was touched that the woman would take that time and effort to highlight her life and family to him. He told work colleagues that he "got a second grandma."

"You tend to become part of their family," Gaidica said of viewers. "You are on when they are eating dinner and (writing to Gaidica) was a nice thing for her to do, to think of you as family."

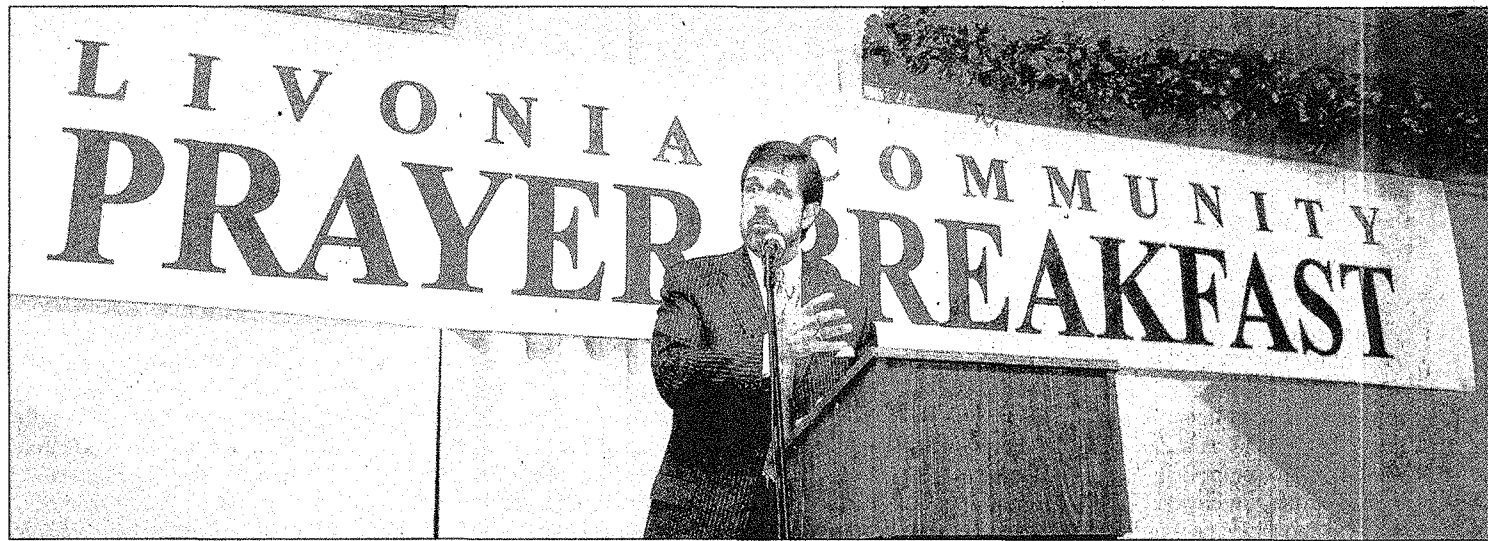
Gaidica returned from a vacation shortly after that correspondence and received a phone message from the woman's daughter that her mother had died. The daughter was distraught, going through what Gaidica called a "storm of life."

## WEATHERING STORMS

Gaidica used the story to discuss "Weathering the Storms of Life" at the 37th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday morning at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Proceeds from the breakfast went to Gaidica's nonprofit CuddleAlert.com to help purchase teddy bears for emergency personnel to give to children during times of tragedy and crisis.

Gaidica said storms hit families and homes in a physical sense and at times "create problem after problem."

Gaidica, who once flew on a plane through the eye of Hurricane Diana, decided to look beyond the meteorological storms on his job and instead at the "storms of life." "I get paid to outguess God,



Chuck Gaidica, meteorologist with WDIV-TV, motivational speaker and author, discusses "Weathering the Storms of Life" at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast Thursday.

and we all know who wins," Gaidica said.

Storms of life in personal lives "are guaranteed to come," Gaidica said. "How do we get ready for them?"

Families experience storms through job losses, physical or mental abuse, premarital sex, extramarital affairs and even tendencies toward prideful ways, Gaidica said. With humans and all their imperfections, storms will occur with certainty, Gaidica said.

Gaidica quoted biblical passages about building on rock for a solid foundation. Suffering can erode a soft foundation in life, Gaidica said. "We're all just a phone call away from dropping to our knees," Gaidica said.

Gaidica took a moment to remember his "good friend" Tino DelSignore who died last year. At this time of year, Gaidica and DelSignore would be picking morel mushrooms together, Gaidica said.

## REMEMBER 'IT'S GOD'S WILL'

Gaidica said that storms aren't weathered through a belief that things will get better; they are weathered through God's love and remembering the lines of the

Lord's Prayer: Thy will be done.

"Sometimes we pray to God like we're talking to Santa Claus," Gaidica said. When it appears that God isn't answering, people get angry at God, Gaidica said.

"We have to remember it's God's will," Gaidica said. "God's will may provide me with a different answer that I just don't see coming yet."

Gaidica added that the sudden death of one of his viewers was God's will "to bring her home."

Reading the Bible can help let the sunlight and joy into our lives, Gaidica said. "And don't be afraid to lean on others when these storms come in," Gaidica said.

Gaidica quoted Winston Churchill who interpreted a biblical passage during a speech to students to never give in. "I think, friends, that we need to be ready," Gaidica said. "Storms are coming."

"As you come together to celebrate prayer, you can prepare for storms. Eventually they will leave. And they will." "God will never give up on us."

Attendees appreciated Gaidica's speech.

"It gave us a lot of hope," said Margaret Fetter of Livonia. "We need lots of hope, don't we? We need help to get us through those storms of life."

Larry Naser of Livonia liked Gaidica's presentation about storms. "He really related that to life's issues," Naser said. "I thought it was appropriate."

We're all experiencing storms, and with the good Lord's help, we will weather them."

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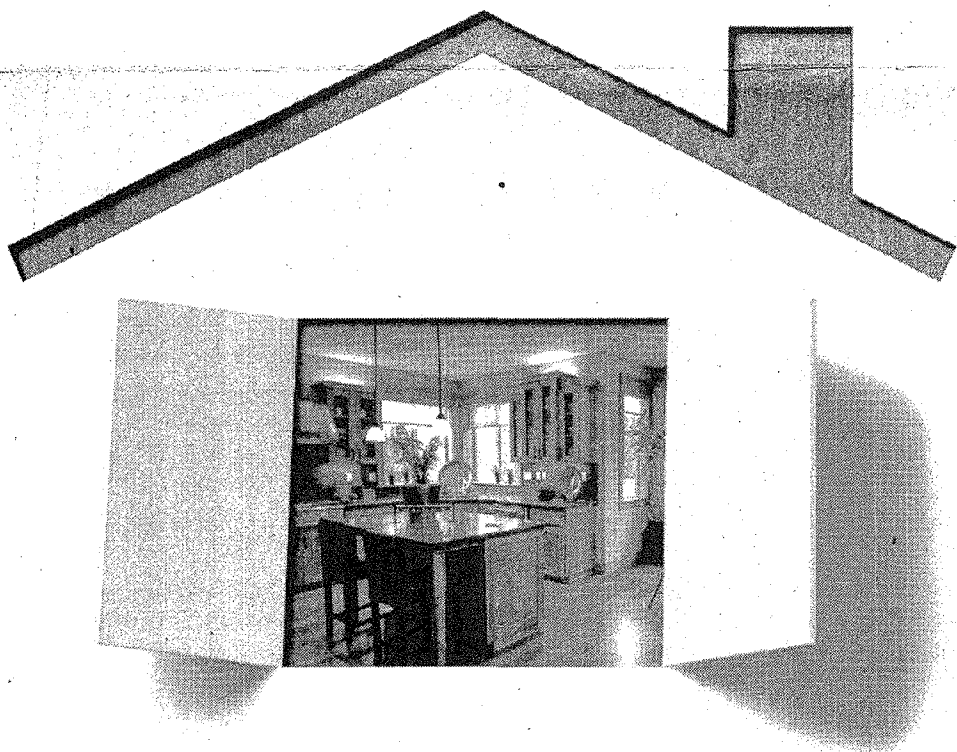
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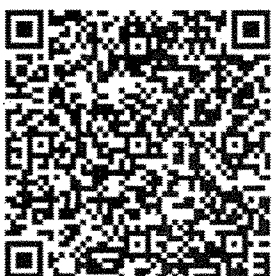
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# DWSD's outreach group takes a look at all things H<sub>2</sub>O

Tap water is frequently among the first things people use in the morning and the last thing at night. Throughout the day, clean water hydrates and nourishes their bodies. They use it to drink, cook, clean, flush toilets, launder, and water lawns.

According to Operation Clean Water, the tap water provided by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department is one of the better values in southeast Michigan. For the price paid in a typical water bill, the quality of water in terms of taste, pressure and availability can't be beat.

Operation Clean Water was created in 2010 DWSD Wholesale Customer Outreach Public Education Work Group to spread the word on how combined sewer overflow (CSO) treatment facilities are helping to improve southeast Michigan's waterways. It has expanded its focus this year to include the entire water and wastewater infrastructure.

According to its current article, *Why Water Isn't Free*, delivering water from the treatment plant to the tap is a complex process. Five water treatment plants produce potable water for nearly 4 million people in 127 communities in the DWSD service area. On the highest demand day in the summer of 2010, these plants produced 928 million gallons of water that was delivered through a network of hundreds of miles of pressurized water main.

## MEETING THE NEED

The DWSD water infrastructure system has been continually refined for nearly 200 years to meet the escalating public health and business needs of the area. Today, this system pumps an average of 610 million gallons of drinking water each day, delivering it to service area customers through 12,500 miles of transmission and distribution mains. Four of Detroit's WTPs obtain water from the Detroit River and the fifth plant draws from Lake Huron. These are convenient water sources to all areas served and represent smart, shared use of local water resources.

Municipal drinking water is one of the most valuable and lowest cost utilities in a home. Water is treated in one of five Detroit water treatment plants and then pumped to suburban communities which distribute it to their customers.

"It is logical to think Lake Huron has cleaner water to begin with since it is a larger body of water, but when you look at the data, Lake Huron source water is no easier to treat than the Detroit River," said Cheryl Porter, DWSD assistant director of water supply operations. "No matter the source water quality coming in, DWSD is designed to adjust treatment to meet all regulatory standards for the entire customer base - the finished water quality is the same from each plant."

Water is produced as needed, in response to demand. The system is designed to treat and deliver water on a continuous basis.

"We typically keep about a 12- to 16-hour supply of treated water in the reservoir at each plant ready to supply potable water throughout the distribution system," added Porter. "If demand increases, our production increases."

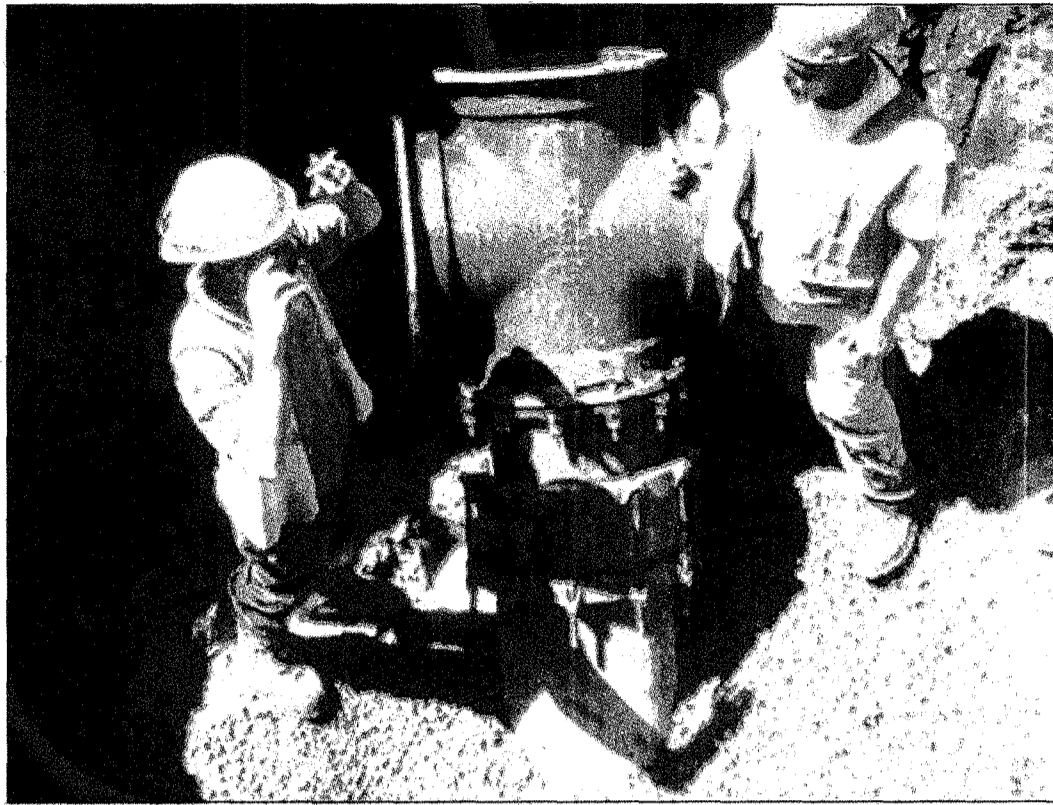
Water distribution systems operate under pressure to ensure that water is constantly available and that it flows from faucets. Pressure must be balanced within a system based on what the pipe material and looping configuration can handle. Detroit maintains three pressure zones within its system. Local communities, in turn, maintain their own pressure districts within their distribution systems.

## SUBURBAN CONSUMPTION

Suburban consumption, in terms of volume and pressure, is monitored using a web-based automated master meter in a meter facility, or underground structure connecting to the local distribution system, that delivers water with an established pressure range.

"The automated meter system is one of the best technological developments that DWSD has implemented in the distribution system," states Tim Sikma, Novi water and sewer manager. "With the click of a button, we can get information on all five of our meters to see which meters are drawing the most water and what the pressures are."

Water production by DWSD staff is a 24/7 operation 365 days a year. The five treatment plants, 22 booster pumping stations, 34 reservoirs and transmission mains are always in operation ready to meet demand. Once water crosses a meter pit and flows into a



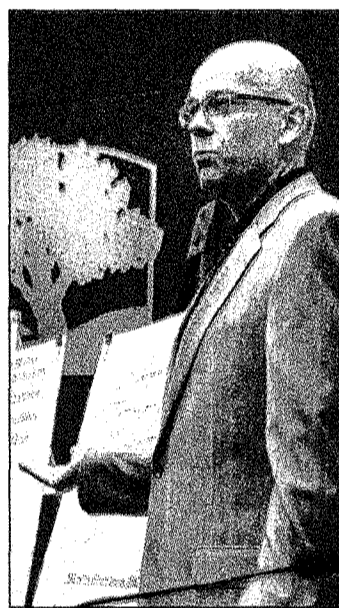
Last October, workers replaced 120,000 feet of water transmission system throughout the City of Detroit in a project overseen by construction manager Lakeshore Engineering Services.

local community's distribution system, it is entrusted to a new set of hands. For example, in Canton Township, a staff of 12 that includes seven licensed distribution system operators manages the delivery of water to businesses and residents.

"We have 427 miles of water main with five meter pits, 4,000 valves and 6,000 fire hydrants," said Tim Faas, Canton's director of municipal services. "Our system includes primarily ductile iron water main that is less than 50 years old so it is in very good condition. Our water loss, or the amount of unaccounted water (water not billed to our customers), is less than 2 percent a year which is considered best in class. However, routine operations and maintenance keeps us busy."

Consumers create demand every time they turn on their faucets or sprinkler systems. The level of service provided to residents and businesses in the Detroit service area is dictated by the users' needs. DWSD produces the volume of water that communities request. Suburban communities deliver the volume of water that their customers use and manage their local system needs to optimize operations.

"Water consumption is impacted by the weather," said Sikma. "If we have 10 days of heat and no rain, consumption



FILE PHOTO

Canton Township' water system has 427 miles of water main with five meter pits, 4,000 valves and 6,000 fire hydrants, according to Tim Faas, Canton's director of municipal services.

really goes up. Once it rains, consumption immediately drops."

## NEW WATER CONTRACTS

Before DWSD implemented new contracts with suburban communities for water service in 2008, communities projected their water usage each year based on the previous

year's usage and any projected changes. Under the new 30-year contracts, annual water volumes and peak usage values are negotiated at set intervals.

Peak usage values include the maximum amount of water that will be used on the entire system's busiest day and the maximum amount in the busiest hour between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. on that same day. Committing to peak usage values for 2-, 3- and 5-year periods streamlines the administrative process for communities and DWSD alike.

By identifying the maximum day and peak hour demand, customers help DWSD determine how much water their plants will need to produce on the busiest day of the year and to set their operations and capital improvements budgets around that capacity.

"From a master planning and service standpoint, the new contracts are much better for suburban communities," said Faas. "Performance standards are detailed in the contract, customers establish their own demands at a pressure range committed to by DWSD, and conflict resolution is handled through an established process."

DWSD's wholesale rate formula allows customers to balance summer water consumption by increasing use during off-peak hours which reduces

their peak hour consumption on the highest demand day. Suburban communities can reduce demand by moving automated water usage applications to the off-peak hours. The net effect is to balance the demands on the system and reduce pumping required during peak hours.

## DECLINING USE

Declining or stagnating population and increased conservation are two trends that will continue to impact how the infrastructure used. According to Chuck Hersey, planning and policy leader at Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, reduced consumption is largely here to stay.

"Economic recovery in the region will take time and it may not significantly impact the level of reduced consumption that has occurred over the last five to seven years," he said. "Water, sewer, electricity and natural gas are experiencing declining usage to a level where the fixed cost of the system will have a greater impact on the individual user."

Like other utilities, water charges vary based on use and local service providers. Because water is frequently billed on a quarterly basis to reduce administrative costs of meter reading and postage, the costs can seem higher than they really are compared to other utilities. This is particularly true when the third quarter bill arrives with outdoor summer water usage. Drinking water typically costs about half as much as sewer service because wastewater requires a higher level of treatment.

"Our water resources are connected. We all drink from the same valuable resource - it is just accessed in different ways" said Tony Drautz, administrator of environmental health for the Oakland County Health Department. "Infrastructure is a component of our ability to access and safeguard water resources - we need to protect and invest in our water supply and sewage collection systems. Continued investment in rehabilitation and maintenance for our water systems keeps our drinking water safe."

The entire Operation Clean Water article and more information can be found on the DWSD Customer Outreach Portal at [www.dwsdoutreach.org](http://www.dwsdoutreach.org).

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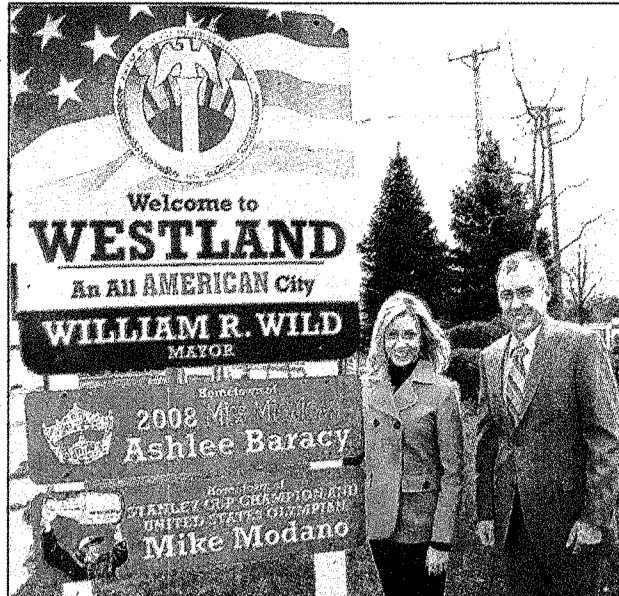
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Former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy, posing with Westland Mayor William Wild, is one of the local natives honored with their name on a city entry sign.



## Westland natives do well in sports, in media

Some Westland natives honored by having their names included on the city entry signs are doing well.

"We have four people from Westland on the signs and they're doing good things," said Mayor William Wild.

Detroit Red Wing Mike Modano had some ice time in game six of the playoffs against the San Jose Sharks. A second NHL player from Westland, Chris Conner, recently finished his season when the Pittsburgh Penguins were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

On Saturday, Westland native and former American Idol contestant Josh Gracin headlined the Downtown Hoedown at Detroit's Hart Plaza.

In addition to her duties with WLND Community Media, former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy is also handling the traffic reporting duties for Channel 4WDIV during their morning news program.

"They are all doing positive things that are reflecting well on the city," said Wild.

- By LeAnne Rogers

## Plan wisely to help fund grandkids' college costs

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q:** Dear Rick: My wife and I decided to move into a senior community. We sold our home and paid the fee for the senior community. After all is said and done, including furnishing our new place, we have about \$120,000 left. Our Social Security will cover monthly fees and I figure we may need, at most, a couple of hundred dollars a month to cover some additional expenses. I would like to use some of the excess money (about \$20,000) for my grandchildren's college education. I have three grandchildren, ages 5, 7, and 8 years old. I want to use the rest of the money to cover any shortfall. I do have some other investments for long-term growth. Any ideas on how I can invest this money? I want to be conservative with the money.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**A:** Congratulations on selling your home, particularly in this market.

In reviewing your situation, I will start with the money that you wish to allocate for your grandchildren's college education. My recommendation is to take the \$20,000 and open a Michigan Education Savings Plan for each of the grandchildren ([www.misaves.com](http://www.misaves.com)).

The MESP is a great way to save for a college education. Not only is it an easy way to save, there are also some major advantages, such as the fact that the money accumulates and can be withdrawn tax-free as long as the money is

used for a qualified education expense. Basically, qualified education expense is just about anything that relates to post high school education. One of the beauties of the MESP is the money doesn't have to be used for a Michigan college. It can be used for basically any public or private institution in the country. One of the other benefits is that you can deduct a portion of your contribution from your Michigan Income Tax Return.

Considering the ages of your grandchildren and the fact that college costs continue to rise, I recommend that you select the age-based portfolio. This is a diversified portfolio geared for some growth in the portfolio.

In regard to the older grandchildren, you may wish to show them what you're doing and take this opportunity to teach them about money. They should know that their grandparents are sacrificing so they can get a good college education.

With the approximate \$100,000 remaining, I recommend \$7,000 into your bank account to cover your additional income needs. This money should last you close to two years. This will allow other monies that you have to reinvest and grow.

I recommend dividing the other \$50,000 equally through the following Vanguard Funds:

1. Vanguard U.S. Treasury Short Term
2. Vanguard Investment Grade Corporate Bond Short Term
3. Vanguard Wellesley Income

My recommendation for these funds is to let everything reinvest and grow.

Once the initial \$7,000 in your bank account is exhausted, withdraw equally from these three funds to replenish that money.

With the remaining money — considering your desire to be conservative and the fact that you will not need this money for a number of years — my recommendation is to consider a fixed annuity. It is guaranteed and insured, and all the money would grow on a tax-deferred basis. You would only pay taxes when you withdraw the money.

Not all fixed annuities are the same. The ones I recommend are no-load and not stuffed with excessive fees. The individual I generally recommend for fixed annuities is Jim Hutton (800-870-4444).

I am frequently asked about senior communities and whether I recommend them.

It's sort of like mutual funds. Some mutual funds are good, some are not so good. The same could be said about senior communities. There are many, very good senior communities. I always recommend that people talk to residents who live there and do some independent checking. Remember, a senior community that I may like may not be one that's good for someone else. The key is to take your time and select the one that best suits your individual situation. 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 Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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# Chargers, Pats, Glenn run 2-3-4 in Conference

For complete track stats, see Thursday's Observer and visit [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi put on a dominating performance in Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field meet hosted Livonia Churchill.

But coaches from other teams still thought their squads competed well during the course of the hot,

muggy afternoon — and they won't have to worry about the Wildcats at this Friday's Division 1 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Novi, unseating defending champion Northville, totaled 132 points to easily outpace the competition and win the coveted title.

Finishing second with 81 points was Livonia Churchill, followed by third-place Livonia Franklin (74). Both Westland John Glenn and Plymouth tied for fourth with 73 points.

"It's a really good conference, a very competitive conference this year,"

Churchill head coach Pat Daugherty said. "And Novi is by far the king and the queen of the conference, if you want to call it that."

Daugherty and other coaches said the weather did impact the stamina of athletes competing in multiple events.

"You could tell," the Churchill said. "I had a couple girls in the four-by-four who had already run three races and they didn't run their best time in the four-by-four because of the amount of races and definitely from the heat and humidity.

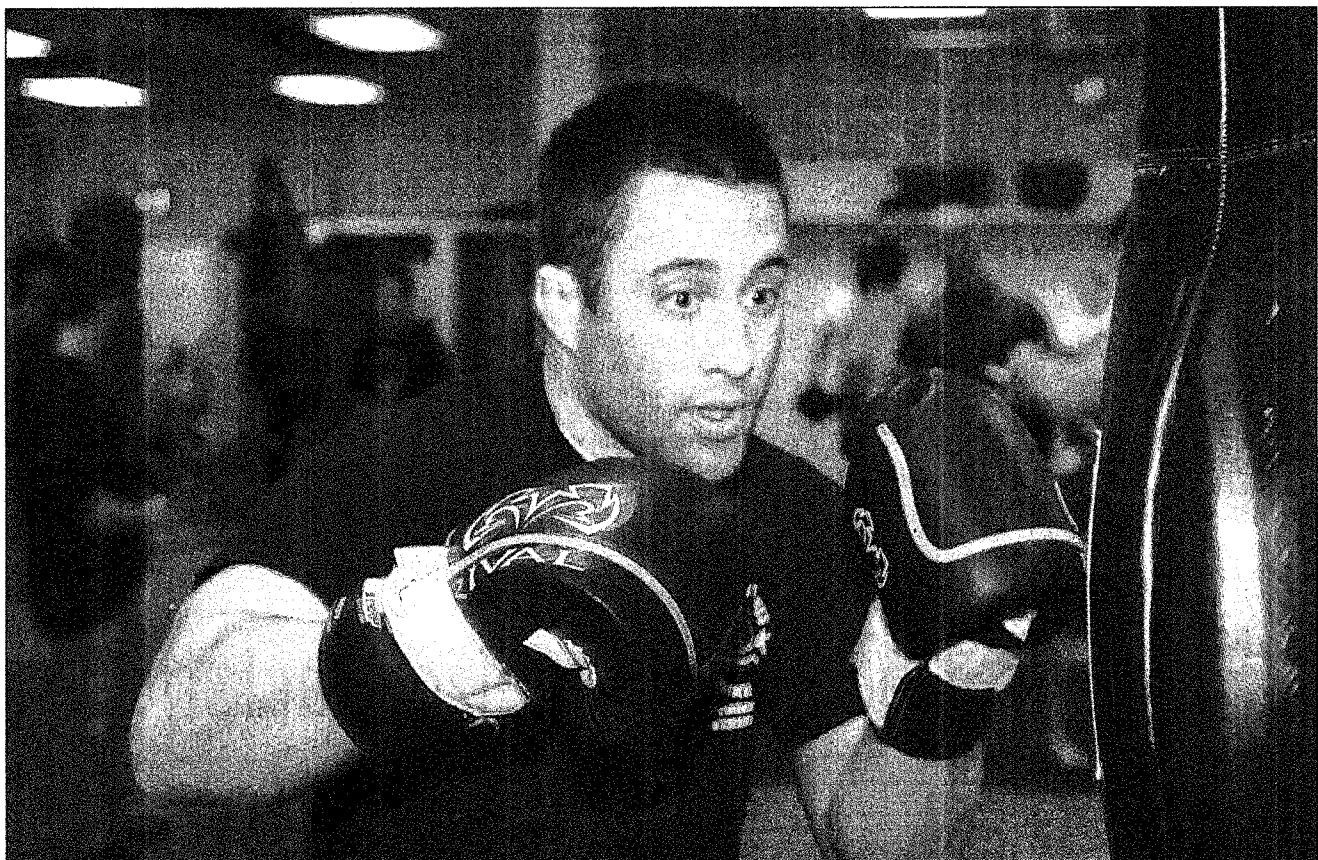
"But everybody else is going through

the same thing. I was hoping for a little bit more out of our team, but Novi clearly is the superior team today."

Daugherty said standouts from his team included Emily Norscia (first, discus, 106 feet, 7 inches) and Mahogany Miller (first in the shot put with a meet-record 36-0.25). Both were personal bests.

Churchill's second-place 3,200-meter relay team (9:53.22) and third-place 800 relay team (1:47.25) were other pluses, he added.

Please see **GIRLS, B4**



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Jameson Murray, a 2005 Churchill grad, spars on the bag during a recent training session at Stars and Strikes gym in Garden City.

## BOYS TRACK

# Stevenson boys finish 2nd to Novi

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marsha Reid has had plenty of success recently coaching the Novi girls track and field team.

And now that Reid is doing double duty, that success has translated over to the boys side as the Wildcats repeated as KLAA Kensington Conference champions Friday at Livonia Churchill.

Novi finished a team-best 140 points with Livonia Stevenson and Canton finishing second and third with 104 and 80.5 points, respectively. See complete team standings and results.

Novi was led by double winner Joe Schubring, a senior who swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 4:25.29 (meet record) and 10:00.17, respectively.

Novi's other individual winner was Derek Kim in the 110 hurdles (15.17). The Wildcats also captured the 4 x 100 relay in 44.06.

"We had some key graduations last year on the boys side," said Reid, who has also coached the Novi girls for 10 seasons. "We weren't sure what to expect. And here we are with a conference championship and the (Central) division championship. It's been a harder fight this year for the boys than the girls, but it's a nice thing."

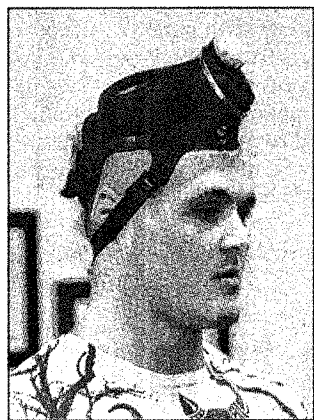
Novi was coming off a 72.5-64.5 dual meet victory over Stevenson to determine the KLAA Central Division champion.

"My assessment today is that it was an overall great team effort,"

Please see **BOYS, B3**

# Cagey competitors earn their strikes

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Donnie Laramie sports a 13-3 amateur record and plans to turn pro in July.

Stop by any night at the Stars and Strikes gym in Garden City and you'll see a beehive of activity.

It's a swarm of mixed martial arts competitors seeking their fame — and for some — their fortune.

Many are training for the next card put on the Hierarchy Fighting Association — Hierarchy II — beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Wayne Community Center. Interest in MMA is grow-

ing and Stars and Strikes, located in midst of a strip mall at Venoy and Warren roads, seems to be carefully hidden epicenter for local competitors.

Hierarchy II promoter Richard Browe, who once played minor league baseball, is looking for a packed house as interest in the sport continues to grow.

This is Browe's fifth Hierarchy card — the last one was held Feb. 19 at the Wayne Community Center — when 475 fans turned out.

"Once you get involved in

this sport, you get involved in it on an emotional level," said Browe, a Wayne Memorial High grad. "You get a connection with the guys. It's the camaraderie, the excitement of the show and you become attached to them. It's the guys first and the fights to me are second. Putting on an exciting show and putting on a shot people remember, but with good, quality fights and great matchups is what I want to be about."

And by being a local pro-

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## GIRLS SOCCER

# Churchill falls flat in 1-0 loss

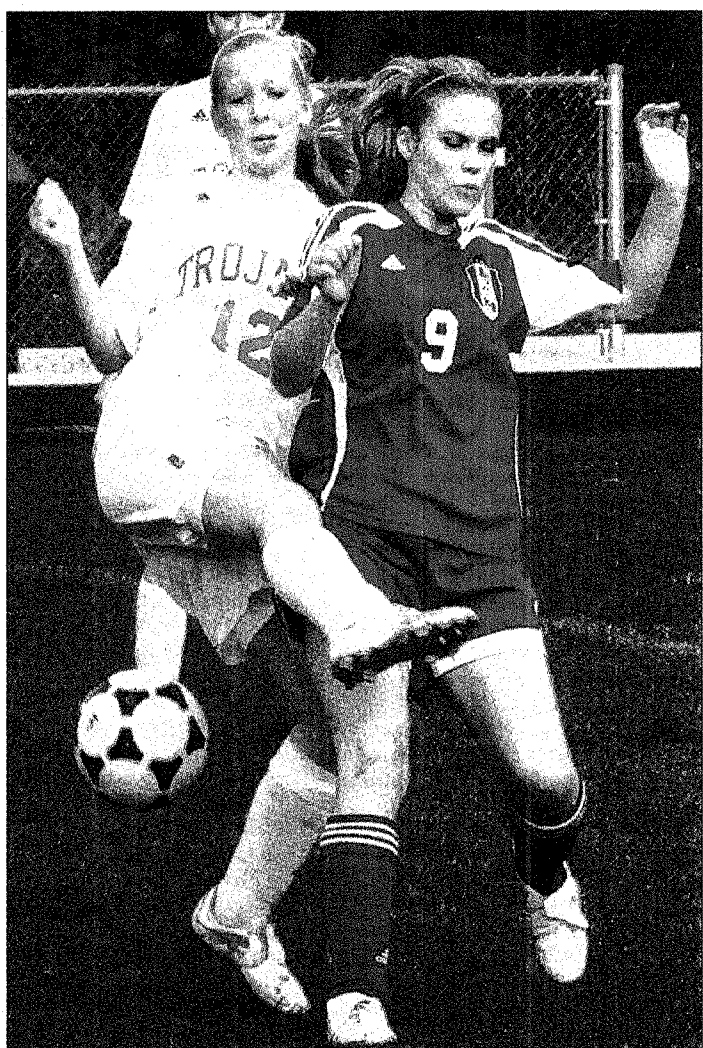
A deflection goal proved to be the difference Thursday as host Plymouth downed Livonia Churchill, 1-0, in a key girls soccer battle for first place in the KLAA's South Division.

The loss ended Churchill's unbeaten streak at seven game as the Chargers fell to 6-4-2 overall and 5-2-1 in the division.

Plymouth is 7-2-3 overall and 5-1-2 in the KLAA South, but now is one point behind division leader Canton (6-2, 18 points).

"We just can't stand prosperity," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I think we came out and played scared. We did not play well as a team and it was a poor performance by us tonight. We haven't trained or played well since the Canton game (1-0 win May 5). This was a tough lesson for us and

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Clarenceville's Summer Reddick (left) and Redford Union's Jordan Chapoton battle for a loose ball during Thursday's match.

# Turn up the heat: RU outlasts C'ville

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the heat was on Thursday afternoon against Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Union soccer player Angela Mancini proved to be a cool customer.

Just seconds after the Panthers were awarded a free kick following a disputed midfield, handball call, Mancini settled a slick crossing pass from teammate Nikki Busuito and drilled a rocket of a shot inside the far post with 6:08 to play to give her team the deciding goal in a 2-1 victory.

The game was played in unseasonably warm (especially for this spring) 80-degree heat.

"We were playing quick after the handball and Nikki made a perfect cross to me," Mancini said, describing her game-winning effort. "I received it, took one touch and sent it to the far post."

"This win feels good. It was our sixth game in six days and it's the first game we've played this year in the heat, so we were a little tired. We always have good games against Clarenceville, so it's nice to get a win."

The victory was the second in consecutive days for the Panthers, who improved to 3-6-4.

"At the beginning of the season, we were having a hard time finishing," Mancini said. "We're doing a better job of finishing balls now. We're more comfortable taking shots and we're more comfortable playing with each other."

Clarenceville rookie coach Amanda Moody, whose team slipped to 4-9, wasn't entirely pleased with her team's effort.

"I thought we played well in the first half, but in the

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## SIDELINES

### Billikens sign Bee

Schoolcraft College first-team NJCAA Division II All-America Kim Bee (Detroit Communication & Media Arts) recently signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent to play basketball at St. Louis University of the Atlantic 10 Conference.

A team captain and two-year starter, the 6-foot-1 Bee set Schoolcraft career records for rebounds and blocks.

She helped the 2010-11 team register a 28-4 record and reach No. 5 in the NJCAA Division II rankings.

"Kim has been on our radar since the fall," St. Louis coach Stimmy Gray-Miller said. "My entire staff made multiple trips to Michigan during the past year to watch her dominate the boards and lead her junior college team to a fantastic season. Kim was heavily recruited this past year, and we are thrilled that she decided to become a Billiken."

Schoolcraft was 33-2 and placed third in the nation during Bee's freshman season.

Bee averaged 14.8 points, 15.9 rebounds and 4.4 blocks, shot 54 percent from the field this season.

"Kim is a model student-athlete, a high achiever who has excelled on and off the court," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said. "She has been a tremendous role model and has always represented our program in a positive way."

### CAP honorees

The Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons recently announced its \$1,000 scholarship award winners for academic and athletic achievement.

Among the recipients are: Megan McDonald, Stephen Foster, Carl Rayford, Sarah Bauman, Jordan Grohoski, Cory Urbats, Matt Windle, Tom Windle, Alexandra Zoski, Stephen Charnley and Michael Houghan.

### Future Comet

Livonia Stevenson senior midfielder Camden Iwasko has committed to play soccer this fall at Olivet College.

The second-team All-Observers and All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association pick is one of 13 players to commit to the Comets.

Iwasko scored a team-leading nine goals and added three assists last fall for the Spartans.

### Spartan 5K run

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

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

There will also be a 1-mile fun run.

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

To register online, visit [www.shsboosterclub.com](http://www.shsboosterclub.com). For more information, call Jeff Brindley at (734) 748-4909.

### Hole-in-one club

Using a 9-iron, Livonia's Sam Carollo aced the 129-yard, No. 7 hole Thursday at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

It was Carollo's third ace in 30 years.

He shot 44 for nine holes.

## Hawks' Barber proves cut above in 8-0 start

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran baseball team continues to dominate the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and Andy Barber is one of the big reasons why. The senior pitcher won both ends of a double-header Thursday as the defending division champs ran their overall record to 8-0 overall and 8-0 in the Red by sweeping visiting Birmingham Roeper, 13-5 and 5-4.

Barber, went the final four innings in the nightcap, allowing just one run on four hits while striking out five.

Barber and Shawn Schaffer each went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Kyle Vens went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, while losing pitcher Sam Hess was also 3-for-4 for the Roughriders.

In Game One, Shane Bunde went 2-for-2 with an RBI to lead Huron Valley in the five-inning mercy.

Barber struck out 11, walked only one and allowed just one hit in five innings.

Ian Saham collected the lone hit, while Vens took the loss.

**CLARENCEVILLE 14, CRANBROOK 5:** Damien Sanchez did it on the mound and at the plate Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville (8-5) rolled past host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-13).

Sanchez pitched six innings to earn the victory, allowing three earned runs on seven hits and three walks. He fanned three.

Sanchez also went 3-for-4, including a double, triple and three RBI.

Ben Gehan also added two hits, while Matt Kurdziel contributed a 2-run single and Donovan Watts an RBI single.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 11, INTER-CITY 10:** Jake Andrzejewski's 3-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning was the difference Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (8-4, 5-3) held on for a MIAC Blue Division win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (4-7, 2-4).

Nick Andrzejewski and Kent Krzyske each went 3-for-3 as the Warriors nearly squandered a 5-run advantage. Marc Rosin (two RBI) and Glenn Oppenlander (two runs) also chipped in with two hits apiece.

The Warrior used three pitchers with Rosin going the first five and claiming the win. Thomas Handschumacher pitched a score-

### PREP BASEBALL

less seventh to earn the save.

"Today we were able to see how resilient we were," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were taxed a bit pitching-wise and to be able to get to the weekend having a winning record this week after five straight conference games is good. Hopefully we get a little bit of rest this weekend and we can get mentally prepared for a doubleheader on Monday."

**LUTHERAN N'WEST 8, LUTH. WESTLAND 3:** In a MIAC Blue Division game Thursday, host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (5-6, 4-3) scored four runs in the fifth inning to break open a close game and beat visiting Lutheran High Westland (7-4, 4-3).

"Frustrating is the word to describe today's game," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We stranded seven runners, hit into a double play with the bases loaded and we never seemed to settle into the game at all."

Losing pitcher Jake Andrzejewski gave up six earned runs on eight hits. He struck out three and did not allow a walk before giving way to reliever Marc Rosin.

"Jake pitched well through four, but had no offensive support and after a couple of infield hits Northwest was able to push across a few runs to break it open," Wade said. "We have another game tomorrow so hopefully we can forget about this and reset ourselves and get ready for tomorrow."

Rosin and Jake Andrzejewski each collected two hits in the loss.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 16, LUTHERAN N'WEST 6:** Every player collected a hit Wednesday as host Lutheran High Westland (7-3, 4-2) downed Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (4-6, 3-3) in an Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Marc Rosin led the way going 4-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored for the Warriors.

Kent Krzyske also went 3-for-3 with three runs scored.

Also getting into the act was Jake Andrzejewski (2-for-3, four RBI, three runs); Aaron Gartha (2-for-3, 2-run homer, four RBI); Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-4, four RBI); Nick Flanery (2-for-3, two runs); and winning pitcher Taurrek Fikes (2-for-4, two doubles, two RBI).

Fikes went all six innings, allowing four earned runs on eight hits and five walks. He struck out six.

Northwest's Eric Mischley, who gave up 13 runs (all earned) in 4.1 innings, suffered the loss.

# Spartans stay in division hunt; Churchill hands GC 2nd defeat

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Gabby Williams each had two for the Lions.

In the nightcap, Stevenson led 6-2 through six innings before the Lions rallied for five runs in top of the seventh.

The Spartans came back to tie it with a run in the bottom of the seventh.

Jess Mere took the mound for South Lyon, while used Copperstone and Johnson.

**CHURCHILL 7, GARDEN CITY 3:** Natalie Hiser pitched a no-hitter through four innings and struck out 11 as Livonia Churchill (17-6) earned a road victory Friday against the Cougars (15-2).

Hiser allowed three hits and walked three over seven innings to earn the victory.

Garden City's Kelsey Susalla, who took the loss, gave up 11 hits, walked one and fanned four.

Jackie Tolles, Mackenzie Everson, Katie Shereda and Hiser each collected three hits. Missy Sidor also added an RBI triple.

Sam Belovary went 2-for-4 for the Cougars.

**FRANKLIN 9-15, RU 1-4:** Pitcher Nicole Williamson won both games Friday as Livonia Franklin (14-9) took a pair of games in a non-league twinbill at Redford Union (10-16).

Williamson allowed just one hit in the opener. She struck out eight and didn't allow a walk in seven innings.

Katelyn Devers went 4-for-5 with four RBI, while Jessica Emery went 3-for-5.

Baile Keese, Chelsea Williams, Audrey Geraghty, Tiffany Lambie and Mackenzie Lukas added two hits apiece.

RU pitchers Rachel Bommarito and Lauren Brenner combined to give up 20 hits.

In Game Two, Williamson improved to 6-3 on the year by

tossing a five-hitter. She allowed five earned runs and struck out five in six innings.

Williamson also went 3-for-5 with two RBI.

Other top hitters included Jessica Emery (3-for-5, three runs, RBI); Maggie Leins (2-for-2); Williams (2-for-4, RBI); and Geraghty (2-for-2, two RBI).

Bommarito and Brenner were roughed up for 18 hits and were the victim of five errors.

**CANTON 10-13, FRANKLIN 2-3:** On Wednesday, the Chiefs (19-2, 7-1) took both ends of a double-header against Livonia Franklin (12-9, 3-5).

Canton pitcher Alyssa Boucher scattered seven hits over seven innings to win the opener, 10-2.

Franklin starter Tiffany Lambie (8-6) gave up eight earned runs on 16 hits in seven innings.

Lambie went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI, while Mariah Barcus also added two hits.

In the nightcap, Canton hurler Hannah Warren scattered seven hits and struck out four in going the distance.

Nicole Williamson, who gave up three earned runs on 12 hits, struck out six and walked two.

Chelsea Williams had two hits in a losing cause.

**CHURCHILL 10-12, WAYNE 0-0:** Livonia Churchill (16-6, 5-3) used the run rule to sweep both ends of a double-header Wednesday from visiting Wayne Memorial (4-14, 1-7).

Abby Jewell was the winning pitcher in the opener, tossing a one-hitter in a 10-0 win. She struck out eight and walked only two in five innings.

Top hitters for the Chargers included Jewell (2-for-2, triple); Natalie Hiser (2-for-3, double); and Casey Bias (2-for-3, triple).

In the second game, Missy Sidor pitched a one-hitter, struck out five and did not allow a walk in a 12-0

Charger victory.

Jackie Tolles and Rachel Jason each collected two hits.

Nicole Odom, the losing pitcher in both games, had the lone hit in the first game for Wayne. Alyssa Florn added a hit in the nightcap.

**STEVENSON 9-0, NOVI 3-5:** Livonia Stevenson (10-6, 3-3) turned a triple play in the nightcap, but it wasn't enough as the Spartans settled for a KLAACentral Division split of a twinbill Wednesday with the host Wildcats (4-6, 3-3).

Stevenson took the opener, 9-3, with a 13-hit attack as Sarah Fier and Ashley Avery each went 3-for-4 and combined for three RBI.

Winning pitcher Jackie Johnson went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Julianne Potvin and Allie Koestering each contributed two hits.

Johnson allowed three earned runs on five hits and three walks. She struck out five.

Novi starter Rebecca Richter took the loss, while Madeline Sinkovich went 2-for-3, including a solo homer.

In Game Two, Taylor Scott limited the Spartans to six hits in seven innings.

Laura Oakley, Colleen Kolis, Abby Robinson and Scott each collected three hits in the victory.

Molly Knoph and Becca Zarras each had two hits for the Spartans. Morgan Copperstone was the losing pitcher.

"We have been playing with fire too many times lately and we finally got burnt," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "We made too many mistakes defensively and were not mentally focused for the second game. Scott did a nice job at keeping the ball down and getting us to chase pitches that were out of the zone."

Fier snagged Sinkovich's line drive, stepped on third and doubled off the other Novi runner at first with Zarras making the putout.

### PREP TRACK

There was no margin for error Tuesday as the Livonia Franklin boys and Westland John Glenn girls contested for KLAACentral Division track and field titles.

Both teams completed the task, but it wasn't easy. The Franklin boys edged visiting Canton for the title by a mere 2.33 points, 69.66-67.33.

Meanwhile, the Glenn girls and host Plymouth battled to a 68.5-68.5 draw, but it was good enough for the Rocket girls, who finished 4-0-1 in dual meets - just ahead of Livonia Churchill (4-1) and Plymouth (3-1-1).

Livonia Churchill's baseball team continued its winning ways Wednesday by sweeping a double-header from visiting Wayne Memorial, 11-1 and 2-1.

The Chargers improved to 16-4 overall and 11-2 in the KLAACentral Division (tied with Canton) with the two victories.

The opener went just five innings because of the 10-run rule as Churchill starter Brent Ochodnicki threw a three-hitter. He struck out four and walked two.

Losing pitcher Shane Wilson gave up 11 runs on 11 hits and a walk in three innings.

Alex Tsakos went 2-for-2 and scored three runs for the Chargers, while Joe Williams also went 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs.

Chris Briggs had an RBI single for Wayne in the fifth inning to break up Ochodnicki's shutout bid.

In the nightcap, Churchill's Shea Dwyer scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh when Derek Jakubowski was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to snap a 1-1 deadlock.

Dwyer, who started the inning with a single, went 2-for-3 along with Williams.

Winning pitcher Ben Matigian went all seven innings, allowing just five hits and a walk.

Stevenson tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th on a single by Morgan Copperstone, a sacrifice bunt by Alex Ferguson (moving pinch runner Erika Randall to second), followed by Allie Koestering's drive to the right center field gap to bring home the game-winning run.

"That is always how a coach envisions these situations working out, but it is easier said than done," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "The girls did a great job at executing today."

Ashley Avery and Copperstone each collected two hits for the Spartans, while Jess Gehringer and

Massey, high jump (4-10); and Aubrie Scott, long jump (16-11).

The Franklin boys closed out a 5-0 dual meet campaign thanks to the effort of senior Austin Jones, who swept the 1,600 (4:41.55) and 3,200 (10:21.37) events.

Other Franklin firsts were garnered by Adam Clay, shot put (53-9); Tom Brokaw, 110 hurdles (16.05); Andrew Crechiolo, 300 hurdles (44.23); and Dave Koponen, 800 (2:07.85).

"This meet was a real battle all the way through," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer. "We knew they had a great team with a lot of talent, but we always thought we had a chance. Our distance runners, throwers,

and hurdlers carried the load while sprinters and jumpers picked up valuable points along the way."

The Patriots also captured the 800 relay (1:31.94) and the 3,200 relay (8:31.54) to hand Canton its first divisional setback.

"We took a gamble loading up the 4 x 200 and the 200, and it paid off for the most part," Koelzer said. "This was an especially great day for our seniors with point contributions from (Jay) Woolfork, (Ryan) Hurt, (Bobby) Wilson, Koponen, (Chadd) Chisholm, and two-event winner Austin Jones, in the final dual meet of their high school careers."

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## 1st-place Chargers sweep Wayne in twinbill

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Losing pitcher Chris Briggs went the first 6.1 innings before giving way to reliever Tyler McCurry.

Wayne took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI double by Shane Kommer to score Brandon Hannos.

Kommer doubled twice in three trips for the Zebras, who slipped to 9-11 overall and 4-9 in the KLAACentral South.

**WAYNE 9, GARDEN CITY 6:** In a non-league game Friday, Wayne Memorial (10-11) outslugged the host Cougars (12-5) as winning pitcher Jacob Lefler and Brandon Hannos each had two hits and two RBI.

Shane Kommer and Tom Briggs also added two hits apiece for the Zebras, who led 9-4 after four innings.

Lefler went the first 4.1 innings, allowing all six runs on nine hits and four walks. He struck out three before giving way to reliever Tyler McCurry, who earned the save with 2.2 scoreless innings (on three hits).

Sean Fox went 3-for-3 and scored three runs for the Cougars.

Other offensive standouts for GC included Tyler Steele (two hits, three RBI); Matt Stark (two hits, two runs); and losing pitcher Zak Kmet (two hits, RBI).

Kmet allowed eight runs in 3.1 innings.

**STEVENSON 3-4, NOVI 2-10:** KLAACentral Division leader Livonia Stevenson (17-7, 11-2) ran out of pitching and daylight Wednesday as Wildcats (6-9, 5-5) earned a split of a twinbill.

The Spartans won the opener, 3-2, as junior pitcher Chris McDonald overcame a shaky start to throw a complete-game four-hitter striking out 12 and walking just three.

Novi scored twice on three hits in the top of the first inning before McDonald closed the door.

Losing pitcher Tyler Root allowed three runs on four hits in six innings. He struck out two, walked five and hit three batters.

Brendon Hayes and Troy Bodtke each knocked in a run for Stevenson.

In the nightcap, Jeff Weber went 2-for-3 with three RBI as Novi beat the Spartans in a five-inning game called because of darkness, 10-4.

Winning pitcher Jimmy Eloff went all five, allowing four runs on eight hits.

Stevenson starter Jake Semak, who lasted three innings, took the loss.

Josh DeYonker and Nick Lagerstrom each collected two hits in the setback. Mark Piechota, Mark Wagner, DeYonker and Hayes each knocked in a run.

**PLYMOUTH 8-11, JOHN GLENN 5-0:** In a KLAACentral Division twinbill Wednesday, the host Wildcats (13-6, 8-5) took two against Westland John Glenn (6-17, 1-11).

Plymouth scored five times in the bottom of the first off Glenn starter Colton Lipinski and went on to win the opener, 8-5.

Plymouth starter Mike Nadratowski carried a no-hitter until there were two out in the top of the seventh when Caleb Clenney broke up the bid with a double.

Chad Schroeder went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Ben Wohl scored three times to pace the

Plymouth attack.

Kevin Karsnick had a 2-run single and Rob Schurig added an RBI single for the Rockets, who made it close with five runs in the bottom of the seventh.

In the nightcap, Justin Thompson threw a two-hitter over five innings in Plymouth's 11-0 triumph.

Thompson did not allow a walk and struck out two.

Glenn starter Jake DeMoss, who went 1.2 innings, took the loss.

Nadratowski had a 2-run double, while John Etienne scored three runs. Wohl also doubled and scored twice.

**CANTON 13-14, FRANKLIN 3-0:** KLAACentral Division co-leader Canton (18-3, 11-2) collected a total of 32 hits in Wednesday's double-header sweep of host Livonia Franklin (11-12, 4-9).

Canton won the opener in five innings, 13-3, as Ryan Bazner had a solo homer and RBI double.

Chris Perkovich went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer, while Braden Price added two triples and scored a run.

Mike Stafford pitched the first four innings to earn the victory, while Franklin starter Brent Marzion gave up 11 earned runs in 4.2 innings.

Dan Muller doubled and scored a run for the Patriots.

Canton also won the second game, 14-0, as Bazner pitched a perfect game through four innings before Muller broke up the bid with a lead-off single in the fifth for Franklin's lone hit.

Bazner struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Seth Tschetter went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Price went 2-for-3, including a 3-run homer.

## Former Churchill A.D. Joiner dies at age 82

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Known as one of the driving forces behind athletics in the Livonia Public Schools, Larry Joiner, of Novi, passed away last Wednesday at the age of 82.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon and east of Beck roads, in Plymouth. There will be also be viewing from 10-11 a.m.

Joiner, a U.S. Army World War II veteran, was graduate of Western Michigan University.

In 1955 he became football and swim coach at Livonia Bentley High School and in 1969 became the first athletic director at Livonia Churchill

High where he served for 21 years before retiring in 1990.

During his watch at Churchill, women's sports became an pivotal part of the athletic program.

In 2003, Joiner became one of the first three inductees into the Churchill Athletic Patrons Hall of Fame.

"Larry was a great man," current Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He was very easy going, I just loved him and he was a very principled man."

Joiner is survived by his wife of 60 years Marlene, along with three daughters and five grandchildren.

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# FIGHT

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moter, Browe wants to erase all the stereotypes about cage fighting, and that's it's a real sport.

"This isn't a back alley thing, you have to be trained," he said. "It's all amateur and all are trained out of local gym. There's a lot of good talent. Stars and Strikes is one of the top five or six gyms in the state."

Some of the names on Browe's card are familiar with the feature bout being an amateur heavyweight matchp between former Canton High standout wrestler and football player Donnie Laramie (13-3) against Dingó "The Powerful" Brown of Flint (6-0).

There will be 24 fights, normally three, three-minute rounds with the exception of the Laramie-Browe bout, which is scheduled for five rounds.

"It's the same rules as MMA with the exception of no elbow strikes," Browe said. "Everything is controlled. We do the whole nine yards and it's monitored like UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship)."

Also on the card is former Livonia Churchill High grad Jameson Murray, who will take his 4-0 record against A.J. Hall, a 2006 Dearborn Edsel Ford High grad with a 5-2 mark in a 170-pound bout. Hall trains out of PKSA Karate in Dearborn.

Both have prep wrestling backgrounds.

"I've been coaching Jamie (Murray) for about three years and I've been coaching Donnie (Laramie) for about six months," said James Beneteau, owner, coach and trainer at Stars and Strikes in Garden City. "They have incredible work ethic. They're nonstop athletes. I can barely keep them out of the gym. They're both in great shape all the time. They're extremely focused and dedicated. A word that would fit them both is determination.

"Both have the potential to be professional fighters. Donnie will be a professional fighter starting in July. This is his last fight as an amateur."

"Jamie is an extremely talented individual that I hope to see go pro. He's just having fun with it right now. He hasn't decided if he really wants to do this as a career path. Once he gets back in there it reminds him how much fun it is, and it will kick his killer instinct

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second half, the kids gave up on balls and started walking," Moody said. "They weren't hustling as much as they were in the first half."

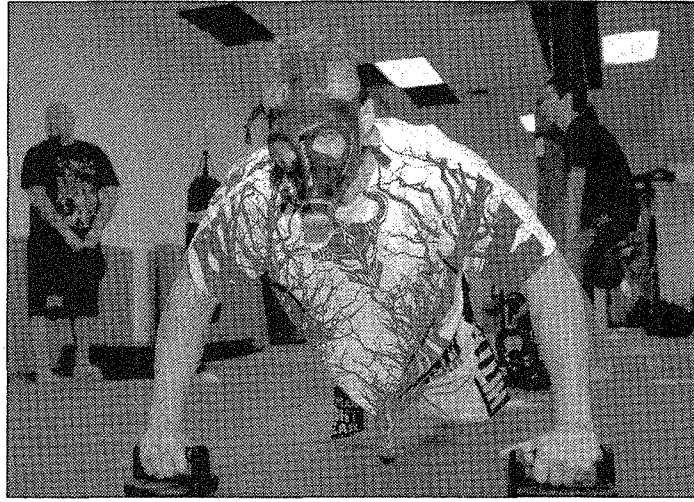
RU jumped in front 10 minutes into the contest thanks to a great individual effort by freshman forward Jordan Chapoton, who zipped an unassisted goal into the back of the net.

"Jordan was probably our most dangerous player on the field all day," RU coach Joe Knoerl said. "She has great speed, great acceleration. Once she starts to combine those skills with some elusive, technical skills, she's going to make a lot of noise in our league."

The Trojans drew even later in the half when Sadie Zachos crashed hard on a rebound of an Ashley Murphy free kick and one-timed a shot past Panthers goalkeeper Katy Robinson.

Robinson came up huge for the victors on numerous occasions in the second half, especially with 10:22 left when she corralled a low laser off the foot of Kayla Zawal.

Knoerl praised the efforts of midfielder Lindsey Gehlhausen ("She brings it every game")



Former Canton High wrestler and football player Donnie Laramie uses a high altitude elevation mask to train during a recent session at Stars and Strikes gym in Garden City.

back in. He's an extremely talented guy."

Beneteau, who resides in Westland, has a strong background in competitive martial arts. He attended Detroit Western International and Inkster Cherry Hill schools.

"I've competed in multiple disciplines that lead up to MMA fighting — kick boxing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and grappling," Beneteau said. "I also competed as an MMA fighter. I've been teaching and coaching fighters for about six years. I've been in martial arts for about 10 years. My current fight team has 16 members, which is the largest team in this area. We have an 80 percent win ratio, which is the highest in the state according to most of the promoters I talk to."

Laramie, who pushed the limit as an 285-pound All-Observer wrestler at Canton, had aspirations to play football at Wayne State, but his academic credits didn't transfer after spending a red-shirt season while taking classes at Schoolcraft College.

"I was sitting in my football tech class with (high school teammate) Kyle Price and I told him that if football wasn't work out, I want to start fighting," said Laramie, now 22. "I watched the first three UFCs with my dad and I thought I'd be good at it."

"It's good competition. I love it. It's a lot like wrestling." Laramie, now a stream-lined 6-foot-2, 237 pounds, works a side job weekends at the White Rhino in Redford, but he wants to make MMA a full-time career. His first professional bout is scheduled for July in North Carolina.

"This is my last amateur fight and I want to go pro so I can help out me and my family," Laramie said. "The average age of an MMA (pro)

and defender Ryan Elequin, who tends goals in most games.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 6, KENSINGTON WDS.**  
O: Lutheran High Westland (6-2-1) scored six unanswered goals in the second half Friday to beat visiting Howell Kensington Woods in a non-conference match.

Taylor Wiemer notched a hat trick and two assists to lead the Warriors. Rhianna Francis also had two goals and one assist, while Beth Cross chipped in with a goal and assist. Rachel Rilett also drew an assist.

Goalkeeper Angela Morrison made seven saves in the shutout.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 2, PARKWAY 1:** Taylor Wiemer tallied both goals Thursday as Lutheran High Westland (5-2-1, 4-1) earned a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Wiemer's first goal came in the opening half unassisted followed by a direct free kick in the second half.

**LUTHERAN N'WEST 4, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** Kallie Washburn had a goal and assist Wednesday as host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest blanked Livonia Clarenceville (4-8).

Lexi Stroeters, Haylee Luedtke and Abigail Rynearson also tallied goals for the Mustangs, who led 2-0 at intermission.

Brianna Turri-Cesarz started in goal for the Trojans before being relieved in the second half by Megan Strachan, who made five of seven saves.

Defender Monika Franko also stood out for Clarenceville.

**LADYWOOD 0, MERCY 0:** In a Catholic League match Tuesday, Livonia

## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 PLYMOUTH 3**  
May 12 at Plymouth  
No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Melissa Martinez, 4-1 (retired).

**No. 1 doubles:** Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey, 7-6, 6-4; No. 2: Taylor Tinham-Malko Ruetimann (LS) def. Lulia Fratila-Brittany

fighter is 27 to 32. There are a lot of people doing it and it's populated with a lot of guys, but in a cage it's a lot different. A lot of people don't take it seriously. My skills are well developed. You can't party, you have to be 100 percent dedicated to the sport."

Murray, meanwhile, plans to attend Wayne State University in the fall. He currently works at Best Buy in between training sessions.

Murray, a 2005 Churchill alum, is dabbling in the sport as an MMA fighter, but is not sure where it will lead him.

"I wrestled and started in Jiu-Jitsu," Murray said. "In 2008 I decided to do it. The key is being well-rounded. You've got to be able to strike and grapple."

"It's just the best competition. You get to go one-on-one. You get to test your skills. It's fun and I'm having a blast, and it's a thrill doing it when there's 4,000 people."

"I might do one pro fight. I don't know if I'll make a career of it."

Another matchup to watch is a 170-pound bout between former Westland John Glenn wrestler and football linebacker Scott Brown (8-2) against Andre Patterson (4-0) of Flint. "We're looking to get 2,000 inside the ice arena," Browe said.

Tickets are \$25 (general admission), \$30 (arena floor seating) or \$40 (VIP cage side).

Weight-ins will be 6 p.m. Friday, May 20, at one of the card's main sponsors, Albert's on the Alley Bar and Grill, located at Ford and Middlebelt roads, in Garden City.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center.

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Ladywood (9-1-6, 4-1-5) and host Farmington Hills Mercy (4-3-5, 3-3-3) played to a scoreless draw.

Maddie Reed, who made two saves, notched her eighth shutout of the season for Ladywood, which clinched second place and will face Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in the league semifinals (date and time to be determined).

Meanwhile, Alex Gorcyca had six stops for the Marlins.

"Just another game where we control play and don't score any goals," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is unbeaten in 15 games. "On the plus side, our team defense was good. We limited them to two shots and both were from over 25 yards out."

**LUTH. WESTLAND 3, BAPTIST PARK 2:** Angela Morrison tallied a pair of unassisted goals Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (4-3-1, 3-1-1 MIAC Red) turned back Taylor Baptist Park Christian (0-3 MIAC Red).

Taylor Wiemer also scored an unassisted goal for the Warriors. Carissa Thompson scored both goals for Baptist Park.

Goalkeeper Claire Oppenlander, making her first start, stopped 13 shots for Lutheran Westland.

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 7, CLARENCEVILLE 1:** Emily Gerulis tallied a pair of goals Monday as Plymouth Christian Academy rolled to a nonconference win over Livonia Clarenceville (4-7).

The Trojans, who trailed 3-0 at intermission, got a second-half goal from Mary Zhen.

Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody also singled out the offensive play of Ashley Murphy and the defensive effort of Amal Mulesh.

6-2, 7-5; No. 3: Nhu Do (GC) def. Natalie Mays, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; No. 4: Kelsey Sitarski (LF) def. Ashley Gemynd, 6-2, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Ann Silski-Jackie Pummill (GC) def. Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Emily Davis-Vanessa Hardrick (GC) def. Bria Tiller-Nicole Jarecki, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Renee Kozakowski-Sarah Godzinski (LF) def. Kelsey Reamer-Mariah Diaz, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; No. 4: Sarah Holt-Jessica Klieber (GC) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6.

Franklin's dual match record: 3-7-1 overall.

# BOYS

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Reid said. "I think that's kind of been the key to our success all year. When we've needed to, we've had athletes step up and done everything they could for the team. They've sacrificed whatever they've done as an individual and gone out and done it for the team. I can't stress that more than what happened here today and that happened on Tuesday (72.5-64.5 dual meet win over Stevenson)."

After finishing fourth in last Saturday's Observerland Relays, Stevenson broke the 100-point barrier at the conference meet.

"We did real well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Obviously, we had a lot more kids set personal bests in a number of events and won three of four relays — we're real happy with it. We had a freshman (Danny Pocalujka) place (sixth) in the discus. He threw a 127-2 — his personal best ever. He threw well in the shot, too, — 41-4.5 — even though he

didn't place."

Stevenson captured three-of-four relay events with senior Matt Williams and Zaid Shareef figuring in each of the three first places.

The team of Adam Duncan, Shareef, Williams and Kenning Britchford took the 4 x 200 (1:31.14), while the quartet of Williams, Shareef, Adam Chludzinski and Matt Garon captured the 4 x 400 (3:29.87).

Stevenson's 3,200 relay team of Williams, Urso, Shareef and Chludzinski were also victorious in a meet record 8:13.05.

"We placed multiple kids in multiple events," Shaw said. "Novi just has a lot. Overall, we can't be disappointed in anything. I thought we had a chance to do something if we scored 100 points, but still couldn't get it done. But I don't think we could have done anything better. We gave it the best shot that we could."

Meanwhile, Canton coach Bob Richardson hopes to parlay his team's third-place conference showing into another good performance next Friday at the regional.

"We had a lot of P.R.s and

we hope to come around even more at the regional," Richardson said. "I liked our balanced scoring. We scored in all five field events and in all four relays."

"We had a conference champ in the 100 meters (11.19 by Ryan Jones) and in the long jump (21-0.5 by Nick Alaniva). (Kevin) Buford also had a big day in the relays as did Jones."

"If we scored in a lot of events, it could be interesting. By doing well today it should help our kids' focus. It could be an interesting regional."

Salem's Dan Martin swept the 200- and 400 dashes with times of 22.62 and 49.23 (meet record).

Other individual winners included Adam Clay (Franklin), shot put (53-6); Trevor VanAsselt (South Lyon), discus (140-0); Al Myers (Northville), high jump (6-5); Carl Rayford (Churchill), pole vault (12-11); Ed Clifton (Northville), 800 (1:57.88); and Jose Amado (Salem), 300 hurdles (41.32).

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## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

**KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET**  
May 13 at Livonia Churchill  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 140 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 104; 3. Canton, 60.5; 4. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill, 57 each; 6. Salem, 52.7; Northville, 48; 8. South Lyon, 43; 9. Westland John Glenn, 36; 10. Plymouth, 32; 11. South Lyon East, 7; 8. Wayne Memorial, 6.5.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**  
Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 53 feet, 6 inches; 2. Jon Aneel (LS), 49-6; 3. Jay Woolfork (LF), 48-6; 4. Blake Padgett (LC), 47-11.5; 5. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 43-11.5; 6. Barry Banks (WM), 43-9; 7. Alex Marsh (Canton), 42-10; 8. Kevin Pasquale (Novi), 42-10.

**Discus:** 1. Trevor VanAsselt (SL), 140-0; 2. Ryan Hall (LC), 138-8; 3. Aneel (LS), 135-9; 4. Woolfork (LF), 132-7; 6. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 127-2; 6. Paulin Chateau (LC), 125-9; 7. Ben Poirier (Canton), 120-5; 8. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 118-7.

**High jump:** 1. Al Myers (Novi), 6-5; 2. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 6-4; 3. Derek Cingel (Novi), 6-1; 4. Jake Sexton (SL), 6-0; 5. Anthony Johnson (WJG), 6-0; 6. Matt Schacht (Canton), 5-9; 7. Scott Brewer (LF), 5-9; 8. Nick Dyer (SL), 5-9.

**Long jump:** 1. Nick Alaniva (Canton), 21-0.5; 2. Connor Daly (Novi), 20-0.25; 3. Alex Lambi (SLE), 19-11.25; 4. Angelo D'Orazio (SL), 19-8; 5. Nick Podulka (LS), 19-3.25; 6. Ali Tah (Novi), 19-2.25; 7. Joe Remstad (SL), 18-9.5; 8. Andy Bihn (P), 18-8.

**Pole vault:** 1. Carl Rayford (LC), 12-11; 2. Alaniva (Canton), 12-8; 3. Bihn (P), 12-8; 4. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 12-5; 5. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-1; 6. Andrew Wilmer (Salem), 11-7; 7. Alex Ryktarsky (LC), 11-8; 8. Brent Parzuchowski (SLE), 11-5.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Derek Kim (Novi), 15:17; 2. Lance Lilla (Novi), 15:55; 3. Jose Amado (Salem), 15:74; 4. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 15:86; 5. Davanta Beal-Greer (Novi), 16:04; 6. Tom Brokaw (LF), 16:17; 7. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16:86; 8. Dion Walker (Salem), 16:88.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jose Amado (Salem), 41:32; 2. Lilla (Novi), 41:5; 3. Rico Cole (WJG), 41:74; 4. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 43:26; 5. Joe Mims (LS), 43:29; 6. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 43:8; 7. Charles May (Novi), 43:8; 8. Andrew Schanne (Novi), 43:95.

**100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11:19; 2. DeAndre Fordham-Johns (Novi), 11:36; 3. Ryan Hurt (LF), 11:45; 4. Stefan Anthony (WJG), 11:56; 5. Cole (WJG), 11:67; 6. Jordan Love (Novi), 11:73; 7. William Askew II, 11:74; 8. Joel Shekell (SL), 11:95.

**200:** 1. Dan Martin (Salem), 22:62; 2. Mike Jocz (Novi), 22:72; 3. Kim (Novi), 22:9; 4. Kevin Buford (Canton), 23:07; 5. Thomas Crawford (Salem), 23:26; 6. Ian Hanmer (SL), 23:28; 7. Askew II (P), 23:63; 8. Adam Wheeler (LS), 23:93.

**400:** 1. Martin (Salem), 49:23 (meet record); 2. Buford (Canton), 51:18; 3. Zaid Shareef (LS),

200: 1. Kelly (C'ville), 22.9; 2. Williams (RT), 23.9; 3. Vostek (RT), 24.4.

**400:** 1. E. Wilson (RT), 52.7; 2. Myers (C'ville), 56.5; 3. Gardner-Harris (RT), 1:02.7; 4. Kimani Dooley (C'ville), 2:14.0; 3. Jackson (RT), 2:29.0.

**1,600:** 1. Jackson (RT), 5:01.0; 2. Alec Jones (RT), 5:03.0; 3. Joey Walker (C'ville), 5:07.0.

**3,200:** 1. Walker (C'ville), 11:57.0; 2. David Gibson (C'ville), 12:44.0; 3. Brendan Groves (C'ville), 12:45.0.

**400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Jalen Bryant, Moses Hobson, Kelly), 44.0; 2. Thurston, 45.0; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Jalen Bryant, Moses Hobson, Kelly), 1:33.0; 2. Thurston, 1:34.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Thurston, 3:44.0; 2. Clarenceville, 3:45.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Jones, Gibson, K. Dooley, C. Dooley), 9:03.0; 2. Thurston, 10:41.0.

**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 4-3 overall.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 PLYMOUTH 66**  
May 10 at Plymouth  
Shot put: 1. Cameron Orr (WJG), 36 feet, 7 inches; 2. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 34-5; 3. Brandon Ogdon (WJG), 34-4.

**Discus:** 1. A. Orr (JWG), 109-0; 2. Ogdon (WJG), 107-9; 3. William Harrington (P), 98-1.

**High jump:** 1. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 5-8; 2. Deonte Austin (WJG), 5-6; 3. Dane Foster (WJG), 5-6.

**Long jump:** 1. Maxwell (WJG), 19-1.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 18-7.5; 3. Austin (WJG), 18-7.5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Bihn (P), 12-6; 2. Brenton Zuzo (P), 12-0; 3. Teasdale (P), 10-6.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Maxwell (WJG), 15-4 seconds; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16; 7. Doug Devkes (P), 16.9.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Deykes (P), 42.1; 2. Rico Cole (WJG), 24.7; 3. Maxwell (WJG), 44.7.

**400 dash:** 1. Stefan Anthony (WJG), 11.1; 2. William Askew II (P), 11.2; 3. Cole (WJG), 11.5.

**200:** 1. Askew (P), 22.9; 2. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 24.7; 3. C. Orr (WJG), 24.8.

**400:** 1. Foster (WJG), 52.6; 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.4; 3. Stephen Balaze (P), 54.1.

**800:** 1. Evan Johnson (P), 2:05.8; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 2:07.3; 3. Balaze (P), 2:09.0.

**1,600:** 1. Joe Porcari (P), 4:45.4; 2. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:46.4; 3. Nick Eiben (P), 4:49.9.

**3,200:** 1. Derek Giarowski (P), 10:22.5; 2. Liam Carndon (P), 10:43.9; 3. Dalton (P), 10:44.4.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn, 43.5; 2. Plymouth, 49.5; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:38.0; 2. Plymouth, 1:36.7; 1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn, 3:36.1; 2. Plymouth, 3:36.9; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Giarowski, Rogowski, Balaze, Noble), 8:38.4; 2. John Glenn, 8:42.7.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 2-3 overall; 2-3 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 1-4 overall; 1-4 KLAA South.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 19**  
Edsel Ford at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 20**  
W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Farmington Inv., 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Crestwood, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 21**  
John Glenn at A.A. Skyline (2), noon.  
W.L. Northern Invitational, TBA.  
**(Public Schools of Livonia Tournament at Ford Field)**  
Franklin vs. Churchill, 10 a.m.  
Stevenson vs. Clarenceville, noon.  
Consolation game at Franklin, 2 p.m.  
Championship game, 2 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Monday, May 16**  
Sfield Christian at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**(Catholic League Semifinals)**  
Ladywood at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 19**  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, May 20**  
Ferdale at John Glenn, 5 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
A.A. Skyline at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

MIAC Jamboree at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 20**  
**(MHSAA Regionals)**  
Division 1 at Canton, 10 a.m.  
Division 2 at Ladywood, noon.  
**Saturday, May 21**  
Div. 3 at New Haven, 10 a.m.  
Div. 4 at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Friday, May 20**  
**(MHSAA Regionals)**  
Division 1 at Woodhaven, 8:30 a.m.  
Division 1 at Novi, 9 a.m.  
Division 3 at Grosse Ile, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, May 16**  
Franklin vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
Livonia City Invitational at Fox Creek G.C., 3:15 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Henry Ford Academy at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 18**  
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. S.L. East at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 21**  
MIAC Championship, TBA.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
Ladywood at Tecumseh, 7 p.m.  
TBA — time to be announced.

## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

Thompson, 40; Justin Bauer, 42; Steven Kirsch, 45; Jimmy May 47; Mark Thompson, 49.  
**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 2-4 overall, 2-4 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158 WAYNE MEMORIAL 183**  
May 11 at Whispering Willows G.C.  
**Churchill scorers:** Nick Proben, 38 (medalist); Andrew Ioanous, 39; Chris Theile, 40; Zach Colosimo, 41; Kevin Louwers and Alex Estes, 42 each.  
**Wayne scorers:** Zach Williamson, 42; Jarrett Williamson, 44; Corey Robbins, 50; Mike Smith, 51; Shane Schooley, 53; Chris Schmidt, disqualified.  
**Dual match records:** Churchill, 5-1 overall, 5-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-6 overall, 0-6 KLAA South.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 159 PLYMOUTH 168**  
May 11 at Fellows Creek (West)  
**John Glenn scorers:** Josh Duprie, 34 (medalist); school record round, 11 putts; Jamie Doupe and Conner Monroe, 41 each; Mitch Deane, 43; Brian Fawley, 44; Tim Moran, 45.  
**Plymouth scorers:** Josh Heinze, 39; Eric

(medalist); Gavin Garris, 39; Travis Tubbs and Kyle Koehler, 40 each; Zach Deline, 42; Derek Knauss, 46.  
**Stevenson scorers:** Adam Giordano and Cam Tetraut, 41 each; Nick Barr and Nick Mars, 42 each; Dante Cicchelli, 46; Tyler Jarosz, 47.  
**Dual match records:** South Lyon, 3-3 overall, 3-3 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-4 overall, 2-4 KLAA South.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 168 CANTON 177**<

# SOCCER

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we hope it carries some weight in the state tournament.

"We started the first half with more players on the attack. We went back to our original system and they (Plymouth) ended up scoring a goal. Kaylie Secord (Churchill's goalkeeper) got a hand on it, but it was deflected. She was our best player tonight."

**CHURCHILL 5, FARMINGTON 2:** Senior Sarah Bauman scored two goals and added an assist Friday as Livonia Churchill (7-4-2) bounced back with a non-league win over the host Falcons (2-4-4).

Kayla Szado, Rachel Blackney and Alexa Vokratis also scored for the Chargers, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Freshman Kelsey Parrinello chipped in with two assists.

Melissa Kucukarslan and Maggie Nelson scored for Farmington.

Kaylie Secord started in goal for Chargers before being relieved in the second half by Chelsea Manasian.

**GARDEN CITY 2, FRANKLIN 0:** Goals by Sadie Crunk and Shannon Melvin proved to be enough Friday as the host Cougars (7-0-4) remaining unbeaten against Livonia Franklin (5-8-1) in a non-league match.

Goalkeeper Kasey Bunio posted the shut-out for Garden City.

**FRANKLIN 4, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Thursday, Liz Elliot scored her first varsity goal on Senior Night as host Livonia Franklin (5-7-1, 4-3-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (5-8, 2-6) in a KLA.A South Division match.

Other Franklin goals came from Ally Mesa (penalty kick), senior Chelsea Williams and Jessica Maurer.

Other assists went to freshman Michelle Tuvo and Mesa.

Goalkeeper Alexis Smith made seven saves to post the shutout.

**NOVI 4, STEVENSON 0:** Three first-half goals Thursday propelled KLA.A Central Division leader Novi (10-0-1, 7-0-1) to a victory over Livonia Stevenson (4-6-2, 2-4-2).

Nicki Caruso opened the scoring with a rebound tap-in after Stevenson goalkeeper Caite Marchione made the initial save on a shot from the 18-yard box.

Natalie Krygiar scored in the 23rd minute to make it 2-0 and Erin Dircks dribbled through five Stevenson defenders for Novi's third goal in the 38th minute.

Three minutes into the second half, Jessica Jarvis got on the end of a corner kick and headed in the fourth and final goal for the Wildcats.

Michelle Krawczyk played the second half in goal for Stevenson.

**CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN 1:** On Wednesday, Kayla Szado scored three goals as Livonia Churchill (6-3-2, 5-1-1) moved into first place in the KLA.A's South Division with a win over visiting Westland John Glenn (5-7, 2-5).

Churchill led 4-0 at halftime as Melissa Bird's scored unassisted at the 28-minute

mark followed by Lauren Favazza's goal from Rachel Blackney just two minutes later.

Szado scored the next three including an unassisted goal followed by assists from Kelly Twigg and Blackney.

Kelsey Rothermel added a penalty kick in the 61st minute.

Lexi Gaglead tallied Glenn's lone goal off a direct free kick from 19 yards out at 44:31.

**FRANKLIN 8, WAYNE 0:** On Monday, freshman Shannon Murphy and senior Chelsea Williams each tallied two goals as host Livonia Franklin (4-6-1, 3-3-1) took 50 minutes to mercy Wayne Memorial (1-10, 0-7).

Ally Mesa added a goal and three assists, while Jessica Maurer chipped in with a goal and two assists.

Natalie Desautel also scored for the Patriots, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Makenzie Meyers' goal 10 minutes into the second half ended the game.

Franklin goalkeepers Alexis Smith (first half) and Andrea Schweitzer (second half) combined for the shutout.

**STEVENSON 3, S. LYON EAST 0:** In a KLA.A Central Division match Monday, host Livonia Stevenson (4-5-2, 2-3-2) earned the shutout over South Lyon East (6-6, 1-6).

Stevenson goals came from Kaitlyn Reamer, fourth minute (off a cross from Shannon Black); Krista Kane, 60th minute (one-timer from Carlin O'Malley); and Allison Corp, 72nd minute (a volley off a long throw-in from Samantha Cave).

Keepers Michelle Krawczyk and Caite Marchione combined for four saves and the shutout in goal.

# GIRLS

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Novi's excellent depth certainly played a factor in the first-place finish.

"I'm very fortunate to have a good group of core girls that are a good group of sprinters, (a) good group of hurdlers," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "We're able to take that and add that to some solid distance performances and field events."

"All you need is a little bit of every event to kind of push it out there and everything."

Sparkling Novi were Kelly McCloskey and Jasmine Ward, who each set conference meet records.

McCloskey recorded hers in the 100 hurdles with a mark of 15.42, while Ward captured the 200 dash with a record time of 25.55.

The Patriots trailed Glenn for much of the day, but grabbed third place after the final field events were tabulated.

Franklin long jumper Pia Klein, a German exchange student, had a lot to do with that, she set a new meet record with a distance of 17 feet,

2.75 inches.

Klein also captured the high jump, while Franklin teammates Megan McPherson (first, 3,200 run), Meghan Lark (second, pole vault) and Kelly O'Brien (third, 100 hurdles) also scored key points.

"I am very proud of how we finished today," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We lost some close dual meets during the season, but to finish third in the KLA.A meet is a great accomplishment by our girls."

As for the Rockets, who won the KLA.A South Division with a 4-0-1 record, they scored in a lot of events and largely overcame having some key members of relays on the sidelines.

"Our relays were a little banged up today, but they still ran pretty well," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "If we do what we did today, but keep everybody healthy, then we'll be in good shape."

John Glenn scored 2-3 in both throwing events and other solid efforts were turned in by Joslyn Massey (third, long jump, 16-6.25), Kirsten Smith (fourth, 100 hurdles, 16.32) and Kayla Jones (third, 200 dash, 26.87).

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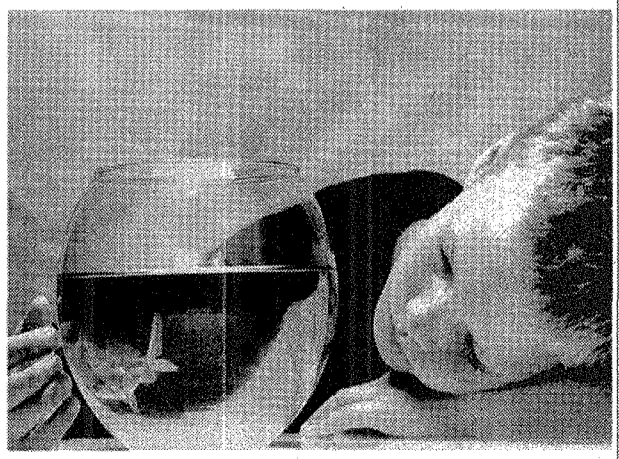
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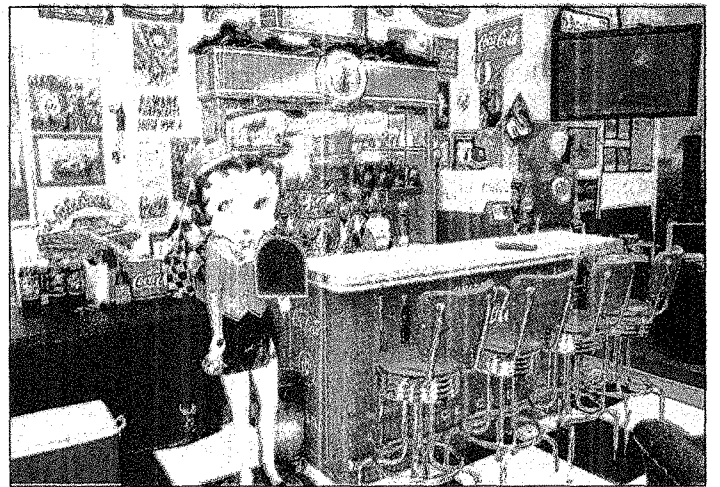
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## From garage to green home



Here's a glimpse of Don Soenen in his souped up garage. See more of his cars and collectibles during the Michigan Philharmonic Spring Home Tour, May 21-22.



A soda bar with Coca Cola memorabilia are among the items, including auto art, car models, life-sized sculptures of the "Blues Brothers," a juke box, flat screen television, and wall mural that make Don Soenen's garage so much more than a place merely to park cars.

### SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

- The Michigan Philharmonic – formerly the Plymouth Symphony – will be busy this summer.
- 6-7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Liberty Fest, in the Heritage Park amphitheater, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free admission
- 8-9 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Bunlo, Milford. Free concert with \$5 per vehicle park entry permit.
- 7:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 2, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth with "An American Salute" pops concert. Free admission
- 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The concert is a part of Fairy Tale Day festivities at the mansion. See [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) for advance ticket purchase.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. General admission to the Concours is \$25; VIP tickets are \$125. Visit [concourssusa.org](http://concourssusa.org)

## Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic home tour returns

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Don Soenen occasionally likes to "get away from it all" by spending time in his garage.

When he does, changing motor oil, tuning up the lawn mower, tinkering at a workbench and other garage-worthy tasks are the last things on his mind.

Instead he turns on the flat screen television, relaxes in a lounge chair, drinks from his soda bar or takes in his favorite collectibles.

The Plymouth Township businessman, who races retired NASCAR vehicles, stores both racing and collectible cars, along with pint-sized models in a garage addition.

The 50- by 50-foot space is decorated with auto, gas station, racing and personal memorabilia and awards. With its jukebox, soda bar, television screen, restored gas pumps, vintage working telephone, parking meters, drive-in speakers, traffic light and more, it's a stunning combination of entertainment room, "man cave," and museum. You won't find any scuff marks — much less motor oil — on the custom checkerboard floor.

"It's pretty much my spot, although we do parties in here," said Soenen, who is board president of the Michigan Philharmonic. "We've had a number of symphony functions in here. I enjoy having people come

in and sharing it. There is no point in having the door locked on this place every day."

### PLANNING AHEAD

When Jeanette Sullivan, a member of Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic, saw the garage a few years ago, she kept it in mind for the symphony's annual home tour, which has been on hiatus for a few years.

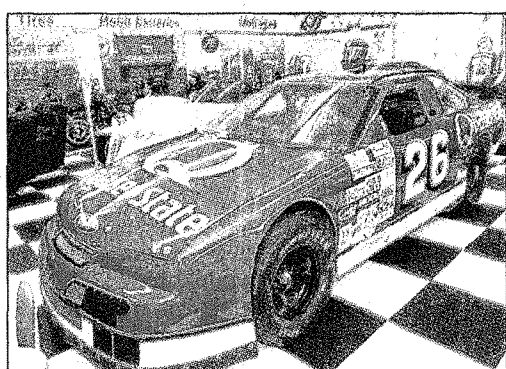
"If we ever have a home tour again, this has to be shared," she told Soenen and his wife, Colleen.

The garage is one of six stops on the newly resurrected event, which runs May 21-22.

"This is a different type of home tour that I'm hoping will appeal to a broad audience. The men will love it; the women will love it," Sullivan said. "We have a little something for every one."

The other stops on the tour include:

- An in-town two-story duplex that has been turned into a single-family home with hand-made furniture and accessories throughout
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Don Soenen bought this #26 Quaker State Winston Cup Car two hours after he saw it in Daytona.

spins around tracks throughout the country. He races in approximately 45-50 events, ranging from 30 minutes to four hours each, per year.

### SOUPED UP GARAGE

Soenen built the new garage extension, matching brick and

shingles, four years ago. "While I was at it, I thought it would be interesting to put out a gas station facade," he said, pointing to the refurbished 1950s gas pump, air device, oil containers and neon signs outside the building.

The former Ford engineer, who now owns companies in Michigan and California, stores motorcycles and cars inside the garage, along with hundreds of trophies and medals. The cars include a 207 Shelby GT500 Mustang, 2006 Ford GT, sporty two-seat Plymouth Prowler, retired NASCAR racers and a 1965 Shelby Cobra.

Soenen will be on hand during the home tour to answer questions about the cars, motorcycles, and the garage decor, including the wall mural that depicts his late father and father-in-law inside the vintage gas station.

### DO-IT-YOURSELF

Many of the homeowners have remodeled or redecorated their houses themselves. That includes Soenen's garage.

"I hung every plaque, every shelf, I laid the floor. The only thing I didn't do was put the mural up," said, Soenen, referring to the Minnesota farm and gas station scene that covers one wall. "But everything else I did and I did it in a relatively short time, over six or seven weeks."

When the Soenens built their home 23 years ago — their fourth in the Plymouth area — they included two attached garages with space for seven cars.

The space quickly filled as Soenen, who took race driving classes in 1998, began buying retired NASCAR vehicles and taking them for 140- to 200-mph

### SPRING HOME TOUR

**What:** Visit five houses and one garage and help support the Michigan Philharmonic

**When:** Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 22

**Admission:** Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Michigan Philharmonic office at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; Home Sweet Home, 852 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Magnolia, 551 Forest, Plymouth; Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road, Canton; Gardenvues, 202 W. Main, Northville; Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; and online at [www.michiganphilharmonic.org](http://www.michiganphilharmonic.org)

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The assessment of back pain in the elderly requires an examination to localize the source of the pain and where it moves. This information allows the physician to x-ray the part of the back likely to be the source of the pain. If the x-ray does not show changes of an osteoporotic fracture or bone changes or destruction that characterizes a cancer, the physician can turn his attention to giving the patient pain relief. The usual medicine is Vicodin and the common waiting period is 4 weeks.

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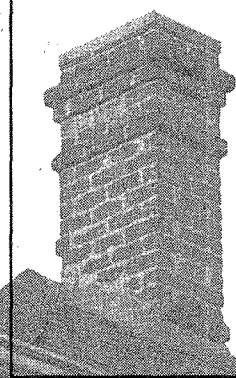
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Some new products to check out.

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The Bora Clamp Edge is a quick guide tool that provides a perfectly straight and secure straightedge for accurate cuts through all kinds and types of wood. You can use it with circular saws, jigsaws, routers and



Lon Grossman

biscuit jointers as well as with other tools or just as an accurate guide to scribe.

The company manufactures three sizes of clamps to handle a complete variety of wood-working projects. The small, 24-inch model is commonly used as a fence on table saws, router tables and small cutting projects. The 36-inch clamp edge is perfect for remodeling jobs such as trimming doors and cabinets.

They also make a 50-inch clamp edge, which is the one I've been testing. It's designed for 48-inch cuts. The design, engineering, integrated clamps and ease of use are all impressive.

The Bora Clamp has ergonomic handles, easy and simple lever locking mechanisms, unique swivel clamps

(which also permits the user to do some slight angle cuts) and was designed for professionals, handymen and homeowners in mind.

The clamps are made from aircraft grade extruded aluminum and come with a lifetime warranty.

Affinity Tools also has an enviable line of pistol grip clamps, multi-angle adjustable squares and an angle master miter duplicator.

If you or someone you know works with wood, check out Bora Tools at the following websites: Woodcraft ([www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)); Rockler ([www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)); Sears ([www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com)); Lowe's ([www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) — Madison Heights store only); Performance Tool Center in Waterford ([www.performance-toolcenter.com](http://www.performance-toolcenter.com)).

## SPORT BRELLA CHAIR

Now that great weather is almost upon us, I'm sure everyone, including myself is looking to the outdoors as well as outdoor projects and events.

I recently came across the Sport Brella Chair. It is a unique, new portable garden and patio chair. Yes, we've all seen portable outdoor fold-up chairs. People take them from their patios to the Woodward Dream Cruise, beaches, parks and concerts.

What makes the Sport Brella Chair unlike other foldout sport chairs is that it has an attached, 360-degree swivel umbrella, which can be moved from side to side, and can be swiveled at three different points with the push of a button. The umbrella opens

out to 46-inches, which provides complete coverage from the sun and wind at any conceivable angle.

The lightweight Sport Brella Chair also has a built-in cup holder, bottle opener and even a zippered pouch for personal items. The chair easily folds up and fits into a compact carry bag that has a comfortable carry strap.

The M.S.R.P. is \$39.99 and is available at [www.sportbrella.com](http://www.sportbrella.com). I recently found it at Costco for \$35.00.

## WHISPERSENSE VENTILATION FANS

Panasonic recently introduced its new Whisper Sense Ventilation Fans at the 2011 kitchen and bath industry show in Las Vegas.

Panasonic claims the WhisperSense bathroom exhaust fans are the only vent fans on the market to incorporate dual-motion and humidity sensors. That makes perfect sense, since the fan will only operate when necessary. The motion sensor has a delay shut-off timer that activates when a person enters the bathroom and automatically shuts the fan off 20 minutes after the occupant has left.

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All that is well and good, but my favorite feature is the noise level. It has an incredibly quiet level, as low as 0.3-sones. One-sones is the sound of a quiet refrigerator operating at night.

The 0.3 would be the quietest ceiling mounted fan I have experienced.

Panasonic WhisperSense ventilation fans have an average suggested retail price from \$289 to \$412 depending on the model (some have lights) and are available at Panasonic dealers and wholesalers. Check out the WhisperSense fans when they come out in June of 2011 at [www.panasonic.com/ventedfans](http://www.panasonic.com/ventedfans).

**Q: While a rolling stone may gather no moss, our shaded, shingle roof is. What do people do if their roof is susceptible to fungus or moss?**

**A:** You don't have to raise the roof to correct it. For all types of roofs there is a product called "Shingle-Shield" from Chicago Metallic. It is a maintenance-free roof moss/fungus protector. It is easily installed along the ridge line and releases zinc oxide. The manufacturer claims it will last the life of the roof. Chemicals such as zinc oxide or chloride in metals are carried down the roof when it rains. These chemicals discourage the growth of moss. Also trim any overhanging trees and keep the roof clear of leaves and debris. With a cedar shake roof, remove as much of the moss between the shakes as possible. Use a piece of wire, then hose off the tiles.

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



## Outstanding leader

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized Jean Fitzpatrick of Canton for her dedication to Girl Scouting. Fitzpatrick is trained in wilderness first aid and has taken her troop on countless camping trips. Her nominator stated, "Jean is a firm believer in the 'girl-run' troop system and goes to great lengths to achieve the right balance between girl and adult leadership responsibilities." In addition to her troop duties, she serves as the registrar for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors in Plymouth/Canton. To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org).

# Classes, tips improve motorcycle safety

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month — a perfect time to sign up for one of Schoolcraft College's motorcycle safety classes.

Registration is ongoing and classes run through September.

The classes are taught by professional, certified instructors who are passionate about riding and rider safety. There are a variety of motorcycle safety trainings to choose from including the Basic Rider Course, the Three-Wheel Basic Rider Course, and the Performance Based Course for people looking to get their motorcycle endorsement to the Advanced Rider Course.

"Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is our primary goal, and with winter behind us, motorcycles are back on the roads. Drivers of all vehicles need to be extra alert," stated Jennifer Bodurka, programming coordinator. "Motorcycles are some of the smallest vehicles on the road so folks in other vehicles need to really look out for them — and to take extra care and share the road."

In addition to the motorcycle safety classes, Schoolcraft College promotes motorcycle safety by offering these tips to drivers:

- Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on

the roadway. Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width — never try to share a lane;

- Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.

- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle. Motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.

- Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to other vehicles pose major hazards to motorcyclists.

- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when following a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle) or call (734) 462-4448.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

# Appraisal night will benefit scholarships

Dust off that family heirloom you've stashed in the attic and head to the Appraisal Fair at 7 p.m. May 23 at the Alexander Blue House in the Greenmead Historical Park, in Livonia.

Zonta Club of NW Wayne County is sponsoring the event. Doug Dalton, a cer-

tified appraiser of fine art and antiques will appraise items for \$10 each, with a limit of two items per person.

Funds raised will help support Zonta Club's scholarship fund. Call Barb at (734) 464-0450 for more information.

Zonta International is a Women's

Organization of professional and executives working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The organization, founded in 1919 in New York, has 1,200 clubs in 67 countries with more than 33,000 members. [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

## GARDEN & NATURE

### GARDEN PARTY

The party runs 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Temple Shir Shalom asks families to bring one organic plant to put into the congregation's spring garden at The Corners, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, West Bloomfield. Open to the public. A planting wish list is available. (248) 406-4255 or [www.shirshalom.org](http://www.shirshalom.org).

### BIBLE GARDEN

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

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

### GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at [www.annarbortourmandgarden.org](http://www.annarbortourmandgarden.org), or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the website.

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### CATERPILLARS OF MICHIGAN

An expert lepidopterist describes the larvae that will become beautiful butterflies at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. A book signing will take place with SEMBA president Brenda Dziedzic just before the meeting. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

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# SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorney J.B. Bieske can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary Bieske has won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.



Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

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

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

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to

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

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

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

[www.ssdfighter.com](http://www.ssdfighter.com)

# Essay contest calls for float design ideas

Michigan high school students can submit ideas for Art Van Furniture's new float in this year's annual America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

The furniture company encourages students in grades 9-12 to research the company's values and mission and then develop a Parade float concept based on the company's messaging. The float should creatively show how the messaging relates to America's Thanksgiving Parade and the spirit of the partnership between Art Van Furniture and the Parade Company.

"Art Van's commitment to The Parade Company dates back to 1990 when the Parade was in danger of being canceled and Art quickly decided to make a contribution to keep the parade afloat," stated Tony Michaels, president and CEO, The Parade Company. "Since then they have commissioned several floats, balloons, props and donated more than \$2 million to The Parade Company."

There will be one grand prize winner selected from all of the entries who will receive a \$2,500 financial scholarship.

Their school's Art or English Department also will receive a \$2,500 donation. Both the scholarship and donation are compliments of Art Van Furniture.

The student's winning submission also may be incorporated into Art Van Furniture's new float design. The winning student also will receive Parade Company and Art

Van Furniture merchandise, a meet and greet with Art Van Elslander and six Parade Preview Party tickets for Wednesday, October 19.

Students must submit a float concept in essay form in 250 words or less. Submissions should be typed, single-spaced with one-inch margins and include the student's name and school on the essay. Entries should be submitted online at [www.theparade.org](http://www.theparade.org) or by mail. Mailed entries must include a completed application form and should be sent to: Art Van Furniture Float Concept Contest, c/o The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A, Detroit, MI 48211. All applications must be received by Monday, May 30.

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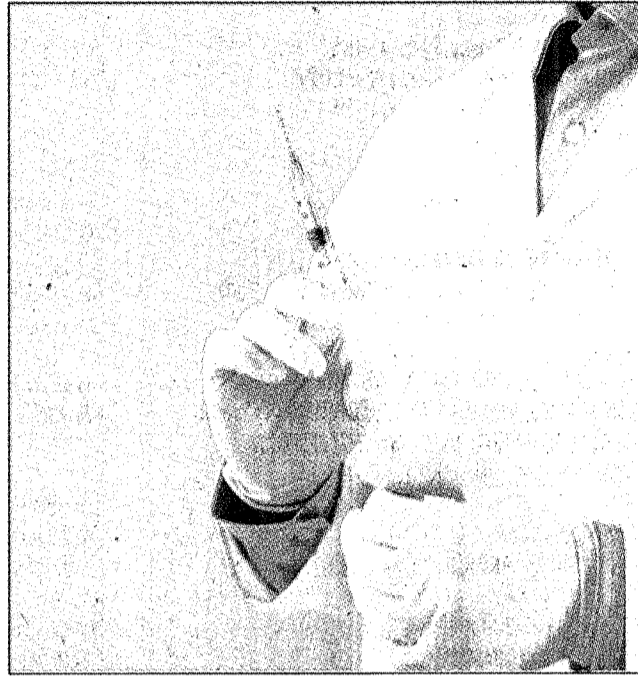
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## Women need vaccines to stay healthy

In recognition of National Women's Health Week, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) urges women to get vaccinated against serious diseases.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has issued an updated schedule of recommended screenings, lab tests, and vaccines for non-pregnant women, age 13 and older. The schedule includes information about which vaccines are recommended for certain age and risk groups. Women who are pregnant or are planning a pregnancy should talk to their doctor about the vaccines they need.

Before becoming pregnant, a woman should be up-to-date on routine adult vaccines. It is especially important that women receive Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Infants less than 12 months especially are vulnerable to whooping cough, which is on the rise in the United States and in Michigan. Each year, there are around 3.3 million cases of pertussis in adolescents and adults. To protect infants, everyone around the baby — including parents, grandparents, siblings, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel — should be vaccinated against whooping cough and influenza.



During pregnancy, it is safe, effective, and important for women to receive the seasonal flu shot. A pregnant woman who gets the flu is at risk for serious complications and hospitalization. Often a mother's immunity is passed along to her baby during pregnancy. This protects the baby from some diseases during the first few months of life until the baby can get vaccinated. Since infants cannot receive the flu vaccine until 6 months, it is critical that pregnant women and those surrounding the baby get vaccinated.

After giving birth, it is safe for women to receive vaccines, even while breastfeeding. Women who have

not received Tdap vaccine should be vaccinated right after delivery, along with family members who have not received Tdap vaccine. Women who are not immune to measles, mumps and rubella and/or varicella (chickenpox) should be vaccinated before leaving the hospital. Women and their family members should receive seasonal flu vaccine every year, in order to protect vulnerable infants from this serious disease.

For information on vaccines women need, visit: [www.immunizationfor-women.org/](http://www.immunizationfor-women.org/) For information on vaccines adults need, visit: [www.adultvaccination.org/](http://www.adultvaccination.org/)

## Botsford Commons nurses earn recognition for work

The Michigan Holistic Nurses Association has recognized two Botsford Commons nurses for their excellence on the job.

Donna Spiers-Dunn, a nurse manager for Botsford Commons chronic and dementia programs received the Nursing Excellence Award for 2010-11.

Krystal Boddie, coordinator of education and training, also

was nominated for the award.

Both were nominated by the organization's Nursing Excellence Committee for doing their jobs in a way that reflects positively on the nursing profession as well as their own careers.

"We have such a tremendous nursing staff, and it is wonderful to see them recognized for all of their hard work and dedication," stated Michelle Cross,

Executive Director, Clinical Services. "Our staff is a large part of the success of Botsford Commons, and Donna and Krystal are perfect examples of that."

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. For more information visit [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org).

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### MAY

##### Bowling fundraiser

Autism Speaks fundraiser runs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at MerriBowl, 30950 Five Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. Cost is \$20 for two hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, pop. Call (734) 261-6879 for more information.

##### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

"Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" is a five-week class that runs 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 23-June 27. Participants will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Fee is \$75 per couple. Register online at [st.marymercy.org](http://st.marymercy.org) or call (734) 655-1162.  
• A breastfeeding class designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy, runs 7-9 p.m. May 26. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Class will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with other helpful books and supplies. \$25 per couple. Register at (734) 655-1162.  
The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

##### Schoolcraft College

Learn about technologies and treatment options available in Women's Health at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, just south of Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenters include Dr. Oscar Afsari on "Minimally Invasive Surgery vs. Traditional Incisional Surgery - Amazing Recovery;" Dr. Suchitra Zambare on "Women and Weight;" Dr. Debra Hollander with "Why am I so stressed out?" and Dr. Chandrika Joshi with "Menopause:

Should I take HRT?" The free event is sponsored by St. John Providence Health System. Register at (866) 501-DOCS.

#### JUNE

##### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ramneet Mangat from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register by calling (734) 655-1182.  
• A community blood drive runs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 2, in the auditorium at the hospital. Participants will receive a hockey puck stress reliever and will be entered into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of gasoline. Schedule an appointment at (800) GIVE-LIFE.  
• A presentation on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Options" with Tim Short of Healthcare Solutions, will run 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Discover the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Individuals with a CPAP machine, may bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check. Register at (734) 655-4640. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

##### Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care economics and accountable

care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals. Offers 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at [www.henryford.com/cmeevents](http://www.henryford.com/cmeevents).

##### Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745.

##### Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division. Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts. Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation therapy, can be done onsite or at a nearby center. Registration is accepted through May 27. Get an application by calling (800) 227-2343 or by visiting [www.cancer.org/campinbow](http://www.cancer.org/campinbow).

### ONGOING

#### Aquatic classes

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

#### Men's Health: Knowing Some Warning Signs Can Save Lives (And Relationships)

Evidence that links heart disease and erectile dysfunction (ED) has been mounting during the past several years. In one study, 65% of men who experienced a heart attack had erectile dysfunction (ED) and no history of heart disease. Additionally, it has been documented that some men experience their first heart attack about 3 years after their first signs of ED. Because the penile arteries are much smaller than arteries of the heart, evidence of cardiovascular disease can manifest first as Erectile Dysfunction symptoms, long before other symptoms occur.

The recognition of ED as a warning sign of silent vascular disease has led to the concept that a man with ED, and no cardiac symptoms is a cardiac patient until proven otherwise.

If you are experiencing Erectile Dysfunction, you should seek treatment by a urologist.

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THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

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and NIGHT RANGER
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

AUGUST

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14 MICHAEL W. SMITH/THIRD DAY \$
wsg CHRIS AUGUST
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

16 MY MORNING JACKET
wsg NEKO CASE
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 DEF LEPPARD
wsg HEART and EVAN WATSON
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18 DAVE MASON, \$
MARK FARNER (FORMERLY OF GRAND FUNK RAILROAD),
RICK DERRINGER, FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS
and GARY WRIGHT
HIPPIEFEST 2011
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19 THE J. GEILS BAND
wsg THE CHRIS ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD
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19 RETURN TO FOREVER
wsg ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

20 LIL WAYNE wsg RICK ROSS,
KERI HILSON, LLOYD
and FAR EAST MOVEMENT
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

21 TRAIN/MAROON 5
wsg GAVIN DeGRAW
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

21 GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS \$
wsg KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

23 KINGS OF LEON
wsg BAND OF HORSES
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

25 ARETHA FRANKLIN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

25 CHILDREN'S CLASSIC \$
RAPUNZEL "UNTANGLED" (2 SHOWS)
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

26 KESHA wsg LMFAO
and SPANK ROCK
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

26 LAUGH-A-PALOOZA \$
with COMEDIAN TED ALEXANDRO
plus BEN KONSTANTIN, MARTEZ LAREECE
and NATE FRIDSON
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

27 ALICE COOPER wsg ACE FREHLEY \$
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

27 WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (1 PM - 9:30 PM)
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

27 GETBACK! CAST OF BEATLEMANIA \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

28 WHITESNAKE/TESLA
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

28 WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (1 PM - 5:30 PM)
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

28 BARRAGE FIDDLE SPECTACULAR \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER

03 TED NUGENT \$
with the return of DEREK ST. HOLMES
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

10 MMA CAGE FIGHT FESTIVAL \$
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

18 TOBYMAC \$
wsg PETER FURLER/MANDISA
and JAMIE GRACE
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

30 ENRIQUE IGLESIAS
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THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

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Tuesday, May 17, 2011

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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- Prizes ● Free Admission
- Morning Refreshments
- Free Parking ● Trolley Service

The trolley is scheduled for the following locations:

Pick-up: 7:45 and 9:45

Canton Leisure Services 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI

Pick-up: 8:30 and 10:30

Westland Senior Resources 1119 Newburgh Road Westland, MI

Pick-up: 9:00 and 11:00

Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia, Michigan

Limited seating available. RSVP at [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com)  
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## Workshops & Demonstrations!

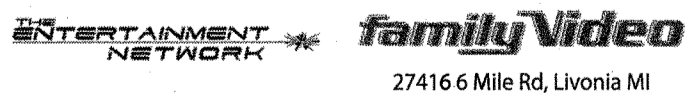
### Workshops

- Low Vision - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
Help for those who have been told there is no hope
- Combating the Diabetes Epidemic - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Take Action Now
- 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.
- The ABC Planning Process: A Non-Wall Street Approach to Investment and Retirement Planning - 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
- What You Should Know about Long Term Care - 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- Senior Moving Made Easy - 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Identify Theft Protection - 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Making Sense of Medicare Understanding Medicare Basics  
12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- Social Security Updates - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
- The Truth About Estate Planning - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

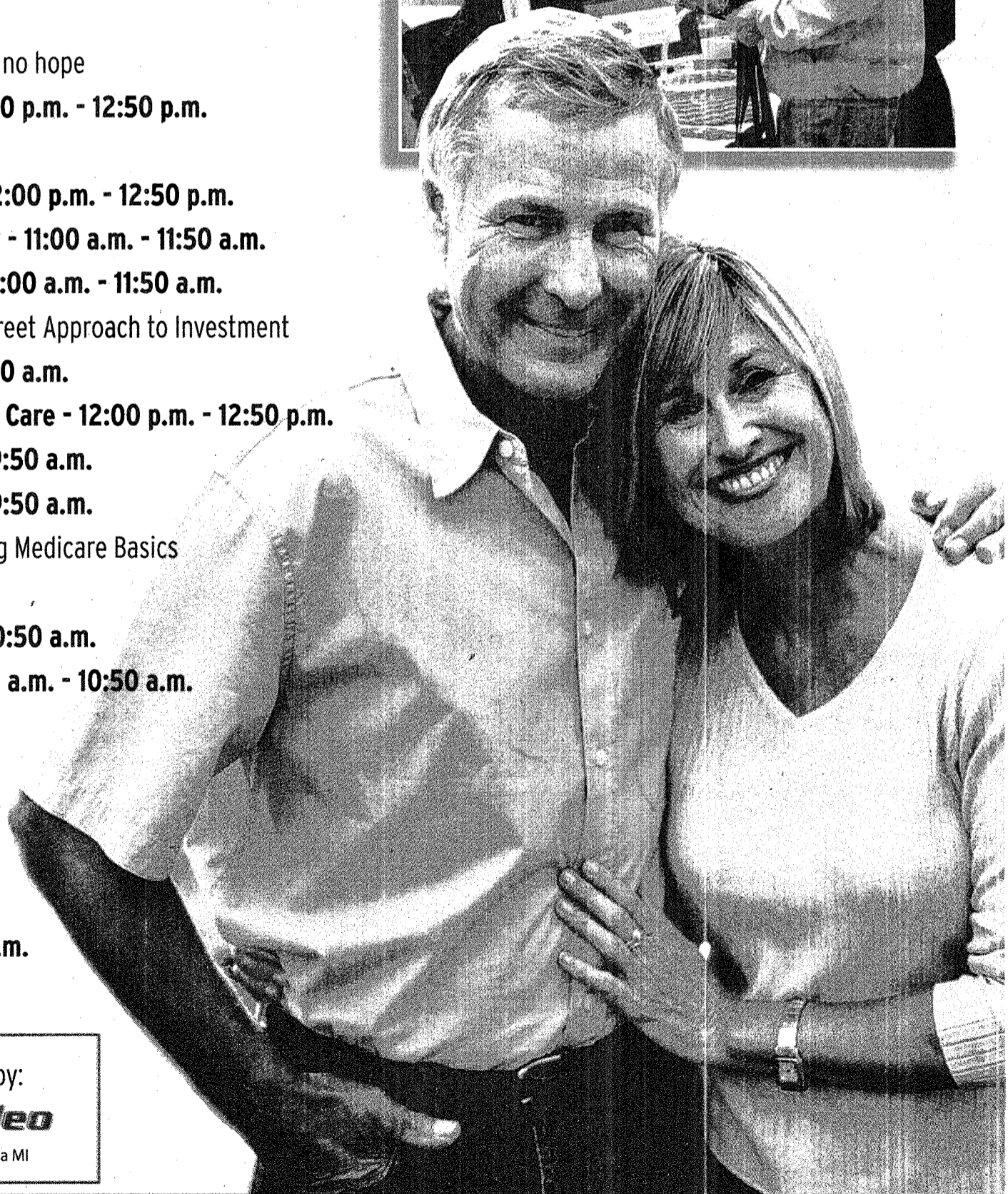
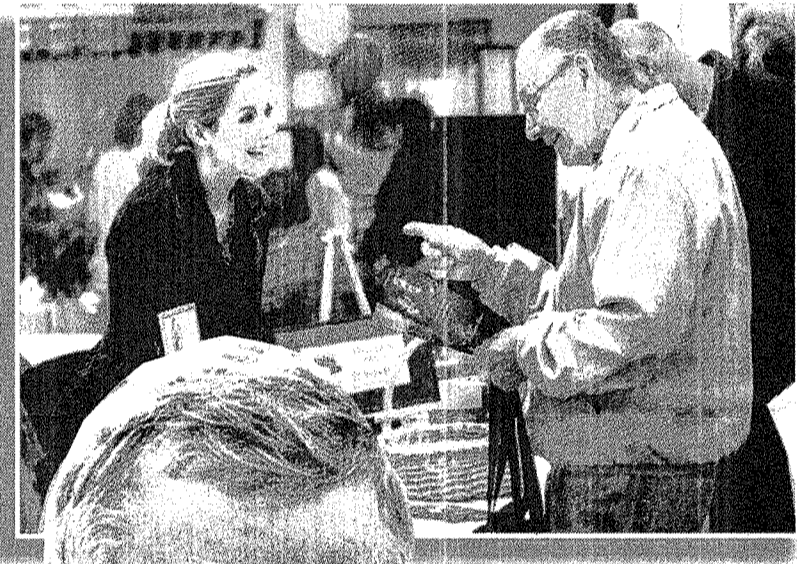
### Fitness Demonstrations

- Zumba Gold - 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Strength Training for Seniors  
and Fit as a Fiddle - 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- Line Dance - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Prizes and/or entertainment provided by:



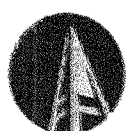
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