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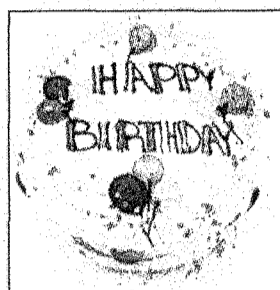
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Happy birthday

There was no cake, no candles, but for those who missed it, the city of Westland turned 45 on Monday, May 16.

Since humble beginnings as Nankin Township, to becoming a city May 16, 1966, Westland has grown to become Michigan's 10th largest city with a population of more than 84,000. The city is recognized throughout the region for its shopping and dining and for being the home to one of the nation's first enclosed malls, Westland Shopping Center. Even in tough economic times, it continues to attract new developments like the MJR Theaters.

To celebrate, Mayor William Wild is hosting a series of birthday party-themed community gatherings this summer. The first community gathering will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Tattan Park on Carlson, behind Westland City Hall.

There will be face painting, water games, hot dogs, slushes, cotton candy, moon walks, dunk tank, a live band and more. Additional community gatherings are scheduled for July and August. Watch for announcements at www.cityof-westland.com. Residents also are invited to stop by City Hall at 36601 Ford to sign a giant birthday card to commemorate the city's 45th birthday.

SEMCOG delegate

Westland Mayor William Wild has been elected as a delegate for the 2011-12 Executive Committee for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"I am honored to have been elected to serve as a delegate for SEMCOG," Wild said. "SEMCOG gives communities in southeast Michigan the opportunity to come together to strengthen local government and solve regional issues that go beyond the boundaries of individual local governments."

SEMCOG was established in 1968 as a regional planning partnership in southeast Michigan. It's accountable to local governments which join as members. SEMCOG is provided by federal and state grants, contracts and membership dues.

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All SEMCOG policy decisions are made by local elected leaders, ensuring that regional policies reflect the interests of member communities.

Westland man sentenced to life in drug-related killing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for the fatal shooting of another Westland man at his home in what police described as a dispute between drug dealers.

Joie Rayshawn Bell, 24, was convicted of three felony charges — felony homicide, which is treated like first-degree murder; weapon possession by a felon; and felony firearm — following a jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Bokin.

The victim, Anthony Michael Esse, 25, died Oct. 6, 2010, after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with

two men at his home in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood. Esse went outside and collapsed after being shot, police said. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to an area hospital, where he died of his injuries.

A witness was able to identify Bell as one of two men seen running from Esse's home following the shooting, but didn't actually see the shooting.

"We identified a second person, but were not able to charge him," Westland police Sgt. David Dinsmore said, adding that based on the investigation it was the second man who actually fired the shot that killed Esse.

Bell was offered a plea bargain that

would have resulted in a sentence as low as 15 years in prison, but he refused to testify against the second man, Dinsmore said.

"He didn't take it. He wouldn't put anything in writing when he was arrested. He said he was fearful for his family," Dinsmore said.

Already in custody on an unrelated warrant, Bell initially denied being involved in Esse's murder.

"He asked to take a polygraph and failed it, then he admitted he was involved. It was a dispute — the victim had sold drugs to the wrong person," Dinsmore said, adding that Bell and the other men sold cocaine along with some marijuana.

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Army Pfc. Ryan Blanchard talks on his cell phone after being welcomed home at Ft. Campbell, Ky., late last month.

Celebration welcomes home local soldier

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ryan Blanchard is coming home to a hero's welcome.

A 2009 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, the Army private first class will be the center of attention Saturday, May 21, at a Welcome Home/Support Our Troops party at Buffalo Wild Wings in Westland.

The event, organized by the John Glenn High School Alumni Group, offers a chance to meet Blanchard, whose unit, the A/1-327, 1 BCT, 101st ABN out of Ft. Campbell Ky., has been on the receiving end of care packages during its deployment to Afghanistan. According to Karen Deyo Rousseau, it's a chance to show appreciation for his service and to collect donations and items to pay for and fill more care packages being sent to John Glenn grads and their offspring who are serving in harm's way.

"Ryan is home for a month's R&R, then he'll go back to Ft. Campbell," Rousseau said. "As far as we know, he's done with the deployment and will not go back to Afghanistan."

Rousseau and fellow alumni began sending care packages last July and since then more than 100 boxes have been sent overseas. Blanchard's unit was selected to receive packages. His father, Ron, graduated with Rousseau in 1979 and his mother Lori is a 1984 Glenn grad.

The party gets under way at 7 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings will be donating 20 percent of sales to the group. No flier is necessary.

"Just come in and tell them you're part of the Support Our Troops," Rousseau said.

There also will be raffles, with gifts donated by area businesses.

While the group gets the items it sends to the troops through donations, it faces a high cost of mailing the boxes. At Christmas, Rousseau said it

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Taking a turn walking a lap at Relay for Life were Bobbie Pumill of Westland (left), Kristi Wisniske and Tami Brown, both of Redford, Westland residents Tara Harper and her children Jordin and Dylan.

'Having a good time'

Enthusiasm up, donations down for annual Relay for Life

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fewer teams, bad weather, competing events — there could be a lot of reasons for a drop in the amount of money raised by Westland's 11th annual Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraiser over the past weekend.

As of Monday, the 24-hour event had raised nearly \$59,000, with some addi-

tional donations still coming in. Each of the prior events had raised an average of \$100,000 for a total of \$1 million over a decade.

"We're still collecting donations. We're proud of whatever we collect — anything that moves us closer to curing this disease," said Westland Councilwoman Meriem Kadi, who was vice chairperson for the event.

The lower amount raised, well below

the goal set for the event, wasn't totally unexpected as there were fewer teams and participants this year. The 24-hour event was held in Jaycee Park.

On Saturday, relay chairperson Rhonda Temple was upbeat as her team, Alyssa's Angels, sold pizza by the slice, knapsacks and the popular walking tacos — meat, cheese, sour cream and

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Teams rally for Relay despite rainy weather

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The teams gathered Saturday for Westland's Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraiser weren't letting some early rain dampen their enthusiasm at the annual event in Jaycee Park.

"It's not as bad as last year; we were flooded out," said Mike Irvine, assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 1736 based at First

Congregational Church of Wayne. "We're a little farther away, but we picked a high and dry spot this year." The Boy Scouts weren't fazed by weather — some rain or even cooler temperatures overnight.

"The boys sleep outside 12 months a year in tents. Below 20 degrees was the coldest we got this year," Irvine said.

True to their motto, the Boy Scouts

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Wayne residents Ashley Chamberlain and Michael Grandowicz had all the comforts of home in their tent set up in Westland Jaycee Park for Relay for Life.



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salsa topping a bag of Fritos or Doritos.

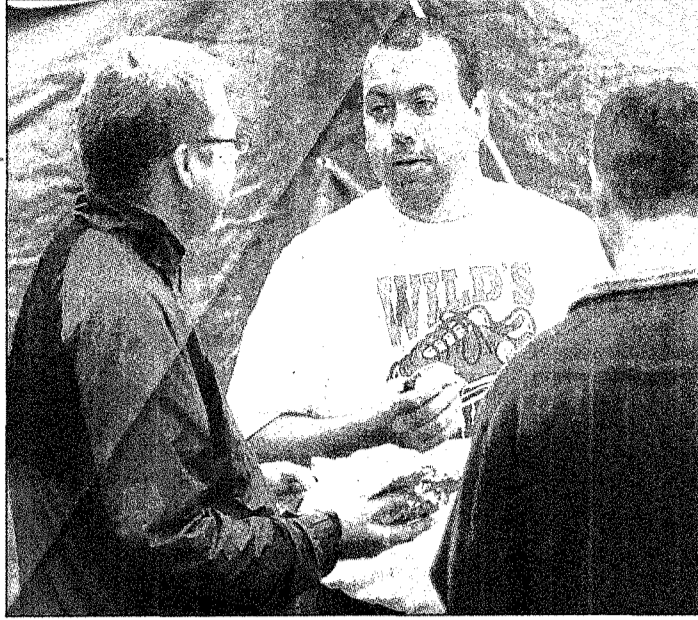
"With 20 teams, we were a little down this year. We'll come back next year with a vengeance," Temple said.

Moved up a week earlier than last year, the relay was competing with a charity walk hosted by North Bros. Ford, a Westland John Glenn High School softball breast cancer fundraiser and opening day for the Westland Athletic Association baseball-softball season.

The weather also didn't help, starting off with rain early Saturday morning and again at night.

"People are having a good time. Attendance was down, but people are still coming out and doing things," Temple said.

Both Temple and Kadi expressed appreciation for



WLND Director Craig Welkenbach and Brian Harnos, who manages Mike Modano Arena and the Westland Municipal Golf Course, enjoy a hot dog break during the Westland Relay for Life.

assistance with the event provided by community service workers from 18th District Court and Westland Youth Assistance volunteers.

"They were fabulous. The

court workers were here early and put up our signs," Temple said.

Relay for Life was a great event, said Councilman Adam Hammons, who co-chaired



Livonia resident Michele Rizzewi sells birthday hats during the Westland Relay or Life. The theme was giving people more birthdays.

the Wild's Walkers team. "This was the first time I was able to attend the luminary ceremony, it was humbling. It was an outstanding event," he said.

Luminaria line the track for a silent lap in honor of those

lost to cancer. A special tribute was made to long-time city attorney Angelo Plakas, who died nearly a year ago of cancer.

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Former court clerk charged with embezzlement

A former clerk at Westland's 18th District Court has been charged with stealing \$2,000 in bond money posted by two defendants.

Westland resident Lynne Marie Handzlik, 52, has been arraigned on three felony counts of embezzlement following an investigation by the Michigan State Police requested by the court administrator after an audit found \$2,000 in court funds were missing. A not guilty plea was entered for Handzlik, who was released on \$5,000 personal bond.

The charges came through the Michigan Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit.

"Public service by its nature carries great responsibility," Attorney General Bill Schuette said. "We are putting people on notice that if you break the law, there will be consequences. The public will not settle for anything less."

Handzlik served as the bond clerk for the 18th District Court. Her daily responsibilities included receiving and processing bond money delivered by the Westland Police Department. Handzlik was responsible for documenting the funds after they were delivered by police and matching the funds to their corresponding court files. Handzlik would then deliver the funds with the appropriate court file to the court's bond cashier.

It is alleged that Handzlik embezzled \$1,000 on three occasions: Oct. 20, 2010, Nov. 4, 2010, and Nov. 5, 2010. Handzlik used the last \$1,000 bond payment to pay back the first in an attempt to avoid detection. Handzlik allegedly signed for the payments, but failed to turn them over to the bond cashier. Instead, it is alleged she took the cash for her own personal use.

Handzlik turned herself in for arraignment at 19th District Court in Dearborn to avoid a conflict of interest in Westland. A preliminary examination has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, June 3, before Judge William Hultgren. Handzlik faces a maximum possible penalty of 10 years in prison, if convicted.

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were prepared for wet weather with plenty of overhead cover. Their site was covered by the large dining canopy the scouts use during their monthly camping trips throughout the year.

This is the first year that the Boy Scouts have participated in the Westland Relay for Life, although team captain Nate Irvine, Mike's 14-year-old son, participated last year with a team from Stevenson Middle School.

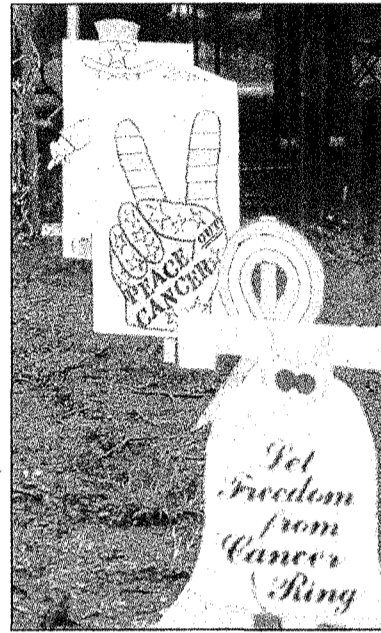
"I did it last year. I thought it was really fun and for a good cause," Nate Irvine said. "I have great-aunts and great-uncles, cousins and a lot a family lost to cancer or who have beaten it."

From their station along the south section of the walking trail, the Scouts were selling items like hand-made duct tape wallets, "Cancer Sucks" bracelet, bracelets with a charm signifying different types of cancers and cell phone charms.

"We have quite a few boys walking and who will stay for the full 24 hours. I think we will do a pretty



Westland resident Brody Birmingham worked the crowd walking at the Westland Relay for Life for donations.



Signs were among the decorations put up in Jaycee Park for the 11th annual Westland Relay for Life.

good job," Nate Irvine said.

All of the 20 relay teams hold fundraisers before the event, but also during the 24 hours sell food, drinks, commemorative buttons and ribbons, hold games and other activities. The event is aimed at drawing members from the entire

community with entertainment and special laps around the track like the college jersey and cupcake laps.

"It's a great event seeing all of the kids here. They'll be at it all night. At 3 a.m. there will be kids walking laps in their pajamas and different goofy laps. That's what it's all about," said Westland Assessor James Elrod, co-captain of the Wild's Walkers team.

In a familiar role at many city functions, Elrod was manning a grill, cooking hot dogs. He was also making sure team members got their team shirts on before continuing to walk on the track.

"People get to step back and feel good that they aren't wearing a survivor shirt. Time is the easiest thing we can give," Elrod said.

Former councilman and Mayor Charles Pickering was browsing the silent auction of items provided by different teams with the Westland Jaycees supervising the sale.

"I've always been a supporter since the first relay," he said. "The first year I stayed the 24 hours. I walked. I didn't join a team. As a councilperson, I wanted to support everyone. I still come out and walk."

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cost \$842 to mail out 42 care packages.

Rousseau is glad to see Blanchard back in town after a deployment that hit the unit hard. In November, they were ambushed. Six soldiers died and 30 were injured. They were ambushed a second time New Year's Day. Three soldiers were injured. Blanchard's ear drum was "blown out."

Rousseau did make the journey to Ft. Campbell in April to welcome home Blanchard and his 600 fellow soldiers. She did it, she said, "because we supported them the entire time they were there."

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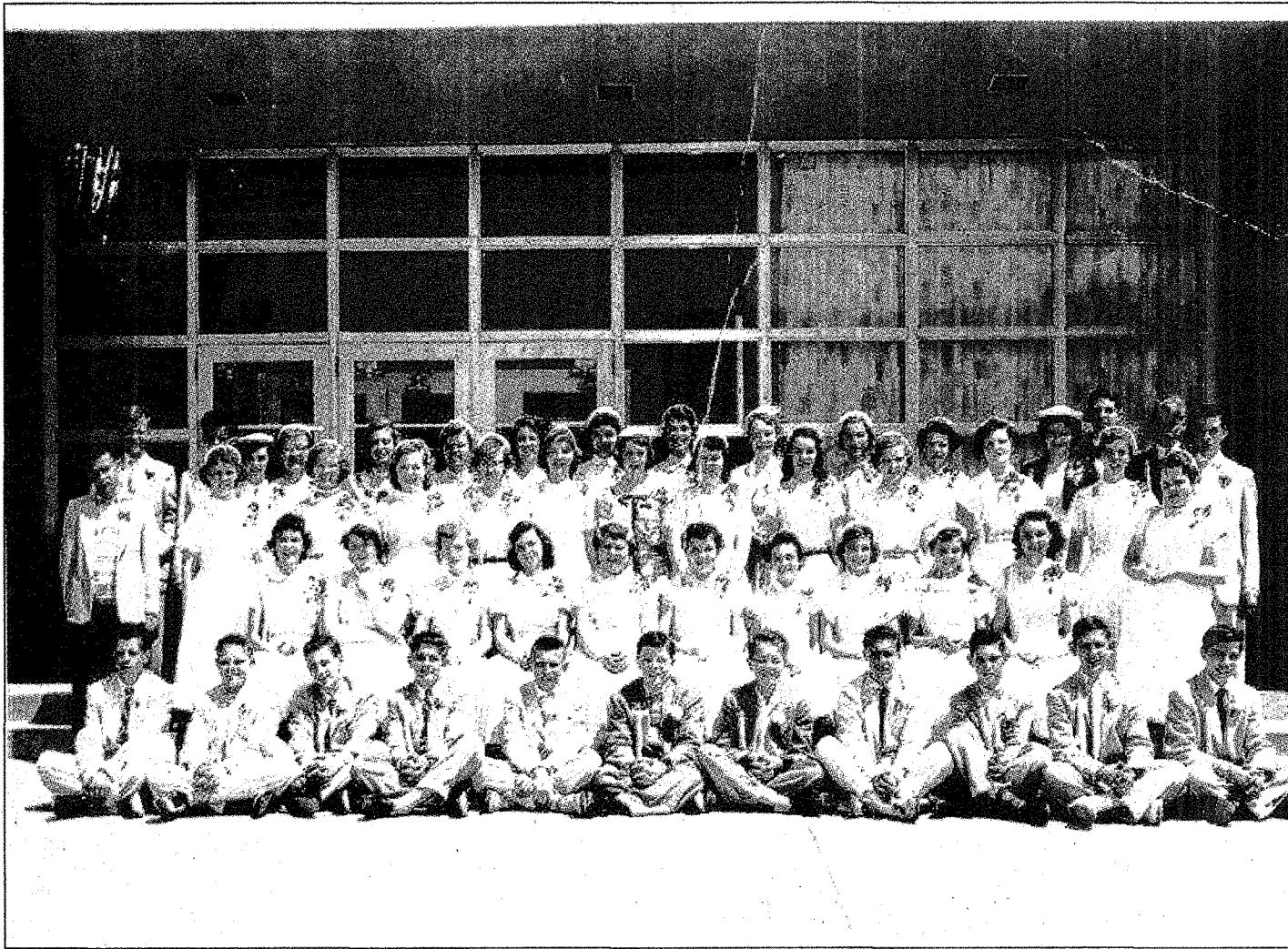
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Among memorabilia on display will be photographs this one of the graduating Class of 1956.

St. Raphael School puts out call to alumni to celebrate 75th year

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

St. Raphael School in Garden City is inviting back alumni and students for a gala party Saturday to observe the school's 75th anniversary.

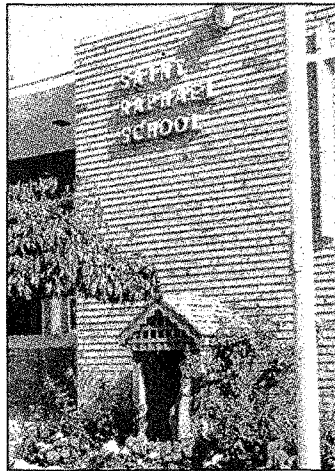
The church and school will serve as the focal point of the celebration, which gets under way with a special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Allen Vigneron at 4:30 p.m., and moves to the school at 6 p.m. The reunion, in celebration of "A Past to Remember ... a Future to Hold," is open to adults and children and includes a strolling buffet, silent auction, basket raffle, entertainment and activities for children.

"We're expecting a lot of people. We've just gotten to 400 tickets," said Kathy (Kordie) Carroll, a member of the Class of 1969 ("and proud of it") who's chairing the celebration.

The school first opened in 1936, when the parish hall was transformed into a four-room school with the Sisters of St. Francis as the teachers. Each of its four classrooms had two grades. The first school building was built in 1950 and a second one in 1956.

According to Carroll, the celebration will start in the first building, where classrooms will represent different decades and feature different foods. On the menu are cheese and crackers, vegetables and dip, meatballs, bratwurst and the menu of the monthly hot dog day — hot dogs, chips, cupcakes and cartons of milk.

In the second building,



St. Raphael School is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a gala alumni reunion Saturday, May 21. The school opened in 1936.

there will be cookies and PIE as in Partners in Education and Prayer.

"We hope people will buy pie from us," Carroll said. "Their names will be put on a plaque and each day the principal will take one or so names from the plaque and the school will pray for those people," she said.

Of course, fruit and dip will be available.

The building also will house the entertainment — music by a DJ — beer bar, games and activities for children, a photo booth, the raffles and auction. At 7 p.m., state Sen. Glenn Anderson, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker and possibly state Rep. Bob Constan will be on hand to recognize the school for 75 years of service.

Special St. Raphael School mementos, photos, stories and memories from former and present students will be on display for the alumni of St. Raphael School who will be in attendance. Many reli-

gious staff who have taught, served as principal and even former pastors of St. Raphael are expected to attend.

Along with the 75th anniversary alumni reunion, the event also is a fundraiser for the school. The silent auction will include such items as a reserved pew for Christmas Eve, a reserved pew for mid-night Mass, a party tub of liquor and Xbox 360.

"The really big one is 12 Glee tickets for The Palace of Auburn Hills," Carroll said. "That includes a suite and tickets to see Glee."

The basket raffle is made up of 10 baskets created by students at St. Raphael. The selection includes a treasure chest, created by the kindergarten; the fourth grade's ceramic vase; the sixth grade's fruit bowl; and the eighth grade's planter.

There also will be a selection of gift certificates from Crestwood Dodge, Leo's Jewelry, Rocky's, Rogala's and DeLuca's Sports Venue. Amantea's Orin Jewelers has also donated a diamond necklace, Carroll noted.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and are available in advance or at the door. Information is available on the St. Raphael Alumni Association, Garden City, Michigan, Facebook page. A link to the Facebook page also can be found on the school website, www.straphael-gc.org, under the alumni tab.

Organizers also have been trying to connect with alumni who attended St. Raphael's to build up its data base and has forms they're asking grads to fill out with their background, class and favorite memories.

The alumni information collected so far has been put in ring binders and displayed at the church in hopes the other people will add to it.

"The school started in 1936 and for a good 10 years, we don't have any information," Carroll said. "We have two names for the Class of 1944."

For more information, call St. Raphael Principal DeAnn Brzezinski at (734) 425-9771 or by e-mail at dbrzezinski@straphael-gc.org.

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Lawmakers want excess revenue to go to K-12 education

Following a revenue estimating conference that showed the state would have an additional \$500 million available for the next fiscal year, Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer, D-East Lansing, and Senator Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, have renewed their call to use that additional revenue to prevent the excessive cuts to K-12 education included as part of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

"The money is there and we're calling on Governor Snyder to commit to investing it in our children's education," said Whitmer. "There is simply no excuse for allowing these draconian cuts to our schools to go through while those dollars are sitting on the table."

Two school districts impacted by the Governor's proposed budget are the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Garden City Public Schools, both on Anderson's 6th District. Wayne-Westland would be hit the hardest among school districts in the state. The cuts in per pupil funding, increased retirement costs and the elimination of the district's equity funding will cut more than \$14 million from Wayne-Westland's state funding for fiscal 2011-2012.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, who testified before the before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education, said the proposed \$14.5 million in lost revenue is 13 percent of the district's total general fund budget of \$112 million.

"This is too much for one district to bear when we have already employed best practices, right-sized and cut so much more than other districts," Baracy told the committee. "If the \$14.5 million in cuts come to fruition, we will be in deficit next year. We can't cut our way

out." The Garden City Public Schools, which stands to lose \$2.3 million, including \$800,000 in fund equity money. The district is in deficit and could see its revenue shortfall top \$6 million next fiscal year.

"The governor mentioned shared sacrifice, the Garden City Public Schools, as an educational community, has been making sacrifices for over 10 years," Cline said earlier this year. "We are grateful that others will share in the sacrifice, we were just hoping we had already contributed our fair share."

Whitmer added that there has been overwhelming public support for her proposal to constitutionally protect the state's school aid fund, something Anderson cited as necessary to prevent the legislature from attempting another raid on dollars voters expect to only go towards K-12 education.

"Rushing through a budget plan that made devastating cuts to our education system while giving away billions to big business was tremendously shortsighted, especially when even the Governor acknowledged it might not create a single job for Michigan workers," added Anderson. "We can fix that mistake, put this money back into our schools, and create an education system that encourages employers to locate and invest in Michigan."

The Democrats also announced the release of a new video that documents the significant impact budget cuts have already had on public schools in recent years, as well as how future cuts would jeopardize their ability to offer even the most fundamental academic programs.

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Baby formula, cigarettes, cigars stolen from store

Larceny

An officer on patrol noticed a broken window at A Z Grocery, 8553 N. Wayne Road, at 6:30 a.m. May 15. Checking inside, officers found a brick on the floor but no one inside.

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The owner arrived and provided an estimate of items stolen. Valued at \$3,600, the items reported missing included 50 containers of baby formula, 200 cartons of cigarettes, 50 cigars and \$200 in cash.

Suspicious circumstances

Police were called to Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, on May 17 after a suspicious package was reported on a bench near Olga's Restaurant. The officer noted the box was closed and large enough to hold explosives.

The area was taped off and nearby stores were warned. The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad arrived to investigate. It was determined that the box contained a used part from a copier machine and posed no danger.

Mall surveillance footage showed a man carrying the box coming up the escalator. There was no footage of him leaving the box.

Stolen trailer

A resident in the 27000 block of Ann Arbor Trail told police May 9 that he received an anonymous call telling him that his van was in Detroit. The resident owns a landscaping business and the van had his name and telephone number on the side.

The Ford van, valued at \$500, was recovered in the Brightmoor area of Detroit but the trailer which had been attached to the van was missing. The trailer was loaded with two mowers and other landscaping equipment valued at nearly \$6,900.

Retail fraud

Two Livonia residents, ages 17 and 18, were arrested May 14 for allegedly

shoplifting seven bottles of alcoholic beverages from Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. The pair were spotted walking around the store pushing a grocery cart containing various bottles of liquor. Store security said the pair went into the toy department where the bottles were loaded into the 18-year-old's purse.

The two headed to the checkout to pay for a pack of gum and bottle of juice but not the alcohol, store security said.

Both were detained and held for police. Both were arrested for retail fraud and being a minor in possession of alcohol. The 17-year-old male was charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia after the officer reportedly recovered a marijuana pipe and a jar with residue from his pockets.

The stolen alcohol, which was recovered, reportedly included two Mike's Hard Lemonades, three bottles of Ketel One Vodka, one Budweiser and two Bud Lights valued at \$77.

Bike stolen

Police were called to Kroger, 200 S. Merriman, May 14 after receiving a report that a man had stolen a bicycle and was being chased by the owner. The officer located the suspect, a Westland resident, riding the bicycle westbound on Cherry Hill near Radcliff. He told police he had just gotten off work at Kroger, saw the bicycle and took it because he didn't want to walk all the way home.

A Garden City man told police that he had borrowed the bicycle and rode it to the store, leaving it parked outside while he shopped. When he saw the suspect riding away on the bicycle, the Garden City man said he called the bike owner, also a Garden City resident who lives at Cherry Hill and Venoy, telling him to look for the suspect who was riding that way. Both men told police they tried to run after the suspect but were unable to keep up.

The suspect was arrested for larceny

and receiving stolen property. The bike, valued at \$100, was returned to the owner.

Larceny from a vehicle

On May 14, a resident in the 38000 block of Warner Farms Drive told police that overnight someone had used a landscaping block to break both windows on his Ford pickup truck and stole his iPod. The damage was set at \$300 with the stolen item valued at \$150.

Stolen vehicle

A Garden City woman told police May 15 that her daughter had parked a 1999 Ford Contour in front of a home in the 31000 block of Stephen and it was stolen. The vehicle, valued at \$900, may have been unlocked and had a spare key in inside it. Police noted that there had been several larcenies from vehicles in the area during the same time period.

Missing ring

On May 13, a resident in the 500 block of S. Hawthorne told police that someone entered his home through an open window. He reported five diamond rings valued at \$6,500 and approximately 500 blank checks stolen from an unlocked safe. The officer noted the house hadn't been ransacked.

Break-in

A resident of an apartment in the 37000 block of Greenwood told police May 16 that he got up at 7 a.m. to find the front door open. He said that food, cleaning supplies and burners from the stove, valued at \$230, had been stolen. The resident told police that he was sure that he had locked the door before going to bed.

The officer noted there was no sign of forced entry. The resident also told the officer that there were several knife nicks in drywall in the living room.

By LeAnne Rogers

Teen arrested for marijuana possession

Drug possession

The school resource officer at Cambridge High School in Garden City arrested a student on his lunch hour for possession of marijuana.

The police officer reported that at 11:30 a.m. May 12, he was observing the group of students at the curb as he usually does during this time period to determine if they are smoking tobacco or marijuana. One 17-year-old male looked suspicious to the officer because he kept his back to him and looked like he was doing something with his hands.

The officer reportedly found the teen rolling marijuana into cigar wrappers. When the student was arrested, the officer reportedly found two baggies of marijuana in the teen's front pants pockets. "You got me," the student reportedly said to the arresting officer.

Thefts

A woman who came to Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt, at 8 p.m. April 20 said she forgot to take her Kindle with her after leaving the restaurant. When she arrived home, she realized that she had set the electronic reader down while waiting for her husband to join her for dinner. When she went back to the restaurant to reclaim it, it was gone.

A business owner reported that his \$7,000 hydraulic hammer which was attached to a tractor was stolen sometime before May 13.

The owner added that he parked his tractor at the Shell station located at Ford and Henry Ruff with the permission of the business.

Armed robbery

A man reportedly pulled out a gun at the 7-Eleven store at 2202 Merriman at 10:30 p.m. May 16 after placing a pop bottle on the counter.

He reportedly demanded all of the money and the clerk complied. There were no customers in the store. The man reportedly fled southbound out the front door. Police set up a K9 track which ended unsuccessfully at Dillon and Pardo.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s, about 5-foot-6, and wearing a hooded black jacket, sunglasses and dark colored baseball hat with a striped brim.

Break-in

A resident in the 6900 block of Fairfield reported that several items were stolen from her home before 5:45 p.m. May 10.

There was no sign of a forced entry. The homeowner immediately realized that items were missing because items "were all over the place," according to the police report.

The woman said that someone took a laptop, watches, earrings, other jewelry, a digital camera and savings bonds.

Theft

A 20-year-old Westland man reported that someone stole his \$200 Mongoose bike that he parked outside to the 7-Eleven store about 4:30 a.m. May 11.

He told police that after spending about 15 minutes inside of the party store, he went outside and found his bike missing.

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Bookstock sets new record for opening-day sales



Bookstock's Cheryl Litt of West Bloomfield assists 10-year-old Lilley Kroll and her mom, Jennifer Kroll. They are from Birmingham.



Bookstock volunteer Jack Margolis, at right, assists Warren Utkan of Livonia with his selections.

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This year's Bookstock is breaking records.

The week-long used book and media sale, which continues through Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, raised more money for literacy and education programs on its first day than ever before in its eight-year history, said Beverly K. Phillips, assistant director of public relations for the Jewish Community Relations Council, which co-sponsors the event.

"It's great; it's fabulous. We're doing very well," she said. "It took years to build, but now that it's in its ninth year, people are familiar with it, and they want to be there."

Organizers said they have more than 230 tables of donated books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and

records at bargain-basement prices. That's 66 more tables than last year. They stopped counting after they reached 100,000 items.

From 3-9 p.m. today, those who buy three books can get a fourth for free. Books will be sold for half price Sunday, May 22, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock has generated more than \$530,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past eight years. This year, Bookstock established three Bookstock Scholar Awards, which will be given to outstanding library science students at Wayne State University. Bookstock proceeds will fund one of the \$2,000 scholarships, while the others will be provided by

corporate partners Gardner White Furniture and Wallside Windows.

"It's a very feel-good thing," co-chair Janet Berman said, adding that organizers take people's donations, give them

a tax receipt, categorize and sell them, and turn them all in to dollars for literacy and education projects.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, *Detroit Jewish News*, *Hour*

Detroit magazine, Schostak Brothers and Co., the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations.

Laurel Park Place is on Six

Mile Road east of I-275. The sale is open during regular mall hours.

For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.

National health survey comes to communities in Wayne County

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), the most comprehensive study of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population will get underway in Wayne County beginning Friday, May 20.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is a unique program that monitors the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population. It's a valuable tool for developing effective health policies and programs, and is an opportunity to gain information about an individual's health.

The survey includes health interviews and health measurements.

Each year, approximately 7,000 randomly-selected residents in 15 counties

across the nation have the opportunity to participate in the latest National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

"NHANES serves as the nation's 'health check-up,' going into communities to get health information throughout the country," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden. "The survey is a unique resource for health information, and without it we would lack important knowledge about major health conditions."

NHANES has been conducted by NCHS for nearly 50 years and provides annual estimates on a range of dis-

eases, such as the number of individuals who have heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension, respiratory disease and other conditions.

The information gathered in NHANES is used by public health officials, legislators, and physicians to develop sound health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand the health knowledge for the nation. In addition, NHANES data is used to create standardized growth charts used by pediatricians across the country to track children's growth.

Participants are selected for the study through a complex statistical process using the most current Census information. In simple terms, NHANES divides the United

States into communities. The communities are divided into neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are selected at random. From each neighborhood, housing units are selected at random.

Selected households are approached by our interviewers who ask a few short questions to determine if their household is eligible for the study. Before the interviewer arrives to a particular household, the household should receive an introductory letter and a postcard.

Individuals selected for the survey represent the U.S. population of all ages. Additional emphasis in the current NHANES is placed on the health of older persons, Asian-Americans, African-Americans and Hispanics.

Respondents first participate in a health interview conducted in their home.

The health examination that follows takes place in one of three mobile examination centers that travel to different communities, large and small, urban and rural, across the country for data collection.

A team of health personnel, including a physician, dentist, nutritionists and health and laboratory technicians using high-tech, state-of-the-art equipment, staffs the mobile examination centers. A team of specially-trained professionals conducts the household interviews.

All participants receive an examination by a physician, as well as a dietary interview and body measurements that include height and weight.

Some will be eligible for a hearing test, a scan to evaluate body fat, a breathing test, as well as a blood pressure test. The various tests and procedures depend upon the age of the participant.

No medical care is provided directly in the examination center, but a report on the medical findings is given to each participant along with an explanation from survey medical staff.

All individual information collected in the survey is kept strictly confidential, and privacy is protected by public law.

Participants selected to undergo the physical examination receive reimbursement for travel expenses and remuneration of up to \$125 per person.

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Cruise Night

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Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Memorial Day Parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29. The parade starts at the Wayne Ford Civic League parking lot, 1645 N. Wayne Road, and heads north on Wayne Road to Ford. The parade then goes west on Ford to the Peace Memorial at City Hall. Fund-raising events The AMVETS Post 171 Relay for Life is continuing its fund-raising efforts with several different activities. This Saturday, May 21, the team will host a Yard Sale/Chocolate tasting in the yard of held at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Toys, books, jewelry, clothing and many more treasures will be for sale, and there will be a Dove Chocolate tasting by Carolyn Marnon, Dove Chocolate representative. Come out and taste the chocolate, book a party, and place an order for a good cause. The team also has: An online Avon fundraiser now through July 31. Go to jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered. Buffalo Wild Wings at 6677 N. Wayne Road, will provide 20 percent of sales 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, to the team. Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings with flier available from Relay for Life AMVETS Post 171 Team. Enjoy, lunch, dinner or a



Theater builds up

The walls are going up fast at the new MJR Westland Grand 16 Digital Theater. The new theater is replacing the old Showcase Cinema on Wayne Road south of Warren Road. The theater is scheduled to open Nov. 4.

snack and they'll receive 20 percent of total sales. A bowling benefit 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4 - check-in is at 4 p.m. - at Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Enjoy cosmic bowling, 9-pin no tap. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes. Quarter Mania 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. Shop, book parties, and ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters (per paddle,) depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing. Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Mische Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com. Call Stacy Edwards at quartermania.stacy@gmail.com or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the www.quartermaniami.eventbrite.com.

Zumbathon Zumba for a cause and raise money for Sarcoidosis research on Sunday, June 5, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person at the door. Cash and credit/debit will be accepted. Adults and

children of all ages are welcome. There will be Zumba for 90 minutes, 50/50 drawing and the opportunity to learn more about learn more about Sarcoidosis. A fatal disease, the cause is still unknown and there is no known cure. In sarcoidosis, the immune system does not function properly and blood cells become overactive. These blood cells release chemicals which causes masses of inflamed tissue to form in lungs, lymph nodes, heart, liver, skin, eyes, sinuses, brain/nervous system, bones/joints/muscles, and other organ of the body. This disease does not discriminate. It can affect men and women of any age and of any race. To learn more about Sarcoidosis, visit the website at www.stopsarcoidosis.org. For more information about the Zumbathon, contact instructor Derica Wade at mszumba247@gmail.com.

Progressive raffle The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every

week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Golf outing The Westland Fire Fighter's Public Awareness Committee is sponsoring a benefit golf outing for Children's Fire Safety. The proceeds from the outing will be used to educate children about the dangers of fire and how to escape them. Throughout the year, the Public Awareness Committee promotes fire safety through school programs, after-school programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department and within the city. The 2011 Children's Fire Safety Golf Classic will be

held on Thursday, June 9, at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the 4-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m. To participate in the golf outing or for fairway sponsorship information, call (734) 467-3201.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another. Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Pavilion rentals

Summer is fast approaching and many people are planning for their summer events. Picnics at one of Westland Parks and Recreation's park pavilions are great for a family reunion, child's birthday, graduation party or church picnic. Tattan Park, home of the Play Planet Playstation and the H2O Zone, provides an ideal place for events with lots of children. Jaycee Park and Corrado Park have play equipment for children, as well as large grassy areas for a game of Frisbee or soccer. Every pavilion will accommodate groups of 50 comfortably. For more information contact the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at

6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216. American Legion The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Keherer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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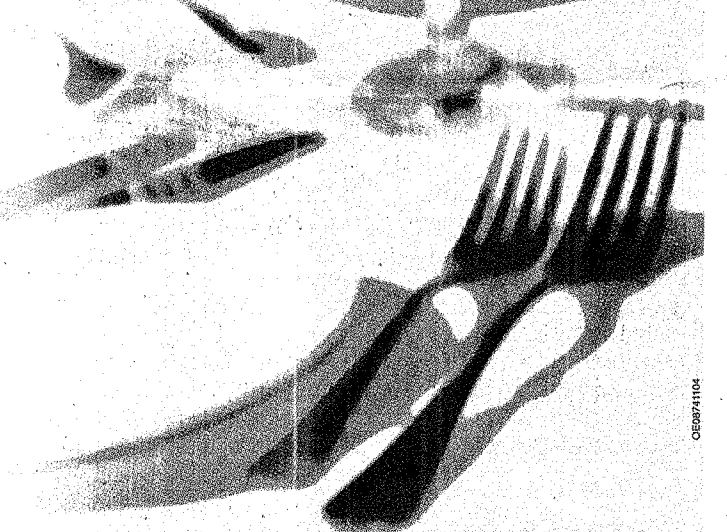
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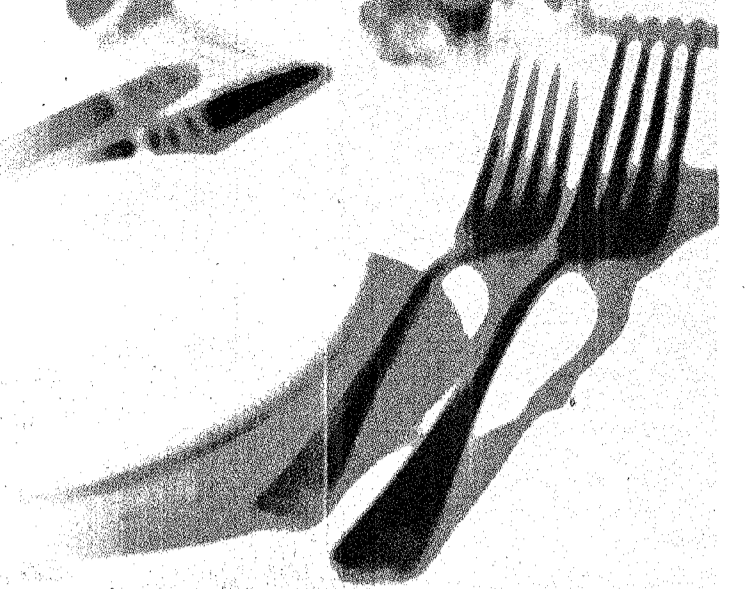
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Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 27. The Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will be in the Northeast Parking Lot at the corner of Inkster Road and Maplewood on the Garden City Hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

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

Wheels For Blum's

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

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

For more information, call (734) 459-8907.

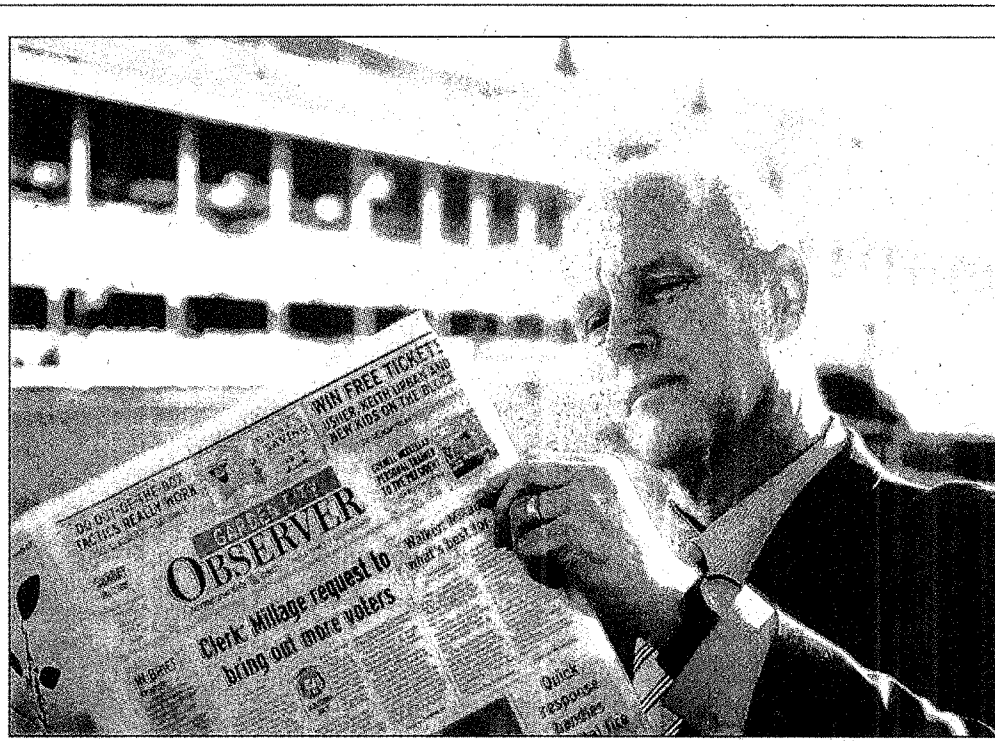
Community Chat

Catch up on what's happening in Garden City with GC Community Chat with Kerry Partin at 9 p.m. every Thursday night at talkshoe.com/tc/82757. Also check out his website at communitychat.weebly.com. The talk show and website are dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City.

For more information, contact Kerry at gccommunitychat@gmail.com.

Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-



Wish You Were Here

Larry Conn didn't just take his Observer to the Kentucky Derby, he caught up on the local news while waiting for the big race. Churchill Downs is an annual May destination for Conn, an assistant principal at Garden City Middle School. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

Memorial Day

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

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

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

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered

in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at

(734) 748-1345.

Get flocked

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2011 wants to make folks feel special by having their "cheerful flamingos" pay a visit have come to pay. They will typically stay only a few days, but they have been known to take flight early and land on a lawn of your choice for a small fee of \$15, which is less than what that special someone paid to flock you.

It's a chance to return the Flamingo Flocking Favor. Optional Flocking Insurance is available to protect you from any future flockings. The policy amount is \$15 and good for the 2010-11 school year.

A word to the wise: Sometimes the flamingos have nothing to do and get bored, so, without notice they will take off for some random flocking. Again, the flamingos will only stay a few days, but when they act like that it's unclear how much fun they are having or how long they

will stay.

You can insure a timely departure with a donation to Project Graduation. All Flocking Funds go to Support Garden City High School Project Graduation. Give PG's Flocking Specialists a call at (734) 612-5274 or (734) 904-3643 or send an e-mail to gardencityprojectgrad@yahoo.com.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

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

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

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker? You'll find him Tuesdays at

Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660.

Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.

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Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits local organizations.

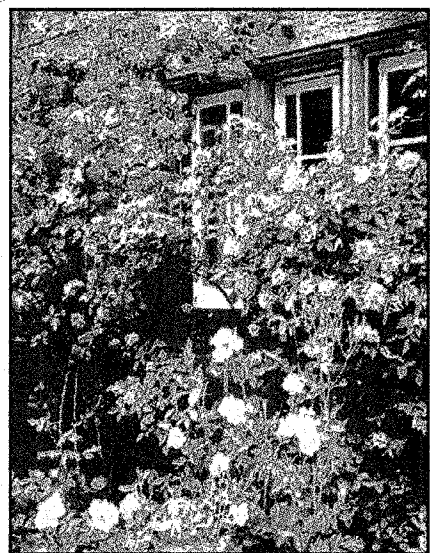
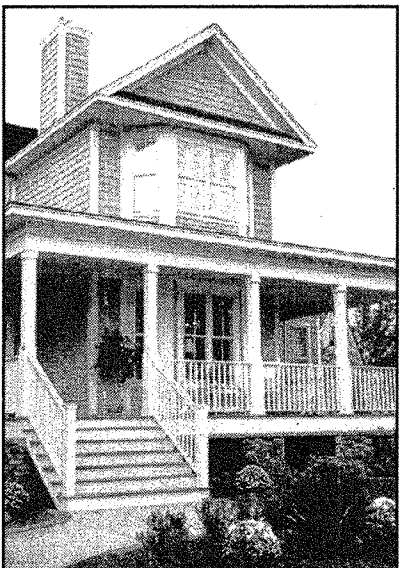
Golf outing

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

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

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

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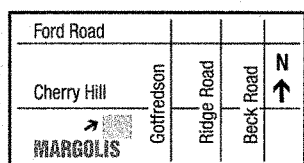
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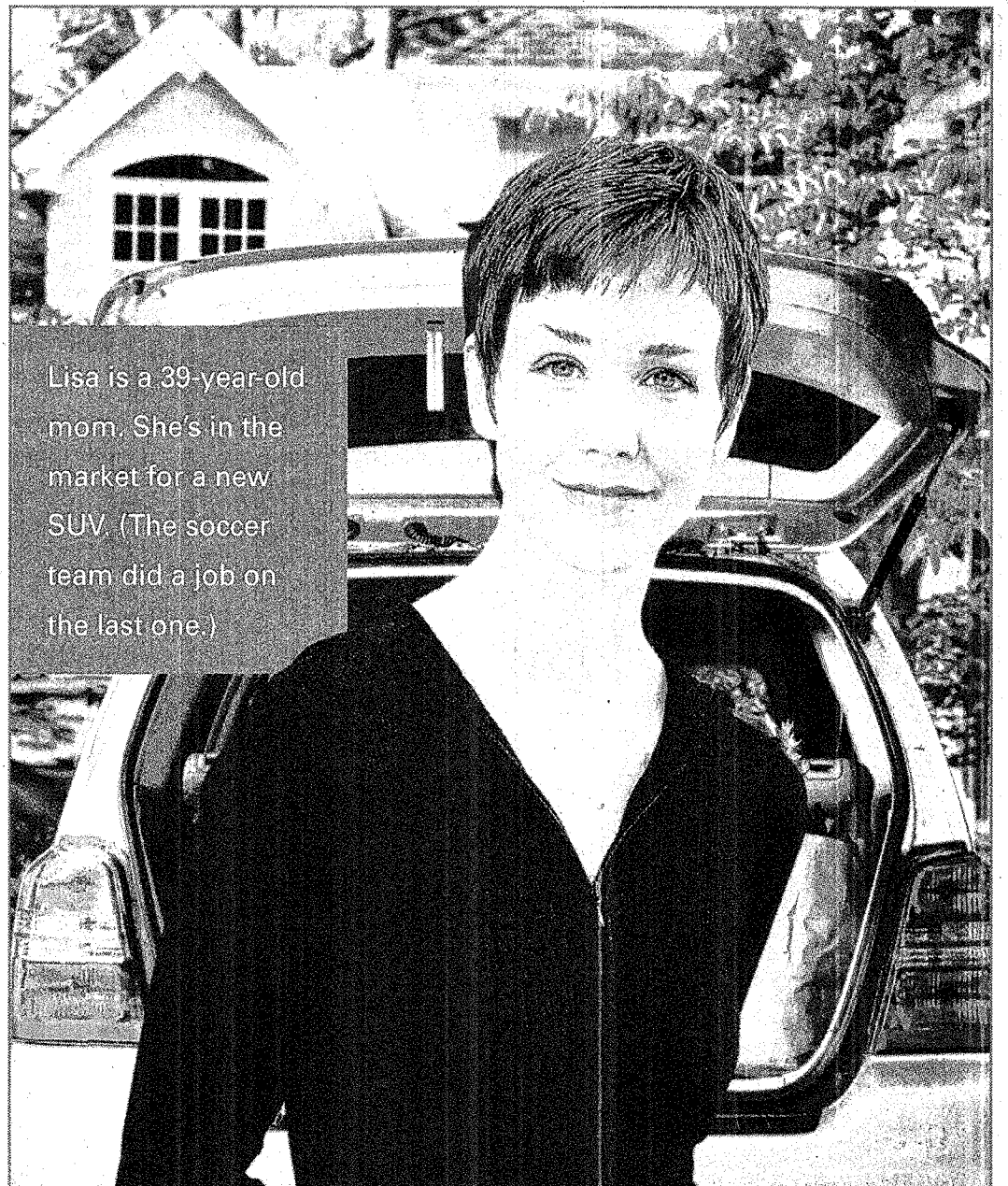
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Belly Dance Class

Time/Date: 8-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning May 25
Location: Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne
Details: A lady's belly dance class is available for eight weeks, beginning May 25. The cost is \$45. The class is held in Studio B of the center.
Contact: For more information, go online to www.blazingbellydance.com or call (313) 506-3073.

Fibro Support Group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 9
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Support Group will have Victor Sipes, a massage therapist, as its guest speaker. He will talk about and demonstrate on how massages can help relieve some pain.
Contact: For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or go online to www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Class Reunion

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15
Details: Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

Appraisal Fair

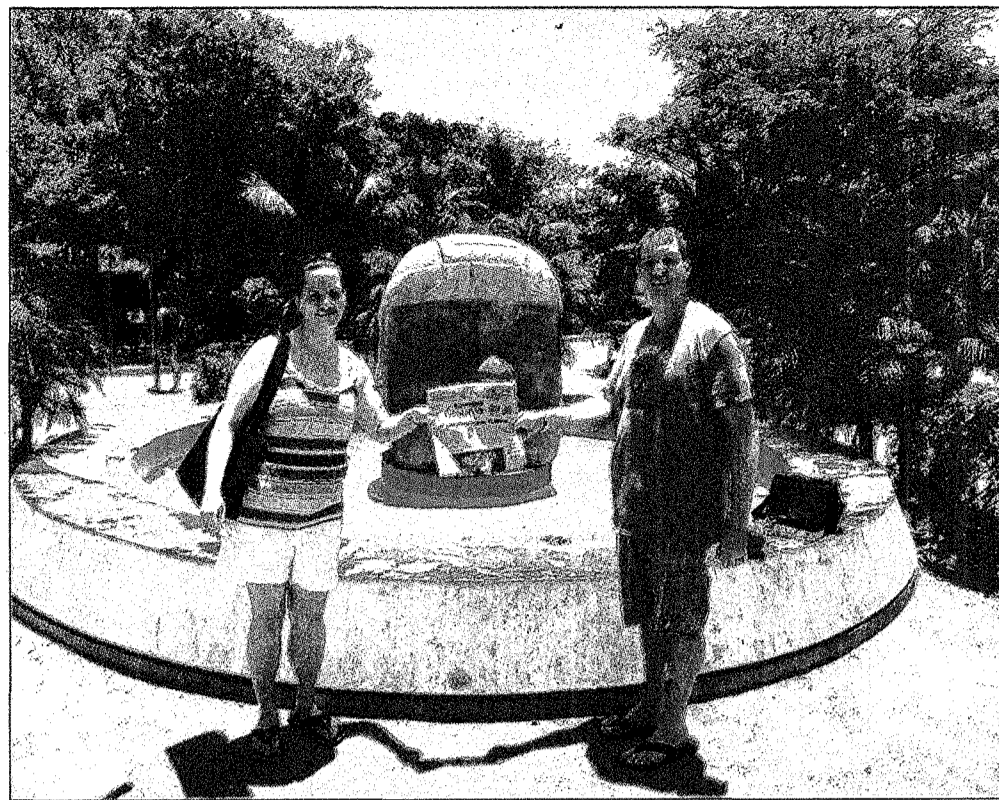
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, May 23
Location: Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh at Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Do you have an item around your house that has kept you wondering if it is valuable, is it something you should sell, keep or give away? Have you wondering if it is valuable? Bring your item or items to the Zonta Club of NW Wayne County Appraisal Fair and find out from appraiser and auctioneer Doug Dalton. A full-time auctioneer for 25 years, he started his auction career after graduating from the Center for Creative Studies. Besides independently working his own auctions, he has worked for the Boos Gallery and Park West Gallery. The cost is \$10 per item for appraisal, limit two items per person.
Contact: Call Barbara (734) 464-0450 for more information.

Summer School

Details: Kumon Centers are enrolling for their summer program. Parents of preschool to high school age students are invited to learn more about its summer enrichment program. Registration fees are waived for families who enroll between June 1-July 15 in the math or reading program.
Contact: To find a local Kumon center, call (877) 586-6673 or go online to www.kumon.com

Ladies Night Out

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1
Details: Mary Mercy Hospital is holding a Ladies Night Out, entitled "Menopause and Preventive Medicine for Women," in the hospital auditorium. Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m. and the lecture will be 7-8:30 p.m. The speakers are Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr.



Wish You Were Here

For Kelly and Tom Bates, their honeymoon came as first anniversary trip to Mexico. The couple were married on May 8, 2010. "Right after the wedding I started my new job at University of Michigan Hospital (where we both work), so we were unable to take a honeymoon immediately after our wedding," said Kelly. "We went to Riviera Maya Mexico, which is on the Caribbean Sea. We were in Playa Paraiso on the Yucatán Peninsula in the state of Quintana Roo." The couple took a taxi to downtown Playa del Carmen, the third largest city in the state of Quintana Roo, and took their Wish You Were Here picture in front of a Maya sculpture fountain right in the heart of downtown Playa del Carmen. "It was a very hot 90 plus-degree day," said Kelly. "We enjoyed our honeymoon and it was my first time in Mexico." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Ramneet Mangat. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs.
Contact: Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmary-mercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Car show

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

Wheels for Blum

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

Indoor Flea Market

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, June 22-23
Location: Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights
Details: Vendors are being sought for an indoor flea market. The cost for a 6-foot table is \$10, and for an 8-foot table \$15. Table position will be based on a first come basis. Registration for a table can be made through Friday, June, 17.
Contact: To reserve a table or for more information, call (313) 791-3550.

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, west of Inkster, Livonia
Details: Social hour is at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 which includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (exact amount). Cash bar available. Stay to enjoy cards, games, conversation and meet new friend until 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support group.
Contact: Must RSVP by June 6 to Carol at (488) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348.

Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: Saturday, June 4
Details: Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more.
Contact: Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or go online to www.therouge.org for more information.

Tapestry display

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday through May 27
Location: William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The Farmington Hills Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is displaying the guild's national tapestry, "America the Beautiful" at the Costick Center through May 27. This tapestry, depicting the U.S., its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24 inches by 48 inches. In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.
Contact: For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

Fall Craft Show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore's CCW is look-

ing for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.
Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)
Support group
Time/Date: 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland
Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.
Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

American Legion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.
Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.org.

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia
Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.
Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

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

Earth Angels

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

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.
Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

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

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

Drivers Needed

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

Area residents take in Spring Senior Expo

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 1,000 seniors and area residents converged Tuesday on the Spring Senior Expo at the VisiTech Center in Livonia.

Sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College, the eighth annual expo featured 65 exhibitors promoting their services in all areas affecting seniors' lives.

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Programs about Medicare, Social Security and neck and back pain were presented.

Exhibitors brought their expertise and information on finance, retirement, housing, legal issues, health care, identity theft and more to this year's event. Fitness demonstrations on Zumba and line dancing, as well as strength training for seniors, were a big draw.

The Entertainment Network of Southfield hosted the Senior Feud, a fun spoof of the original show *Family Feud*. The high-tech game show system with questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes made for a great closing to this year's expo, according to attendees.

Seniors said they enjoyed everything from Senior Feud to pastries prepared by Schoolcraft College.

Paul and Sue Adams of Farmington took in the expo. The couple looked for housing opportunities for Paul's parents. "We're just here to collect information for them on senior care housing," Paul said. "It's helpful to have conversations with people here to discuss options." Paul also wanted information on long-term care insurance for himself.

"Having people here with all this different information has been helpful," Sue Adams said.

INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE

Susan Nye of Livonia wanted to gather information to help friends, one who wanted information about a Social Security issue, and another who wanted real estate information.

Nye said the expo was "a great event with a wonderful setup."

"There's information here for everybody, and you can talk to people," Nye said.

Ruth Williams of Redford said she gives the event "a good grade."

"There's a lot of good information here," she said. Williams said she wanted health and medical information for herself.

"I want to figure out how I can stay here longer on this Earth," Williams said with a smile. "I think it's excellent. And the freebies don't hurt."

HEALTH INQUIRIES

John Elkins, a senior service liaison for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, said many expo visitors were inquiring about the senior emergency room at the hospital, while others were commending the hospital for the room. Others, who did not have a doctor at the hospital, wanted information, Elkins said.

"We have people here asking about the hospital, and we are getting feedback on the emergency room," he said. "Two women told us they went there last year, then went to a different hospital and they talked about how different it was. One of the unique things about it is you get a geriatric assessment."

Elkins said he thought the event had an excellent turnout.

Look for a video montage of expo-goers produced by photojournalist John Heider on the web at hometownlife.com. A fall Senior Health and Living Expo is planned in October. Look for details in upcoming editions of this newspaper and on the web at hometownlife.com.



Line dancers cut a rug at the Spring Senior Expo.



Hometownlife.com Web Editor Larry Ruehlen helps Diana Hage of Westland set up a Facebook page.



Dr. Adam Mashike of Mashike Chiropractic Wellness Center shows Ruth Williams of Redford how to have a healthier spine.



Sharon and Bill Armbruster of Canton take a break to read the Observer.



Susan Nye of Livonia speaks with Brett Phillips of Plymouth RE/MAX.



Marilee Weinlander of Dearborn and Bob Hayrup of Westland had a good time at the Expo.

Secretary of State revs up motorcycle safety message

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson rumbled into the parking lot at Oakland Community College on a black and orange Harley-Davidson 1200 Sportster.

"It has 1,200 cc's, so it wants to go!" Johnson said. "It doesn't like 25 miles per hour."

While the motorcycle was on loan from Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, it's not the first for the Oakland County Republican. Johnson has been riding motorcycles since she was 12 years old, when she saved up her baby-sitting money and bought her own. She was the first female to receive the motorcycle endorsement in Oakland County and the state of Michigan.

Now, there are more than 500,000 motorcycle riders who are endorsed in the state, and Johnson said she's sure there are many more who aren't.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH

On Tuesday, Johnson selected the OCC Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills to promote Motorcycle Safety Month and to urge riders to update their skills by taking training courses, which are offered at OCC, Macomb Community College and Schoolcraft College. She also encourages all motorists to share the road and be aware of each other.

"With the warmer weather and increases in gas prices, I think you're going to see a lot



PHOTOS BY STACY JENKINS

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson spoke Tuesday morning about motorcycle safety and the importance of all riders getting an endorsement on their driver's licenses. Joining Johnson, from left, Lt. Col. Jerome Hurtgen of the Michigan Army National Guard; Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard; Vince Consiglio, rider coach and president of ABATE of Michigan; and Susan Flanagan, on right, who is a rider coach.

more motorcycles on the road," she said.

Since 2007, the number of Michigan residents with motorcycle endorsements has increased from 506,000 to 553,000.

Yet, safety reminders during May — designated as Motorcycle Safety Month — are still important.

Johnson said 127 motorcycle riders were killed in vehicle-motorcycle crashes last year in Michigan.

TO GET ENDORSED

To earn a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license, the rider must successfully complete a knowledge test and a safety course or a skills test with a third-party tester. There are 29 public and private providers in the state.

The Secretary of State's office is working to increase the number of motorcycle training providers.

A safety course is required for riders who are 16 or 17 years

of age and for adults who fail the skills test twice.

"Safety is a rider's number one priority. Even riders who have years of experience can be surprised at what they'll learn at a motorcycle safety course," Johnson said.

The Michigan Motorcycle Safety Program is administered by the Department of State. For a list of motorcycle training programs and for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

VETERANS PLATES

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson also used Tuesday's press conference at Oakland Community College to promote and support proposed legislation that would create new military motorcycle license plates for veterans.

"For the first time, veterans can proudly display their service on the back of their motorcycle," Johnson said — if the bills pass the House and Senate.

"I would like to thank the Legislature for its support of these new military motorcycle plates and encourage the passage of the bills without delay," she said. "These plates honor those who have valiantly served our country and allow them to display their service with pride." The plates would be available in six designs, each bearing the emblem of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Air Force.

"An endorsement isn't just a recommendation from me. It's the law," Johnson said. "The best thing you can do for rider safety is to get your endorsement on your driver's license."

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard joined Johnson at Tuesday's press conference, saying safety is key among his motorcycle patrol unit and for all riders.

Bouchard, also an avid motorcycle rider, said safety is a

real concern.

"For me, motorcycle safety is not an abstract concept," he said, noting that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department has lost members to motorcycle accidents. "Safety is not something that we overlook."

ABATE

Vince Consiglio, rider coach and president of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of Michigan, said between 60,000 and 75,000 riders have received motorcycle safety training in the Detroit area since 1981 through ABATE volunteer rider coaches and safety programs.

ABATE is a nonprofit that aims to preserve the overall rights and promote the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists. Instructors are needed; anyone interested in learning how to become a rider coach may visit www.abateofmichigan.org and click on "safety."

Susan Flanagan, of St. Clair Shores, is a recent graduate of the rider coach prep course — she's come a long way since first getting on a motorcycle in 1997.

"I was a scared, uncoordinated, wanna-be rider," she said.

Now, she's thrilled to be able to teach others.

"I'm touched by the ability to get close to the students — and to continue to develop the sport as not just being fun and entertaining, but safe."

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Schoolcraft College readies motorcyclists for the road

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and throughout the month and all year long, Schoolcraft College is encouraging motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and be extra alert when they are nearby.

One out of every nine U.S. road fatalities in 2010 involved motorcycle riders resulting in one of the country's greatest safety challenges on the roads. That's why the college's Continuing Education and Professional Development Department continues to work with federal, state and local highway safety, law enforcement and motorcycle organizations to encourage motorcycle safety.

"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," said 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."

MOTORCYCLE CLASSES

Schoolcraft College offers motorcycle safety classes all throughout the spring, summer and early fall. 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.

The motorcycle safety education courses are offered at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City by the Detroit-Metro Regional Consortium and are conducted with state funds from a motorcycle safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State.

The Detroit Metro Motorcycle Safety Consortium was formed in 1999 to offer hands-on, comprehensive motorcycle safety training in a safe and comfortable environment. Since 1999, the consortium has trained over 46,000 students.

The safety courses are taught by certified, professional rider coaches that teach from a nationally proven curriculum. Upon successful completion of a state-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, the Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. However, a short written test required for license endorsement will be given at the Secretary of State at the time of endorsement application.

The fee for these courses is \$25 each. Registration is underway for the 2011 season and courses run through September. For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program, go online to www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle/ or call (734) 462-4448.

SAFETY TIPS

In addition to the motorcycle safety classes, Schoolcraft College promotes educating the community on motorcycle safety by offering these tips for automobile 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.

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 which 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.

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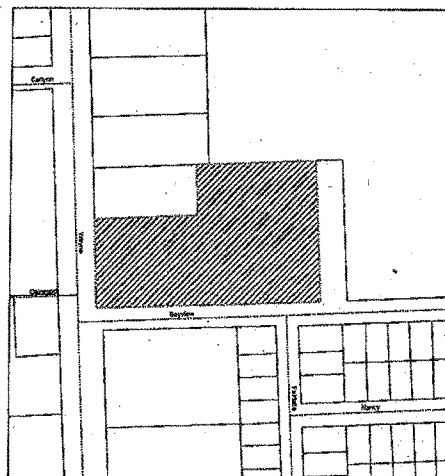
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2181, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for McKinley Cooperative Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, Parcel #062-99-0009-001, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Whitney A. Ruel (Jennifer J. Lengyel-Royal)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., June 7, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - FINAL STATEMENT 2011-2012 CDBG and HOME PROGRAMS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westland anticipates receiving an estimated \$1,073,164 of Community Development Block Grant funds and \$310,148 of HOME Program funds for the fiscal year 2011 -2012 and has prepared the Consolidated Plan 2011-2016 and Annual Action Plan. The Westland City Council approved the use of funds at its regular meeting on May 16, 2011. In addition, the City will use \$4000 CDBG reprogrammed funds.

USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG Administration	\$214,633
Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 34,180
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 75,547
Rental Rehabilitation	\$ 84,649
NSP - Acquisition-Rehab/Demolition	\$ 90,848
Senior Programs	\$160,000
First Step	\$ 4,000
Youth Assistance	\$ 27,000
Ordinance Building Code Compliance	\$105,000
N'hood Resource/Code Compliance	\$116,000
City Projects	\$ 46,307
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	\$ 19,000
Central City Park - soil remediation	\$100,000

HOME Program

HOME Administration	\$ 31,015
Housing Rehabilitation	\$109,228
NSP - Acquisition-Rehab/Demolition	\$118,335
Homebuyer Program	\$ 51,570

Other Programs

- Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
- Provide referrals to persons with special needs for shelter, foreclosure counseling, nutrition and other available services.

William R. Wild, Mayor
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OUR VIEWS

Avoid tragedy Talk to teens about dangers of drinking

It's prom and graduation season — time for parents to remind their teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

The statistics are sobering. One person is killed every 30 minutes in an impaired driving crash, and someone is injured every 26 seconds, according to the southeast Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunken Driving.

But underage drinking poses other risks as well. Don't think it's safe to let teens drink just as long as they don't drive.

Drinking impairs teens' decision-making skills, causing them to do things they ordinarily wouldn't. Furthermore, the consequences of their actions — having sex, becoming violent, committing a crime — can affect them the rest of their lives.

Contrary to popular belief, teens listen to their parents — even more so than their peers. Research shows parental disapproval is the No. 1 reason teens choose not to drink.

Don't worry about repeating yourself. Even if you've had the conversation before, bring it up again. Send clear, consistent zero-tolerance messages. Discuss the dangers of drinking and driving and alcohol poisoning.

If your teenager wants to have a party at your house, make it clear to guests that alcohol and any other drugs are not allowed.

Lock your liquor cabinet and hide or throw out all prescription medications.

Monitor the party area, restricting the entry and exit areas to keep an eye on what is brought in. Define the party area and don't let guests in other areas like bedrooms or the garage.

Set a beginning and an end time to the party.

Be prepared to call parents if a guest brings alcohol or other drugs to the party, or if he or she appears to be under the influence — just as you would want another parent to call you if your child showed up drunk at their house.

If your teenager wants to go out on in the evening, check in with him or her throughout the night and when he or she gets home.

Have a "code" phrase your teen can say to you over the phone that means he or she wants to be picked up from a party where alcohol and drugs are being used or other risky behaviors are going on. Do not push your teen for an explanation.

If you go out, let your teen know where you will be and how you can be reached.

Be a good example. What you do is just as important, if not more so, than what you say.

If you serve alcohol at your teen's graduation party, make sure no one under age 21 has access to it. Have a responsible adult serve all alcoholic drinks or don't serve any alcohol at all.

If you drink, drink responsibly by limiting the number of alcoholic beverages you consume.

Let teens see that people can have fun without drinking.

Do everything you can to prevent your teen from becoming the next statistic. Graduation and prom should be remembered as happy times, not times of regret.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

The Issue: City's famous natives

It is great when we honor local people that are doing very well. Mike Modano is one of the greatest players in the history of the NHL; Ashlee Baracy is now on channel 4 news and doing a great job, and Josh Gracin is doing very well in the music business and has a new album coming out soon that he wrote and also produced. But I was wondering WHERE did his sign go. It was at Newburgh and Glenwood. Somehow it has gone missing unless they have moved it to another location. Anyway our city is being done proud by these few. Let's also not forget Linda Lee from WYCD 99.5 and Ryan Wooley 97.1 THE TICKET, both Glenn graduates. Maybe it wouldn't hurt to honor them, Congrats to all.

Budder

The issue: Response to letter writer

Mr. Cook, our local municipalities govern themselves at the state's pleasure. We don't have an inalienable right to govern ourselves.

If we are stupid enough to elect idiots and corrupt individuals, over and over again, and they bankrupt us, we lose the right to choose our leaders. The state must then step in and appoint someone who is accountable to get us back on track.

Don't want this to happen? Quit voting for idiots. Quit demanding that your elected officials provide services and amenities they cannot afford.

jcjcl

COMMUNITY VOICE

How high or low do you think gas will go this summer?

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



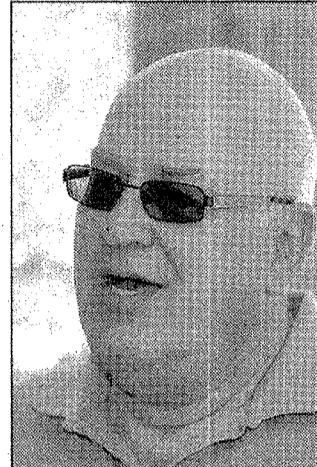
"My niece's husband works for Atlas Oil and tells me that it won't go much over \$4, but don't hold your breath."

Joan Williams
Westland



"I think it'll go to \$4.50 and down to \$3.50."

Marie Mack
Westland



"Everyone says to expect it to go to \$5. I think it'll stick around about where it is unless something big happens."

Rick Palmer
Garden City



"Probably \$5 by the Fourth of July, that would be my guess."

Emily Dingeldey
Westland

LETTERS

A verse worth sharing

I don't know how this verse came to me. I have always enjoyed writing. I buy blank cards so I can write my own verses in them. My family and friends tell me it makes them feel good because the verse I write seems to fit them exactly.

I was 13 years old and wrote a Thanksgiving poem and sent it to the Northwest Newspapers in the city of Detroit where I grew up, and they sent me a \$1 bill.

When I was in junior high school, I had to write a paper for my English class. I thought I wrote a great paper. When I got it back, there was a big fat "F" on it. My eyes started to water, she shattered my writing career. I asked the teacher, she said "you did not put the period and etc. in the right places."

So here I am at 78 years young! Wow, it proves never, never, never give up. I guess that writing talent has been tucked away inside me and God said, "start again, Rosie."

Here's my verse:

ROSIE'S VERSE

I was lonely, and you did not see my need. I did not think I ask much of you, then I realized your tasks were many and your plate full. I only wanted a moment or two from you to have a cup of coffee with you and share a cookie or two. The years fly by so quickly like birds in the sky. I do not want you to visit me when I cannot recognize you, or when you touch me I do not feel the warmth of you. I only longed to see that handsome man and that pretty woman who shared their youth with me.

Rose Cessante-Milavec
Westland

Employees make hospital

Another year has come and gone and this week, hospitals throughout the country are celebrating National Hospital Week. Hospitals employ thousands of incredible individuals who work long hours including nights, weekends and holidays to care for members of their community.

I have the honor and privilege to work for Garden City Hospital. Every day I witness our staff provide compassionate care to the patients and family members who utilize our services. In a world where it is often difficult to find true "heroes," I have the opportunity to work side-by-side with men and women who really define what a hero is.

A great big thank you to the staff and physicians of Garden City Hospital. Although we sometimes forget to tell you just how much you are appreciated, we hope this small acknowledgement helps to remind you that we really are fortunate to have each of you as a member of our team.

Hospitals are more than bricks and mortar, they are about people. Our people are what make our organization great. Thanks for everything you do.

Happy National Hospital Week.

Steven Solomon
vice president, Human Resources
Garden City Hospital

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Read or comment online:
www.hometownlife.com

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

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

Support Savour the Journey

These days it seems like our time is always in high demand. Between work, family and other activities, it can be difficult to find even a few minutes to stop and smell the roses, but making time for things that bring us joy is important to living a long, happy and fulfilling life.

That's why this year The Arbor Hospice Foundation will host "Savour the Journey: A Celebration of the Things We Love About Life," a new fundraising event May 21 at The Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. Guests will enjoy a wonderful evening as they "savour" fabulous wine, a spectacular strolling supper featuring "savoury" selections by local celebrity chefs, decadent desserts, music by The Royce & Jenn Band, dancing and a live auction.

One hundred percent of funds raised from this celebration go directly back into the community through support of Arbor Hospice Pediatric Hospice Services and Grief Support. But how is this possible? The answer is that it wouldn't be without the generous support of our local sponsors. Organizations such as The UPS Foundation, Hantz Benefit Group and the Hylant Group are just a few that have already pledged their support for this event, allowing Arbor Hospice to continue to provide high-quality end-of-life care regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

Pediatric hospice care is more costly to provide than adult hospice care due to the higher cost of medications, specialized pediatric equipment and supplies and advanced clinical and grief support. Arbor Hospice is committed to providing excellent care to this vulnerable population and support to their families to ensure that these children and their families receive the care they need, at the time they need it and for as long as it is needed.

We encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to support our efforts by becoming a sponsor and help us "Savour the Journey." Your support will help us provide the highest quality care for local pediatric patients and their families. For more information or to become a sponsor, please call (734) 794-5122. We have a variety of sponsorship packages available and every bit of support makes a difference for our community.

Terri Denhof and Kristine Martin,
Savour the Journey co-chairs
Arbor Hospice

May is Lyme Awareness month

If you or someone in your family is concerned in any way about Lyme Disease, May provides a number of opportunities to learn more about it. The Michigan Lyme Disease Association is distributing lime green ribbons to all members to display on antennas, mail boxes, etc. Anyone with one of these lime green ribbons (including me) will be a good source of information. The film *Under Our Skin* will be shown on many PBS stations, so watch for it — it is excellent! The film is also available on DVD and may be available at your local library.

A new Lyme Support Group is being formed at Northwest U-U Church in Southfield, co-sponsored by the Michigan Lyme Disease Association. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, you can contact the Michigan Lyme Disease Association at www.mlda.org or 1-888-784-LYME (5963). For directions to Northwest U-U Church: north-westuu.org or (248) 354-4488.

Khaya Davidson
Farmington Hills

Wagging the dog

Osama Bin Laden, I believe, is not dead. It is another deception spoon-fed to the American public, "the masses" or "useful idiots," in an attempt to portray the president as not a Muslim sympathizer and Marxist, as many former detractors now claim.

Mildred Gaddis of WCHB-AM (1200) fame quoted Bob Woodward on her morning drive talk show recently, insinuating that the president in 2009 rejected all the plans/tactics of military advisers concerning the conflict in Afghanistan and formulated his own strategy.

I find this truly incredulous as the president has no military training or expertise in military/covert operations and that Woodward had access to highly classified materials. What level security clearance does Woodward enjoy? The propagandist.

The president was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize unmerited, and his forays into Pakistan and Libya hardly support the award. He, like other presidents, is a puppet on a string. As I told my friend Gaddis in 2008, President Barack Obama, like President George W. Bush, was not ready for prime time.

The propagandist press shows a burning building, no actual film footage of the operation and, lastly, nobody which is "buried at sea" (conveniently), according to the compensated liars/newscasters, all in my view a wag-the-dog propaganda op.

Even if bin Laden is dead, the president still is viewed as a non-Muslim sympathizer, and this changes the public's perception of him greatly enhancing his re-election possibilities. Dead or alive, the president pulled off an amazing political coup and George Soros' agenda to destabilize America marches on.

Mike Doran
Milford

Schoolcraft is site of third annual Electric Vehicle Show

The Michigan Electric Auto Association, Schoolcraft College, and the Clean Energy Coalition will hold the third annual Electric Vehicle Show and Rally 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Last year's event drew over 1,000 people and 35 EV's, including a Chevy Volt, a Tesla Roadster, a Ford plug-in hybrid, a Think, two Wheegos and a 1916 Detroit Electric, as well as a broad variety of conversion EVs, scooters and bikes, and EVI-era OEM production electric vehicles. The most popular segment of the show last year was the SportsCar Club of America-sponsored EV Solo Autocross, where EV drivers raced around a closed course and competed against the clock for trophies.

The event is free, and show organizers expect a much bigger crowd, with 60 EVs of all kinds, including Chevy Volts, a Tesla or two, possibly a Nissan Leaf, a Ford PHEV, a Roadster, a SmartcarED, and a Bright EV - along with production scooters, unique EV conversions, motorcycles, and drag racing tractors, plus older production OEM EVs, a Citicar or two, and, of course, the classy 1916 Detroit



TESLA MOTORS

The Tesla Roadster was the most popular car in last year's Electric Vehicle Show and Rally ride and drive event. Tesla Motors was founded in 2003 by a group of intrepid Silicon Valley engineers who set out to prove that electric vehicles could be awesome.

Electric.

Twenty exhibitors will show off their EV-related equipment and services and there will be a panel of experts answering questions about EV ownership and driving experience, plus EV infrastructure and environmental impact.

Twenty-five EVs will compete in the Solo Autocross, plus Schoolcraft College will show off its four new Coulomb Charging Stations.

As a Ride and Drive event, the public should come pre-

pared to take to take test rides and drives around the large Schoolcraft campus. Last year the Tesla ride was the most popular.

At 11 a.m., it's hoped that U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, a huge promoter of EV and EV component manufacturing for Michigan, will speak and then, in a made-in-Michigan Chevy Volt, lead the "Parade of EVs" around the Autocross course as the crowd gathers to watch this year's race, beginning at noon.

Opening MESP account is a great gift for grads

High school graduations are upon us. Congratulations to graduates and their families for completing an important part of their life's journey. A high school education is a stepping stone leading to some post secondary education — either college or trade school.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The great majority of people recognize that in this ever-changing society, a high school education is not sufficient. I encourage all high school graduates to continue to pursue their education, because now is the time to get the skills and tools needed to be successful.

Along with graduation season also comes the issue of finding an appropriate gift for the high school graduate. Because I believe in the importance of continuing education past high school, I encourage gift givers to consider a contribution to the Michigan Education Savings

Plan (www.misaves.com). The MESP is a college savings plan that is considered to be one of the best in the country. It is easy to establish and requires only a \$25 minimum to get started.

The benefit of an educational plan like the MESP is that the money grows tax-free for as long as it remains in the plan. Once withdrawn, as long as the money is used for a qualified education expense, which includes just about anything that relates to education, there are zero tax consequences. In addition, you don't have to worry about where the graduate ends up attending college because the money can be used at any public or private institution in the country.

I recognize that graduates would much rather receive an iTunes gift card or one from Best Buy. However, what they like shouldn't be the only consideration. After all, they're high school graduates, which means they're adults now and need to start learning to think and act like adults.

A lot of people may think a contribution into the MESP would be a great gift, but they don't want to go through the

hassle of opening the account. I recommend the parents of high school graduates open an account through the MESP and then notify family and friends that if they wish to contribute, the account information can be given to them. Then, all anyone who wishes to contribute needs to do is send a check. This way, the parents of graduates are making it much easier for friends and relatives to invest in the graduate's future.

It's always amazing to me that college costs rise faster than just about anything in our society other than health care. The cost of a college education has spiked and we all know that with more budget cuts down the road, costs are not getting any cheaper.

As you think of ways to honor the high school graduate for a job well done, one of the greatest gifts you can give is to help them take the next important step on the way to a successful future.

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

Student ideas sought in Art Van Furniture's parade float contest

High school students in grades 9-12 can have their idea used for Art Van Furniture's new float in the 2011 America's Thanksgiving Parade® through a new contest being sponsored by the Parade Company and Art Van Furniture.

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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."

"This contest is another great example of his commitment to our community and one of Detroit's greatest traditions — America's Thanksgiving Parade," Michaels said. There will be one grand

prize winner selected from all of the entries who will receive a \$2,500 financial scholarship, compliments of Art Van Furniture to be used towards furthering their education, as well as a \$2,500 donation towards their school's Art or English Department, compliments of Art Van Furniture.

In addition, there will be an opportunity for the student's winning submission to be incorporated into

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Students must submit a written 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 can be submitted online at www.theparade.org or mailed with a completed application form to Art Van Furniture Float Concept Contest, c/o The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A, Detroit, MI 48211.

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Gig gives local actor chance to live out dreams

BY JILL HALPIN
CORRESPONDENT

Katrina Chizek, bitten by the acting bug when she first hit the stage 15 years ago in a local production of *Les Miserables*, has never looked back.

"It was my first big show and I realized how much I liked it," Chizek said of her performance with the Whistle Stop Players, a performing arts group from the Plymouth Community Arts Council. After touring local schools to perform, "I knew this was what I wanted to do," she said.

Chizek, a former Plymouth Township resident now living outside Los Angeles, was in town this week to visit her parents, Phillip and Kathleen Chizek. This month, she heads west where she will spend the summer performing at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Mich. This will be Chizek's third summer working at The Barn, one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country.

According to Chizek, working all summer long at The Barn is a tremendous opportunity for aspiring performers. The Barn is renowned in the acting community, turning out a wide variety of television and movie actors, Chizek said. As a third-year apprentice at The Barn, she will sing, dance and act in eight plays as well as work in the technical production department.

"We (apprentice actors) do everything, from set production to costumes design to performing. I even learned how to weld," Chizek said. Actors must audition for a position at The Barn, but once accepted they are eligible to begin earning points toward their Actors Equity card and become a member of the Actors Equity Association. The AEA is the labor union that represents actors and



Chizek

stage managers. After this summer season, Chizek will be eligible for her card.

Obtaining her Actors Equity card is somewhat of a milestone for Chizek.

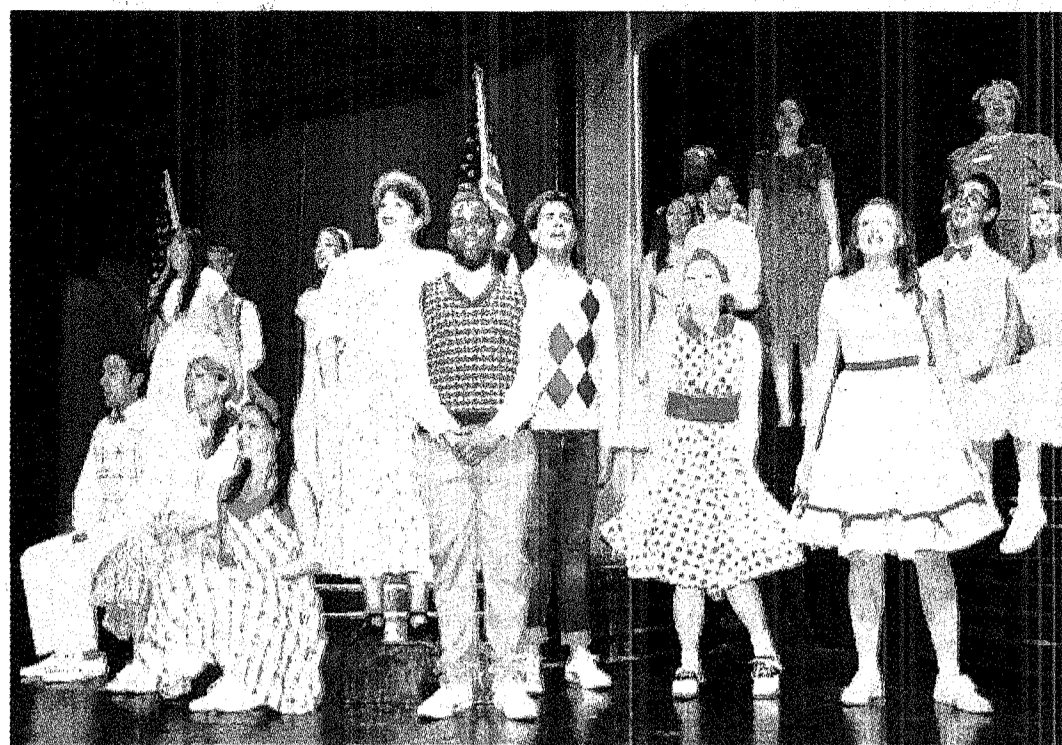
THE RIGHT STEPS

"It means I'm taking the right steps, following the right path," she said. Although apprentices work long and hard hours, "so many people who have been through The Barn have made it big," that it makes it worth the effort, she said. The Barn also provides an opportunity to work closely with Broadway actors and directors, attracting former

apprentice actors who often visit throughout the summer. Barn alumni include Jennifer Garner and Lauren Graham. Working closely with professionals has only reinforced Chizek's desire for the spotlight.

"It just means so much to work with people who have already made it in the business and to develop a connection with them," she said.

Chizek recalls a Barn performance of the award-winning rock opera, *Rent*, which was written by former Barn apprentice Jonathan Larson. Larson won both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for the



Former Plymouth Township resident, whose parents still live in town, will spend the summer performing at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Mich. This will be Chizek's third summer working at The Barn, one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country.

powerful show, which deals with both AIDS and drug addiction among struggling performers. After the show, a slide show featuring Larson's work at The Barn from the 1980s was shown. "It was just so fantastic, so powerful for everyone," Chizek said.

Acting is not Chizek's only passion. She is also a singer who has performed on stage with the Fullerton Civic Opera in Orange County, Calif. Chizek is currently working with Grammy Award-winning producer Bob Cutarella to produce a pop-rock CD on the way and three singles on I-Tunes including a cover of Blondie's *Call Me*, and the original *Good Enough*.

PASSION FOR SINGING

Chizek said singing is her first passion and she is grateful for the opportunity to work with a legitimate music producer. "It's been cool to work with someone who has

had success in this business," she said.

In fact, Chizek's first "big break" came because of her strong voice, said her mother, Kathleen.

"Katrina was in the fourth grade, performing with a school group at Farrand Elementary," when a classmate's aunt with ties to the New York Repertory Orchestra approached them, Kathleen Chizek said, impressed with Katrina's strong voice.

"She said that Katrina had a gift and encouraged us to get training," she said. Katrina began vocal training with a local voice coach, and then joined local performing groups such as Plymouth Community Arts Council's Whistle Stop Players.

Jennifer Tobin, arts coordinator for Canton Township and former executive director and youth theatre director with PCAC, remembers work-

ing with Chizek.

"I always say that there are kids who have it and kids who want it. And then there are the kids who both have it AND want it, and those are the ones that make it. Katrina obviously has it," said Tobin. "She is just a little fireball of energy and talent."

A 2005 Salem High School graduate, Chizek headed to California after graduation, noting, "I knew I had to either go to New York or California" to reach her goal of performing on stage.

Chizek earned a bachelor's degree from California State University-Fullerton in 2010 and was able to take part in local theater productions around the Los Angeles area while attending school. She credits Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir teacher Jennifer Kopp with providing encouragement but noted that her passion for performing has been her driving force.

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Piechota's 1-hitter yields Spartans division title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

This time the Livonia Stevenson didn't leave anything to chance when it came to winning the KLAA Central Division baseball title.

The Spartans, who settled for a three-way tie for the crown a year ago, won it outright Monday with a 10-0 mercy-rule victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Stevenson, now 19-8 overall and 12-2 in the Central, got another sterling pitching performance from senior Evan Piechota, who raised his sea-

son record to 6-0 with his second consecutive one-hitter.

Piechota, who allowed a lead-off single to Franklin's Adam Michael, went all six innings striking out seven and walking one. His season earned run average stands at 0.18 with 49 strikeouts and only six walks in 40 innings.

"He's been on fire all season," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said.

Stevenson jumped out to a 4-0 lead after four innings and added three more runs

each in the fourth and sixth innings.

Mark Wagner paced Stevenson's 13-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a double and RBI.

Also getting into the act was Tyler Lynch (2-for-2, RBI, three runs); Piechota (2-for-3, two RBI); Josh DeYonker (2-for-3, RBI); and Mike Vomastek (two RBI).

Jake Semak and Brendon Hayes also knocked in runs.

Joel Trudell, the Franklin starter, took the loss allowing seven runs on nine hits and five walks. Justin Forrestall finished up as the Patriots slipped to 11-13 overall and 4-

10 in the KLAA South.

Stevenson, who lost the first-place tiebreaker last year to Northville, will play the KLAA South winner, either Canton or Livonia Churchill, for the Kensington Conference championship, 4 p.m. Monday at home.

"I am very proud of the hard work and dedication the Stevenson players exhibit and their desire for excellence," Berryman said.

LAKELAND 8, STEVENSON 5: In Saturday's Lakes Area Invitational, host White Lake Lakeland (10-11) got two hits apiece from Mike Sizon and Steve Snapp to beat Livonia

Stevenson (18-8).

Lakeland trailed 5-3 before exploding for five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Chris McDonald doubled twice and knocked in two runs for the Spartans, while Josh DeYonker added two hits and two RBI.

Jake Semak went 2-for-4.

STEVENSON 6, W. BLOOMFIELD 2: Sophomore Mike Kanitra pitched a four-hitter for his first varsity win Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (18-7) downed West Bloomfield in the opening round of the Lakes Area Invitational.

Kanitra went all seven innings, striking out seven and walking one. Evan Piechota paced Stevenson's eight-hit attack going 3-for-3. Tyler Lynch scored two runs.

SIDELINES

Shaw football camp

Former Livonia Clarenceville High football standout and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw will stage his second "Dream It. Do It." football camp (grades 4-12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at David McDowell Stadium.

The camp, assisted by current NFL and college players, is free and enrollment is limited.

To print and fill out a registration form, visit www.timshaw-football.com.

MU adds 2 cagers

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced the signing of two players to NIAA letters-of-intent for the 2011-12 season.

The Crusaders have added Dearborn Fordson 5-foot-7 guard Yazmeen Hamid, who averaged 21 points, six assists, five rebounds, four steals and three blocks per game.

Hamid also scored a single-game record 39 points and racked up 1,151 career points.

"Yazmeen is an incredible shooter who will add depth to our two spot and is a specialist from long range," Graves said. "She led her team in a number of areas and was called upon to do a lot of the scoring. Amidst a lot of double teams and defenses designed to stop her, she remained a top threat on the court."

MU also signed Hayley Stempien, a 6-foot post player from state Class B champion Dearborn Divine Child.

Stempien, who helped the Falcons to four straight district titles, played for former MU standout Mary Murray Laney.

"I am very excited to add a state champion post player to our roster," Graves said. "Hayley obviously knows how to win and she has proven she is an even bigger threat in the classroom. She is a position to make an immediate impact to our program."

MSU vaulter 3rd

Michigan State University freshman Derik Peterman (Livonia Churchill) cleared 16 feet, 2.75 inches to finish tied for third in the pole vault at last weekend's 2011 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by the University of Iowa.

Ohio State freshman Cody Marshall placed first at 16-6.75.

MSU junior Robyn Whalen (Livonia Franklin) was 14th in the women's hammer throw (164 feet) and 17th in the discus (144-0).

Calka 4th in MAC

Eastern Michigan University sophomore Courtney Calka (Livonia Stevenson) placed fourth in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:41.47) and seventh in the 5,000 run (17:14.29) at the 2011 Mid-American Conference Outdoor Women's Track and Championships held last weekend at Northern Illinois University.

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. Awards will go to the top three finishers in each male and female age group.

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

The Rockets' man

College Football Hall of Fame awaits Carr

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Retired Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr has never forgotten his roots.

Just ask Chuck Gordon, who spent three seasons as an assistant at Westland John Glenn High under Carr.

On Tuesday, Carr was one of 16 inductees named to the 2011 College Football Hall of Fame announced by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.

The announcement was made Tuesday at the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square. The induction ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

"We still talk every couple weeks," Gordon said. "One of the things people don't know is that he was a friendly and outgoing guy. And another thing you have to respect is the guys he met on the way up, he kept in contact with. We remain good friends and talk regularly."

Gordon also knows a side of Carr that many haven't seen.

"One of the things people don't know, too, is that he has sense of humor," Gordon said. "He's funny and fun to be around. He wouldn't necessarily let that out with all the press and stuff, but behind the

scenes, with the coaches and players, he was totally different. But he always knew when it was time to go to work. And when it was time to have fun, he was a fun guy to be around."

Carr and Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry are joined by 14 players, including Deion Sanders and Eddie George, that will be enshrined as members of this year's class.

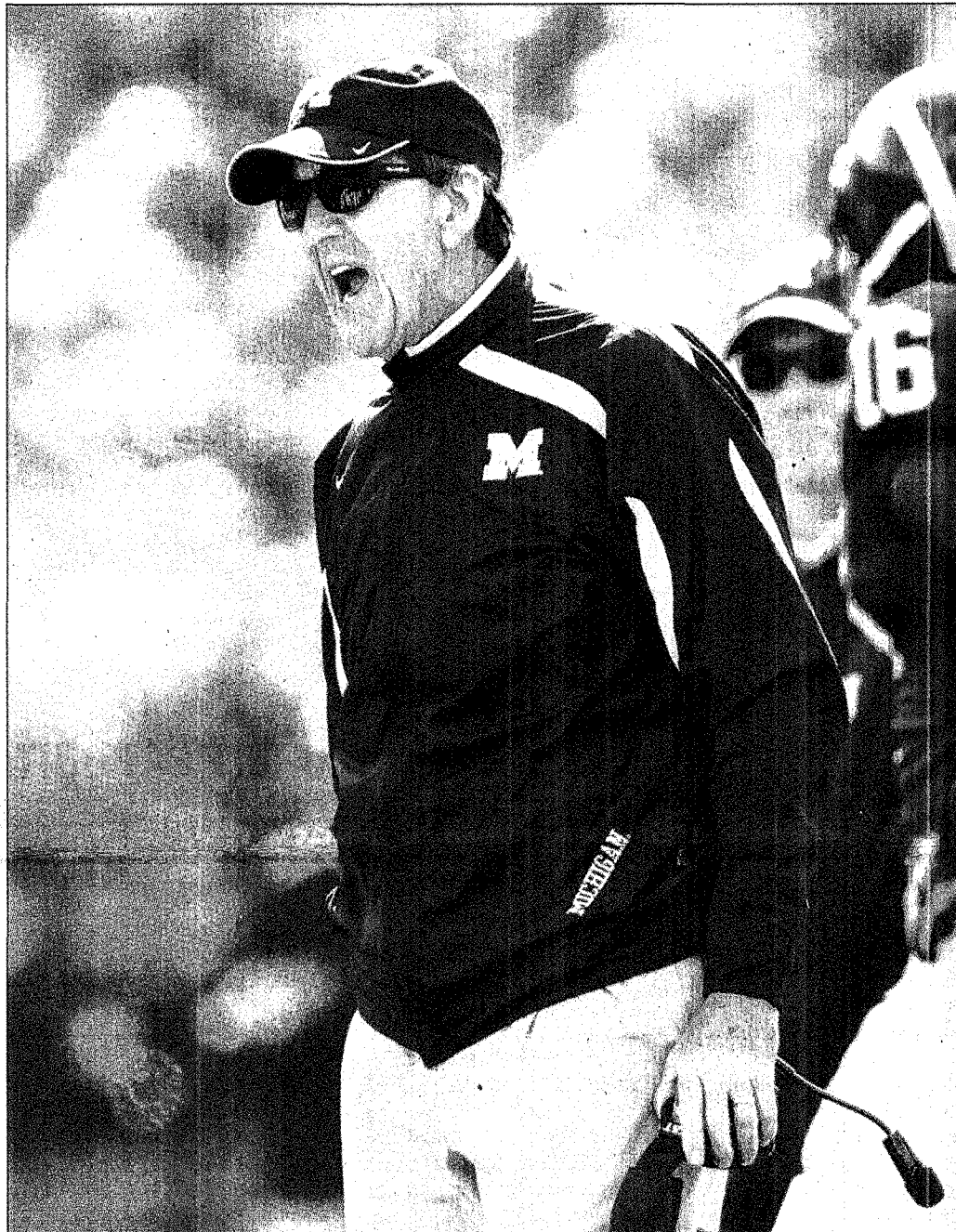
John Glenn was Carr's first head coaching gig and Gordon, who had just been hired as a physical education teacher at Stevenson Junior High, applied for a varsity position on the new staff.

"I had coached the freshman one year at Blissfield," Gordon recalled. "I got hired in May of 1973. I expressed interest in coaching and there was a new guy at Glenn in Lloyd Carr and he hired me to coach the DBs and wide receivers."

The two spent three seasons together as Glenn went from 2-6 in 1973, to 5-4 in 1974 and 8-1 in 1975 (as Carr earned Class A Regional Coach of the Year honors).

"The thing I remember is that he really had a passion for kids," said Gordon, who later became Glenn's head coach and went on to a Hall of Fame career himself with more than 200 victories with the Rockets.

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Former Westland John Glenn coach and retired Michigan coach Lloyd Carr will be among 14 inductees into the College Football Hall of Fame.

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Garber goal puts Blazers in finals, 3-2

Livonia Ladywood is back in a familiar place — the Catholic League girls soccer championship final.

Catherine Garber scored off a free kick in the 64th minute to break a 2-2 tie Tuesday night as the Blazers downed host Pontiac Notre

Dame Prep, 3-2, in a league semifinal between state-ranked teams.

Ladywood, 11-1-6 overall, advances to Saturday's final against Wednesday's game between defending state champion Birmingham Marian and Madison Heights Bishop Foley. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Ladywood.)

"It was a big win for us against a quality opponent," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team earned its third league final in four years. "(Notre Dame) Prep has as good of an attack that we have seen this season. (Katrina) Stencil and (Taylor) Timko are big timers for them."

Stencil opened the scoring in the 27th minute off a through ball from Timko, but Ladywood's Kelly Capoccia answered with a one touch fin-

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Lakers' Taylor twins dual threats

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to being dual-sport athletes, Grand Valley State University's Taylor twins — Briana and Brittany — may be in a league of their own.

That was the case when they ruled the roost during their storied prep days at Livonia Franklin High School where they led the Patriots to the 2008 MHSAA Class A basketball championship game and earned All-State honors the same season in softball.

So it's not hard to fathom how the talented tandem jumped straight from the hardwood and onto the diamond without flinching this season.

They have propelled the Lakers (41-14) to the NCAA Division II Midwest Super Regional beginning Friday in a best two-of-three game series against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Saginaw Valley State.

After missing an entire season to concentrate in basketball, the sophomore twins haven't missed a beat this spring as both earned first-team All-GLIAC honors in softball.

Briana, a shortstop, is second on the team in batting with a .423 average with six homers and 35 RBI. (She is a nursing and general management major.)

Meanwhile, Brittany, who has smoothly converted from catcher (dur-



Franklin grad Briana Taylor made first-team All-GLIAC along with twin sister Brittany for Grand Valley State, which plays Friday at Saginaw Valley State in the NCAA Division II women's softball Midwest Super Regional.

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ing her high school days) to the outfield, is hitting .412 with six homers and 33 RBI. (She is a nursing and psychology major.)

And Brittany's presence was never more felt than in Monday's 13-1 Midwest Regional clinching win over Lewis (Ill.) when she tripled and hit a grand slam during the first inning.

"I had seen them play in summer travel ball and in high school — they're just great athletes," Grand Valley coach Don Woods said. "You can give them all sorts of superlatives, but they're also great

people, too.

"We played 11 games in Florida without them. When basketball ended they came into my office and they said they needed a day to catch up on their academics."

"They fit in and transitioned well right away. I had seen Brittany play outfield in travel and she's a great catcher, too. They took right off. They get along well with everybody. They're great teammates."

The only thing Woods was concerned

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Spartans slip by Franklin, 2-1

Livonia Stevenson did it the hard way Monday, manufacturing a pair of runs over the final two innings.

KLAA SOFTBALL

Monday to beat Livonia Franklin, 2-1, in a KLAA Kensington Conference girls softball crossover.

The Spartans, who improved to 12-9 overall, trailed 1-0 until the sixth when Julianne Potvin reached base on a one-out walk and advanced to third on a single by Allie Koesterling.

Becca Zarras then followed with a nifty squeeze bunt to bring home the tying run.

In the seventh, winning pitcher Morgan Copperstone led off with a walk and courtesy runner Maddie Ometianski advanced to second on a successful drag bunt by Molly Knoph.

Franklin pitcher Nicole Williamson then walked Alex Ferguson to load the bases and Potvin delivered a line drive single to right center to score Ometianski with the winning run.

Copperstone went all seven innings, allowing just four hits. She struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Williamson (6-4) gave up

five hits, walked four and struck out four in taking the loss.

"We are continuing to make our games interesting," Stevenson coach Rob Williamson said. "Today their pitcher did a nice job at keeping us hitting off of our front foot for the majority of the game."

Franklin coach Linda Jimenez had nothing but praise for her pitcher, as well.

Nicole is the type of pitcher that will learn from this," Jimenez said. "She will come back stronger the next game - that's the type of person she is. We appreciated her effort today despite the loss. Offensively, we hit the ball very hard, but right at them."

Katelyn Devers went 2-for-3 and scored the lone run on Maggie Leins' groundout for the Patriots (14-10) in the opening inning.

STEVENSON 9, SOUTH LYON 8: In a suspended game from May 12, host Livonia Stevenson (13-9, 5-3) scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Lions (13-6, 3-5) in a key KLAA Central Division clash.

South Lyon broke the 7-all deadlock with a run in the top of the ninth when Danielle Godair walked, moved to second on a passed ball, took third on a groundout and scored on a ground-

out. Stevenson battled back in the bottom half of the inning on back-to-back singles by Morgan Copperstone and Alex Ferguson followed by Julianne Potvin's line shot into the right center gap which scored pinch runner Kristen Suzio and Ferguson (after the throw from right got past the catcher).

Potvin, Knoph and Ferguson each had two hits and an RBI in the victory.

"I am very proud of the way we maintained our composure last Thursday and again tonight," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "We have been hitting the ball very well lately and we are beginning to learn how to finish games."

Jackie Johnson pitched the final 2.1 innings in relief to earn the victory, while South Lyon's Jess Mere took the loss.

Mere and Godair each collected three hits, while Maddy Babcock and Gabby Williams added two each for South Lyon.

NOVI 12, JOHN GLENN 5: In a Kensington Conference crossover Monday, the host Wildcats (5-7) downed Westland John Glenn (8-16).

Nicole Quaine collected three hits, including a double and RBI in a losing cause. Dani Saunders added pair of hits, including a double and three RBI, while Kailey Vowles and Samantha Fox each contributed two hits.

Losing pitcher Alexis Lester gave up nine hits, walked three and struck out five.

Churchill corrals Mustangs, 5-2; Wayne, Rockets suffer setbacks

Livonia Churchill put itself in position to play for the KLAA South Division baseball crown Monday with a 5-2 victory over host Northville in a Kensington Conference crossover.

The Chargers, who improved to 18-6 overall and 12-2 in the South, scored one run in the sixth and

KLAA BASEBALL

four more in the top of the seventh to pull out the victory and set up a showdown Wednesday doubleheader at Canton (also 12-2).

Northville (10-8, 7-5) took a 1-0 lead with a run in the fourth inning, but Churchill tied it in the sixth without the benefit of a hit as Alex Tsakos led off with a one-out walk, stole second (taking third on a shortstop error) and scoring on wild pitch.

In the seventh, the Chargers struck for four runs.

Dan Cameron led off with a walk and pinch hitter Jake Otto followed with a single. Brent Ochodnick's sacrifice bunt loaded the bases when the throw to third was late.

Sean Servalish then squeezed home pinch runner Tyler Keeter and Otto came around on a throwing error by the pitcher.

Joe Williams, who collected two of Churchill's four hits, delivered an RBI single and Servalish scored from third on a wild pitch to make it 5-1.

Churchill starter Troy Bogenschutz picked up the victory, going 6.2 innings allowing just three hits. He walked four and struck out two before Ochodnick came on with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh and got the final Northville batter with a strikeout.

Brendan Stojkov, who went six innings on the mound for



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Wayne pitcher Kyle Casey went all six innings in Monday's 8-5 Kensington crossover setback to host Salem.

the Mustangs, took the loss. He allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out five.

Reliever Austin Patrone collected two hits for Northville (10-8, 7-5 KLAA Central).

SALEM 8, WAYNE 4: On Monday, Drew Thompson went 3-for-4 with four RBI as the host Rocks (7-7, 6-6) downed Wayne Memorial (10-12, 4-10) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Thompson belted a 3-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to give the Rocks an 8-1 cushion. He also scored two runs.

Winning pitcher Matt Rowland went all seven innings, scattering eight hits and one walk while fanning six.

Losing pitcher Kyle Casey scattered eight hits, struck out seven, walked two and hit two batters in six innings of work.

The Zebras committed five errors

on the day. Jacob Leifer went 2-for-4, including a 2-run homer and three RBI.

Shane Wilson and Stephen Gush each contributed two hits.

NOVI 10, JOHN GLENN 5: In a Kensington Conference crossover Monday, a 5-run first inning propelled the host Wildcats (8-10, 7-5) to a victory over Westland John Glenn (6-18, 1-12).

Zach Reilly went the first five innings to pick up the victory for Novi. He allowed one run on three hits and a walk before giving way to Andrew Valade.

Losing pitcher Brandon Smeltzer, a freshman, gave up seven runs. Jesse Reid finished up, allowing three runs.

Tyler Schwanz went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Logan Regnier contributed an RBI double for Novi.

Jesse Smitherman had an RBI double and Reid added an RBI walk for Glenn.

Rockets 3-0 at Bat Away Breast Cancer

Westland John Glenn's Bat Away Breast Cancer Tournament conquest was as easy as one-two-three.

The host Rockets captured all three games on Saturday to improve to 8-15 overall.

Freshman Alexis Lester pitched a four-hitter in the opener to beat rival

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Wayne Memorial, 5-1. She had four strikeouts and walked only one.

Brandi Holbrook, Sam Fox, Kailey Vowles, Brittany McGrath, Taylor Bonarek, and Arika Agnew each had a single in the victory.

In Game Two, Lester won again and helped her own cause with two hits and three RBI in a 12-4 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Lester allowed just four hits and struck out three. Other top hitters for Glenn included Vowles (three hits, four RBI); Saunders (two hits, two RBI); and Holbrook (two singles); and Haley Rudnicki (RBI).

Glenn completed its 3-0 day by beating Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 16-1.

Holbrook struck out eight of the 15 batters she faced to pick up the win. She allowed just one hit and two walks.

Holbrook and Saunders each contributed two doubles and

combined for five RBI. Rudnicki, Mara Buie, Amber Fandrey and Leila May also knocked in runs.

Spartans drop all 3

Livonia Stevenson (11-9) went winless in Saturday's White Lake Lakeland Tournament.

KLAA Central Division rival South Lyon beat the Spartans in the opener, 5-3, as winning pitcher Danielle Godair gave up five hits and only one walk in six innings.

Stevenson starter Erika Randall took the loss, but went 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI.

Jess Brandon went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Lions.

In Round Two, Romeo dispatched the Spartans, 5-1, as winning pitcher Victoria Shaddock threw a six-hitter and walked only one.

The Spartans committed three errors.

Allie Koesterling and losing pitcher Jackie Johnson each went 2-for-3 in the setback.

Johnson, the starter, gave up three earned runs on five hits and walk, took the loss.

Kara Schradle went 2-for-3 for the Bulldogs (17-3).

In the tourney finale, Riverview scored four times in the fifth inning to edge the Spartans, 6-5.

Morgan Copperstone, who allowed four earned runs on four hits and two walks in five innings, was the losing pitcher.

Riverview starter Chloey Oldor scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out two.

Allie Koesterling, Molly Knoph and Morgan Copperstone each collected two hits in a losing cause.

Bianca Rocha went 2-for-3 for the Pirates.

"I was glad to see this day come to an end," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said.

"We didn't play well today and our youth caught up to us. Our mental errors far outnumbered the number of physical errors that we made today. We just can't afford to take plays off."

Clarenceville routed

Christina Lieder went 3-for-3 as Birmingham Groves rolled to an 11-1 five-inning mercy rule win last Thursday over host Livonia Clarenceville.

Shelby Lowe added two hits for the victorious Falcons, while pitchers Keely Nowland and Damma Kozlowski scattered six hits, while combining for six strikeouts and only one walk.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Bishop (5-5) gave up 11 runs on 10 hits and walked five in going all five innings.

Jodi Ankiel went 2-for-2,

Chargers garner 2-0 division win vs. Pats

Livonia Churchill got goals from Alexa Vakratsis and Sarah Bauman Tuesday night to beat rival Livonia Franklin, 2-0, in a KLAA South Division girls soccer match.

Vakratsis' goal came during the 15th minute of action from 20 yards out

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and Bauman scored in the 42nd minute on a through ball from Kelsey Parrinello for the host Chargers.

Goalkeepers Kaylie Secord and Chelsea Manasian combined on the shutout for Churchill, now 8-4-2 overall and 6-2-1 in the KLAA South.

Goalkeeper Alexis Smith was outstanding with 14 saves for the Patriots, who slipped to 5-9-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the division.

"Franklin impressed," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "They were

organized the way they played and defensively they were good."

NORTHVILLE 5, STEVENSON 0: On Tuesday, the state-ranked Mustangs (12-1-2, 7-1-1) got a goal and two assists from Tara Cureton to blank host Livonia Stevenson (4-8-2, 2-5-2) in a KLAA Central Division clash.

Mallory Weber and Jamie Cheslik each added a goal and assist, while Andrea Stark and Jenni Borowski also tallied goals.

Kiki Helmer posted the shutout in goal for Northville.

Michelle Krawczyk and Caite Marchione split time in net for the Spartans, who trailed 2-0 at halftime.

"Northville is rolling right now," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We have to play better tomorrow than today, that's been our theme. We've got to start playing better and get ready for the (state) playoffs."

CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 0: In a KLAA South Division match Tuesday, the host Chiefs (7-4-1, 7-2) routed

Westland John Glenn (5-9, 2-7).

Ally Krause sparked the Canton attack with three goals, while Robyn Mack chipped in with two. Also scoring for the division-leading Chiefs were Kaitlyn Murphy, Jen Learst and Kayln Berinti.

COUNTRY DAY 3, STEVENSON 1: Livonia Stevenson (4-7-2) fell Friday night in the first game ever played in Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day's new indoor facility.

"It was two young teams who have both been hit hard by the injury bug," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "The field was flatter than a pool table, there wasn't a single wind gust, and the sidelines were only 60 yards apart. It was the perfect environment for a calm, technically sound player."

Country Day took a 1-0 halftime lead on a long, looping cross that snuck into the far post.

The Yellowjackets scored two more times on Stevenson defensive miscues before the Spartans got on the board when Jessica Green's free kick was one-time home by Allison Corp.

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ish off a cross from Dominique Sarnecky to make it 1-1 just a minute before halftime.

Paige Brennan gave the Blazers a 2-1 lead in the 51st minute off an assist from Capoccia. Catherine Garber started the play with a free kick that Capoccia headed back across the goal that Brennan volleyed into the back of the net.

In the 60th minute, Stencil notched her second of the match when she finished a corner kick from Lauren Jabara to make it 2-1.

Alexandra Arnoldy made six saves for the fifth-ranked Irish (Division 3), who slipped to 11-4 overall.

Maddie Reed made four stops for the Blazers, who are ranked No. 7 in Division 2.

"I thought our girls adjusted well to the pace of the game," Shingledecker said. "We did a good job taking away what they wanted to do, but at the same time we were able to get

ourselves into good locations offensively. We're excited to move onto the Catholic League final."

LUTH. WESTLAND 3, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Taylor Wiemer tallied two goals and added one assist Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (7-3-1, 4-0-1 MIAC Red) rolled past host Southfield Christian (0-6 MIAC Red).

Rhianna Francis also scored for the Warriors, while Angela Morrison and Merritt Solomon each had assists.

Morrison and Claire Oppenlander combined on the shutout in goal for Lutheran Westland.

CRANBROOK 7, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Eva Heidingsfelder scored three goals Tuesday as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood stopped Livonia Clarenceville (5-10).

Clarenceville goalkeeper Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz was heroic in defeat, stopping 42-of-49 shots.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Kayla Zawol had two goals, while Amal Musleh added a goal and two assists Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville (5-9) blanked Southfield Christian.

Sadie Zachos also contributed a goal and assist for the Trojans, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Other Clarenceville scorers were Ashley Murphy, Rachel Kirschweg and Karley Flores.

Assists also went to Grace King, Mary Zhen and Brianna Turri-Cesarz, the latter whom also played goalkeeper the first half before giving way to Kirschweg.

Defensive standouts also included Summer Reddick and Monika Franco.

LADYWOOD 8, LUTHERAN NORTH 0: Dominique Sarnecky scored three goals in the opening 14 minutes Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood (10-1-6) whipped Macomb Lutheran North (5-7-1) in a non-league match.

Other Ladywood goal scorers included Erin Cronyn (21st minute), Deyana Walker (22nd and 51st minutes), Jenna Urso (first-ever at 39) and Emily Huddleston (51st to end the match).

Cronyn also chipped in with two assists, while Kelly Capoccia, Huddleston, Paige Brennan, Morgan Chops, Megan Riethmiller, Catherine Garber added one each. Goalkeeper Maddie Reed had to make just one save to notch her ninth shutout of the year, while Kelsey Mather had 10 saves for North.

"We had an excellent week of practice heading into this game," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Right out of the gate we looked sharp. It was a good result for us heading into the Catholic League Tournament."

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Giordano's 4-peat lifts Stevenson in City links

BY BRAD EMONS
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Stevenson Adam Giordano can lay one claim when it comes to the Livonia City Boys Golf Tournament - he's a perfect four-for-four.

The senior teamed up Dante Cicchelli to win the stroke play portion of the Ryder Cup-style event Tuesday at Fox Creek as the Spartans captured the team title with 11 points.

Churchill was runner-up with 7.5 points followed by Franklin in third with 5.

Giordano and Cicchelli, also a senior, shot 38 and 39, respectively, for a total of 77 to edge Churchill's Ben Proben (37) and Eric Hill (41) by a stroke. Franklin's Pat Stephenson and Brandon Kozyn were third with a 43-53-96.

"As you can see by the scores, each division was very close," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "A putt one way or another could have changed the final results. The kids performed very well in the cold, wet conditions we have been experiencing this spring."

"I would like to congratulate Adam on successfully winning the City Tournament all four years of his high school career."

Stevenson also captured the scramble portion with Nick Collins and Nick Barr combining for a 2-under 34 followed by Churchill's Evan Fargo and Dominic DiLisi, even-par 36; and Franklin's Brian Bekkula and Frank Wilson, 3-over 39.

In best ball, Stevenson's Tyler Jarosz and Cooper Christie tied Franklin's Doug Nagy and Colin Chisholm for honors with 2-over 38 each. Churchill's



Stevenson captains (from left) Nick Collins, Adam Giordano and Dante Cicchelli hold the Livonia City trophy after Tuesday's match at Fox Creek Golf Course.

Andrew Ioanou and Chris Theile were third with a 4-over 40.

In alternating shot, Nick Marsh and Cam Tetrault of Stevenson tied Churchill's Nick Proben and Alex Estes each carding 3-over 39s. Franklin's Drake Hermann and Jon Holmes placed third with a 5-over 41.

Churchill is currently tied for first in the KLAAs South Division at 5-1, while Stevenson is out of the KLAAs Central race at 2-4.

"As far as expectations for the end of the season, we have three very tough opponents to finish out the dual meets," Omietanski said. "Hopefully we can head into (Kensington) conference and (Division I) districts on a high note and peak at the most critical point of the season."

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KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 13 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 132 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 81; 3. Livonia Franklin, 74; 4. (tie) Westland John Glenn, 73; 4. Plymouth, 73; 6. Northville, 65; 7. Salem, 40; 8. Canton, 36; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 34; 10. South Lyon, 23; 11. Wayne Memorial, 17; 12. South Lyon East, 15.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 36 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 33-3; 3. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 33-5; 4. Solana Gillis (SLE), 32-11; 5. Rachel Staudt (Novi), 32-5.5; 6. Tione Johnson (P), 31-1; 7. Bailey Hart (WM), 30-09; 8. Chelsey Billingsley (LS), 30-7.

Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 106-7; 2. Kayla Branton (LS), 106-7; 3. Rhannon Pavlinac (SLE), 106-0; 4. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 105-1; 5. Alexandra Moynes (Nville), 100-9; 6. Wright (WJG), 97-10; 7. Megan Ling (LC), 95-4; 8. Rebekah Hendrian (Salem), 95-1.

High jump: 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-3; 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi), 5-2; 3. Moynes (Novi), 5-2; 4. Sencilar McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 5. Joselyn Massey (WJG), 4-11; 6. (tie) Abby Downs (Novi), Brady Covert (SL) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9 each.

Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 17-2.75; 2. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 17-0; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-6.25; 4. Becka Knox (P), 16-4.25; 5. Jordan Clark (Canton), 16-0.25; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-3; 7. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 14-10.25; 8. Alex Kitz (LS), 14-6.25.

Pole vault: 1. Kitz (LS), 10-0; 2. Meghan Lark (LF), 10-0; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9-9; 4. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-9; 5. Megan Paruta (SL), 9-0; 6. Lindsey Kreuzman (LC), 9-3; 7. Mirand Spencer (SL), 9-0; 8. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 8-9.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 15.47; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 16.1; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16.2; 3. Lyndsay Tyler (SL), 16.8; 5. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16.2; 6. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16.8; 7. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.8; 8. Lina Davis (Novi), 17.1.

300 hurdles: 1. McCloskey (Novi), 45.94; 2. Klein (LF), 47.56; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47.95; 4. Davis (Novi), 48.04; 5. O'Brien (LF), 49.58; 6. Smith (WJG), 49.61; 7. Phillips (WJG), 50.81; 8. Marykay Brzezinski (Nville), 51.67.

100 dash: 1. Clark (Canton), 12.53; 2. Madi Lewis (P), 12.6; 3. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.92; 4. Janis Hood (Novi), 13.0; 5. Eisha Guster (WJG), 13.15; 6. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.18; 7. Alexa Abbott (Nville), 13.21; 8. Khyli Ray (Salem), 13.21.

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL BOYS TRACK MEET

May 14 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Berkeley, 86; 2. Redford Thurston, 82; 3. Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Detroit Loyola, 70 each; 5. Lutheran Westland, 65; 6. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and Detroit Cristo Rey, 32 each; 8. Royal Oak Shrine, 24; 9. Newport Lutheran South, 21; 10. Rochester Hills Lutheran North West, 16; 11. Birmingham Rooper; 13; 12. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 7; 13. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 6; 14. Plymouth Christian Academy, 1; 15. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Ryles (Loyola), 49 feet, 15 inches; 2. Dawson Davenport (LC), 42-7; 6. Allen (PCA), 38-5.5.

Discus: 1. Kosteci (RT), 116-3; 4. Davenport (LC), 104-3.

High jump: 1. Peques (Berkeley), 6-4; 6. Johnson

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

200: 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25.55; 2. Lewis (P), 25.97; 3. Kayla Jones (WJG), 26.87; 4. Abbott (Nville), 26.97; 5. Brzezinski (Nville), 27.17; 6. Heinzelman (LC), 27.19; 7. Meah Long (WM), 27.72; 8. Rheanna Allen (WJG), 27.78.

400: 1. Lewis (P), 58.6 (meet record); 2. Gina McNamara (Nville), 1:00.11; 3. McMahan (Novi), 1:00.37; 4. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:01.44; 5. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:01.79; 6. Solana Gillis (SLE), 1:02.61; 7. Alison Timberlake (LS), 1:04.33; 8. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.36.

800: 1. McNamara (Nville), 2:22.31; 2. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:23.83; 3. Rachael Hill (P), 2:26.09; 4. Brown (WJG), 2:26.11; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:27.72; 6. Taleen Shahrigan (Nville), 2:28.05; 7. Nicole Traites (P), 2:28.64.

1,600: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:13.17; 2. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:15.54; 3. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:17.1; 4. Pilat (LC), 5:23.85; 5. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:30.19; 6. Kelsey Hodge (Novi), 5:31.12; 7. Kenigan Riley (LC), 5:31.16; 8. Christina Swain (SL), 5:31.27.

3,200: 1. McPherson (LF), 11:37.43; 2. Mullins (Novi), 11:48.3; 3. Hodge (Novi), 12:08.01; 4. Brianna Lax (P), 12:17.41; 5. Nicole Mosteller (Nville), 12:21.06; 6. Erin Zimmer (Nville), 12:21.63; 7. Annalise Snider (LF), 12:28.68; 8. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:32.39.

400 relay: 1. Novi, 49.36; 2. Wayne, 51.61; 3. John Glenn, 52.24; 5. Franklin, 52.32; 5. Stevenson, 52.46; 6. South Lyon, 52.77; 7. Salem, 53.03; 8. Northville, 53.38.

800 relay: 1. Novi, 1:46.15; 2. John Glenn, 1:46.98; 3. Churchill, 1:47.25; 4. Wayne, 1:48.94; 5. South Lyon, 1:50.33; 6. Northville, 1:50.75; 7. Franklin, 1:52.0; 8. Stevenson, 1:54.23.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Hills), Jada Woody, Becka Knox, Lewis, 4:08.84; 2. Novi, 4:09.53; 3. Northville, 4:14.42; 4. Churchill, 4:15.27; 5. Salem, 4:17.9; 6. Stevenson, 4:18.77; 7. John Glenn, 4:18.78; 8. South Lyon, 4:19.62.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binsfield, Kavulich), 9:48.68; 2. Churchill, 9:53.22; 3. Plymouth, 9:53.54; 4. Northville, 9:55.79; 5. Stevenson, 10:15.46; 6. Canton, 10:23.7; 8. Novi, 10:30.23; 8. Franklin, 10:55.06.

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Lutheran High Westland, 94 points; 2. Birmingham Rooper, 64; 3. Royal Oak Shrine, 60; 4. Berkeley, 58; 5. Redford Thurston, 52; 6. Detroit Cristo Rey, 46; 7. Plymouth Christian Academy, 33; 8. Rochester Hills Lutheran North West, 31; 9. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 32; 10. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 29; 11. Waterford Our

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

200: 1. Wilson (RT), 19-10; 2. Zach Musial (WJG), 19-4.25; 3. Wilson (RT), 18-6.75.

Pole vault: 1. Gavin (Crestwood), 10-6; 4. Evan Shirkey (WJG), 8-7; 5. Newman Harper (WJG), 7-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (WJG), 15.8; 2. Micah Kempf (WJG), 15.9; 4. Bartlett (RT), 17.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Jake Fairbairn (WJG), 41.5; 3. Gray (RT), 43.5.

100 dash: 1. Shepherd (Berkeley), 11.3; 5. Williams (RT), 11.9; 6. Johnson (RT), 12.2.

200: 1. Wilson (RT), 23.4; 4. Derrick Mozham (WJG), 24.0.

400: 1. A'Ve (Loyola), 50.4.

800: 1. 800: 1. Brown (Berkeley), 2:00.4.

1,600: 1. Nagi (DHC), 4:37.3.

3,200: 1. Idriss (DHC), 10:39.8.

400 relay: 1. Thurston, 45.3; 4. Lutheran Westland, 47.8.

800 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 1:35.2; 3.

1,600 relay: 1. Lovola, 3:35.4; 3. Thurston, 3:43.9; 5. Lutheran Westland, 3:51.5.

3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Northwest, 8:57.4.

5,000 relay: 1. Lutheran Northwest, 21:39.3; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 21:39.3; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran North West, 21:39.3; 4. Southfield Christian, 21:39.3; 5. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 21:39.3; 6. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 21:39.3.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Dawson Davenport (WJG), 40 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Adlof (HVL), 38-3.75.

Discus: 1. Davenport (WJG), 106-7; 2. Jake Buffone (WJG), 94-6.

High jump: 1. Jake Fairbairn (WJG), 5-4.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

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
Saturday, May 21
MIAC Championship, TBA.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jacquie Schwartz (WJG), 17.7; 3. M. Flury (WJG), 6-6.

300 hurdles: 1. A. Flury (WJG), 51.7.

100 dash: 1. Wheeler (SC), 13.3; 3. Shoats (HVL), 14.0.

200: 1. Shaw (OC), 27.8; 3. Shoats (HVL), 29.4.

400: 1. Shaw (OC), 1:08.4.

800: 1. Hardin (WJG), 2:36.4.

1,600: 1. Erin Lyle (WJG), 6:00.5; 2. Jess Rice (WJG), 6:01.5; 3. Sarah Maynard (WJG), 6:05.9.

3,200: 1. Lyle (WJG), 13:20.8.

400 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 54.5; 2. Lutheran Westland, 58.6; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (A. Flury, M. Flury, Schwartz, Amanda Terranella), 2:00.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Hardin, A. Flury, Rice, Schwartz), 4:46.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Northwest, 12:08.3.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
REDFORD THURSTON 47 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 47
May 12 at Thurston

Shot put: 1. Magginess Holiday (RT), 31 feet, 1 inch; 2. Emily Jasmir (Cville), 25-9.25; 3. Monet Tolbert (RT), 23.11.

Discus: 1. Magginess Holiday (RT), 99-0; 2. Jasmir (Cville), 77-0; 3. Monet Tolbert (RT), 63-7.

Long jump: 1. Micah Williamson (Cville), 15-10; 2. Dominique Smith (RT), 15-5; 3. Toya Bradley (RT), 13-7; 18-42.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Evangela Daniels (Cville), 18-42.

300 hurdles: 1. Daniels (Cville), 51.0; 2. Dominique Smith (RT), 52.65.

100 dash: 1. Mya Banks (Cville), 13.33; 2. Alexis Bowman (RT), 13.8; 3. Toya Bradley (RT), 14.08.

200: 1. Kennedy Taylor (RT), 28.4; 2. Banks (Cville), 28.9; 3. Taylor Crews (RT), 29.3.

400: 1. Isis Gibbs (RT), 1:06.5; 2. Tangelo Dooley (Cville), 1:12.0; 3. Danielle Bean (RT), 1:13.9.

800: 1. Melanie Kieling (Cville), 3:14.0; 2. Isis Gibbs (RT), 3:40.0.

1,600: 1. Kieling (Cville), 6:57.0.

400 relay: 1. Thurston, 52.0; 2. Clarenceville, 56.0; **800 relay:** 1. Thurston, 1:48.0; 2. Clarenceville, 1:55.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Daniels, Dooley, Kamaria Sanders, Williamson), 4:36.0; 2. Thurston, 4:37.0.

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

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Etue takes hoop reins at Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been a whirlwind week for Kevin Etue.

On Friday, he was named the new varsity girls basketball coach at Livonia Churchill. And just three days later, Etue and his wife Stacey welcomed a newborn son, Aidan Robert, into the world.

Etue served four seasons as the Chargers JV coach. He replaces Chad Jenkins, who stepped down after four seasons with an overall record of 30-55.

"Kevin is what I would term a true 'players coach,'" Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He's very attentive to the needs of the athlete, compassionate and caring, yet has

established a mutual respect with all of his players. He is structured, well organized and gets the most from his teams. Our (KLA South) division will challenge his abilities and I believe it is a challenge he will welcome and meet head on. We look forward to his involvement at this level and feel we have athletes here who can help him immediately."

Etue will reintroduce himself Thursday in a meeting with players. The Chargers are coming off a 3-18 varsity season.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and my first immediate task is to get the kids out," said Etue, who serves as an academic advisor at the Livonia Public Schools Career Center. "It's an exciting time for me and the

good thing is that all the players are returning."

Etue is a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice where he played both football and basketball. He has an undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University and a Masters in Education from Winthrop University (S.C.).

He's taught business and marketing classes and has also served the past four seasons as a varsity assistant football coach at Churchill.

Etue began coaching football and basketball (boys and girls) in Charlotte, N.C. and also was also a boys assistant hoop coach under Pat Schluter at Novi High School.

"I come from a defensive

background where defense creates offense," Etue said. "We'll teach the basic skills to be successful on-and-off the court. We're going to know how to work hard and compete at the highest level."

Both of Etue's parents taught in the Livonia Public Schools. His father Bob coached JV softball and was a varsity assistant under Joe Epstein with the Franklin girls softball program as the Patriots captured one state title (1986) to go along with two runner-up finishes (1985 and 1990).

"He was by far my biggest influence in coaching," Kevin said of his late father, and now a proud father himself.

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Package deal

Livonia Franklin's twin tennis players Walter and Angelica Woods are headed this fall to Davenport University on an athletic and academic scholarship. Walter, the first MHSAA singles qualifier in school history, posted a four-year varsity record of 83-14, including a 30-0 record his junior year. He also earned All-State honorable mention honors as a senior to go along with being a three-time All-Observer selection and two-time Division 1 regional and Kensington Conference singles champion. Meanwhile, Angelica has been the Patriots' No. 1 singles player all four seasons with a 72-15 career record. She reached the round of 16 at last year's Division 1 state singles finals and is a two-time All-Observer and All-Kensington Conference selection. She was also an honorable mention All-Stater as a junior.



GVSI SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Franklin grad Brittany Taylor had a triple and grand slam in the first inning in Grand Valley State's 13-1 Midwest regional final win Monday over Lewis (Ill.).

TAYLORS

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about was the twins adapting to collegiate pitching.

"Probably the most difficult thing was the hitting, the timing, but it didn't take long for them to get down the timing," he said. "The thing is that their swings are so hard. They're aggressive and that's what makes them so darn good."

The 5-foot-9 Brianna enjoyed a productive freshman basketball season appearing in all 28 games while averaging 8.6 points per game.

She upped those averages to 14.8 points and 6.8 rebounds during her sophomore season as the Lakers finished 20-8 overall and earned a spot in the Midwest Regional.

Brianna also earned first-team All-GLIAC honors in hoops and was selected honorable mention to the State Farm Coaches Division II All-America Team.

"When we were recruited they said we could play softball, but we wanted to see how the first year as freshman went," Brianna said. "She (Brittany) wanted to play. We said that if our freshman year of basketball goes good, and we think we can do it, then we'll do it."

"I was ready to go the next day. For me the biggest adjustment was taking ground balls,

but after a couple of games I hopped right back into it and picked up where we left off in high school.

"We wanted to play two different sports when we came here, and it worked out perfectly."

Understandably, there was a brief adjustment period, according to Brianna.

"The first couple of weeks my ribs hurt from swinging the bat, but it took about a game to where I felt comfortable," she said. "It was more defense than offense."

And how did she categorize the recently completed hoop season?

"It was successful to an extent, but we lost the first game in the tournament (GLIAC opener and NCAA Midwest Regional quarterfinal)," said Brianna, who was also tabbed as an Academic All-District selection in softball. "We wish we could have gone deeper, but everybody is back next year for us except one senior."

Meanwhile, the 5-foot-9 Brittany Taylor suffered through some growing pains during her freshman basketball season. She averaged 4.6 points in 13 minutes per game.

Her hoops game blossomed this season as she averaged 7.7 points and 4.1 rebounds while shooting an impressive 52.5 percent from the field.

And her career-game high (25 points) came this year

against - you guessed it - Lewis.

"The first year was rough because I missed (softball) it so much," Brittany said. "It's better this year than last year. I wanted that balance and it took me back to high school."

"(Basketball) is really fun. I probably don't know how to say it, but it wasn't as intense and as stressful for me this season. Now it's a good balance of fun and intensity."

Brittany also had some trepidation going into her first softball season with the Lakers.

"At first I was nervous," she said. "I had to get my eye back to see what kind of pitches to hit. But I like that fact that I got thrown in right away and had to figure things out. The rise-balls get me and still get me. It's not what I was used to in high school. I just had to get used to the little things and it's all good."

"My ribs were sore, too. That's because the bats are heavier in college. They're completely different."

Brittany said she's ready, if called upon, to catch. But she loves her permanent role in the outfield.

"Catching is hard on the knees," she said. "I still have the gear as a back-up, and I'll play there if they need me. In the outfield there's more space, more freedom. You can run around. I love it."

Although their initial commitment was to basketball,

Brianna knew the time would come when she and her twin sister would get a chance to play softball.

"We played some fall ball during the basketball pre-season," she said. "We missed some post-season individual workouts, but the coach (Janel Burgess) is very supportive and a lot of people from the (basketball) team came to the games."

"We both like it (softball) a lot. It's a totally different scene and atmosphere. It's different than all the strength and conditioning that goes into basketball. It's fun. It's just the little things. And the team we're on makes it even better. It's awesome."

Saginaw Valley, led by GLIAC Pitcher of the Year Jade Fulton (27-9, 1.22 ERA) has had the Lakers' number this year. Saginaw Valley swept all four games during regular season.

But now the stakes are much higher as a berth in the NCAA's Elite Eight is at stake. "She (Fulton) is a rise-ball pitcher," Brittany said. "It's all mental for everybody."

Added Brianna: "The first game (2-0 loss) she mowed us down. We got blown out one game (13-3), but the last couple of games we got more hitting. The last game (4-3 loss) it was the bottom of the seventh and we had the bases loaded. It's a mental thing."

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

KLAAS KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
May 17 at Plymouth H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 31 points; 2. Novi, 24; 3. Salem, 14; 4. Livonia Churchill, 13; 5. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, 11 each; 7. Livonia Franklin, 9; 8. (tie) Canton, South Lyon East and Westland John Glenn, 4 each; 11. South Lyon, 3; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Abby Wang (Novi) defeated Angelica Woods (LF), 6-1, 6-2. **No. 2:** Erin Doud (N'ville) def. Ashley Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-0. **No. 3:** Mackenzie Powers (N'ville) def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-1, 6-1. **No. 4:** Alex Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Asawari Knaitkar (Novi), 4-6, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Christy Murphy Danielle Romano (N'ville) def. Jenna Snyder-Meggie Riegel (Novi), 6-0, 7-6 (7-2). **No. 2:** Ally Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (N'ville) def. Emily Kweideris-Ori Nagasaka (Novi), 6-1, 6-1. **No. 3:** Elizabeth Sakorafis-Christy Snyder (N'ville) def. Ashley Aljadah-Emily Sheeran (Novi), 6-

3, 6-1. **No. 4:** Meng Meng Jie-Amy Zhou (Novi) def. Erin Starr-Emily Toupin (N'ville), 6-1, 6-3. **No. 5:** Ria Barad-Kelly Turner (N'ville) def. Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (Novi), 6-1, 6-2.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 4 GARDEN CITY 4

May 13 at Garden City

No. 1 singles: Christina Dork (GC) def. Sabrina Lawrence, 6-3, 5-7, 10-4 (super breaker); **No. 2:** Brianna Yankecky (GC) def. Latina Yacks, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Nhu Do (GC) def. Jamatha Johnson, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 4:** Sara Auldige (WJG) def. Ashley Gemyard, 6-4, 6-1. **No. 1 doubles:** Desiree Clenney-Shannon McMadden (WJG) def. Ann Silski-Jackie Pummill, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Khadyah McCloud-Kyra Moorehead (WJG) def. Emily Davis-Vanessa Hardrick, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 3:** Rachael Alhoinna-Montana Graszak (WJG) def. Kelsey Reamer-Mariah Diaz, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Sarah Holt-Jessica Klieber (GC) def. Shaina Jones-Natasha Hawkins, 6-3, 7-5. **Glenn's dual match record:** 6-5-1 overall.

CARR

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"He could motivate kids to play hard and play together. He cared about kids, not just as football players. He took an interest academically and the way they were behaving socially. All the things you're supposed to do in coaching."

Carr's first collegiate coaching experience was 1976 as an assistant at Eastern Michigan University. He later coached with Gary Moeller at Illinois before returning to coach as an assistant under Schembechler at Michigan.

"You could tell one of his goals was to coach at the college level, but it's not something he made known every day," Gordon said.

Carr is the sixth Wolverines coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, joining Fritz Crisler, George Little, Bo Schembechler, Elton "Tad" Wieman and Fielding H. Yost.

A native of Riverview, Carr's coaching career began as an assistant at Detroit Nativity High School (1968-69) and Belleville High School (1970-73).

He completed his 13-year head coaching career at Michigan with a 122-40 record, five Big Ten Conference titles and the 1997 national championship. He led the Wolverines to six 10-win seasons. Carr trails only Yost (165-29-10) and Schembechler (194-48-5) in career victories at Michigan.

Carr was dominant in Big Ten play, boasting the conference's third-best overall winning percentage at 77.9 percent (81-23).

He trails only his mentor, Schembechler (.850), and Yost (.786), in all-time winning percentage.

He is just the eighth coach in league history to claim five or more championships. Carr was a part of 13 Big Ten championship teams during his U-M tenure, eight as an assistant and the five as head coach (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2004).

Carr led the Wolverines to the 1997 national championship, the school's first title in 49 years, with a 21-16 victory over Washington State in the 1998 Rose Bowl. He was named the national coach of the year by six different organizations following Michigan's climb to the summit of college football's elite.

"It's an unbelievable honor," Carr told the *Detroit Free Press*. "If you're a college football coach and you have the great fortune to have the players that I had, that's really how I got there. You don't win games, you don't do the things this program's done unless you have not only great athletes, but great people who are willing to be part of a team and play a role."

"Their unselfishness is really the key. So we've had the great fortune of having so many great people and coaches. I owe a great deal to coach (Bo) Schembechler, coach (Gary) Moeller because they mentored me. That's how you get in to the Hall of Fame. I give them the credit and I'm honored."

Carr, who will also be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame this fall, has been instrumental in the community, serving as co-chair of the capital campaign for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

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Beth May and Joshua Haynes

Church appoints pastor of student ministry

Joshua Haynes has joined the Lake Pointe Bible Church staff to work with middle and high school students.

The new youth pastor relocated from Fairview, Ala., where he was the administrative assistant at Concord Baptist Church.

Haynes graduated in May 2005 from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. As part of his studies he completed a certificate program in community and agricultural development, which included a six-month internship in Honduras.

His wife, Beth, is a Plymouth native. Born into the Martin family, she grew up attending

Lake Pointe Bible Church and went to Salem High School. Beth graduated from Wheaton College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education. She received training in wilderness and outdoor education at HoneyRock Camp in Three Lakes, Wis., and has taught art and Spanish in public and private schools. The couple met at Wheaton College. After they were married the couple operated an organic farm from 2006-2010 in northern Alabama. They have two sons, Andrew, 3, and Caleb, 5.

Lake Pointe Bible Church is located at 42150 Schoolcraft. For more information call the church office at (734) 420-0515.

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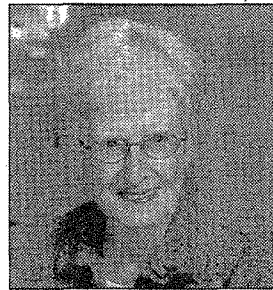
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CLARK, CATHERINE

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2011, at the age of 87. She is now in heaven with her dear husband, Wilson, and dear sister, Mary. She will look down over her four children, Brad (Shelly), Mary (Randy) Smit, Kevin, and Christine (Steve) Von Dissen, as well as eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was born in Rhode Island on December 19, 1922, and lived in Washington D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, and Buffalo, New York, before coming to Michigan. She worked as a flight agent for American Airlines and as a bookkeeper for Garden City Public Schools. Catherine had a large circle of dear friends from her associations with Garden City Schools, St. Theodore's Catholic Church, her friends and caregivers at Westhaven Manor, and other close friends. Her first love was her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, and attending social events at church. We will miss her warm smile and her rich New England voice. A memorial Mass will be held at Saint Theodore Catholic Church on Tuesday May 17, at 10:30 AM.



RUSINEK, STANLEY J.

May 16, 2011, age 75 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Maria E. Loving father of Dr. Christopher S. Rusinek. Dear brother of Eugene (Maria). Dear brother-in-law of Anatol (Anna) Styka. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Stanley was born in Poland on August 17, 1935. His journey to the United States included time in a Russian work camp in Siberia before being displaced to India, Africa, and England. He served in the Air Force before becoming an aircraft technician for Flying Tigers and later FedEx. He was devoted to his son Christopher and to his family. He was happily married to Maria Elizabeth for over 40 years. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn, Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Thursday 7 PM. In State Friday 12:30 PM until the 1 PM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

STRZALKOWSKI, GARRET (GARY)

Gary, who died suddenly, was born May 11, 1952 in Jacksonville, Florida to Edmund (deceased) and Loretta. He grew up in Garden City, MI, retired from Wayne County, Willow Run Airport Division, and relocated to Jonesville, MI. He is survived by his mother, Loretta; brothers, David, Timothy (Sandra) and James; nephews Robert, Phillip and Matthew and niece, Alyson. Family and close friends will celebrate Gary's life at a private memorial. Cremation arrangements handled by Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home, (517) 437-0605.

ROBERTS, JAMES W. (BILL)

Age 81, formerly of Garden City, died March 10, 2011 in Bradenton, FL. A Memorial Service will be held at Life Pentacostal Church, Sunday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. Life Pentacostal Church is located inside of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

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Exceptional families center gets first executive director

When a job recruiter called Michael Wooley to ask if he'd be interested in a position at the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families (CEF), he had a quick question of his own: How'd you get my name?

"I wasn't looking for anything," said Wooley, a Birmingham resident.

At the time, Wooley was the president and CEO of the Detroit Institute for Children, a post he held since 2003. The idea to work with Dr. Susan Youngs, the chief physician at the CEF whom he had met five years previously, and Brian Connolly, the president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare Inc., soon swayed him, however — as did the growing reputation of the center itself.

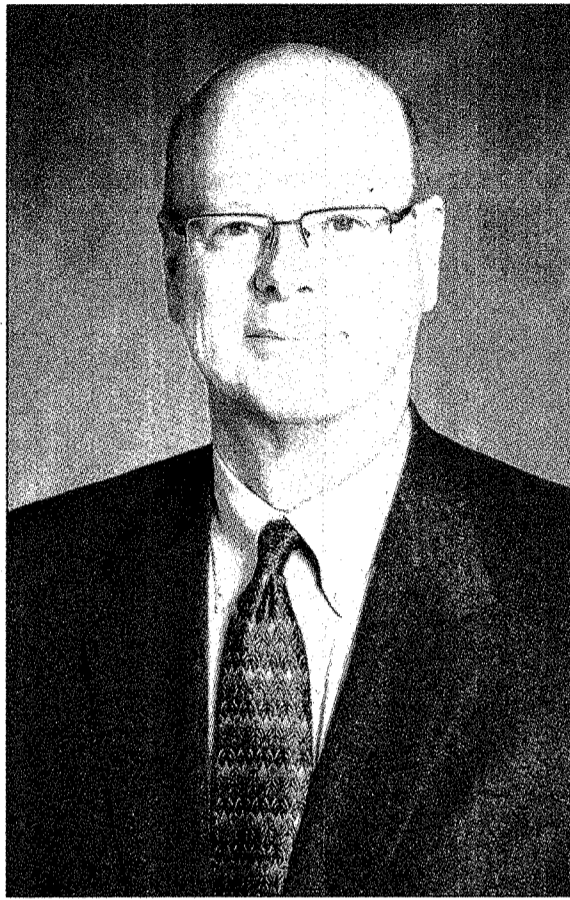
"They focus on the entire family, which is very unique," said Wooley. "It's one thing to hone in and work with the special needs child, themselves, and care for the child's needs, but when you expand that circle into the family and siblings, it's pretty unique. It's very exciting to me."

The more he thought about it, he said, the more excited he became. He was hired recently to be the first executive director of the CEF, which serves children with special needs and their families throughout Wayne County — and beyond. He moved into his new office in March.

"He will work closely with Dr. Youngs to fulfill the mission of the Center for the benefit of the children and the communities served by this unique program," said Connolly.

Wooley has more than 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry. He has served in a variety of operational, consulting and support roles in organizations such as the St. John Health System, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital.

"He has established a track record of proven results serving healthcare patients with special needs," said Connolly. "He is fully committed to the work, mission and values of the CEF and his experience in all aspects of administration and fund raising will



Michael Wooley views his new position as the first executive director of Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families as "very exciting."

support the continued work and growth of the Center."

Wooley said he has never second guessed his decision to concentrate on working with children with special needs, which took him to the Detroit Institute for Children eight years ago.

"I've never looked back. I've always had a passion for kids with special needs," he said. "It's been very fulfilling for me, personally."

"I don't even view it as work," he added. "It's more of a lifestyle than it is work. Every day, you feel like you're helping people. That's very important to me."

Wooley will work with the new Center for Exceptional Families board to plot out short term and long term goals for the center, including ways to bring its unique services to more people and building on the excellence and quality of care that is already in place.

"We have really good people here," he said. "They're all very committed. It's a wonderful staff."

An Operating Board of Trustees was recently appointed to help the CEF seek out new partnerships and plot new strategies that

will help achieve its mission of providing a comprehensive and innovative medical home to children with special needs and their families.

Chaired by Robert Kramer of Bloomfield Hills, the board represents a diverse group of prominent business people, health care professionals and philanthropists. The board co-chairpersons are Gerald Fitzgerald of Novi and Mary Lou Zangerle of Dearborn.

"This is a talented, well-respected group of individuals," said Wooley. "They are dedicated to the mission of the CEF, which is to provide compassionate care and support to families with special needs children."

A "Campaign Leadership Team" sub-committee of the board has also been formed to develop and manage the fundraising campaigns for the center.

"We are looking forward to working with the new board and sub-committee," said Wooley. "We are confident that their track record for innovation in business will help us bring the unique and invaluable services provided by the CEF to additional deserving families."

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Small Business Center

The Schoolcraft College Small Business and Technology Development Center offers a number of classes and workshops catering to the needs of entrepreneurs. Many one-day seminars are held at Schoolcraft College for a minimal fee.

The seminar list includes:

- Entrepreneur Series - Starting a Business, Writing a Business Plan, Marketing Your Business, Business Legal Issues and Finance.
- Basics of Exporting
- Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Contractor, a Consultant, or other Services Provider
- Social Networking for Small Businesses
- Retail Success for the Small Business
- SBA Forum on Small Business Lending
- Women's Business Enterprise Certification Seminar

Reservations are required for all seminars. For more information on the seminars or to reserve a seat, go online to Business Development Center page on the Schoolcraft College website, www.schoolcraft.edu, and click on seminars. Questions can be directed to the SBTDC at infreq@schoolcraft.edu or by calling (734) 462-4438.

Management changes

Co-op Services Credit Union recently announced two management changes. Mark Wolfe, who previously served as the credit union's controller, was promoted to chief financial officer. Steve Diuble was also hired to fill the position of controller.

Wolfe, who has a background in both the financial services and health care industries, joined Co-op Services as controller in May 2009. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a second bachelor's degree in information technology from Ferris State University. Wolfe resides in Tecumseh. In his new role, Wolfe looks forward to supporting and working to expand the credit union's strategic direction and mission of providing members with superior financial solutions.

Diuble, the credit union's new controller, has worked in the financial services industry for approximately 25 years. A resident of Canton, he earned his bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

In his position as controller, Diuble will report to Wolfe and is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and reporting.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 52,000 mem-

bers and maintains eight full-service branch offices, including one on Ford Road in Westland.

Business seminar

The J.S. Clark Agency, headquartered in Southfield, MI, is hosting a free educational seminar for area businesses regarding recent Health Care Reform developments. The four-hour session will be led by J.S. Clark President Joel Clark.

Clark will examine provisions of immediate attention and provide insights into what might be expected in both the short and long-term future. There also will be a question and answer session.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act features many complex provisions, mandates, and various taxes and penalties. Benefit plans will need to be reviewed and changed as parts of the act are implemented over the next several years.

The seminar is open to all local businesses and scheduled for Wednesday, May 25. Registration and lunch is served at noon at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver Road in Troy.

While admission is free, space is limited and reservations are requested by calling J.S. Clark at (248) 996-1845, or by sending an e-mail to russ@jsclarkagency.com.

GARDEN CITY CHAMBER CHAT

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is again bringing its popular Afternoon Delight Summer Series for children to its weekly Farmers Market.

Grab your lawn chair, pack a lunch and join in on some audience participation programs for kids of all ages. The Afternoon Delight Summer Series is in its 15th year of offering free family entertainment programs and in its second year as part of the Farmers Market. The programs are held on Wednesdays from

June to October at the market in downtown Garden City. Check the chamber website at www.gardencity.org, for an upcoming list of events.

Also as part of the Farmers Market, there are special Children's Market Days in June, July and August that feature a storybook art project and story. Children will be invited to come and here a story ready by local Garden City representatives as well as make a take home art project by Arts and Scraps of Detroit.

Children's Market Days will be noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17.

The Garden City Farmers Market is located at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. Go to the chamber website and click on the Farmers Market tab for a complete list of activities planned throughout the market season, now through Oct. 26.

Amelia Oliverio
Executive Director

Why you shouldn't pay for text messaging for much longer

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST

The only thing that costs more than a tank of gas these days is a month's worth of unlimited texting. The cost of text messages is as expensive as home phone plans were 15-10 years ago, and as expensive as cell phone minutes were five-10 years ago.

People have routinely found more efficient and more cost-effective ways to communicate which is why you shouldn't pay for the ridiculous cost of text messaging much longer.

Maybe you don't think text-messaging costs too much — in which case, maybe I need to have a sip of whatever you're drinking. If I were to go back to the 1990s and tell you that in 2011 a family of four would willingly pay \$80 per month to type messages to each other — you would hit me in the ear with your two-pound brick of a car phone.

The costs are nearly the same



Jon Gunnells

for all major wireless providers. Some \$20 for an unlimited texting option with AT&T or Sprint — or a bit less if you want a smaller allotment. But this isn't about how many texts you or your family need. I don't know, maybe talk it out among yourselves.

This is more about how you really don't need texting because of the advancement of technology and the emergence of smartphones with apps that can do just about anything — including texting.

If you own a Blackberry, you already know that instead of texting contacts in your phone, you can send a Blackberry message. There are no character limits and the messages are free.

For those who have other types of smart phones there are other free apps that will let you talk to virtually anyone for free. Google offers an app called GoogleTalk and with it, users can message anyone in their e-mail contact list for free. And if you are anything like me — you have more e-mail contacts (including close friends) than you have contacts in your phone.

Want to access even more contacts? Developers have created a

mobile version of Facebook chat. Since most people have more Facebook friends than phone numbers, they can instantly message anyone they are friends with from their handheld device.

Speaking of instant messages, remember AOL Instant Messenger (AIM)? It has a mobile app too.

The apps can be easily downloaded and installed and before you know it you can begin checking your phone bill to see how many less texts you are using each month.

With any luck you can cut down your texting plan without extending your contract, or maybe eliminate your text messaging service completely.

With the savings, you might be able to pay for about 10 percent of your smartphone data plan.

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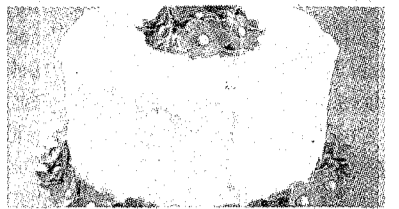
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Wheels for Blum's

Car, bike shows raise money for troop vacation site

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you love classic, custom, and collectible cars and motorcycles, this is your week to celebrate — whether you show vehicles or just like to look under the hood.

The American Legion Post 32 in Livonia starts its weekly Thursday evening car shows today, followed by a fundraiser show Saturday, May 21 in Canton.

The weekly event runs 5 p.m. to dusk at the Post, 9318 Newburgh.

"They barbecue and have a full meal on the inside," said Dan Newton, a member of the Post's motorcycle club, American Legion Riders. "Mostly they have classic cars and we end up having bikes. Very often you'll see 50 bikes parked out there."

Newton is in charge of the American Legion Riders' one-day show, "Wheels for Blum's," 11 a.m.-midnight, Saturday, May 21 at Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

For a \$5 entry fee, motorcycle and car enthusiasts can show their vehicles in either "custom" or "stock" categories. Trophies will be given for the best cars and bikes.

There's no admission fee to see the vehicles, but visitors will have a chance to enter 50/50 drawings, buy drinks or food from Bennigan's — with 20 percent of their tab going to Blum's Landing — or donate by purchasing a car- or motorcycle-shaped paper wheel.

"We're trying to help out all we can," Newton said.

A PLACE TO UNWIND

Event proceeds will benefit Blum's Landing, a vacation retreat near Roger's City for women and men in military service and their families. Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton began working on the concept of a bed and breakfast for troops after their son, Trevor, was killed in Fallujah, Iraq while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in 2003.

Trevor had loved the out-of-doors and had asked his parents to take care of his friends in the service if he died while serving overseas. Their response was to begin building a retreat on 12



The American Legion Riders may look tough, but have a soft spot in their hearts for Blum's Landing, a retreat for men and women in the military.

acres along the shores of Orchard Lake in northern Michigan.

"It took a year to find the property. The next year a builder roughed it in. I did the drywall, the plumbing and electrical," Terry Blumberg said, adding that members of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton have pitched in with building of the main retreat. "I'd still be putting the ceiling up if it weren't for them."

With the help of a few fellow Vietnam veterans, Blumberg will finish the floors in the main house and make sure the cabinets and countertops are in place.

"We're working on raising money for a dock and pontoon boat."

He also hopes to build two cabins for physically handicapped visitors.

TESTING IT OUT

Blumberg and his wife — who plans to retire next month as principal of Memorial Elementary School in Garden City — will stay in a small suite within the retreat when military families visit. A few of Trevor's friends stayed in the unfinished building last summer.

"They were the guinea pigs," Blumberg said.

"The husband and wife had come back from 15 months in Afghanistan. They came up and had a good time."

The Blumbergs plan to serve visitors breakfast and then "turn them loose" to enjoy the property, which includes canoes and kayaks, a campfire pit and fishing.

"They may just need a place to get away from it all for some time. That's what we're all about."

Along with raffles, food and cars, Wheels for Blum's will include a "blessing of the bikes and cars" at 1 p.m. Newton's brother, Steven, a Lutheran minister, will officiate, praying for a safe summer driving season.

In addition to the American Legion Riders car show, Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center at 6181 Canton Center, will team with the Mustang Owners Club of Southeast Michigan, A&A Driving School and Hines Park Family of Dealerships to hold its second car show for Blum's Landing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 22. Registration for show vehicles is from 9-11 a.m. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, hot dogs, chips and pop. Awards will be given for best engine, best paint, best interior, best of show and owner's choice. (734) 582-7280.



See macaws, pirates, gods at the drive-in

Compuware Arena's drive-in movie theatre will give visitors a "sneak peek" May 20-21 and May 27-29 in Plymouth.

The grand opening for the summer is Friday, June 10 and the drive-in will show films seven nights a week starting Monday, June 13. The season ends Sunday, Sept. 4.

Here are the movies for the first Screen Peak Weekend, May 20-21:

Screen 1: *Rio (G)* followed by *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules (PG)*

Screen 2: *Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides (PG-13)* followed by *Fast Five (PG-13)*

Screen 3: *Thor (PG-13)* followed by *Insidious (PG-13)*

Admission is \$9 for adults; \$6 for kids, 4-12; and free for kids, 3 and under.

For more information, call Compuware Arena's drive-in movie hotline at (734) 927-3284 or visit www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html.

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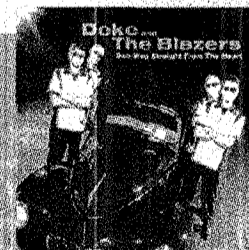
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Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth

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

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27

Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com

Village Theater

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during any public performance, through May 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Work by Durwood Coffey

Coming up: Photography by John Middlestead, June 1-28

Contact: (734) 394-5300

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedynet

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickercomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Harland Williams, May 19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com



Kristin Heitmeier (foreground), Michael Ludlum, (left) Jonathon Wennstrom and Piper Grenfell perform "Lips Together Teeth Apart" for a final weekend, May 20-22 at Barefoot Players in downtown Plymouth.

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell X1, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15; Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wranglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month; the next performance is 7 p.m. May 21

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Guest group is month is Rise Again. Guest host is Scott Ludwig. \$5 at the door. This is the last concert of the season

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 347-6881 or mjimmullen@yahoo.com

Berman Center for Performing Arts

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 23

Location: On the Jewish Community Center campus, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Opening gala for the center will feature Broadway star Patti LuPone with Leonard Slatkin conducting the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. Tickets are \$200. Proceeds will benefit the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

Contact: (248) 432-5420

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, May 21

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: The Morgenstern Trio performs; tickets are \$43-\$75

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Community Chorus of Detroit

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 4 p.m. May 22

Location: Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns, Detroit

Details: "Serenade to Music" includes music of Handel, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, and others. The conductor, accompanist, and guest artists are from the University of Michigan music school. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at door

Contact: info@communitychorusof-detroit.com; or visit www.communitychorusof-detroit.com

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday; the next concert is May 24

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5. The next concert features Ron Kischuck on trombone, Judie Cochill on vocals, Marion Hayden on bass, and Gary Schunk on keyboard

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Monster Piano Concert

Time/Date: 3 p.m. May 22

Location: Clarenceville High School, west side of Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Nan Washburn, conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will conduct 125 performers, age 4 through adult, playing multiple pianos. Presented by The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Association (LAPTF), in partnership with Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit. Admission is \$10 and \$8 for children, 12 and under

Contact: Wilbur Miller at (248) 560-9200

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Tim and Myles Thompson, May 20; Gemini, May 21; Indiana Acoustic Artists in the Round with Jan Krist and friends, June 3; Kitty Donohoe, June 4; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, and Shari Kane and Dave

Steele, June 5; Around the House, June 10-11; Edie Carey with Jeff Scott, June 17; Michael on Fire and Billy Brandt, June 18; Jack Williams, June 19; Buddy Greene with Jeff Taylor, June 24

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave," a tribute to those who have served the country; \$10 and \$8

Contact: (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE

Dinner and dancing

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., June 4

Location: American Legion Stitt Post #232, 23850 Military, south of Warren Ave., east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights

Details: Dinner and dancing to oldies music. Includes buffet home-style dinner, open bar, beer, wine, pop and setups for \$25. Group table reservations available for eight. Casual dress with dancing until midnight. Advance tickets only

Contact: Ed at (586) 764-2224, edkempisty@msn.com

Moon Dusters

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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The Piano Academy begins in September and runs

through the school year with 32 weeks of group and private lessons for early elementary schools students in grades 1-4 and private and master classes for grades 5-12) students. Classes are available for credit or audit for adults as well. All programs offer comprehensive instruction in sight-reading, keyboard theory, rhythmic skills, improvisation, and com-

position. In addition to the Piano Academy, Schoolcraft's Music Department also hosts a Summer Piano Camp from June 20 - July 1 for mid-elementary through high school age students. The camp runs for two weeks with half-day sessions for each age group and level of experience. The week culminates in a recital at

7 p.m. Friday, July 1. Tuition for Summer Piano Camp is \$325 with an early registration discount if registered by May 31. For more information about the open house, the Summer Piano Camp or any of Schoolcraft College's other music programs visit www.schoolcraft.edu/music or call (734) 462-4403.

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- 2 containers (15 ounces each) part-skim ricotta cheese, divided
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup thawed non-dairy whipped topping
- 1 package (10 ounces) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray two 8-inch round cake pans with vegetable cooking spray; set aside.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, 1 container ricotta cheese, eggs, water and oil with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium; beat for 2 minutes or until smooth. Divide batter evenly between prepared pans.

Bake 32 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Let cakes cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely.

Meanwhile, for filling, place remaining ricotta cheese in food processor; pulse several times until smooth. Add sugar and cinnamon; pulse until just combined. Scrape cheese filling into medium bowl; fold in chocolate chips and whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

To assemble cake, cut both layers in half horizontally, forming 4 thin layers. Place one layer on cake board or serving plate; spread 1/4 of filling onto layer. Repeat with remaining 3 layers and filling.

Prepare icing mix following package instructions. Spatula ice cake. See sidebar for options to create or purchase Flower Decorations. Position flowers on top of cake; fill in with leaves. Arrange additional flowers and leaves along bottom border.

BAKE-AND-DECORATE PROJECTS MADE EASY



Floral Fondant Bouquet Cake



Nancy Siler offers the "Ask Nancy" podcast with baking and decorating tips at www.wilton.com.

CELEBRATION REPORT

Americans bake for holidays and every day according to the results of Wilton's bi-annual report on how Americans bake and decorate:

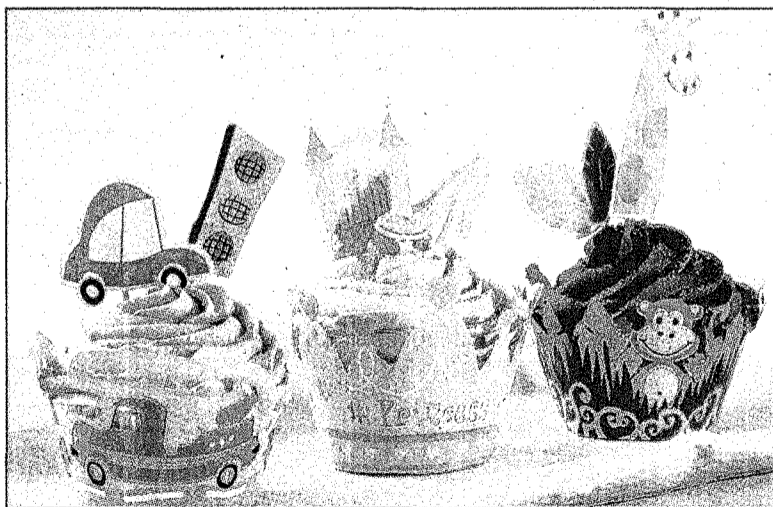
78 percent bake for holidays
73 percent bake treats and for enjoyment

71 percent bake for birthdays
69 percent bake for non-holiday family events

37 percent bake gifts
22 percent bake in a small business or as a favor to others

5 percent bake for other reasons

The biannual Celebration Report by Wilton is an extensive online survey conducted by a third party



Cupcakes are tops for kids. Celebration report respondents favored cupcakes as a baking and decorating activity for kids' parties. Start with a cake mix and bake up a batch. Then get the kids involved. Take cupcakes to new heights with a fancy icing swirl and a shake of colorful sprinkles or sugars. Make them extra special with fun themed Wrap 'N Pix. Get more tips at www.wilton.com

PECAN SHORTBREAD COOKIES

Makes about 2 dozen 3-inch cookies

- 1/4 cup (1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup finely ground pecans (about 2 ounces)
- 1 can (16 ounces) White Decorator Icing
- 1 can (16 ounces) Chocolate Decorator Icing - Rose, Lemon Yellow, Kelly Green or other desired Icing Color

In large bowl, beat butter, sugar and salt with electric mixer at medium speed 1 minute. Add yolks, one at a time, mixing well after each. Add vanilla; mix well. Add flour and pecans all at once; mix just until combined. Press dough into a disc; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Let cold dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes. Roll dough 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured work surface. Cut with cutters into Butterfly, Blossom, Round and Square shapes. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove cookies to cooling grid; cool completely.

Tint icing as desired. Suggested decorating ideas:

— Outline and fill in cookies with tip 3; smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch. Add contrasting colored dots, dot flowers, swirls, or lattice as desired.

— Pipe tip 7 dots in center of Flower Cookie. Decorate petals with tip 3 or 7 outline, smoothing with finger dipped in cornstarch, or tip 3, 7 or 16 zigzag.

— Cover Butterflies with tip 16 stars or zigzags, or tip 3 or 7 lines. Add tip 3 or 7 dots and elongated dots.

— For Squares, pipe tip 7 ribbons and tip 3 bows or pipe lattice and dots using either tip.

— Courtesy of Family Features

Flower Decorations

Choose a decorating option.

1. I'm up for creating my own fondant flowers and leaves! Make fondant flowers and leaves in advance, allowing for plenty of time to dry.

Purchase:

- 1 package (4.4 ounces) Neon Colors Fondant Multi Pack
- 1 package (4.4 ounces) Pastel Colors Fondant Multi Pack (green used)

Flower and Leaf Cut-Outs

Roll out neon pink, purple and orange fondant 1/16 to 1/8 inch thick. Using medium Flower Cut-Out, cut flowers. Shape on thick Fondant Shaping Foam using ball tool; place in Flower Formers dusted with cornstarch to dry. Roll small balls of yellow fondant; attach to flowers with damp brush. Roll out pastel green fondant 1/8 inch thick; cut leaves using varied sizes of Leaf Cut-Outs. Place on thin foam. Using veining tool, mark vein lines. Dry completely; if desired, dry in flower formers dusted with cornstarch.

2. I'm a budding novice!

Purchase: Pre-made royal icing flowers and leaves.

Decorate: Position and arrange flowers per recipe directions.

CITY BITES

Taste it

Plymouth - The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its 22nd annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23 at the Inn at St. John's located at 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. The event is designed to celebrate the Plymouth Community including its businesses, restaurants and residents. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, cash bar and a chance to win more than 70 door prizes. There will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action. Outstanding citizens

from local service clubs will be recognized and some local students will earn scholarships. Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

In season

Wayne-Oakland - It's time to shop for fresh produce, flowers, artisan foods, meats, eggs and handmade items at local farmer's markets.

- Here's the list:
- Canton: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct.

16, at Preservation Park, 500 North Ridge Road. Perennial exchange on May 22. Recycle garden plastic at the market June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4 and Oct. 2.

- Garden City: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 26 at Garden City Town Center Plaza, corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt.

- Farmington: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday through Nov. 19 in the Sundquist Pavilion in George Riley Park, at Grand River Ave., at Grove. Heidi Cook demonstrates container gardening at 10 a.m. May 28.

- Livonia: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18-Oct.

8, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road.

- Plymouth: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The Farmer's Market will be closed on Saturday, July 9 for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 10 for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

- Redford: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 19-Oct. 23 at the Marquee, 15145 Beech Daly south of Five Mile.

- Westland: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 25 at The Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

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Going green at home? Beware of consumer scams

With warm weather here and many consumers looking to stick to a budget when making home improvements, many are turning to green solar energy as a solution. The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan advises consumers to be smart about investing in any home improvement project.

Solar energy scams are no exception when it comes to the typical contracting scam. Fraudulent contractors prey on those who are unfamiliar with their product. They may show up at your door, advertise in local papers or deliver fliers to your home. Like the typical contracting scam, solar paneling scams can range anywhere from issues with the installation and costs to the actual solar panels themselves.

Consumers need to know how solar energy works and how the benefits will affect them before investing \$5,000 to \$60,000 in any solar energy products.

There are many state and federal rebates that offer a reduction in the initial costs. However, consumers who opt for a "greener" remodel this spring need to be wary of the less-than-reputable and unqualified contractors that breeze into town promising a variety of "green" services at cut-rate prices. Consumers need to find an installer that is trustworthy and knowledgeable on the benefits of solar energy.

"As with any kind of home improvement contractor, consumers need to be cautious of installers that promise too-good-to-be-true offers," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community Relations for the Southfield-based



BBB. "It pays to look beyond the lowest bid when selecting a contractor."

BBB recommends considering the following before investing in solar energy:

- Determine if solar energy is right for you. Due to the high costs associated with the initial investment of solar power, it is important to conduct a self energy audit to determine if

solar energy is right for you. Usually, if your monthly bill is less than \$100, consider other ways to save energy that cost less.

- Consider all the costs associated with solar energy. Ask about all the costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the system. Determine if the benefits and savings outweigh the costs over the long run.

- Stay informed about state and federal incentive programs. Depending on your location, state and federal programs can save you as much as 50 percent on installation costs. Be sure to understand the terms and conditions of the incentive programs and conduct your own research prior to signing a contract with an installer. For the latest information on state programs, visit <http://www.dsireusa.org/>.

- Be cautious of installers that promise no out of pocket costs prior to reviewing your specific situation. Be leery if an installer suggests obtaining credit for the full amount of the system even though they are promising very low or no costs due to rebates.

- Make sure the roof of your home is equipped to sustain a solar panel system. Even though a properly installed solar system will not damage your roof, make sure your roof is in good condition before you begin the installation to avoid any future problems.

- Understand how your solar energy works. You can take full advantage of the benefits in solar energy once you know how it works. For instance, panels facing south with no shade obstructions receiving maximum sun exposure during the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., will provide the greatest percent of energy. Significant savings occur when you have excess energy that is not consumed by your household. This excess energy can then be credited to your utility bill, saving you money.

For more advice and information you need for hiring the right contractor for your home improvement projects, go to www.bbb.org.

Get pro's view on bed bugs

Q: We have a co-owner in our high rise who we believe has bed bugs in her unit which is spreading to other units. Do we have any basis to hold her responsible for the potential infestation of the entire development?

A: In my judgment, if the unit owner caused an infestation, you can charge that co-owner for it the same as if they had created any other problem in the unit which impacts on the common elements. You should be aware of the issue which often arises when you try to prove that the unit is in fact the source unit. Obviously,



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bed bugs are very difficult to locate and can hide in the smallest places (nail holes, electrical outlets, etc.) and they can live up to a year without eating or being

detected. Most exterminators, I am advised, say that they can never be sure who introduced the bugs into a building since it may just be that the purported source was merely the first to find them (in fact, some people are not allergic to their bites so they don't even know they are being bit). I am advised that exterminators, when put on the stand, shy away from rendering any opinion as to who is the source unit. However, if the unit owner is taking responsibility for causing the infestation, I would attempt to charge them for the cost of extermination. You should carefully follow the recommendations of your exterminator as you are likely to need to treat all of the affected units, as well as those sharing any walls (floors) within those units. In any event, you should also consult with an exterminator for additional advice.

Q: Our association is being requested to allow a comfort animal, namely a beagle, to be with one of our residents because the beagle brings joy and comfort to a very depressed lady. Are we obligated under the Fair Housing Act to allow it based on our prohibition on animals?

A: HUD is presently taking the position that the Fair Housing Act should be interpreted to permit comfort animals and not to limit service animals to dogs and miniature horses. It will be up to the court to decide how they want to interpret the reasonable accommodation requirement of the Fair Housing Act. There is currently a split of authority whether comfort animals are required as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act. One should remember though that an animal need not be a service animal only if it provides a physical service (e.g. guiding, supporting, lifting, alerting, shielding). A person with an emotional disability, whose doctor or therapist prescribes an animal for emotional support or comfort, may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation allowing him or her to keep the animal even if the animal is not specifically trained and not, by definition, a service animal. I do think that you would have a good argument that a beagle would qualify as a comfort animal, but you should get a specific legal opinion.

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What you need to know when considering a short sale

BY WES MCCAIG
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Many homeowners are choosing the short sale option as a way to prevent foreclosure. There are factors that can determine how long a short sale can take, if it can even be approved at all. Just as a seller should use a Realtor who is an expert in short sales, a buyer should also choose a Realtor who is an expert.



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Find a bank that's ready to make a deal. It is important to realize that there is no guarantee that a short sale will be approved.

The bank usually needs to determine that the seller is facing financial hardship and could potentially go into foreclosure. If you can find a home for sale where the short sale has been already approved, most of the guessing and waiting will be eliminated.

However, if you find a home being

sold as a short sale and it's not yet approved, there are factors to consider. The first thing to find out is how many approvals are required. The bank may just be a servicer and an investor may actually hold the loan. For example, a homeowner may make their payments to Wells Fargo (servicer), but Fannie Mae (investor) may hold the loan. Once the servicer approves the short sale, it still needs approval from the investor.

Also, to complicate matters, a mortgage insurer may be involved. Mortgage insurers often counter terms and delay the process. The fewer parties involved the fewer hurdles to overcome. Your Realtor should be able to determine how far along in the process the seller is, how long it will take and if there are major obstacles that could prevent approval.

If you need seller concessions, which is a credit from the seller that gets applied towards your closing costs, then your Realtor needs to determine what type of short sale you are dealing with. Most short sales will limit seller concessions to 3 percent of the sales price. However, if the seller has

an FHA mortgage, the short sale approval will usually allow maximum seller concessions of only 1 percent of the sales price. If seller concessions are required, it is critical for your Realtor to find out this information.

Don't be fooled by a low asking price. Remember that the seller's bank will only allow the home to be sold at a price that makes sense for them too. While the bank often times wants to help the seller, they are typically not going to let a homebuyer take advantage of them. If the bank feels the price is too low, they will counter it. If the bank feels they will make more money on the home by proceeding with foreclosure, then they could very well go that route instead.

It is imperative to have the proper contingencies in the sales contract when purchasing a short sale. Realtors who represent the seller will often try to structure the contract to heavily favor and protect the seller, in terms of time commitments, inspections and earnest money deposits. There are multiple ways to structure a short sale contract and a homebuyer needs

to have their protection as well. Your Realtor should be able to structure a contract that benefits and protects you.

Buying a home is a major decision and if you choose to look at short sales it is important to work with a Realtor who understands the short sale process. In interviewing Realtors, it is important to ask what experience they have with short sale transactions and what kind of protection you can expect if you enter a short sale contract.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiwaynecounty.org.

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Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
17310 Locherbie Ave	\$167,000
32880 Red Oaks Trl	\$207,000
Birmingham	
364 Hanna St	\$375,000
443 W Merrill St	\$601,000
938 Westwood Dr	\$780,000
Commerce Township	
2075 Canal St	\$220,000
4751 Fairgrove Ln	\$185,000
4453 Racewood Dr	\$143,000
5988 Strawberry Cir	\$350,000

Farmington Hills	
31084 Franklin Fairway St	\$140,000
36938 Ridgedale Ct	\$77,000
30815 Springland St	\$172,000
28455 Wellington St	\$190,000
Milford	
630 Crawford Farm Ln	\$245,000
1073 Deep Valley Ct	\$215,000
Novi	
41605 Burroughs Ave	\$325,000
45848 Latham Dr	\$328,000
24682 Olde Orchard St	\$36,000
South Lyon	
126 S Reese St	\$75,000
Southfield	
17459 Gateway Cir	\$70,000
29641 Marshall St	\$40,000
25057 Woodvale Dr N	\$35,000
White Lake	
1911 Howland Blvd	\$175,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of February 7-11, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
2482 Amber Dr	\$163,000
523 Belvedere Ct N	\$365,000
2234 Berwick Dr	\$125,000
40645 Deer Creek Ct	\$204,000
3992 Elizabeth Ave	\$82,000
44145 Fair Oaks Dr	\$133,000
49168 Founders Ct	\$365,000
45067 Fox Pointe Dr	\$235,000
3028 Greenwich Ct	\$234,000
50278 Jackson Ln	\$255,000
4145 Kimberly Dr	\$170,000
8217 N Pointe Ct	\$285,000
1989 Pearce Ct	\$60,000
47536 Pembroke Dr	\$68,000
44214 Postmill Ct	\$150,000
47639 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$155,000
41643 Strawberry Cir	\$148,000
43419 W Arbor Way Dr	\$58,000
47143 Woodlong Dr	\$275,000
7160 Woonsocket St	\$198,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

Garden City	
33412 Alta St	\$49,000
28467 Beechwood St	\$45,000
6220 Harrison St	\$40,000
31777 James St	\$51,000
Livonia	
11800 Alois St	\$45,000
15040 Arden St	\$90,000
16138 Bell Creek Ct	\$140,000
14089 Brookfield St	\$50,000
36225 Club Dr	\$285,000
14016 Cranston St	\$150,000
14304 Farmington Rd	\$85,000
28400 Gita St	\$115,000
15725 Green Lane Ave	\$65,000
11763 Hartel St	\$19,000
15507 Knolston St	\$150,000
35877 Leon St	\$85,000
11315 Millburn St	\$112,000
37788 N Laurel Park Dr	\$160,000
29653 Orangelawn St	\$110,000
38157 Summers St	\$135,000
32628 Vermont St	\$120,000
32705 W Chicago St	\$87,000
Northville	
46615 Crystal Downs W	\$385,000
16317 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
16394 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
41896 Sunnydale Ln	\$167,000
42620 Waterford Rd	\$209,000
44506 White Pine Cir E	\$425,000

Plymouth	
352 Adams St	\$125,000
11396 Cedar Ln	\$156,000
42107 Lakeland Ct	\$260,000
51370 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$225,000
10375 Red Maple Dr	\$200,000
480 Ross St	\$175,000
Redford	
19646 Brady	\$44,000
9344 Columbia	\$55,000
8914 Dale	\$62,000
20556 Denby	\$32,000
11388 Fenton	\$48,000
26154 Grove	\$33,000
11394 Leverne	\$52,000
20481 Lexington	\$27,000
9301 Marion Cres	\$78,000
18513 Wakenden	\$11,000
9023 Winston	\$56,000
19147 Woodworth	\$25,000
Westland	
39346 Avondale St	\$65,000
35731 Booth St	\$10,000
148 Carson Dr	\$65,000
32129 Hazelwood St	\$55,000
38386 Maes St	\$96,000
5719 N Berry St	\$50,000
6013 N Dowling St	\$25,000
2466 S Brandon St	\$86,000
8510 Shari Dr	\$55,000
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Sat., May 21st - 7pm.
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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080

BLOOMFIELD HILLS WEEKEND RUMMAGE SALE
Fri, May 20, 10-4pm
Sat, May 21, 10-2pm
Christ Church Cranbrook
Cnr. of Lone Pine/Church Rds.
No entry fee. Quality goods, Home and Family, Snack bar - bring kids, no mark-ups.

CLARKSTON
17th Annual Church Rummage Sale - Saturday, May 21, 9am-5 pm. Antiques, household, glassware, books, tools, small appliances, kid's clothes, furniture. From 4-5pm is our \$5.00-A-BAG Sale. Clarkston United Methodist Church, located at 6600 Waldon Rd., btwn Sashabaw and M-15.

LIVONIA
28812 Hathaway E of Middlebelt, S of W Chicago
Fri - Sat, 9:30-4pm.
See pictures at: **www.garyshouseholdsales.com**

FARMINGTON CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
May 19, 6pm-9pm, 1st Choice Night! May 20, 9am-2pm, 1/2 Off! May 21, 9am-Noon \$5 A Bag!
Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington
25301 Halsted Rd., Farmington Hills
1/2 Mile North Of Grand River Ave.

7100 Estate Sales 7100

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: ESTATE SALE. 2635 Rambling Way, 5/20 & 5/21 (Fri. & Sat.) 10-4pm. LOADED from A to Z with something for everyone.

CANTON ESTATE SALE:
All must go! Fine furniture, artwork by Neiman, Rockwell, Dalí, Waterford crystal, crystal chandeliers, household goods, tools, etc. Sat-Sun, May 21-22, 8-4pm, 1973 Ashbourne, Ford Rd, W of Beek.

ESTATE SALE:
4401 Fourth St, Wayne. Wayne Rd & Annapolis St. Fri, May 20, 10-5; Sat, May 21, 10-5 & Sun, May 22, 10-2. Household goods, wild assortment, etc.

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MOVING/ESTATE SALE - NOVI
All contents of a 1 bdrm apt. must go! Fri. - Sun., 10-5pm, 44855 Grand River Ave., Apt 2B, Btwn Taft & Novi Rd.

REDFORD ESTATE SALE:
15087 Fenton, take Grand West off Telegraph, just S of 5 Mile or E of Beech just South of 5 Mile. May 19-21, 9-4pm. No early sales.

7100 Estate Sales 7100

SALEM- 7410 Salem Rd, just N of 5 Mile, 5/19-5/21: 9-7pm.
Over 80 yrs accumulation: new & vintage items, household, antiques, clothing, jewelry, ballroom dancing items, crystal, lots of collectibles.

WESTLAND
8642 August, off Joy Rd, Btwn Middlebelt & Merriman. Thurs., 10-4pm, Fri., 10-4pm & Sat., 10-2pm.

LIVONIA
39324 Lyndon, S of 5 Mile Rd, btwn Haggerty & Newburgh. Thurs., 9-4pm, Fri. & Sat., 10-4pm. (No signs are allowed in Livonia)
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586-344-2048

WESTLAND ESTATE SALE
Fri., 5/20 & Sat., 5/21 10-5pm, 5652 Morley, 1 blk W of Newburgh, N of Ford Rd. Antiques, collectibles: furniture, tools, craft & sewing supplies, household goods.

Household Goods 7160

APPLIANCES- Stove- 2000
Spectra GE gas top stove, white, \$150. Refrigerators- Frigidaire 2005, white & Amana bottom fridge/freezer, white, \$125/ea. Dishwashers- Bosch under-the-counter, off white, \$300. Kenmore butcher-block roll out, almond, \$100. 734-558-8717

WASHER, DRYER, & GRILL-
Washer & dryer, Maytag, white, working cond. \$200/each. Gas grill, double burner, \$100. 248-773-5127

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\$50. Wooden nightstand w/glass doors, \$35. 3 shelf stand, solid oak, round, \$35. 36" GE TV, & wood grain TV stand, \$150. prices negotiable. 734-558-8717

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31117 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.
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Lost - Pets 7930

MISSING
Black and White male CAT. Friendly, 4 yrs old, neutered. Distinctive black "helmet" on head, black tail, yellow/green eyes. Last seen near Palmer/Schuman area April 5th. Name: "Oscar" 989-965-1201 or 989-965-0108

GARAGE SALES

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<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>Beverly Hills - Nottingham Forest Sub-wide Sale Toys, furniture, etc. 5/19 & 5/20 9-4pm. 32035 Cross Bow btwn 13 & 14 Mile off Lasher.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM: Sat-Sun, May 21-22, 9-6pm. 10% of proceeds go to Troy Historical Society, 1115 Brookwood, corner of Raynale & Brookwood.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3140 Middlebury, S. of Maple, btwn Cranbrook & Lahser, from Lahser enter Berkshire. Thurs-Sun, 9am-7pm. Ralph Lauren, Coach, collectibles, kid's stuff, lots of furniture.</p> <p>CANTON: Antiques, Blue Willow platter, punch bowl, rotisserie, & more! 5/19-5/20, 9-4pm. 4630 Denton Rd. S. of Geddes & N. of Michigan Ave.</p> <p>CANTON - Bridgemont Park Subdivision: Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9am-4pm. Canton Center Rd. & Warren, 6824 Bridgemont Dr. 734-453-1496</p> <p>CANTON Covington Square Sub-Wide Garage Sale: May 19-22, off Lilley, btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer.</p> <p>CANTON Fairways West Subdivision Garage Sale (Beck & Cherry Hill). Thurs, Fri, & Sat. May 19, 20 & 21, 9am-4pm.</p> <p>CANTON: Large Neighborhood Garage Sale Buckingham Place Thurs-Sat. May 19-21st W. of Beck, N. of Warren</p> <p>CANTON LEXINGTON SQUARE - Sub Garage Sale. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9am-5pm. South of Cherry Hill & East of Sheldon.</p> <p>CANTON Multi-Family Tent Sale - Many unique items! Wed-Fri, 5/18-5/20, 9-5pm. 2306 Hannan Rd, just S of Palmer.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>CANTON - MULTI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE 3 Pheasant Run Golf Club Communities (700+ homes) - Pheasant View, Fairway Pines, and Fairways at Pheasant Run. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9-5pm. Btwn Beck & Canton Center, just S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Geddes.</p> <p>CANTON WHOLE HOUSE SALE! 42050 HAMFORD RD. MAY 19, 20, 21, 9am-5pm. Living, dining, bedroom, patio furniture, Wurlitzer spinet piano, housewares, tools, baseball cards and comics, lamps, lawn care, treadmill, Rutherford framed prints and MUCH MORE!</p> <p>FARMINGTON - 2 Family Clearance! NW of 11 Mile, Drake on Quakerstown. Thurs-Sat, 9-4. Puzzles, books, etc.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: 4 family sale in 1 STOP. 36261 Old Homestead (Independence Commons). Thurs, Fri, & Sat. Baby furniture, toys, pictures, books, pots, household items, clothes. Many items new in box. Lots to choose from.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: 5/19 - 5/20, 9-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Garden carts, yard equip., children's bikes, sporting goods (lacrosse, golf, fishing), vacuums, electronics, collectibles, antique cedar chest.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH OF GOD EXTREME YARD SALE! 25717 Power Rd, btwn 10 & 11 Mile. May 19-21, 9am-5pm, Thurs-Fri, 9am-2pm, Sat. 10-4pm! Misc items incl: organ & full electronic piano, knife & scissor sharpening on site - nominal fee. To support our Costa Rica Missions Team. New items arriving daily!</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: Forest Park Subdivision Garage Sale. 20+ Homes. May 19, 20 & 21. 9am-5pm. S. of 9 Mile, W. of Inkster, E. of Middlebelt.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS GARAGE SALE FEATURING: \$10 Evening Gowns, Prom Gowns, Black Tie, Bridesmaid, Hundreds 2 choose from, size 2-22 \$25 Wedding Gowns, Kid Stuff, Furniture, Must SEE! Thurs, Fri, & Sat, 10am-5pm. 35232 Quaker Way, Farmington Hills 48331</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Green Hills Sub: 5/19-5/21 9-4pm. S. of 9 Mile, btwn Halsted & Drake. Lots of misc. items!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: Huge! Antiques, furniture & household, etc! 31600 Trestain, S of 11, off Orchard Lake. 5/19-5/21, 9-5pm. No Early Sales!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: Hunt Club Sub Sale. Sat-Sun, May 21-22, 9-5pm. 20 homes. E. of Halsted, S. of 11 Mile. Household items, toys, scrapbook supplies, furniture.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: May 20-22, 9-5pm. Lots of scrapbook supplies, household, Coach purses, books & misc. 25526 Hunt Club, E of Halsted, S of 11.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: Multi-homes Farmington Green Sub, N/12 btwn Farmington & Drake. May 19-21st, 9am-4pm. Household items, clothes, furniture, books, etc.</p> <p>HARTLAND Sub Sale Melody Acres 2031 Birch Hartland MI. Eight plus families! May 20-22.</p> <p>LIVONIA: 15500 Oporto and 3 other homes. May 19-21, 9-4. Furniture, camping, Thomas the Train set & table. Vintage outdoor. Craigslist.org. N. of 5 Mile, W. of Middlebelt.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>LIVONIA: 15522 Alpine Dr. Thurs-Fri. May 19 & 20, 9-4. Floor carpets, designer women's clothes, sizes 10-14, collectible items & dolls.</p> <p>LIVONIA: Big 2 family sale. Thurs, May 19 thru Sat, May 21st 9am-5pm, 15951 Oporto St. Btwn 5 Mile & Puritan, W of Middlebelt</p> <p>LIVONIA BLOCK SALE: May 21-22: 9-5pm. Furniture, household goods, misc. N. of 5 Mile, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. Cash only.</p> <p>LIVONIA GARAGE SALE: 19659 Melvin, S of 8 Mile, W of Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9-5pm. Household misc.</p> <p>LIVONIA: Multi family. Household, collectibles, craft supplies, hockey equip. 5/19-5/21 9-4pm. 9834 Mayfield. S/Plymouth, E/Farmington</p> <p>LIVONIA: Plants, Pottery & Misc. Sat. & Sun., 5/21 & 5/22 9-5pm. 17550 Mayfield, 6 Mile & Farmington Rd.</p> <p>LIVONIA SUB SALE Thurs, 5-19, Fri, 5-20 & Sat, 5-21. S. of Plymouth Rd., btwn Wayne & Levan. Furniture, Appliances, Hammond Organ, Drums, Bikes, Go Cart, Kimona, Paintball Equip, Football Table, Snowblower & much more!</p> <p>LIVONIA: Thurs-Sat. May 19-21st (weather permitting): 9-5pm. Tons of toys, clothing, books, & misc. 17428 Park Ln, N of 6 Mile, E of Levan</p> <p>MILFORD: Estate sale. Furniture, TV, crib, toys. 5/20 & 5/21, 9-5pm. 2858 Katie Ln, Hickory Ridge Rd, S of M-59, Hickory Pond Sub</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>MILFORD May 19-21st Milford Heritage Hills Sub - 520, 550, 575, 440 Heritage & 1157, 1159 Eagles Lane. Upper & Lower Scenic Harbour, plus Granite & Upland Cts. Btwn 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Haggerty, E. of Northville Rd. LOTS OF STUFF!</p> <p>MILFORD SUB SALE River Oaks, off Milford Rd. N of town, S. of M-59. May 19-21, 9am-4pm</p> <p>NORTHVILLE Household goods, furniture, clothes, knick-knacks, etc. May 20, 9-4pm, May 21, 9-3pm. 49349 Seven Mile Rd., 1 mile west of Beck Rd.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE Multi-Family Garage Sale 19201 Windridge Dr., off 7 Mile, behind Home Depot, 3rd house on left. Sat. Only! May 21st, 10am-3pm.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE PARKSTONE SUB ANNUAL GARAGE SALE N. of 6 Mile, W. of Haggerty Rd. Fri. & Sat. May 20-21, 9-3pm.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE QUAIL RIDGE SUB: 8 Mile/Meadowbrook. Sat. 5/21, 8am-5pm. Antiques, toys, TV, DVD, Thomas Train, Home Items, Baby/kids/maternity clothes.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Steeplechase Sub Sale: Thurs - Sat. May 19-21, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W. of Beck, off 67 Mile. Furniture, household, toys, lots of baby clothes, appli, electronics.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE: Thurs, May 19 & Fri, May 20th, 8-4pm. 366 Welch Rd., 8 Mile & Center St. Household items, furniture, accessories, books, patio, antiques & much more!</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>NORTHVILLE TWP. Neighborhood GARAGE SALE May 19-21st, 9am-4pm. Participating streets: Rippling Lane, Upper & Lower Scenic Harbour, plus Granite & Upland Cts. Btwn 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Haggerty, E. of Northville Rd. LOTS OF STUFF!</p> <p>NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn 5 & 6 Mile on W. side of Haggerty.</p> <p>NOVI HUG 2 Sub Garage Sale Novi, May 19, 20, 21. Two adjacent upscale subs (220 homes) in Novi - Bradford of Novi & Lexington Green subs. SW of 9 Mile & Taft Rds. From Taft enter on Princeton or Galway. From 9 Mile enter on Galway. Don't miss it! http://detroit.craigslist.org/ok/mg/2373105182.html</p> <p>NOVI: Huge sale! 2 bdrm sets & other furniture, clothing, brand name bags, men's/women's shoes, household items, 13" TV, framed prints & collectibles. 5/20 9-3pm, 5/21 9-1pm. 22435 Southwyck Ct, N/9 Mile, E/Beck.</p> <p>NOVI: Jamestown Green Sub - 10 Mile, btwn Novi Rd & Taft. Antiques, Electronics, Video Games, movies, CDs, Toys, clothes (adults & kids), appliances & more! Thurs, Fri, & Sat., 9am-6pm.</p> <p>NOVI Multi-Family Garage Sale! Electric range, hood/fan/styler microwave, sterling jewelry, housewares, glassware, some antiques. Fri. & Sat., 9-4pm. 24636 Picara, Novi, MI 48374.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>PLYMOUTH: Garage Sales on Bradford Ct. May 19-21, 9-5. 5 Homes. Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Beck. Furniture, household, books, vintage items, tools.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Getting Ready To MOVE! May 20-21, 9am-4pm. 48736 Meadow Drive, north of Ann Arbor Rd., east of Ridge. Exercise equip, tools, dishes, holiday items, furniture and so much more. NO EARLY BIRDS! Look for TENT!</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Large Garage Sale May 20-21. 44841 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth. 5' Santa, Books, VCR Tapes, Household Items, Much More! Read more: http://www.classifiedads.com/garage-sales-ad4402173.htm#ixzz1MMG1EALS</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Sofas, chairs, end tables, dining and bedroom furniture, lamps, bar stools, patio furniture, grill, almost an entire household must be sold! Fri. & Sat., May 20-21st, 10:00am-4:00pm 455 Lindsay Dr., Plymouth</p> <p>PLYMOUTH TWP. May 19 & 20. RIDGEWOOD HILLS ANNUAL ALL SUB SALE at GREAT PRICES. N. side of Ann Arbor Rd., 1/2 mile W. of Beck.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>PLYMOUTH-WILLOWBROOK Multi-Family - South off 5 Mile, West of Haggerty, Electronics, Household, Toys, Misc. Thurs-Sat., 9am-4pm.</p> <p>REDFORD Church being sold! 9 AM - 5 PM on May 20 & 9 AM - 2 PM on May 21 @ St. John's Lutheran Church 13542 Mercedes. 1 blk E of Inkster, 1 blk S of Schoolcraft. Come browse our quality items! No early sales. Cash only please.</p> <p>REDFORD: May 20-21, 9-3pm. 26802 Lyndon, btwn Beech Day & Inkster. Various household items & much more!</p> <p>ROYAL OAK 1307 McLean Ave. 5/19 - 5/20 (Thurs. & Fri Only), 9am-4pm. Bring a Buck & Try Your Luck! All clothes, books, music & movies are \$1! We also have furniture, housewares, electronics & much more!</p> <p>SOUTH LYON: Gar/Sub Sale. Multi-family. May 19-21, 9-5. 9543 Beach Park Dr (near Silver Lake). Antique Rd, rocker. Hide-A-Bed, household, great stuff! Check us out!</p> <p>SOUTH LYON: May 19, 20, 21, 9-5pm. Salem Farms Sub, 6807 Sunset Dr, E of Pontiac Trail, N of 7 Mile. Household, furniture & much more!</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD: Toys old and new, puzzles & games, household items & furniture, washer, 5/20 & 5/21, 9-7pm. 6364 Silverbrook West, just E of Haggerty off Maple.</p> <p>WESTLAND: Berry St. N. of Ford, E. of Wayne. May 20 & 21, 9-5pm.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>WESTLAND: Lots of women's fashionables, lawn & garden, holiday decor, electronics, futon, washer & dryer. 5/21 & 5/22, 9-5pm. 8621 Haller, 2 blks E of Middlebelt off Joy Rd.</p> <p>WESTLAND Multi-Family Sale Furniture, TVs, collectibles & a variety of everything! May 21-22nd, 9-5pm. 817 Fairlane St. btwn Wayne & Wildwood</p> <p>Moving Sales 7130</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM Estate/Moving Sale Furniture, Art, etc. Saturday, May 28, 2011 11am-6pm. 1495 Southfield Road, Birmingham NOT A GARAGE SALE No Small Items For Sale!</p> <p>CLAWSON MOVING SALE! Fri-Sat, May 20-21, 9-4pm. 1226 Marc, off School St, 2 blks S of 15 Mile, W off Main. Jewelry, collectibles, furniture.</p> <p>COMMERCE TWP. Furniture, piano, collectibles, Longaberger baskets, tea rose false craft dishes, crafts, craft books & supplies, yarn, porcelain dolls, dishes, big screen TV, bikes, and more! May 21 & 22nd, 9-5pm. 3594 Clark Cir., Benstein & Bass Lake Rd.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: Furniture, accessories & much more! 36900 Carla, 9 Mile & Halsted. Fri May 20, 9-4 & Sat May 21, 10-1.</p>
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