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#### Pink plates

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, has introduced legislation to create a "Pink Ribbon" license plate.

Senate Bill 389 will provide for the development of a fundraising license plate benefiting the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. The bill received overwhelming, bipartisan support and has been co-sponsored unanimously by all 38 sitting members of the state Senate. S.B. 389 is the only bill to receive co-sponsorship of all sitting members in more than 10 years.

The Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program provides low-income women throughout Michigan access to life-saving cancer screening services and follow-up care, including cancer treatment, if needed. Through this program, breast and cervical cancer will be identified at earlier stages, when treatment is less expensive and the chances of survival are much greater.

The \$15,000 startup cost for the plate will be raised privately by Anderson so no tax dollars will be used. Anderson's mother is a breast cancer survivor.

For more information, call Anderson's office at (866) 262-7306.

#### Free physicals

All current ninth- through 11th-grade student-athletes and incoming ninth-graders interested in playing on a Wayne-Westland Community Schools athletic team next year can get a free sports physical Friday, June 3, at John Glenn High School and Wednesday, June 8, at Wayne Memorial High School. Dr. Stanley Szczeciński and the staff from the Sports Medicine Center and Garden City Hospital will be performing the physicals free of charge 2-5 p.m. in Gym 4 at John Glenn and in the Alumni Arena at Wayne Memorial.

The examination includes:  
• The basic physical exam required for all student-athletes who want to participate in Michigan High School Athletic Association-tournament sponsored sports for Wayne-Westland Community Schools during the 2011-12 school year. Students must bring a completed physical form to the exam. Parent signature is required.

• An optional cardiac evaluation that will include an EKG and an echocardiogram, if other risk factors are identified. Part 2 is free of charge, but is conducted in the office of the Sports Medicine Center on a different date.

• An optional exam that involves establishing some pre-competition data that will assist the staff in evaluating the effects of concussions on the student-athletes. There is a small fee involved with the concussion evaluation.

Blank physical forms can be found in the high schools' main office or visit [wwcsd.net/district-athletics](http://wwcsd.net/district-athletics).

# Budget deal has some relief for W-W

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Finances for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will still be a challenge for fiscal 2011-2012, but it's looking a little bit better following Gov. Rick Snyder's announcement about a budget deal Thursday.

"In order to hit our bottom line, we're still going to have to do significant belt tightening,

but it looks a little bit brighter than a few days ago," said Gary Martin, deputy director for administrative and business services.

The district has been facing a potential \$14.5 million revenue loss, but the budget deals brokered between the governor and state lawmakers could reduce that figure to roughly \$8.9 million, due in part to a partial restoration of the

districts equity funding it has been receiving en lieu of millage disallowed with the start of Proposal A in 1994.

The district had been receiving \$6 million in equity funding, however, Snyder labeled it a categorical and axed it from his proposed budget, school officials, including Superintendent Greg Baracy, have been lobbying lawmakers to get the money restored.

Coupled with a \$300 per pupil cut on school aid and an almost 4 percent increase in retirement costs, Wayne-Westland stood to lose the most money - \$1,150 per student - under the governor's proposal.

#### LAWMAKERS' HELP

Martin credits State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, with getting the partial restoration, and the work of State Sen.

Glenn Anderson and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, behind the scenes on behalf of the district.

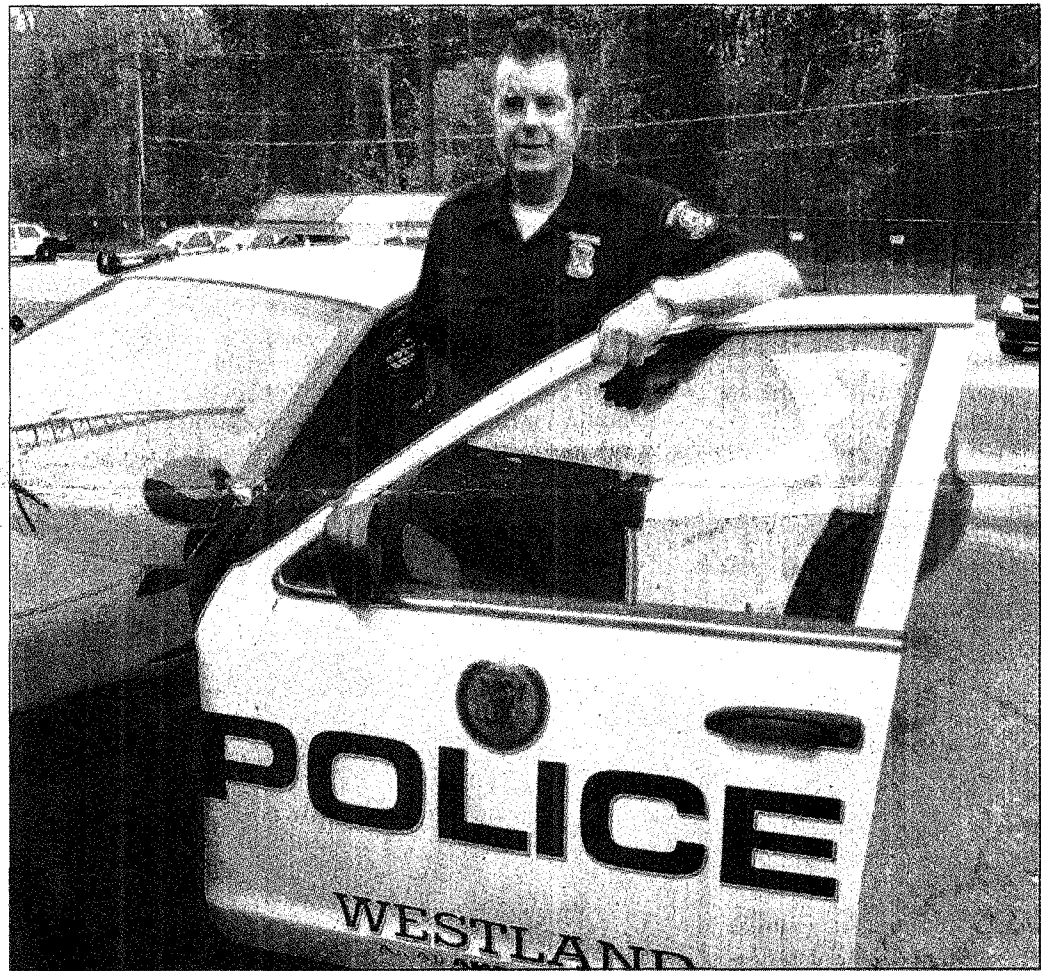
"Kurt Heise was especially helpful in working diligently with a majority of the folks on the committees, he gave it enough oomph to get it through, but we're not quite to the finish line," he said. "It

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## POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

# Lange recognized for being proactive, problem solver

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



A 12-year Westland Police Department veteran, Burke Lange is being honored as 2011 police officer of the year.

Described as a proactive street officer and a true problem solver, Burke Lange is being honored as Westland's 2011 Police Officer of the Year.

A 12-year veteran with the department, Lange is currently assigned as the community police officer working in the Norwayne community. It's his second time working in that position.

"Burke continues to handle specific crimes and neighborhood problems with amazing results. Burke even focused his attention on a homicide that occurred in October 2010 where the department was unable to produce any leads," Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto said. "Burke's hard work and investigative skills eventually paid off with him generating information on the case and arresting one of the suspects that committed the crime."

That suspect, Joie Rayshawn Bell, was recently sentenced to life in prison with no parole after being convicted of charges, including felony murder,

in the death of Anthony Esse. Lange's nomination as Police Officer of the Year also cited his efforts in other investigations, including home invasions and assault with intent to murder.

"I love being in Norwayne. It's the area where you can have an impact for the good and the bad," said Lange, 35. "You get to know people on a personal level, good and bad. They know me and I know them."

That knowledge of Norwayne and its residents helps Lange with investigations and also helps cut down on suspects fleeing.

"I had a suspect tell me he would have run, if it had been another officer (stopping him). He knows me. I know him, where he lives, where his mother lives, where his cousin lives," Lange said.

A Dearborn Heights native, Lange completed the Detroit Police Academy and worked for three years as a Detroit police officer before joining the Westland Police Department.

Along with assignments as a patrol officer and work

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# Council OKs pact to put city programming on U-verse

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U-verse subscribers may soon be able to watch Westland City Council meetings from the comfort of their sofas.

After an hour-long study session and more discussion during the regular meeting, council agreed to pay more than \$8,200 annually for

a high-speed Internet connection which will allow council meetings and other WLND programs to be viewed on AT&T's U-verse system. A written contract would still need to be approved by council, and it would be expected that WLND wouldn't be available for about three months.

The three-year service agreement was narrowly approved by council on a 4-3 vote. Supporting the agree-

ment were council members Christine Bryant, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi and Michael Kehrer. Council President James Godbout joined councilmen Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves in opposing the motion.

Due to the different technology used by U-verse, a digital encoder was required to convert the programming, which would be transmitted along a dedicated high-speed

Internet connection. Cable providers WOW! and Comcast don't require any conversion to broadcast the local programming.

In an issue that has been ongoing for a couple of years, some local U-verse subscribers have complained about the lack of local programming despite the fact that those residents

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## Utilities team to offer energy-saving program

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Perennial rivals Consumers Energy and DTE Energy are joining forces on a new energy-saving program launched last week at Westland's Dorsey Center.

"We don't play well with Detroit Edison (DTE) — never have, we're like cats and dogs," said Steve Matthews, energy efficiency manager at Consumers. "But like that line from the *Blues Brothers* movies, 'We're on a mission from

God.' This is unique. We're usually at loggerheads, but we're working together for the benefit of the community."

Norwayne residents were invited to attend the official kickoff and sign up for a free energy consultation of their home. The program, open to homeowners and renters alike, will become available to the entire community June 1. The inspection would take an average of 40-60 minutes, depending on the condition of the home and the amount of interaction with the residents.

Along with an assessment of the home's energy efficiency and tips to lower energy costs, the participants will also receive free energy- and water-saving products that will be installed by the inspector. Those include compact fluorescent light bulbs, water-saving shower heads and faucets for the kitchen and bathroom and hot water heater pipe wrap.

"You may ask why would an energy company help us use

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# Council clears way for two redevelopments

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two closed gas stations will be getting new life with Westland City Council approval of special use requests to allow the sites to be redeveloped.

The existing gas station on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail would be demolished with a new 2,505-square-foot

building to be constructed. There would also be a 1,633-square foot canopy covering eight gasoline pumps.

The special land use was required to allow a convenience store to be included along with the gas station.

"This was our last kiosk-style gas station. The company wants to knock it down and start all over," said Planning Director Bruce Thompson. "The building

would be at the back corner. This is one of the smallest gas station lots in the city."

The intersection is a bad one in terms of traffic accidents, Thompson said, due to the fact that the existing building blocks the sight line for drivers. The Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the necessary variance for the project.

"It looks great, it will be a huge improvement for

that corner," said Council President James Godbout.

The petitioner for this project, Rafat Putrus, was also the petitioner for the second gas station-convenience store project needing special approval. This gas station would be located on the northwest corner of Ford and Newburgh where a now-closed Sunoco gas station had been located.

"This is not as comprehen-

sive a redevelopment, they will use the existing canopy. They will replace the building with a new building on the same spot," said Thompson.

Since the Ford Road location is within the Downtown Development Authority district, Thompson said the new gas station will incorporate the DDA streetscape, including brick covering posts and other site amenities.

"Variances were also need-

ed for this project but that's not unusual for gas stations," he added.

One request from Councilman Michael Kehrer was that the gas stations look at offering E85 fuel which so far isn't sold at any Westland gas stations.

"A lot of people are asking for it, it might draw people into the station," he said.

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## U-VERSE

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pay local franchise fees along with the Public Education Government or PEG fees, the latter designated to pay for local channels like WLND.

"Residents say they are collecting the fees, but not getting the service. I don't want to stand in the way of residents getting WLND," Hammons said. "It's like taxation without representation. They have collected \$90,000 (since 2007) and will collect more. Residents deserve the service."

While he was sympathetic to the argument about residents paying for a service not

received, Reeves said it wasn't a good financial decision for the city.

Over three years, Godbout said the city would be paying about back \$25,000 of the PEG fees to AT&T so the company would provide WLND and not the education and local access channels that are also provided by the cable providers. He noted the federal government is working to address holes in the PEG fee uses.

Local AT&T store owner Donna Jackson commented that not having the municipal channel hampered her ability to sell U-verse service to Westland residents. Selling U-verse is now a large part of her business, she said.

"I don't see the value we're

getting by paying to let them (AT&T) make money when they make billions in profit and we're looking for nickels," Godbout said. "I think it's a bad deal for the city. We're paying to make them competitive and I've got a problem with that."

With similar comments, Johnson said the expense for converting the programming so it can reach U-verse customers should be a cost of doing business for AT&T, one of the biggest corporations in the world.

The motion approved by council capped the expenditure at \$8,218.

"I hope the council never approves a technology contract without capping the costs, technology moves so fast," Kehrer said.

Mayor William Wild and the city administration had recommended the three-year service agreement as the most efficient way to provide WLND service to U-verse subscribers.

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## LANGE

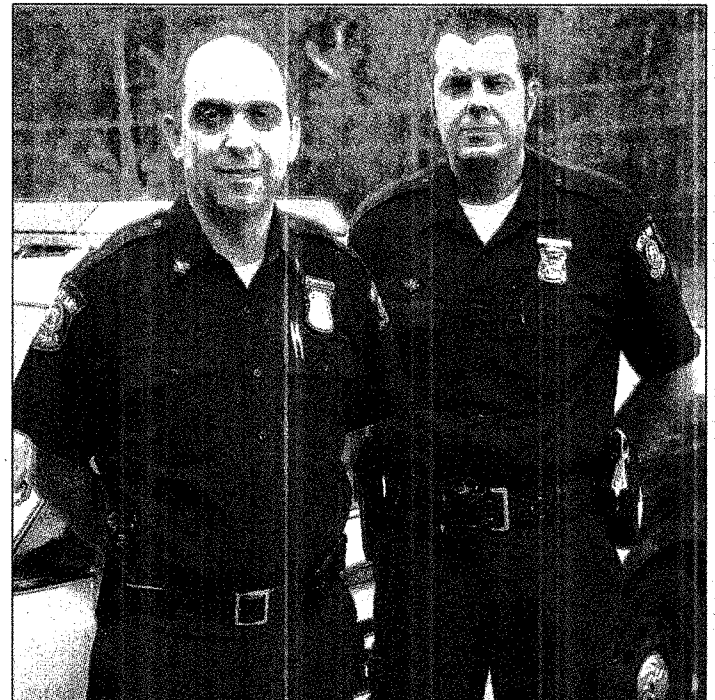
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as community police officer, Lange also worked for three years in the department's Special Investigations Unit, which focuses on narcotics investigations.

"Burke quickly excelled in his new role, and his ability to interrogate narcotics dealers and earn their trust produced detailed confessions for their crimes," Angelosanto said. "It also produced much-needed intelligence on other dealers."

During Lange's time in SIU, Angelosanto said the unit executed more than 250 search warrants, yielding more than 6 kilograms of cocaine, hundreds of pounds of marijuana, hundreds of marijuana plants and more than \$1 million in cash and assets being seized.

Lange also assisted the U.S. Secret Service in two investigations regarding counterfeiting rings that resulted in more than \$85,000 in counterfeit money being seized.



Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto (left) and Westland Police Officer of the Year Burke Lange.

"It's an exciting career that changes every day. I like doing police work. It's what I like to do every day," said Lange, who is married to Amy and has two children, India and Enzo.

Lange and other officers were honored at the annual police awards program held at Joy Manor.

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## ENERGY

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less energy. We want you to use energy and be able to pay the bill," said Vicki Campbell, DTE Energy retail marketing

manager.

That the service is being provided at no charge was noteworthy for Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

"It's honestly, truly free. It's very rare to have corporation like DTE or Consumers do something for free," she said.

The energy efficiency program will help residents reduce their utility bills, but also fits well with Westland's Mission: Green program.

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

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

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# CD sales support Moving Wall visit, new memorial

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fund-raising to support the upcoming visit by the Vietnam Moving Wall will take place Thursday through Memorial Day at the Westland Shopping Center.

"We'll be selling T-shirts for the moving wall. We'll also try to raise funds for the (Westland) veterans memorial," said Ken Mehl, chairman of the Westland Veterans Association, which is sponsoring the Vietnam Moving Wall visit July 21-25.

Volunteers will be selling T-shirts each day during mall hours. The T-shirts sell for \$15 for sizes small through extra large, \$18 for 2X and \$22 for 3X.

In addition, the veterans association also will be selling two different CDs. One is a recording of *The Americans*, the spoken word recording by the late Byron MacGregor of radio station CKLW-AM (800). Recorded with *America, the Beautiful* performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as background music, it reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold more than 3.5 million copies.

MacGregor, who died in 1995 at age 45, donated his proceeds to the American Red Cross. His widow and radio personality, JoJo Shutty-MacGregor, is scheduled to stop by the mall when the sale begins Thursday morning.

A second musical CD, *Remember the Other Side*, will also be sold, with the proceeds going toward the moving wall visit. Either CD is available for \$15, but both can be purchased for \$25.

Members of the veterans association also will be selling T-shirts during the Memorial Day

Parade, sponsored by Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. The parade will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 29. It begins at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, heads north on Wayne Road, then west on Ford to the Peace Memorial at Westland City Hall.

The Westland Veterans Association is selling commemorative T-shirts at various businesses and from June 30 through July 4 during the Westland Summer Festival.

The Vietnam Moving Wall will be set up on the east lawn of Westland City Hall. The opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21.

The moving wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and has been touring the country for the past 27 years.

The overall length of the moving wall is 252.83 feet, composed of 74 separate frames, with each frame containing two silk-screened panels. Each of the two walls that make up the entire wall is 126.5 feet in length, which is slightly longer than half the length of the memorial in Washington, D.C.

The moving wall, like the memorial in Washington, was funded through contributions made by the public. Expenses for a visit are also paid through donations and fundraising. The 2006 visit to Westland cost an estimated \$18,000.

Along with financial contributions, volunteers are also needed to help out while the moving wall is being displayed. It is open 24 hours a day.

To purchase commemorative shirts, donate funds, become a sponsor or volunteer, call (734) 335-7944.

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# Bus-eum showcases German POW experience

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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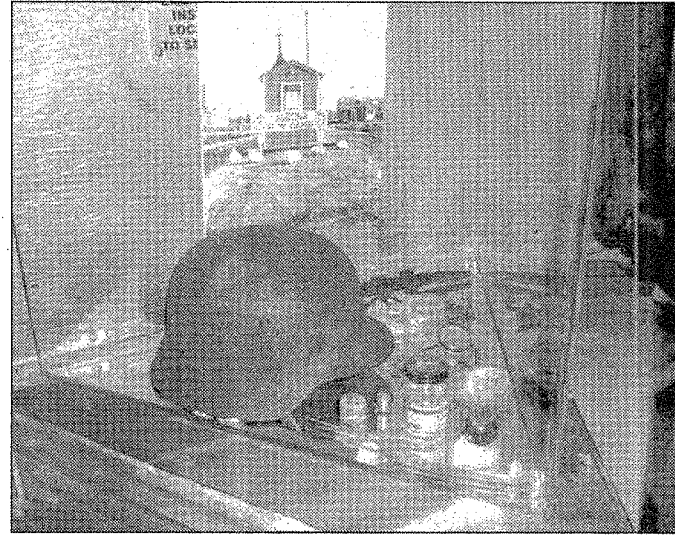
When Irving Kellman presents a historical program on World War II prisoners of war, mainly Germans, held in the United States, he expects a lot of people will be surprised.

"About 80 percent of people are, 'Gee, I didn't know that.' About 10 percent are people whose families had dealings with the POWs and 10 percent are the World War II generation," said Kellman, the driver/docent for the TRACES mobile museum.

Kellman will bring the self-contained Bus-eum — a retro-fitted school bus — to Westland's William P. Faust Public Library Tuesday, May 24. It will be open to the public 4-7 p.m., with time set aside for groups visits earlier in the day. The program is called "Held on the Homefront: German POWs in the Midwest, 1943-46."

The prisoners were overwhelmingly German — 380,000 of the approximately 425,000 total number of POWs held in the U.S., Kellman said, but there were also about 50,000 Italians and 5,000 Japanese.

There were POW camps in each of the then-48 states and also in Alaska, then a territory. The prisoners were put to work harvesting crops, building roads, laying



Items belonging to German and other World War II Prisoners of War held interned in the U.S. are on display in the traveling exhibit from the TRACES Museum. The Bus-eum will be at the William P. Faust Library in Westland Tuesday.

sewer lines and other tasks. Based at the Midwest/World War II TRACES Center for History and Culture in St. Paul, Minn., the traveling exhibit naturally focuses on encounters with POWs in the Midwest.

The Geneva Convention requires that POWs be fed, housed and clothed in the same way as the troops of the nation holding them prisoner. Some prisoners were held in tents, Kellman said, but they were heated.

"They had uniforms and some were allowed to cook their own food. Some of the soldiers liked what the prisoners cooked better

and liked to eat with them," Kellman said.

The POWs were treated so well, Kellman said there was only one true escape attempt — it happened outside Phoenix, Ariz. — although prisoners did sometimes leave the camps.

"They did not try to escape, they were better cared for here and had an abundance of food — basically food they had never seen before," Kellman said. "Basically, they escaped to get out for a while to see America. They'd go to a bar. I call it 2,000 frolics."

There is the story of three prisoners who left a camp in

Minnesota and were arrested at a nearby county fair riding the Ferris wheel, he said. Or the case of 30 prisoners who escaped but were recaptured within two hours — Kellman said they were all discovered window shopping in town.

"There is no record of any incident of the POWs harming anyone or doing any sabotage," Kellman said.

The traveling exhibit has four display cases filled with items the POWs had with them when they were captured and items from the camps.

Despite Germany surrendering in May 1945, followed by the Japanese surrender in August 1945, POWs held in the U.S. were still here into 1947. The last POW was released in February 1947.

"One of the reasons the prisoners were brought here was that our men were not back from the war for the fall harvest of 1945," Kellman said.

Half the Bus-eum, which makes 120-150 visits annually, is a 20-seat theater where visitors can watch 10- to 20-minute videos. A second Bus-eum focuses on the experiences of American POWs held in Germany.

The library is on Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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# Coalition looks for volunteers to man table at garage sale

The Garden City Community Coalition plans to have a table at the Garden City Public Schools Community Garage Sale Saturday, May 28, at Garden City High School.

This year the coalition will drive home the dangers of drinking and driving.

"The last time that we had a table we were featuring First Book, but this time we are going to feature the drinking goggles and to try to generate interest in the garden at Maplewood and the garden expansion proj-

ect that we are trying to put together," said Susan Nicholas, coalition director.

The coalition would also like to have a collaborative garden effort with the schools but that's still in the concept stage.

"We will also be handing out information about the coalition and attempting to talk to as many people as possible," Nicholas said.

The garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call Nicholas at (734) 793-1868.

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# BUDGET

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wasn't a very popular subject to consider, but it was an equity issue not pork barrel. They all worked very, very hard on our behalf, they were very helpful to us."

The equity funding as signed into law by then Gov. John Engler represented 40 percent of what the district lost under Proposal A. The new agreement, if it makes it through to the governor's signature, will be just 20 percent. No matter, "we're happy about it," Martin said.

Under the agreement, K-12 schools will receive \$330 million more for funding for 2011-2012. Of that amount, \$150 million distributed to districts which adopt best practices and \$160 million to defray rising teacher retirement costs.

Martin isn't sure how the money for retirement costs will be dispersed. It represents \$100 per student and offsets what would have been \$205 per student cost.

"I'm fairly certain we'll get, but I'm not sure how we'll get," said Martin. "We're happy for that."

## DETAILS NEEDED

The devil is in the details of the other \$100 restoration which is tie-barred to "specified best practices." Martin has heard of five targeted areas which school districts will have to meet four to get the extra \$100 per student.

According to information he's received from the Middle Cities Education Association, the targets include seeking bids for non-instructional services (privatization) like transportation, food and custodial care; service consolidation; a school district dashboard similar to what the governor has on the state website, sharing healthcare and benefit costs and the school district becoming the healthcare policy holder.

Wayne-Westland employs its own bus drivers, food service workers and custodians, but does contract with Aramark to provide management of its food service operations. It also

## Agreement still costs \$700 per student

The Michigan Association of School Administrators has a three-fold message for Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers who announced the broad details of their budget deal.

MASA said the state needs to restore the cuts to the foundation allowance before funding new programs. • Developing a statewide list of "best practices" should be done deliberately with input from the education community. Attaching strings to \$150 million at the 11th hour is only going to punish schools without giving them an opportunity to implement the reforms the legislature claims to want.

• Putting money aside for a rainy day while cutting \$700 per pupil is moving in the wrong direction. The legislature should not leave nearly \$400 million in the bank (\$255 million in the Budget Stabilization Fund and \$133 million to a School Aid Fund reserve account for future retirement liabilities) instead of investing that money in improved outcomes for students.

• Restoring the promise of Proposal A. The revenue exists to completely restore schools and stop the diversion of School Aid Fund revenue into the community college and university budgets. The target agreement will

spend an additional \$310 million more than was in the Governor's recommendation. The additional money will be allocated into two pots with \$160 million going "to help defray local school district costs related to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System." The rest will be used to reward districts for engaging in "specified financial best practices" that will be spelled out in the budget bill that is expected to come out of conference committee next Tuesday. The specifics on what these best practices are, how they will be measured, and how districts will qualify for this funding is not yet clear.

According to MASA, while the legislature is selling this as being a "less than \$100" per pupil cut, the reality is closer to \$700 per pupil: \$170 per pupil cost of lost federal revenue, \$300 per pupil loss from the rebasing of the foundation allowance, \$130 per pupil cost of the MPSERS rate increase (accounts for new \$160 million), plus \$100 per pupil or greater cost of increased health insurance rates.

Those districts which qualify for the "best practices" funding would gain an additional \$100 per pupil, bring their total up to a \$600 per pupil loss.

does some consolidation of services with Wayne RESA for payroll, computer services and instruction. The district does have a dashboard of sorts on its website with its transparency reporting, and it is the policyholder for all of its healthcare policies except the teachers' MESSA plan.

As for sharing the cost of healthcare, while the 80/20 formula with employees sharing 20 percent of the cost has been banded about, Martin has also heard there may be a 90/10 formula.

Will those items be enough to get the extra \$100? Martin isn't sure.

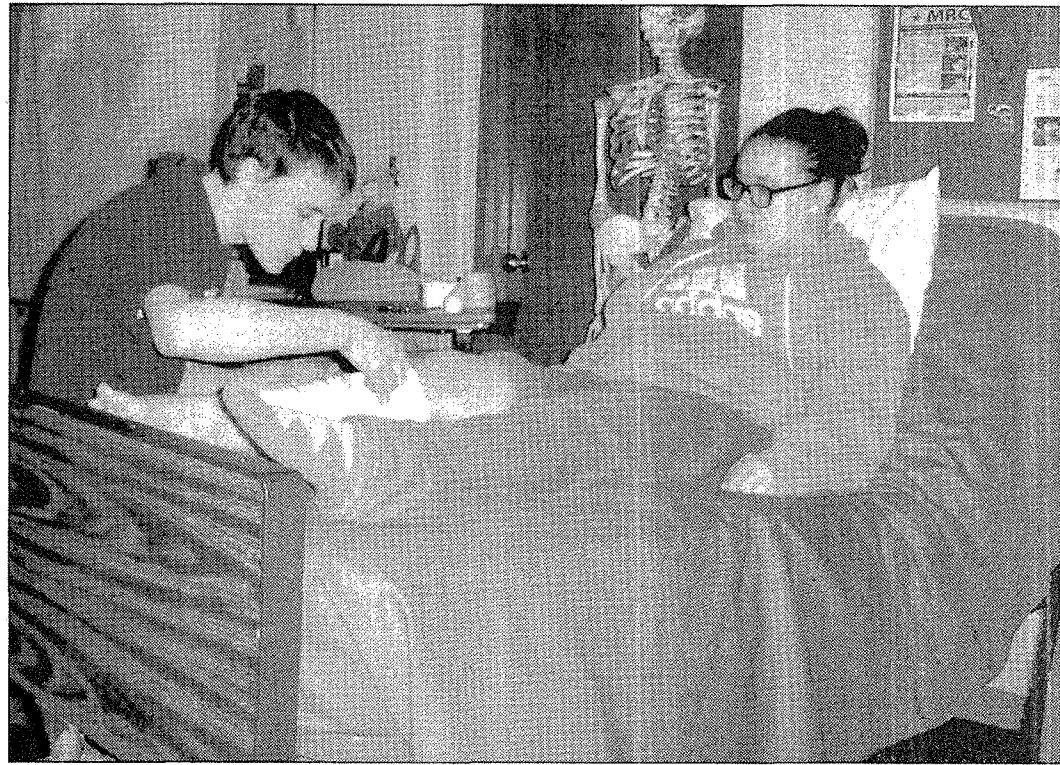
"Whether we're able to do it, I don't know until I see the details," he said. "If it's 90/10 or 80/20, if we have to do that, we'll have to open up contracts. To stay out of deficit, we still have to make cuts and open contracts."

As it stands now, Wayne-Westland could lose \$8.9 million in funding, of \$713 per student.

Martin is hopeful the changes, especial the partial restoration of the equity funding will make it past the governor.

However, "it's not over until the fat lady sings," he said.

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Jacob McFalls practices bandaging during his Health Occupations class.

## Career Tech students honored for 'Breaking Traditions'

Two students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland are have been recognized by the state for "Breaking Traditions."

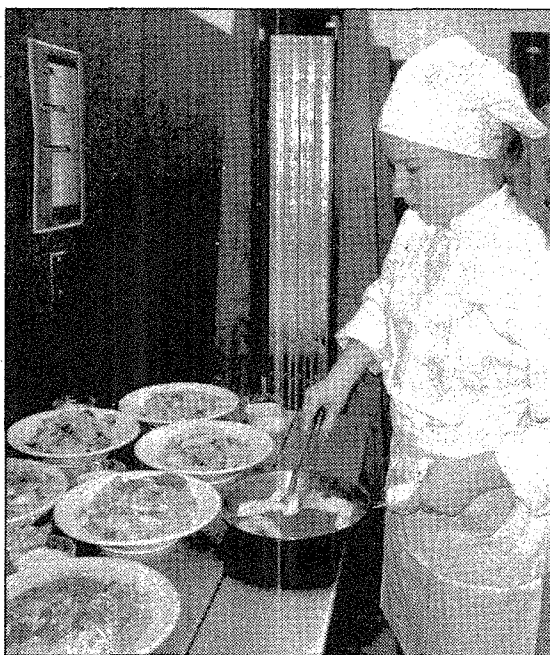
Megan Redmond and Jacob McFalls were among 23 students from across the state to receive honors. The awards were presented by the Michigan Department of Education through its Office of Career and Technical Education, at May 12 ceremony at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Presenting the awards were Patty Cantú, director of the Office of Career and Technical Education; Dr. Joanne Mahony, office supervisor, and Norma R. Tims, the office's Gender Equity/Title IX Coordinator.

The "Breaking Traditions" awards were established to recognize students who have shown excellence in their Career and Technical Education program in programs that are nontraditional for their gender.

Redmond, a Culinary Arts student, was selected for the merit award and received a trophy. Her instructor, Chef Anthony Paquette had nominated her noting that she embraced the philosophy of hospitality where taking care of others needs are foremost.

In her application, Redmond said that her grandmother inspired her to prepare food professionally and pursue a career in this field. Some of the activities she has participated in that earned her this award were being an active member of SkillsUSA competitions, serving as a tutor and mentor to younger students in the culinary program, and assisting with the Thanksgiving Family Resource Center Charity Luncheon where she helped earn \$4,000.

She has offered her time to participate in other extracurricular catering events, including the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Westland, helping the culinary program earn first place two years in a row in competition with other community food and catering businesses.



Megan Redmond, a Culinary Arts student, was selected for the merit award from "Breaking Traditions."

Redmond has received perfect attendance awards, has been a role model in the Positive Behavior Support program and earned a Civic Leader Certificate for completing 40 hours of community service. She recently found out she was the recipient of the Westland Community Foundation scholarship which she will use to continue her culinary education at Schoolcraft College.

McFalls received a certificate recognizing his accomplishments in Health Occupations where he specialized in Diagnostic Services with the college career goal of sports physical therapy. He was nominated by his Health Occupations instructor Ruth Ann Petres, who noted that he demands excellence from himself yet is humble and quiet as he works with a positive attitude helping others.

"There are several benefits to being a part of a nontraditional career field, all of which are amazing, not only have I learned skills about nursing and sports medicine, but I also learned how to interact with others, giving me a head start communicating with patients," he said in his application. "I find that the students in class, though, primarily female, look to me now as a role model."

McFalls has been on his high school honor roll all

four years, plus two years in the National Technical Honor Society and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), competing both years at regional competitions. He is certified in AHA and BLS for Health Care Providers and National Safety First Aid.

He has also been a classroom mentor, tour guide for visitors, participated in fundraisers for homeless shelters and "Christmas Angels," buying gifts and clothing for needy children, worked in Red Cross blood drives and held clinical placements at a convalescent center and sports rehab facility.

"These outstanding students are preparing themselves to enter a career that will benefit them individually and benefit Michigan by increasing diversity in our state's workforce." State Superintendent of Instruction Mike Flanagan said. "By their determination and dedication to pursuing careers in an area nontraditional for their gender, they are role models for peers who may be considering such a career path."

In addition to being nominated, each applicant was required to provide two letters of support and write a brief narrative explaining his or her choice of career, obstacles faced and key accomplishments.



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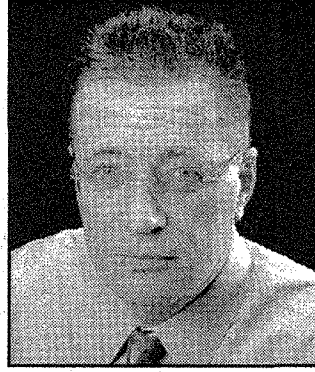
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Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the **only** type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign court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



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

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Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 112 Mile Road.

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


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

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# Trail unveiling part of River Day activity

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A twofold milestone awaits bicyclists, joggers and other outdoor enthusiasts as organizers prepare to formally unveil a newly restored of the I-275 recreation pathway from Canton to Novi and the improved Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, now connected by pedestrian bridges from the interstate west to Canton Center Road.

The celebration occurs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4 — coinciding with River Day — and dozens of events are planned, rain or shine, across communities such as Canton, Plymouth and Livonia.

Jubilant recreation leaders say the official opening of the two recreation trails marks the culmination of hopes and dreams that began more than a decade ago.

"We've been working on it for 11 years," Bob Belair, assistant township engineer for Canton, said, referring to plans to connect the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail with a series of eight wooden pedestrian bridges.

Belair estimated the entire project, mostly paid for with county and state grants, cost some \$2 million.

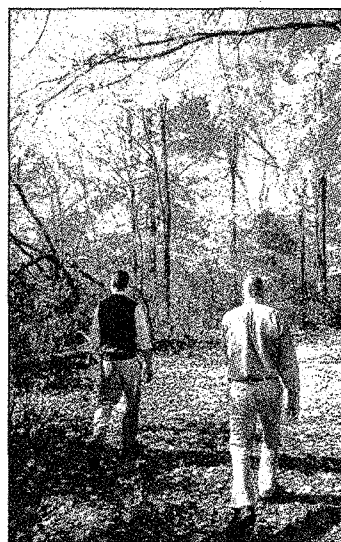
John Bailey, spokesman for the I-275 Metro Trail, estimated that project cost \$4 million — primarily, he said, using federal grant dollars.

## BIG IMPROVEMENT

Planners say the projects signal a vast improvement for recreation offerings in western Wayne County, using dollars set aside prior to a sharp economic downturn.

Bailey said the I-275 trail has been "completely rebuilt" between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive, with smaller-scale repairs made along the stretch that continues north to Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

"It's a major milestone because that trail had been falling into serious disrepair,"



Canton Township engineer Robert Belair and parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp walk the trail along the Rouge River.

Bailey said. "I think we've got the momentum (and volunteers) now to keep that trail in good shape."

A section of trail south of Michigan Avenue remains closed for repairs, but Belair said it is expected to open later this year. It's all part of a 40-mile recreation trail that runs through communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Northville Township and Novi.

The trail improvements mark one of the biggest face-lifts the I-275 trail has witnessed since it opened in the 1970s. It couldn't be more welcome news for people like Bailey, who rides his bike along the path three or four days a week, as much as 15 miles weekdays and 25 miles on weekends.

Belair said more and more bicyclists, hikers and other nature enthusiasts also are starting to use the Lower Rouge trail, which can be accessed from Canton Center near Palmer and followed all the way to I-275. It's a pristine trail that users say provides a peaceful escape from the bustling township it intersects.

## BIKE RIDE

Bailey said bicyclists are

encouraged to join a group bike ride that is expected to start at 9:30 a.m. June 4 at the Lower Rouge trailhead, on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, where a parking lot is available. The ride will make its way to the I-275 trail and then south to the rest stop near Cherry Hill Road, where ribbon-cutting ceremonies are planned including a band at 10 a.m. and speeches at 10:30 a.m.

Also, open riding, in-line skating, walking and jogging happens 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Michigan Avenue and Seven Mile Road, though bicyclists and skaters must wear helmets.

Bailey said participant registration is encouraged at a gazebo in front of Sweet Bikes, on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, or at Schoolcraft College in the south parking lot along Haggerty Road.

Belair said those who want to go directly to the Lower Rouge trailhead also may join the ride.

## FUN FESTIVITIES

Here's a snapshot of other activities marking the River Day festivities:

For the I-275 trail:

- Along with the group bike ride and ribbon-cutting ceremony, activities include a children's bike- and helmet-decorating parade at the Cherry Hill rest stop 11 a.m. to noon.

- A guided bike ride through Plymouth will happen 12:30-1:30 p.m., and cyclists must wear helmets. The group is expected to meet at Wilcox Lake's parking area on the south side of Hines Drive, east of Northville Road.

- A "geocaching" demonstration, which involves using GPS units to find hidden caches, is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.

- Also at the college, a helmet-fitting and bike-safety clinic is set for 10 a.m. to 2

p.m.; a bike safety talk by Northville Township Police Officer Jim Fisher is scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon; and an activity that involves mixing up a smoothie drink by pedaling is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- From 10:30 a.m. to noon, a guided urban walk/hike around Haggerty Road and the trail is set, with participants meeting at Schoolcraft's south parking lot.

- The Canton Downtown Development Authority is expected to have a gazebo set up near the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, near Sweet Bikes.

- Those who register will qualify for prizes during a drawing at 2 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.

For Canton and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail:

- A restoration project at Canton's Heritage Park, west of Canton Center between Palmer and Cherry Hill, is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canton employees will work with volunteers to plant shrubs and seeds with wet meadow wildflowers and grass along the banks of ponds. Volunteers are encouraged to wear jeans and boots, and registration will be at the park's clock tower. Scout troops who want to help should call (734) 397-1011 to register.

- The Leslie Science Center will be at the trailhead to tout their Raptors Program, including an up-close look at a bald eagle. Demonstrations are set for 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

- The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association will be at the trailhead to provide basic bike and helmet-fitting advice and to take groups of parents and children on trail tours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A birdhouse-building tent also will be set up for children to build their own birdhouses out of donated wood.

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# It's never too early to begin saving for retirement

**Q: Dear Rick: I just graduated from college and I'm starting my first job. My dad has strongly recommended that I take advantage of the company's 401(k) Plan. The company offers a traditional 401(k) and a Roth. My dad recommends the Roth. Do you agree? The company uses Vanguard and I basically can use any Vanguard fund. Any suggestions?**



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**A:** Congratulations on graduating and getting your first job. There is no greater investment than a college education. Although a college education does not necessarily pay dividends immediately, it does pay off in the long run. Hopefully, as you begin your career you'll begin to reap some of the rewards of the investment you made in yourself.

On saving for your retirement, I agree with your father. I cannot stress enough how important it is to begin to save for your retirement the day you start working. Someone like you will probably be retired for more years that you work. Because of that, and because the government will never have the resources to be able to take care of you, it's up to you to do it yourself. You are doing the right thing by starting to save for your retirement.

I recommend saving the maximum amount possible. You cannot have too much money in retirement. The sacrifices you make today will pay tremendous dividends down the road. Consider your parents' generation. The baby boomer generation, which is beginning to retire, has done a miserable job of saving for the future. There will be many baby boomers who will have to work for the rest of their lives.

They will find that retirement is not the reward they had hoped for. By beginning to save for your retirement now, you'll assure yourself of options and opportunities in the future — something that many in your parents' generation will never have.

With regards to the Roth or the traditional options, once again, your dad is right on. For you, investing money that can grow on a tax-free basis is a huge opportunity you should take advantage of. I recognize that you're giving up some tax breaks, however, a good lesson to learn is not to let the tax tail wag the dog. Remember, your goal is not to lower your taxes, but increase your net worth.


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As I have said many times, retirement is a brand-new concept in the history of mankind and it's not something that past generations had to be concerned with. In today's world, it is something that everyone must plan for. I don't care how old you are, it is never too early to begin to think about your retirement and construct a plan so you can reap the rewards in the future.

Good luck!

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



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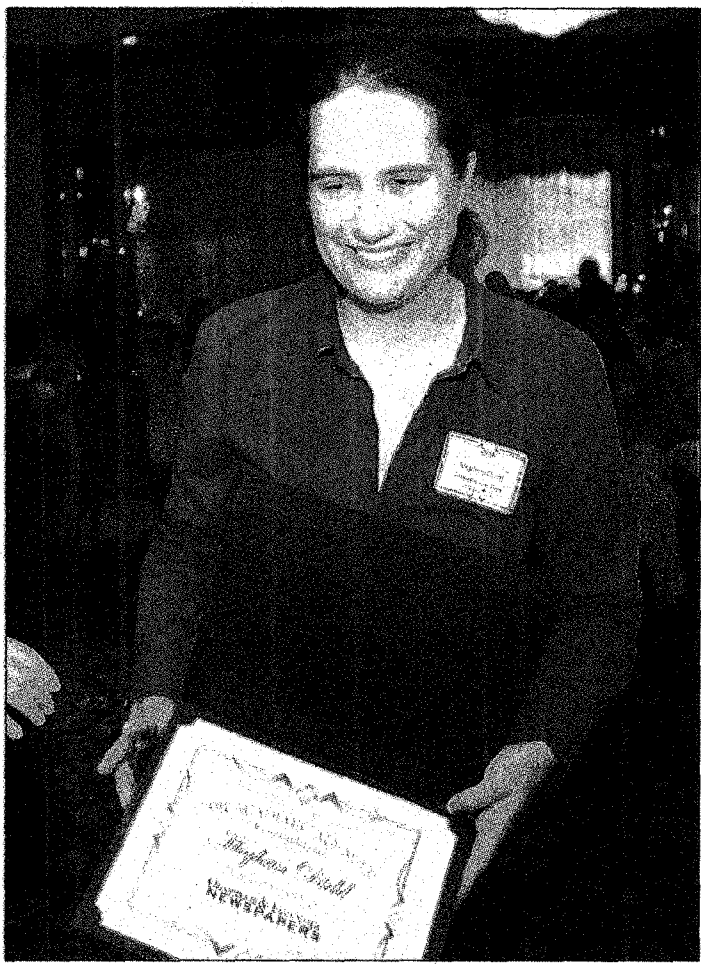
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# 2011 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

## Awards ceremony fetes O&E all stars



Meghan Diehl, Farmington High School.

Area students and their families were honored Thursday morning at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Academic All-Star Awards Ceremony at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.

Students, parents, sponsors and *O&E* staff members were treated to an elegant breakfast buffet at the Townsend, a long-time partner of the Academic All-Star Awards Program.

Students received special awards and gifts to mark the annual team, which highlights academic excellence in western Wayne and Oakland counties. The all-star team is selected based solely on academic credentials (grade-point average in academic subjects and national test scores — ACT or SAT). Each public, private and parochial school in the *O&E* coverage area is invited to nominate two students. Students named as runners-up (53) also are profiled in the special print section published May 15.

Joining in honoring the 25-member team of students was Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University. The Livonia-based university is a longtime supporter and sponsor of the program. Also attending was Lori Mouton, vice president of marketing for DMC Children's Hospital. The hospital, a member of the Detroit Medical Center, is a new partner of the all-star program.

Principals who served as judges for this year's team also attended — Terry Piper of Seaholm High School (who is retiring in June after 41 years in education), Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School and Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School.

Other principals attending to support their students named to this year's team included Fred Proctor of Groves High School, David Kozlowski of Brother Rice High School, Randy Gawel of Berkley High School and Robert Dureka of Andover High School.

"This team marks the 26th year that the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* has honored and celebrated academic excellence in our hometowns. At the core of our mission as a local company is 'enhancing the lives of our readers and nurturing the communities we serve,'" said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *Observer & Eccentric*.

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

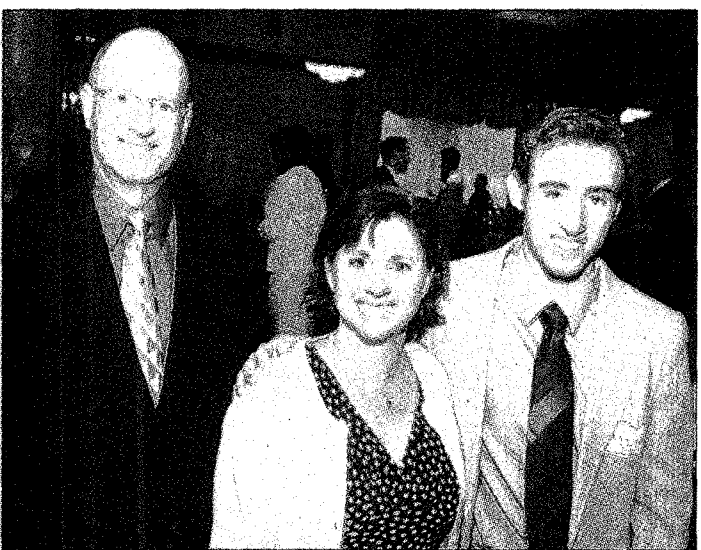
To read the profiles of this year's all-stars and the runners-up, go to hometownlife.com and see Special Sections. For a photo gallery and video of Thursday's event, see hometownlife.com.



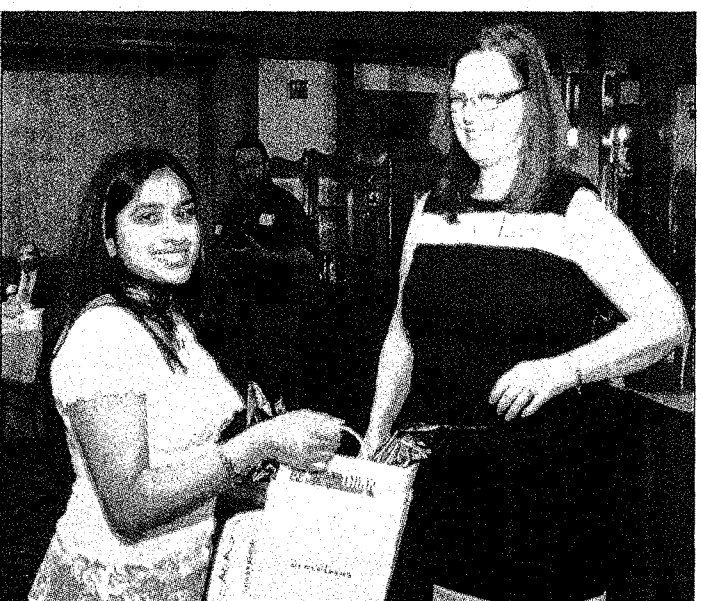
Yiran (Nika) Duan, of Livonia Churchill High School.



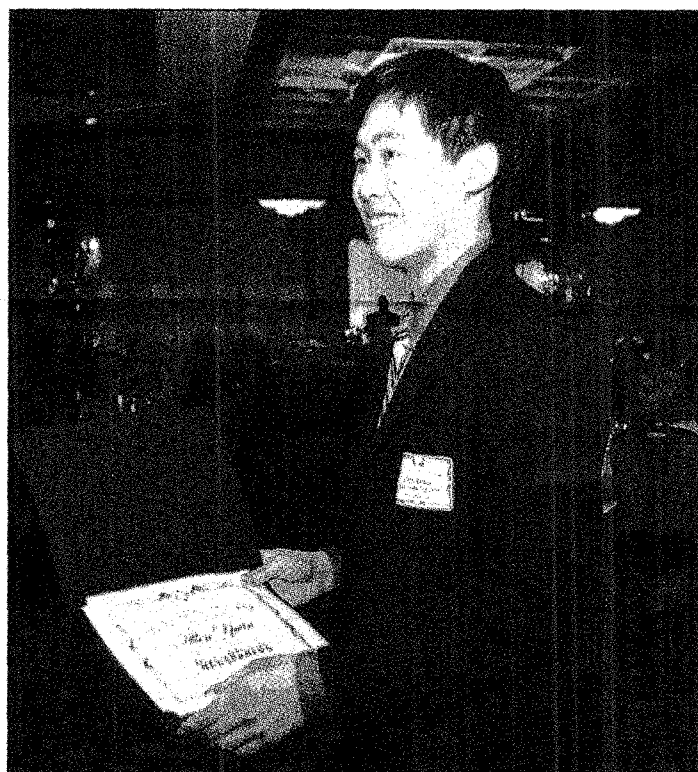
Sahithi Gogineni, of Canton High, and her parents, Vijay and Mahavi.



Nicholas Alaniva, of Canton, with parents, Howard and Yvonne.



Ishani Shah, of Plymouth High School, receives her awards from Lori Mouton of Children's Hospital.



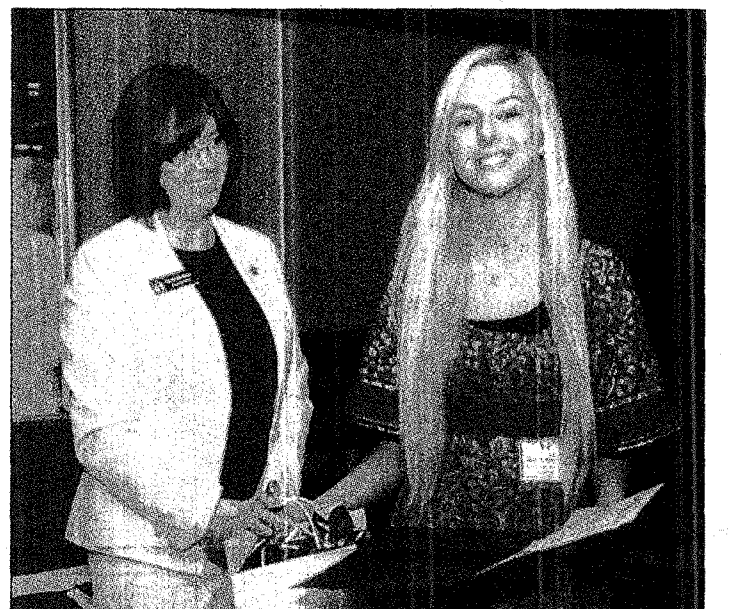
Allen Yuan is an O&E Academic All-Star from Detroit Country Day. He lives in Farmington Hills.



Sarah Kang, of Salem High School and her parents Steve and Linda.



Sahithi Gogineni, of Canton High School, accepts awards and congratulations from (center) Lori Mouton of Children's Hospital and Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University.



Makayla McCoskey, of North Farmington High School, is congratulated by Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University.



Ishani Shah, of Plymouth, and her parents, Mayur, father and Yakshamu, her mother.



Ben Novak, of North Farmington, and his mother, Barbara.



Lynne Krutty, of Salem High School, and her parents, Marion and Dean.

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# Program celebrates Michigan Week, small businesses

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Garden City and Dearborn Heights Chambers of Commerce joined together to celebrate a traditional Michigan Week, but with a different twist.

Held at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, the celebration included Business Recognition and Resource Expo, featuring companies which provide free resources. The idea was to assist the small business owner and/or entrepreneur by providing low-cost and free business services and resources, including financial, consulting, planning and advice.

"This is also Michigan Small Business Week," Wendy Fichter, executive director of the Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce, reminded the audience.

Keynote speaker Meaghan McCann, of Search Ad Marketing, talked about how small businesses can use Facebook pages to drive business to their site. She said that Facebook has evolved from being strictly a family and friends sharing venue to a medium to capture clients. "Get with the program,"



Louise Gallaway from Visiting Angels and keynote speaker Meaghan McCann from Search Ad Marketing engage in lunchtime conversation.

McCann said. "If you aren't there (on Facebook), you are missing out. Facebook has a huge amount of traffic. My clients follow me just like I follow them. People are coming out of the woodwork to build relationships again. This is a pool of people that you have yet to tap into."

Access to people with specific interests is available to users. The pages allow more interaction than a website, she said.

"There is a culture on Facebook," she said, adding that there's strategies about what to do with people once they become part of the list.

Partners at Michigan Week celebration included SCORE, PNC Bank, CEED, UTA and MI-SBTDC of Schoolcraft College.

Jeff Whitmarsh, a member of both the Garden City and the Dearborn Heights chambers, was pleased with the event. A representative of



Stacey Tobar of McKenna & Associates, a consultant to the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, was among people attending the event.

Servpro, Whitmarsh called it a "fine presentation." "It was very helpful," Whitmarsh said.

He was part of a small group representing Garden City.

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### 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.

### 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-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.

### 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 world-

wide 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.

### 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 gcommunitchat@gmail.com.

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# Know what to do if tornado strikes

With the devastating tornadoes that tore through the South in April, one is reminded how harsh Mother Nature can be. Although Michigan has not been a hotbed of killer tornadoes, it can breed extreme and dangerous weather of its own. Michigan's tornado season is considered April-October with June being the peak time. Averages of 16 tornadoes occur in Michigan each year.

One of the most important things anyone should know is the difference between a tornado watch and a warning.

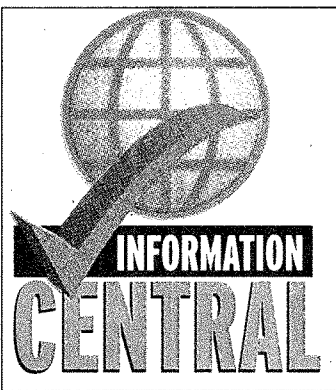
Tornado watch is issued to alert people to the possibility of tornado development in the area. Tornado warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted or indicated by radar.

The city of Westland has an outdoor emergency warning system which will produce a siren and a vocal message to alert citizens of a tornado warning/touchdown. This system is tested the first Saturday of each month at noon.

If you find yourself in the situation where a tornado has been spotted, take cover immediately. In your house you should take shelter in a basement or in a center lower floor room away from windows. Mobile home residents should take shelter in a shelter area or ditch/ravine. If in a car, get out and lie flat in ditch or ravine. You should also have an emergency kit available.

If you are interested in learning more about weather, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has some titles you might be interested: Paul Gross's "Extreme Michigan Weather," Bob Reiss's "Coming Storm," Paul Douglas's "Restless Skies" and Michael Allaby's "Tornadoes."

Materials that focus on the extreme nature of weather and tornado chasers include Stefan Bechtel's "Tornado Hunter," Mark Svencold's "Big Weather," Howard B. Bluestein's "Tornado Alley," Peter Felknor's



"Tri-State Tornado," Warren Fairley's "Storm Chaser," Richard Bedard's "In the Shadow of the Tornado" and "Twister Chasers" (DVD).

Some interesting websites regarding tornadoes include [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), [www.tornadoproject.com](http://www.tornadoproject.com), [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov) and [www.tornadopath.org](http://www.tornadopath.org).

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Please remember the library will be closed on Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## Highlighted Activities

**Teen Job Seekers Information Session:** 4-5:30 p.m. May 23

Looking for summer work, but don't know where to start? Learn about specific challenges students face when seeking work; how to make an impression on employers; resources for finding work and helpful tips when interviewing. Our expert panel will include job placement specialists and hiring managers from local businesses. Sign up online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events) or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to save a seat.

**Writers Club:** 7-8 p.m., May 23, Adults and Teens

Do you have stories or poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library

Writer's Club. All writing is interesting to us so bring whatever you are working on. Refreshments provided.

**"Held on the Homefront: German POWs in the Midwest, 1943-46":** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 24 \*Exhibit open to large groups at this time.\* Housed in a bus made into a mobile museum with a theater, Held on the Homefront illustrates the lives of about 380,000 Germans imprisoned across the U.S. during World War II. Exhibit will be stationed in the library parking lot. Hours for general public are 4-7 p.m.

**Afternoon Movie Classics:** "Platoon," 3:30-5:30 p.m. May 24, age 18 and up, unless accompanied by an adult

Join us for the summer version of Afternoon Classics. This month we explore great, American war movies. This week: the Oliver Stone Vietnam War classic, "Platoon." "A young recruit in Vietnam faces a moral crisis when confronted with the horrors of war and the duality of man." Starring Charlie Sheen, Willem Dafoe and Tom Berenger. This movie is rated R.

**Writers Workshop:** 7-8:30 p.m. May 24, Adults and Teens ages 14 and up

Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact Andy, [schuck@westlandlibrary.org](mailto:schuck@westlandlibrary.org)

**Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club:** 7 p.m. May 25

Join us for a discussion of Jack McDevitt's "Seeker." In 2688, interstellar transports Seeker and Bremerhaven left a theocratic Orwellian Earth to found a dictator-free society, Margolia, and vanished. Nine thousand years later, with a flawed humanity spread over 100-odd worlds, Margolia and its ships have become Atlantis-type myths. Copies of the book will be available at the reference desk.

**Social Security Information Session:** It's not only for seniors any-

more, 1 p.m. May 26  
Join Frances Heimes-Savickis, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration in southeast Michigan, as she guides you on a tour through the newly designed Social Security Administration website. Find out about new features and information now available right at your fingertips and learn how SSA can be another resource when planning for your future. No sign-up required.

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

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

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

**Chess Group:** 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays  
Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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

The Library will be closed Friday, May 28, through Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.

Summer hours begin June 1. They'll be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and closed Sunday.

Information Central was compiled by Technology Librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

# Ex-GC resident captures World Beauties pageant

Karen Zavicar describes herself as "the chubby girl that got pregnant at 17 and grew up to become beauty queen" and has the crown to prove it.

Zavicar, who grew up in Garden City, recently was named 2011 All World Beauties International Winner.

"This is a blast from my past, when I was a young girl I saved the box tops from my favorite cereal because it offered a Barbie doll that was a beauty queen," said Zavicar whose maiden name is Yount. "I can't say I was beauty queen material back then, but I loved everything to do with how graceful, eloquent, charitable, kind and regal all the ladies were."

A native American, Zavicar is a nurse, personal trainer, and martial arts instructor with a history of owning and operating several martial arts schools across the United States. She has worked in many different gyms and hospitals around the country and received several employee awards over her years as a nurse. She also has received recognition awards for her women's self defense program and for her 20 years of community service.

Zavicar works as a fitness specialist at Los Alamos National Laboratory Wellness Center under the Occupational Medicine division. Married, she and husband John, have four children and five grandchildren.



Karen (Yount) Zavicar shows off the sash and crown she received as the 2011 All World Beauties International Winner.

Of her pageant win, Zavicar said it "really feels great and a dream come true."

"I woke up the next morning and had to pinch myself to believe it to be real," she said. "It is really an honor and a privilege to be a part of such a great system that truly celebrates women and what they do in the lives of others."

Zavicar credited her mother as "a shining example of a true beauty queen by her gentle Christian ways."

"I also can't give my husband enough love for his continued support through many years of development, encouragement," she added. "He has always believed in me no matter what my journey maybe at the time."

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**Fire Department - Motorola Radios**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or from the Purchasing Department at (734) 467-3204, or Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy at (734) 467-3252. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel  
City Controller

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**WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Wayne-Westland Community Schools is seeking qualified bids for the replacement of carpeting at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center located at 34801 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Bid proposals shall be on forms furnished by Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Bid documents will be available at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office beginning on **Monday, May 23, 2011** or by contacting 734-419-2046.

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walkthrough will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. Bidders will be required to take measurements at this time and may also ask questions regarding the project.**

Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 P.M. local time on Monday, June 6, 2011** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. No recommendation for award will be made at this time.

Bids received after this time and date will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board or school superintendent. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is included in the bid document.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate for Wayne County as required by the State of Michigan Public Act 166 Dated 1965 As Amended.

Bidders shall not withdraw bid proposals for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of bid proposals. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding process, and to award the bid in any way it deems to be in the best interest of the school district.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND**

TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO ALL LOCAL AND MAJOR ROADS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND THAT CURRENTLY HAVE STREET LIGHTING:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with an assessment to:

Maintain and operate the existing street lighting systems on local and major roads in the City of Westland and to assess the operation and maintenance costs of the existing systems to lots and parcels in the City of Westland currently so serviced.

The individual assessments in the special assessment districts in the City have not been changed since 1991, in spite of the increased costs to the City for the operation and maintenance of these existing street lighting systems. At the rate of the current assessments, there will be a fifty nine percent shortfall in the year 2011, or \$535,000, for the payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of these street lighting systems.

The proposed operation and maintenance costs will result in an increase in the current street lighting assessment to each property owner for the year 2011, with all assessments to be increased, pro rata, by the same percentage, to make up for the \$535,000 shortfall. Although individual assessments vary due to the characteristics of each district and property, the average current annual street lighting assessments are \$42.85 per year for local streets and \$55.19 per year for major roads, and the average annual increase for 2011 will be \$25.28 per year for local roads and \$32.56 per year for major roads.

It is also anticipated that the operation and maintenance costs will result in annual increases in accordance with cost increases charged by Detroit Edison for years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

An assessment roll of the proposed assessments for the costs of operation and maintenance requirements for the existing street lighting systems has been prepared and is on file in the offices of both the City Assessor and the City Clerk for public examination. The proposed assessments will be available for review at the Assessor's office starting on May 17, 2011 thru June 8, 2011, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during normal work days.

The properties have previously been designated as special assessments districts, against which the cost of said operation and maintenance expenses may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the City Council will meet on the 8th day of June, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed assessment, and to determine whether to approve and confirm the special assessment roll. The City Assessor will also be available at this location on that date from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to assist persons in reviewing the assessment roll. If you desire to review the roll, please bring this notice to the meeting.

Pursuant to Public Act 64 of 1989, an owner, party in interest, or his or her agent: (1) may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment; (2) may file an appearance and protest by letter, at the hearing; or (3) may file an appearance and protest by letter prior to the hearing, in the Office of the Westland City Clerk, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, during regular office hours. A written appeal may be filed with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, only if that assessment was protested as specified above.

This is **NOT** a new assessment, only a continuation and increase of what you are currently assessed on your winter taxes. If there are any questions, please contact the Assessors office at (734) 467-3160.

Eileen DeHart, City Clerk  
City of Westland

Publish: May 22, 2011



# Oakwood opens new in-school clinic

The latest addition to Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland doesn't look anything like a typical school classroom.

In the case of the Adams Child and Adolescent Health Center, that could be a good thing.

"We've had people come in and say, 'This looks like a real doctor's office,'" said Cheryl Welday, who spearheaded the donation drive to fund the project. "I take that as a compliment."

The clinic is a partnership between the Wayne-Westland Community School and the Oakwood Healthcare System (OHS). The district provides the space for the in-school clinic, while Oakwood supplies the physicians, nurses and administrative staff with major funding coming from a grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The partnership dates back to 1997. The clinic had been operated out of Lincoln and Jefferson Barns Elementary schools, but those schools were closed down at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year as part of a major cost-savings initiative in which the district closed six elementary schools and re-aligned grade levels at the elementary and middle school level.

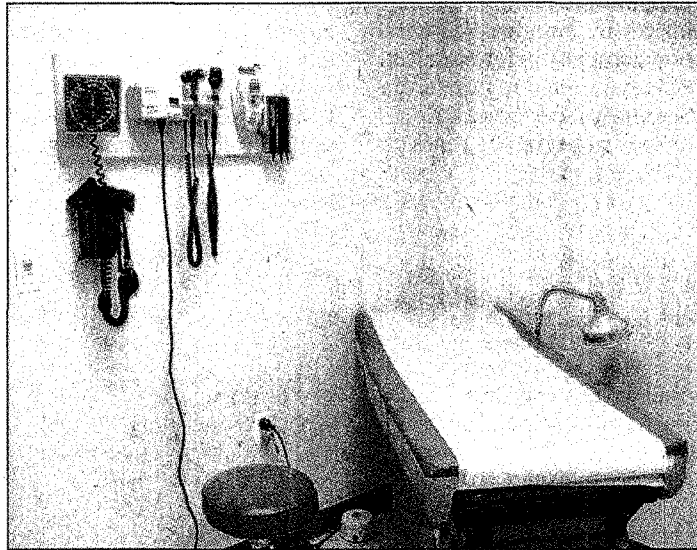
The Oakwood Foundation has been gathering donations to fund the \$100,000 in renovations required at Adams - formerly a middle school - to convert three home economics classrooms into an expanded clinic that would better serve the students and their families. The new space, which is now open, has three examination rooms and additional office space. It is laid out in a more open fashion with bright walls contributing to a comforting atmosphere.

"It has surpassed my expectations," said Welday, who has been the champion of the project.

"I am very pleased with the result," said Dr. Neelam



Cheryl Welday (right) has been a driving force behind the donation drive to fund the Oakwood Adams Child and Adolescent Health Center at Adams Upper Elementary School. Dr. Neelam Kumar has been involved with the clinic since its inception in 1997.



The new clinic features three exam rooms and additional office space.

Kumar, one of the doctors who sees patients there. She has been involved with the clinic since its inception. "It is a great facility."

It is nearly three times the size of either the Lincoln or Jefferson Barns clinics, and more visually appealing, said Lisa Rutledge, Corporate Director Community Outreach for Oakwood Healthcare Inc.

"It is a lot more inviting," she said. "We will be able to better serve the community."

"It really represents a modern-day clinic," added Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We're very grateful for the partnerships, and all those that contributed to makes this a successful program. It's a valuable service for our kids."

The clinic was established to improve student and family health, increase family health knowledge and awareness of healthcare needs, increase student attendance and to

bring health care to students and families that couldn't otherwise afford it.

Physical exams, vision and hearing screenings, basic lab services and mental health services are available there. About 512 users accounted for more than 1,900 visits at the clinic last year. The new clinic is located near offices for Eastern Michigan University's Bright Futures program, which strives to improve academic achievement and help students prepare for their next levels of schooling, as well as the Parent Resource Center.

Members of the Wayne-Westland school board said they liked what they saw at an open house that took place recently.

"I think it looks great," said Trustee John Goci. "This really is a God-send in this community."

Westland Mayor William Wild said he was glad to see the clinic continue to operate at the new location.

"It's been a great partnership," he said. "We are happy to have it here in our community. They provide a valuable service to people who really need it."

## AROUND WESTLAND

### 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 dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

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

### 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.

### Free workshop

Westland residents are invited to attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop Tuesday, May 24, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, where participants will be presented with real options for their situation.

Linda Miller, an MSHDA Certified Foreclosure Counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, and Annette Compo from WJR Real Estate 411 will be on hand to assist residents with questions.

To register please, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

### Farmers Market

The Westland Farmer's Market is back for a second season. This year the market is being held in the Westland City Hall Parking Lot on Ford Road. The market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 25.

People interested in participating must complete an application, which can be downloaded at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) and return it with the appropriate vendor fee to the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department before

consideration for participation in the market.

For more information on applications, guidelines, or fees and permits, contact Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

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

### 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.

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# Pastor fulfilled lifelong dream publishing short-cut to Bible

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Edward H. Einem of Livonia, who published his first-ever book last year at age 82, died May 5.

The book, titled *Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus*, was a lifelong dream of his, said his daughter, Sandy Kratzer of St. Louis.

He was working on a sequel when he died of complications of prostate cancer at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He was 83.

"You asked if he was proud of finishing his book," Kratzer said. "Had you asked him, I think he would have used the words 'deeply fulfilled,' as he was always giving glory to God, and wanted all attention pointed to Him."

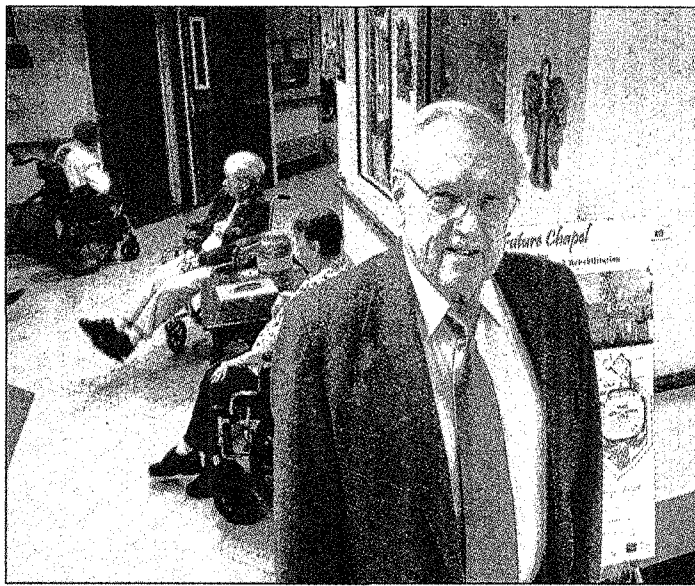
The Rev. Einem was founder and executive director of Detroit-based Project Compassion Ministries, which works to improve the qual-

ity of life of nursing home residents, before retiring in 2002. Through that ministry and as a former chaplain for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Einem had bedside chats with many people, including nonbelievers and members of various Christian churches, who lacked a real understanding of Jesus' teachings.

That's what motivated him to write the 57-page paperback, a short cut to understanding who Jesus really was, based on the Bible. An accurate understanding means the difference between a person's spending eternity in heaven or hell, Rev. Einem said at the time of the book's publishing.

The book is being translated into German, and the Rev. Einem was planning to take copies of it to Germany in October, Kratzer said.

He was battling prostate cancer in December when the *Observer* profiled him and his book in its pre-Christmas edition. The week before Easter,



The Rev. Edward Einem of Livonia died May 5. He was on the board at Livonia Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation and published his first book at age 82.

he got pneumonia, and he was in and out of the hospital after that, Kratzer said. "Until the very end, he was very active."

The Rev. Einem was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis. He served two years in

the Army before receiving an honorable discharge. He and his cousin founded a construction company before the Rev. Einem enrolled in Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in 1957 to begin five years of

study for the Lutheran ministry.

After ordination, he established a mission congregation in Waukegan, Ill., then accepted a call to the Lutheran Home and Services for the Aged in Arlington Heights, Ill., as chaplain and assistant administrator. During this time he directed the development of a lay-visitation program for the Chicago area known as Project Compassion. In 1972, he accepted a call to Detroit to serve as chaplain at Oakwood Hospital and director of Project Compassion in the greater Detroit area.

In addition to his work with Project Compassion and Oakwood Hospital, the Rev. Einem served as the vacancy pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Westland, as well as various other congregations. He served on the Synod's Board for Jewish Evangelism and as the chairman of the Lutheran Institute for Jewish Evangelism. He also authored several tracts published by

Concordia Publishing House.

Pastor Einem was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Marion. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by two sons, Mark (Jane) of Northville, who is pastor of Christ Church of Redford, and John (Brenda) of Augusta, Kansas; five grandchildren and beloved friend Helen Barger.

Memorials may be made to Project Compassion Ministries Inc. (<http://www.projectcompassion.net>), Lutheran Institute for Jewish Evangelism (<http://www.lije.org>), or Christ Church of Redford (<http://www.christchurchredford.org>).

*Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus* (ISBN: 978-1-60976-335-0), available for \$10, can be ordered through the publisher's website: [www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/DidJesusREALLYsayTHAT.html](http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/DidJesusREALLYsayTHAT.html) or at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

## New Marine drops 130 pounds to join Corps' ranks

One of the Marine Corps' graduates this month began his journey to become a Marine long before he stepped on the Yellow Footprints in December.

At one time, all it took was a flight of stairs to tire out Pfc. David Bessey, with Platoon 2038, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. When the Livonia resident first attempted to join the military in November 2009, he said he weighed 307 pounds and was turned away by every recruiter he visited.

"I always wanted to join the military," said Bessey. "I wasn't able to for a while because of my weight."

A year out of high school, he took up a job that funded a gym membership for him.

"I couldn't afford a trainer so I would get people to show me things and research different workouts to do," he said.

Bessey said he would work out for up to 10 hours a week, and after the first nine months, he had lost 60 pounds.

Once his friend Lance Cpl. Ron Mitchellfoster came home from training, he and Bessey saw a recruiter, and for the first time he was taken seriously and permitted to join the Delayed Entry Program.

The journey to shipping out was not finished. After nine months in the DEP, Bessey lost an additional 40 pounds.

"It was tougher this time," he said. "I began to back-slide because the weight was harder to lose. My recruiters did not

give up on me. They stayed with me when it got difficult."

After more than a year of working toward his ultimate goal of joining the military, Bessey arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in December with Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

His journey to become a Marine was sidetracked when one of his lungs collapsed and he developed pneumonia. The illness removed him from active training for six weeks.

He said thinking about his parents motivated him through training.

"They really wanted to see me graduate," he said.

In February he picked up with Echo Company on Training Day 4, dropping back

nine days in training.

After recovering from pneumonia, Bessey continued pushing himself.

"My main motivation is: I just want to finally make it through," Bessey said. "I put too much effort in now. I had to fight just to stay in training, and I've struggled after coming back to training and getting my strength back up. I'm just really excited to start my tour."

After more than five months on the depot, Bessey had shed another 30 pounds.

To date, Bessey has lost 130 pounds since he began the life-changing journey to earn the title of Marine. He has completed hikes, grueling obstacle and endurance courses, long runs and the Marine



Pfc. David Bessey (center) stands during his inspection as his rifle is checked to determine his attention to detail in weapons maintenance on May 4 at Parris Island, S.C.

Corps Martial Arts Program depot. Those flights of stairs training during his time on the shouldn't bother him anymore.

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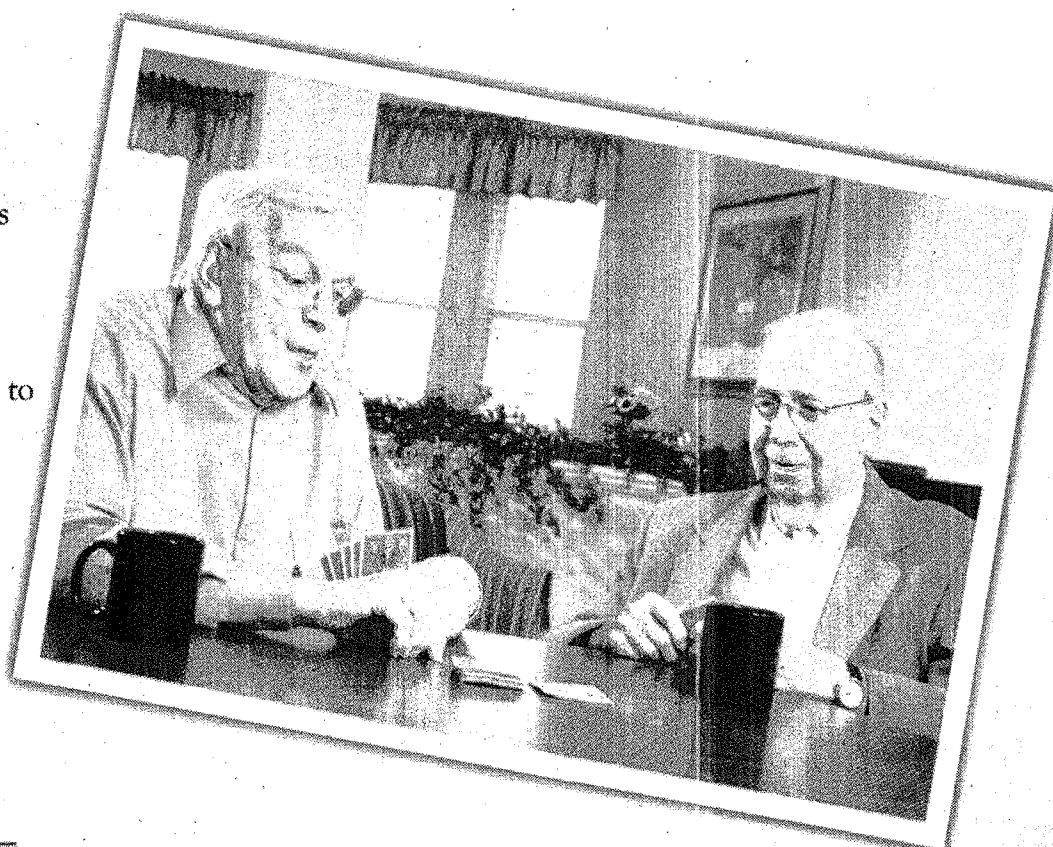
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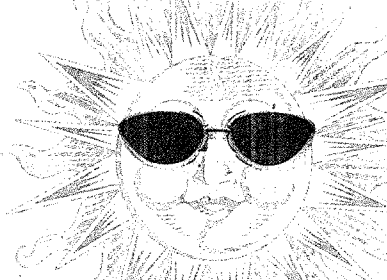
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# Split gives Chargers share of KLAA South crown

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## KLAA BASEBALL

It was almost dark Thursday before light was shed on whether Canton or Livonia Churchill would prevail as KLAA South Division baseball champions.

And even then it was rather murky. Both teams divided a doubleheader, with the Chargers winning 7-4 in the opener but falling 5-1 in the nightcap — which ended at 8:53 p.m.

That meant the teams officially won a share of the KLAA South title with

13-3 records. It is Churchill's first division championship (albeit a co-title) since 1976, coach Ron Targosz said.

But because the Chiefs won the tie-breaker by outscoring the Chargers 9-8 over the course of the twinbill, Canton will meet Livonia Stevenson on Monday for the Kensington Conference crown.

The games were played at Churchill, although they were originally slated for Canton. On Wednesday, rain

forced action to be halted in the second inning.

Early Thursday, with the Chiefs home field still unplayable, it was decided to switch sites.

"I wasn't happy about it but you still got to play the games," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said.

### GOING FOR IT

Canton (20-4, 13-3) led 4-1 entering the bottom of the sixth, needing to score one run to gain the edge in run differential.

A pinch single to center by senior

Jason Lynch opened the frame and junior courtesy runner Greg McCurry scurried around to score on a two-out single to left-center by senior catcher Seth Tschetter.

"We were fortunate enough to scrap out a run," Blomshield said. "Seth came through with a big two-out hit as he's done many, many times."

Tschetter, who hit the ball on the screws but with little to show for it all day, smiled about finally getting one to drop in.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

## SIDELINES

### Scott adds recruit

Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep defender Kyle Karmo (West Bloomfield) recently became Madonna University's fourth signee for men's soccer coach Eric Scott.

Karmo is joined by West Bloomfield's Sean Koza (Birmingham Brother Rice) and George Sami (Brother Rice), along with Scott Poole (Madison Heights Lampere).

"Kyle will come in and give us some versatility in the back line," Scott said. "He is smart on the ball and good technically — he could spend some time as an outside back, and also at center back as he moves along in his career."

"He is a great athlete that has a real calm demeanor to how he plays. As a defender, Kyle has tremendous balance, and he understands how and when to join an attack."

### Crusaders lauded

Madonna University senior right-hander Jess Irwin, the NAIA's all-time leader in strikeouts (1,320), is among four Crusaders named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association 2011 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region team.

Also honored was sophomore infielder Jackie Barley, who led MU with a .399 batting average; junior outfielder-pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City), who batted .308 and went 19-4 on the mound; and freshman first baseman Erin Mayes, who batted .398 for the 38-12 Crusaders.

### Steele All-Academic

Madonna University's Caitlin Steele (Dearborn Divine Child), a senior business major, was named to the 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Women's Golf Scholar Athlete team.

Steele, a two-time Academic All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honoree, is making her second appearance on the team following her 2010 selection.

To be selected, a student-athlete must be nominated by her head coach, be a junior or senior and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Steele is also a two-time WHAC Champions of Character selection.

### 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.timshawfootball.com](http://www.timshawfootball.com).

### Celtic F.C. in final

Canton Celtic F.C., coached by Livonia Churchill High's Dave Hebestreit, will play the Carpathia Kickers for the Men's Open Amateur Cup soccer championship beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

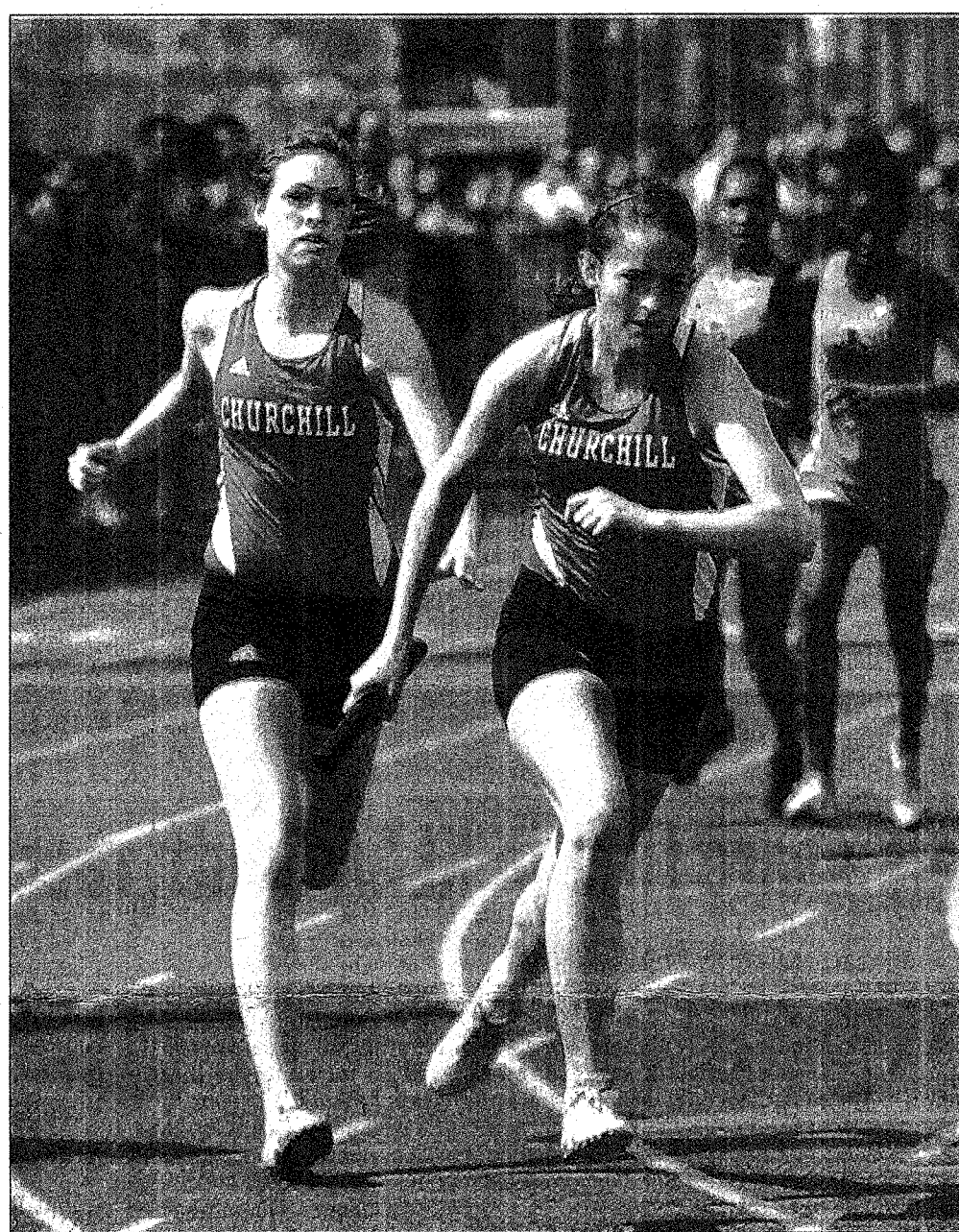
The winner advances to the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association regional, June 17-19, in Overland Park, Kan. and play for a spot in the Final Four, July 15-17, in Bowling Green, Ky. Canton Celtic F.C.'s under-23 team has already advanced to the national finals.

### Hall at NAIA's

Madonna University's Michelle Hall shot a four-round total of 326 to finish tied for 53rd in the NAIA Women's Golf Championships.

The sophomore from Flushing posted rounds of 77-88-80-81 at the par-73, 6,051-yard layout at Link Hills Golf and Country Club in Greenville, Tenn.

California Baptist captured the team title in a tiebreaker over Embury-Riddle (Fla.), while Kylie Barros of British Columbia was individual medalist with a 297 on rounds of 73-74-75-75.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Molly Jarvis (right) takes handoff from Sydney Anderson 4 x 200-meter relay at Friday's Division 1 regional at Canton.

# Churchill's regional Charger girls seize 7th straight track crown

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Livonia Churchill girls track and field team owns the Division 1, Regional 5 title much longer, it's going to have to start paying taxes.

On Friday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium, the Chargers captured their fourth consecutive regional crown under fourth-year head coach Pat Daugherty by outdistancing runner-up and cross-town rival Livonia Franklin, 119.5 to 90.5.

Westland John Glenn registered 89.5 points to earn third place.

The three host schools — Plymouth (78.5), Salem (71) and Canton (56) — took fourth through sixth, respectively, just ahead of seventh-place Livonia Stevenson (53).

Redford Thurston, bolstered by Domonique Smith's first-place showing in the 200-meter dash, placed eighth with 30 points.

The champion Chargers, who captured their seventh straight regional, appear to be peaking at the right time after placing second at last week's KLAA Kensington Conference Meet.

"I think we out-willed a lot of people today," Daugherty said. "I couldn't have asked for anything more from the kids."

It's the best we've been all year. Novi dominated the conference meet last week and we were second. Winning today makes up for that and for not winning the division meet."

Churchill scored in every event with the exception of the long jump.

Mahogany Miller got things rolling for the winners by winning the shot put. Miller's triumph proved to be the Chargers' lone first-place effort in the individual events, but the Chargers are so deep, it didn't matter.

The Patriots placed second at the regional meet for the third consecutive year.

"I'm proud of the girls and how we finished the season off these last two weeks," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said.

"(Pia) Klein was amazing. (Megan) McPherson was tough today and (Kelly) O'Brien ran a great hurdles race. I was real proud all of my other kids and the relays, and some other events where we picked up some crucial points to stay ahead of Glenn — and Glenn has a great team."

"I was hoping to score around 90 points. I thought that would maybe put us in a position to be up there and we were pretty close to that. Everybody we

Please see **GIRLS, B3**

# Spartans run into winner's circle

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's place in the MHSAA record books as 2011 Division 1 boys track and field regional champions had been secured much earlier than Friday's final event.

But there was Spartans senior Matt Williams — anchoring his team's 4-by-400 relay — busting it to the very end to outpace Canton's Kevin Buford and Salem's Dan Martin.

Thanks to that final push, Stevenson's relay team of Pat Smith, Adam Chludzinski, Zaid Shareef and Williams qualified for the state meet with a time of 3:26.1.

That was enough to edge Canton's tandem of Matt Schacht, Tyler Winningham, Scott Piwowar and Kevin Buford (3:26.23) and Salem's third-place unit (3:26.77).

That was the kind of day witnessed by spectators at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who got much more than their five dollars' worth.

Solid depth across the board sparked Stevenson, which led the field with 106.5 points.

The Spartans won with room to spare, despite only winning in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter relays.

Stevenson's Chludzinski, Joe Urso, Shareef and Williams also broke a school record in the 3,200 relay with a time of 7:58.87.

"We took points in 15 out of 17 events," Spartans coach Scott Shaw said. "So when you score in just about every event, that's pretty key."

Also key was Williams, who captured the 800 run with his best-ever time of 1:57.5. "He's a good athlete for us," Shaw said.

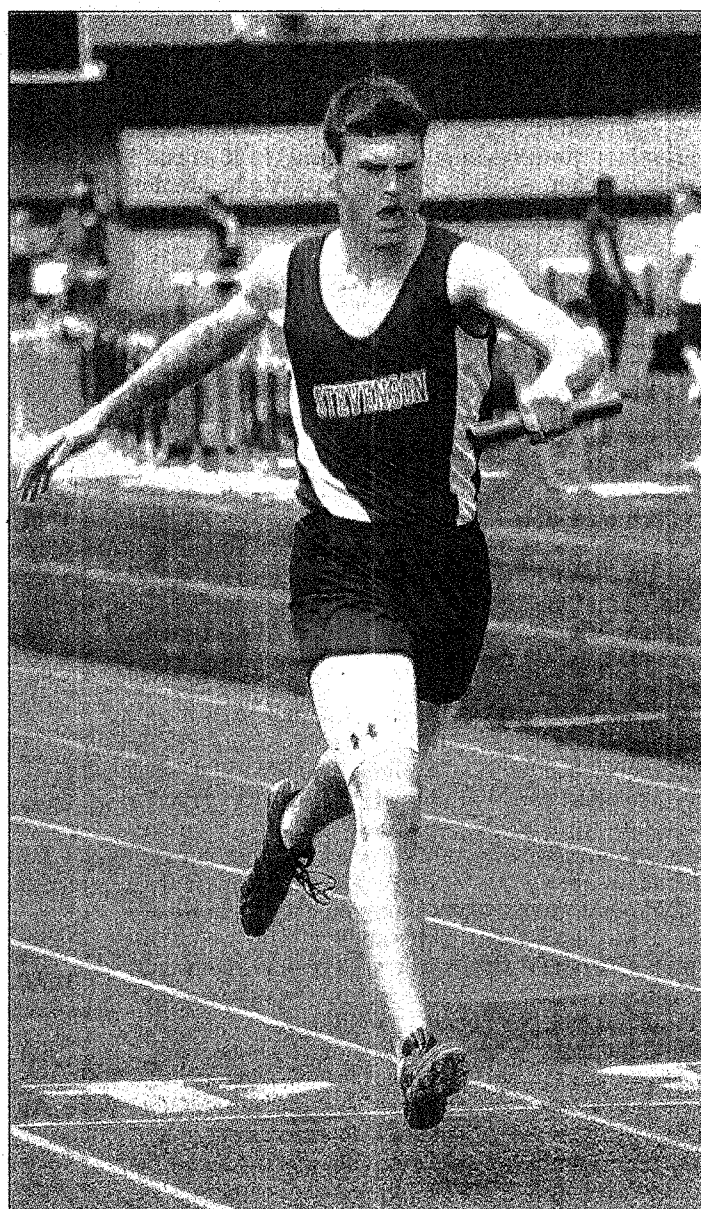
Other Stevenson stalwarts, the coach added, were thrower John Anede (third in the shot put and discus), Kenning Britchford (third in the 200 dash) and Scott Brewer (third in the high jump).

### SLIDING INTO SECOND

Placing second with 80 points was Canton, passing Dearborn (77 points) in the 4-by-400 relay.

"I thought going into the meet that we'd be one of the top three teams," Canton head coach Bob Richardson said. "And as it came down to it we were

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Stevenson's Kenning Brickford anchored his team to a first place in the 4 x 200-meter relay at Friday's Division 1 regional.

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

# Blazers' ace Combs 1-hits Cabrini, 1-0

Junior Briana Combs threw a two-hitter and struck out 14 without a walk Friday as host Livonia Ladywood earned a 1-0 Catholic League semifinal girls softball victory over Allen Park Cabrini.

The victory puts the Blazers, now 26-2 overall, into Monday's A-B Division championship game against Central Division foe Farmington Hills Mercy, which also advanced with a 1-0 semifinal win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Ladywood scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth as Combs led off with a walk.

Celeste Fidge then hit a bloop single to right advancing pinch runner Michelle Nelson over to third base. Carli SanMillan was then intentionally walked and Lauren Hayes drew three straight balls with two outs to force Nelson home with the game-winning run.

Ladywood outthit the Monarchs, last year's Division 3 runner-up, 4-2.

The Blazers will face Mercy for the coveted league title beginning at 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

**CLARENCEVILLE 18, JOHN GLENN 9:** Reba Bibik had a big day at the plate Thursday going 4-for-4 with three RBI and five runs scored as host Livonia Clarenceville (8-7) outslugged Westland John Glenn (9-20).

Other Clarenceville standouts

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# BASEBALL

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"The baseball gods, they were looking out for me there at the end," Tschetter said. "They took away a few but at the end I got a good hit when it was time. That's all that really counted."

Churchill (19-7, 13-3) had one last chance to score enough runs to win the tiebreaker and the inning got off to a promising start when sophomore southpaw Mike Stafford walked Danny Cameron.

But Cameron was picked off first and Mike Rybinsky flied out to center.

On the fly-out, Canton center fielder Braden Price joked that he only caught the ball because he correctly guessed where it would fall coming down from the darkening skies.

An error kept Churchill's hopes alive, but Stafford struck out Sean Servalish to end the game.

Targosz said it was tough to see pitches in the seventh, but because his team had battled so hard for the chance to win the tie-breaker he wanted to at least try.

"I think the kids deserved to (go for it), they worked their butts off," Targosz said. "It would have been nice to push across a couple runs."

## PITCHING IN

Earlier in the game, the Chiefs (who were the home team even though the games were at Churchill) went up 2-0 on RBI singles by senior first baseman Robby Golematis and junior right fielder Mitch Clinton off Chargers starting pitcher Ben Matigian.

Churchill sliced that lead in the third to 2-1 when shortstop Alex Tsakos hit a sacrifice fly to score junior Brent Ochodnicki (who doubled).

Canton answered in the bottom half with two more runs, both on a home run to left-center by senior shortstop Chris Perkovich.

"He owes me for that one," Blomshield chuckled. "We were trying to work on a hit-and-run, to get things going."

"He stayed back on that curve ball... I forced him to swing and he put a good barrel on it and he just hit it over the fence."

The lead held up thanks to the outstanding pitching of Stafford, who allowed only three hits and struck out four.

It was his first complete game and it couldn't have come at a better time for the Chiefs.

"To get to where we want

to go you need a couple guys," Blomshield said. "He's a lefthander who can throw low-to-mid 80s with good stuff, but he's been having trouble getting later into games."

"I just told him 'We need you to go to the game today.'"

In the much-delayed first game, the Chargers picked up where they left off on Wednesday.

Churchill had loaded the bases with no outs against Canton senior pitcher Ryan Bazner when the game was stopped.

The first batter he faced on Thursday after play resumed was Rybinski, who singled to make it 1-0. But Bazner got tough and struck out the side to limit the damage that frame.

Churchill took a 2-0 lead in the third on an RBI hit by Stephen Foster only to have the Chiefs score twice in the bottom half on hits by Perkovich and Bazner.

Both teams scored two runs in the fourth, which began with a 45-minute rain delay and ended 4-4.

Churchill scored on RBI singles by Connor Dwyer and Matigian; the Chiefs answered on run-scoring singles by senior second baseman Bernabe Salinas and Perkovich.

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The Chargers then scored three times in the fifth against junior reliever Vaughn Birchler.

An error broke the tie and two insurance runs came in on a clutch single to right by Dwyer.

Meanwhile, starting pitcher Ochodnicki settled down and gave up just one walk and one hit the rest of the game.

"I felt bad for him (Ochodnicki) too, just the way how screwy it was," Targosz said. "He threw 30 pitches yesterday, and I asked him to make sure he was alright to come back because if not we were going to come with Ben (Matigian) in the first game today."

"But he said he was alright. Then we had the rain delay and he came back again. He battled, he kept wanting to go."

Churchill will play the second-place team from the KLAA Central on Monday, either Novi or Northville.

"They played hard. I can't fault them for anything," Targosz said. "Canton's a good team, we knew that... We just needed to score more runs. One run's not going to do it many days."

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# Chiefs boot Franklin to clinch KLAA South

Ally Krause and Janine Kozlowski tallied two goals apiece Thursday as host Canton wrapped up the KLAA South Division girls soccer title with a 7-0 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Kalyn Berinti, Robyn Mack and Melanie Pickert also scored goals for the victorious Chiefs, who improved to 8-4-1 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA South.

Canton will travel Monday to face KLAA Central Division champion and top-ranked Novi for the Kensington Conference title. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

Franklin (5-10-2, 4-5-1) got a sterling effort in goal from Alexis Smith, who finished with 18 saves.

"She kept us from getting mercied," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said of his junior keeper.

**CHURCHILL 3, W.L. WESTERN 0:** On Friday, visiting Livonia Churchill (10-4-2) blanked KLAA North Division champion Walled Lake Western (11-2-2) in a crossover.

Kayla Szado's unassisted goal in the 19th minute proved to be the game-winner.

Alexa Vkratsis added a goal in the 30th minute and Kelsey Rothermel's goal in the 69th minute sealed the victory.

Rachel Blackney assisted on both goals.

Kaylie Secord posted the shutout in goal for the Chargers.

"We're back to where we were," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We came out with enthusiasm. We're having fun and knocked the ball around. They (Western) were pretty good."

**WAYNE 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1:** Crystal Fletcher tallied the game-winning goal with only four minutes remaining Friday to give Wayne Memorial (2-13) a non-league win over host Livonia Clarenceville (5-11).

All the goals occurred in the second half as Alysia Escobar scored for the Zebras and Ashley Murphy countered for Clarenceville.



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Canton's Rachel Rohrbach (2) and Franklin's (16) contest for the 50-50 ball during Thursday's KLAA South Division clash Michelle Tuvo.

Nicole Johnson was the winning goalkeeper, while Brianna Turri-Cesarz and Rachel Kirschweg split time in goal for the Trojans.

Clarenceville also got sterling play from forward Jeana Mariani.

**ROCHESTER 1, STEVENSON 0:** On Friday, the host Falcons (11-4-2) tallied the game-winning goal off a scramble in front of the net at the 45-minute mark to beat Livonia Stevenson (5-9-2) in a non-conference matchup.

Michelle Krawczyk made four saves for the Spartans, while sophomore midfielder Alexi Kliza also stood out in the loss.

"We were good and danger-

ous early on," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "If only we can find the net early, we'll be a tough out in the playoffs. We're playing better soccer now and games coming up that matter will be a good test for us."

**CHURCHILL 3, WAYNE 0:** Rachel Blackney had a goal and assist Thursday as Livonia Churchill (9-4-2, 7-2-1) blanked host Wayne Memorial (1-13, 0-10) in a KLAA South Division match.

Kelsey Rothermel's first-half penalty kick gave the Chargers a 1-0 lead.

Kayla Szado got the second goal from Kelsey Parrinello.

Goalkeepers Kaylie Secord and Chelsea Manasian combined on the shutout.

**STEVENSON 2, SOUTH LYON 0:** Goals by Shannon Black and Allison Corp carried Livonia Stevenson (5-8-2, 3-5-2) to a KLAA Central Division victory Thursday over the host Lions (2-12-3, 1-8-1).

Black's goal came at the 10-minute mark when she volleyed home a Krista Kane free kick.

Corp then put the game away when she got behind the South Lyon defense and calmly placed the ball behind the Lions' keeper.

Stevenson goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk made three saves to post the shutout.

## SOFTBALL

# Plymouth, Chiefs share title in KLAA South race

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Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park softball rivals will enjoy a share of the KLAA South Division championship but only one will have a crack at the conference and association titles.

Both Plymouth and Canton finished 9-1 in the division, following the Chiefs' doubleheader sweep of Livonia Churchill that began Wednesday and ended Friday after the game was suspended on back-to-back nights due to rain.

The Wildcats (17-6 overall) will face KLAA Central champion Northville on Monday because they won the tie-breaker (run differential within the division), coaches from both teams confirmed.

Canton (25-3) takes on South Lyon East, the second place team from the Central.

Canton won the opener against Churchill 7-5, riding the wave of a six-run first inning and outstanding relief pitching by freshman Hannah Warren. She struck out eight and gave up just two hits over the final four innings in relief of starter Alyssa Boucher.

CarolAnn Sexauer, Sam Partain and

Heidi Lucke each had two hits in the win — which was not concluded until Friday afternoon.

Then in Game 2 Friday, needing a victory to catch Plymouth, the Chiefs broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the fourth to go on to a 6-3 win.

Getting things started with a double was Lucke and she scored on an infield single by Catherine Porter.

Central Michigan-bound Sexauer then launched a towering two-run homer to right-center, her fifth round-tripper of the year and fourth to clear the fences.

The 6-3 cushion was plenty for Warren, who again relieved Boucher and earned the save.

Homering for the Chargers (18-9, 5-5) was pitcher Natalie Hiser, a shot to left in the top of the third.

## Plymouth hammers Wayne

The Wildcats, meanwhile, finished divisional play as strongly as possible on Wednesday.

Sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou threw two no-hitters (one being a perfect game) in 18-0 and 21-0 shellackings of host Wayne Memorial.

In the first game, Gerou struck

out eight of the 10 batters she faced, allowing one walk and a foul out. The Wildcats scored seven runs in the second inning and 11 more in the third with big hitters including Bre Giordano (3-for-3), Brooke Senkbeil (2-for-4) and Allison Raylean (2-for-2, three runs, two RBI). Contributing a big triple and knocking in four runs was Kayla Rebaun.

In Game 2, Gerou was perfect, striking out seven in another three-run mercy victory.

Senkbeil again had two hits, while Karen Rebaun (1-for-2, three RBI), Cristy Pattison (1-for-1, three runs) and Gerou (1-for-2, two RBI) sparked the attack.

On May 11, Plymouth swept a pair of 10-0 wins over Westland John Glenn, with Gerou allowing just one hit over the twinbill.

Kayla Rebaun doubled and homered over the fence in the opener while Raylean (2-for-3, two RBI) and Lauren Smith (2-for-3) helped the cause.

Nightcap heroes on offense were Jessica Bondy (3-for-4), Lindsay Lutton (2-for-3), Senkbeil and Smith (each 2-for-4).

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## Blazers denied in lacrosse finals

Livonia Ladywood came up short in last week's Catholic League girls lacrosse final against host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 19-15, but Kris Sanders was pleased with the effort.

"It was a great game," the Ladywood coach said. "The score was very tight throughout the game until Notre Dame Prep pulled away in the last few minutes. The players worked hard the entire game and gave everything they had which was all I could ask of them."

Senior Alexa Burns had seven goals and seven assists in the setback. Senior Niki Jacobs added four goals and one assist, while junior Kylie Birney contributed three goals and one assist.

Sophomore goalie Stephanie Mackley faced 34 shots and made 15 saves as the Blazers fell to 6-5 overall.

"They played the best game all season which is what you want and what we worked for," Sanders said. "They should be very proud of themselves as I am very proud of them. We are looking forward to regionals."

**LADYWOOD 14, TECUMSEH 0:** Sophomore goalie Stephanie Mackley made 14 saves for her first shutout as Livonia Ladywood (7-5, 5-3) earned a division victory Wednesday at Tecumseh.

Top goal scorers for the Blazers included senior Alexa Burns, four goals and five assists; senior Niki Jacobs, three goals and one assist; junior Mary Maslak and senior Erin Barnes, two goals apiece.

Tecumseh goalie Monica Acuna made 19 saves.

Livonia Franklin unloaded for 34 hits Wednesday in a KLAA South Division doubleheader softball sweep of visiting Westland John Glenn.

Franklin took Game One, 17-4, in five innings as sophomore Maggie Leins went 3-for-4, scored three times and knocked in two runs.

Other offensive standouts for the Patriots included Afton DeWise (2-for-3, double, two runs, three RBI); Audrey Geraghty (2-for-3, three RBI); Chelsea Williams (two hits), Jessica Emery (two hits) and Katelyn Devers (two hits).

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble (9-6) came on during the first inning to replace starter Nicole Williamson, who gave up four runs on three walks and three hit batters.

"It was raining really hard, so I thought Tiffany (Lamble) may have more control, thus

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made the pitching change," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez.

Losing pitcher Alexis Lester gave up all 17 runs on 17 hits and seven walks.

Brandi Holbrook had an RBI for the Rockets.

In Game Two, Franklin improved to 16-10 overall and 5-5 in the KLAA South with a 12-5 win over the Rockets.

Senior Mariah Barcus had a big game going 4-for-5 with a double and two RBI.

Emery, Devers, Williamson, Williams and Geraghty each added two hits.

Williamson (7-4) went the first five innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and one walk. She struck out four before giving way to Lamble, who pitched two scoreless

innings of relief.

Lester, who gave up 12 runs on 17 hits and a walk, took the loss for Glenn (9-19, 1-9).

Holbrook had a double and two RBI for Glenn.

**N. FARMINGTON 4, FRANKLIN 0:** Katie Severson pitched a six-hitter Friday as North Farmington (24-3) downed Livonia Franklin (16-11) in the Breast Cancer quad at Farmington High.

Severson struck out three and did not allow a walk over seven innings.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble gave up all four runs on 10 hits. She struck out three and did not allow a walk.

Katelynn Devers went 2-for-3 for the Patriots.

**FARMINGTON 7, FRANKLIN 2:** Mariah Barcus went 3-for-4, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Franklin (16-12) lost the second game of the Farmington Breast Cancer quad Friday against the host Falcons (15-4).

Winning pitcher Kaitlin Lock scattered 10 hits over seven innings. She struck out two.

Losing pitcher Nicole Williamson (7-5) gave up all seven runs on eight hits. She walked seven.

Chelsea Williams went 2-for-3 with RBI for the Patriots. Devers also added an RBI single.

**SKYLINE 10-7, JOHN GLENN 7-14:** In a non-league twinbill Tuesday, Westland John Glenn (8-18) earned a split against host Ann Arbor Skyline.

Skyline took the opener, 10-7, but Glenn took the nightcap, 14-7.

Glenn's Alexis Lester was the losing pitcher in the first game, striking out six and not allowing a walk. She got the victory in the nightcap with one strikeout and only two walks.

The Rockets' Brandi Holbrook finished with three doubles, a triple and two RBI on the day.

Other top offensive producers for Glenn included Brittany McGrath and Lester (three hits each); Kailey Vowles (two hits, eight RBI); and Dani Saunders (four hits, including two doubles, three RBI).

Nicole Quaine, who walked four times, also scored six runs.

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...tied for second with one relay to go, and the kids came through." For the Chiefs, Ben Spreitzer placed first in the high jump, with his 6-foot, 5-inch tally nipping second-place Tre Goynes of Redford Union (6-4).

Spreitzer also won the 300 hurdles in 40.26. Also qualifying in that event was Joe Amado of Salem (second, 40.27), who also qualified by winning the 110 hurdles (15.66).

Among those joining Spreitzer at the DI state meet will be teammates Ryan Jones (first, 100 dash), Nick Alaniva (first, pole vault) and the 400-meter relay team of Piwowar, Alaniva, Demetre Lopez and Jones. Plymouth (fourth, 59 points) and Salem (fifth, 55.5 points) led the next cluster of teams.

Not far behind those two PCEP teams were Livonia Franklin (53), Redford Union (51) and Livonia Churchill (47.5).

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said his team stepped up, taking the sting out of a disappointing dual meet season.

"The guys really ran great today," Mikosz added. "We had an iffy season winning dual meets, but they pulled it off today."

"We scored in a lot of events, a lot of guys PR'd, they ran great."

He said Plymouth's second-place 3,200-meter relay team qualified as did pole vaulter Andy Bihn (third) and two-miler Derek Gielarowski (second).

**BETTER THAN EXPECTED**

Other coaches who were thrilled with their team's showings were Salem's Kyle Meteyer and Redford Union's Tom Kessel.

"We've probably exceeded our expectations and qualified more people than we thought for the state meet," Meteyer said. "Which is always a good thing to hear."

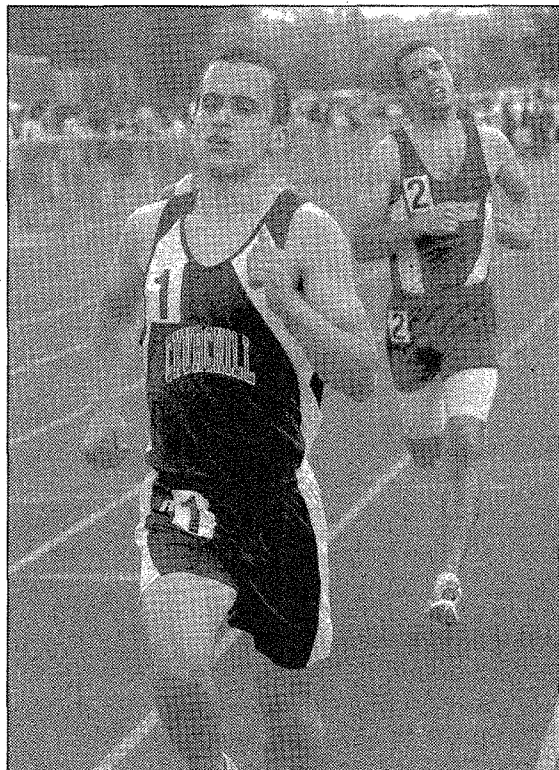
Making the cut were Amado, long jumper Tom Crawford (second, 20-5) and Martin (first, 400 dash, 48.68). The Rocks' 1,600 relay team, anchored by Martin, just missed with a 3:26.77.

That relay team finished third, but met additional quali-



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Salem's Joe Amado (far right) and John Glenn's Kelly Maxwell (third from left) finished one-two in the 110-meter hurdles in Friday's Division I regional at Canton. Franklin's Tom Brokaw (second from left) was third and Salem's Dion Walker (far left) was fourth.



Churchill's Thomas Windle (front) qualified for the state meet in the 1,600-meter run with a second place. Stevenson's Joe Urso wound up third in the Division I regional at Canton.

fying standards. "We had people in quite a bit of events," Kessel said. "We did real well today."

Goynes PR'd in the high jump with his second-place mark of 6-4 while the 400-meter relay team of Marcus Lane, Ahmad Springer, Josh Hall and Harry Jones quali-

fied with a second-place time of 44.52.

Other Observerland teams to win events included Redford Thurston's Eric Wilson (long jump, 21-1; 200 dash, 23.236) and Franklin's Austin Jones (3,200 run, 9:59.04).

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thought would qualify did, we were just hoping for one more. I'm real happy."

The Rockets launched one of their best regional finishes in recent memory, missing runner-up status by just one point.

"The girls performed very well," John Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "We had a great start, but we didn't finish as well as I would have liked. It's been a great season, though. We've gotten a lot out of these girls."

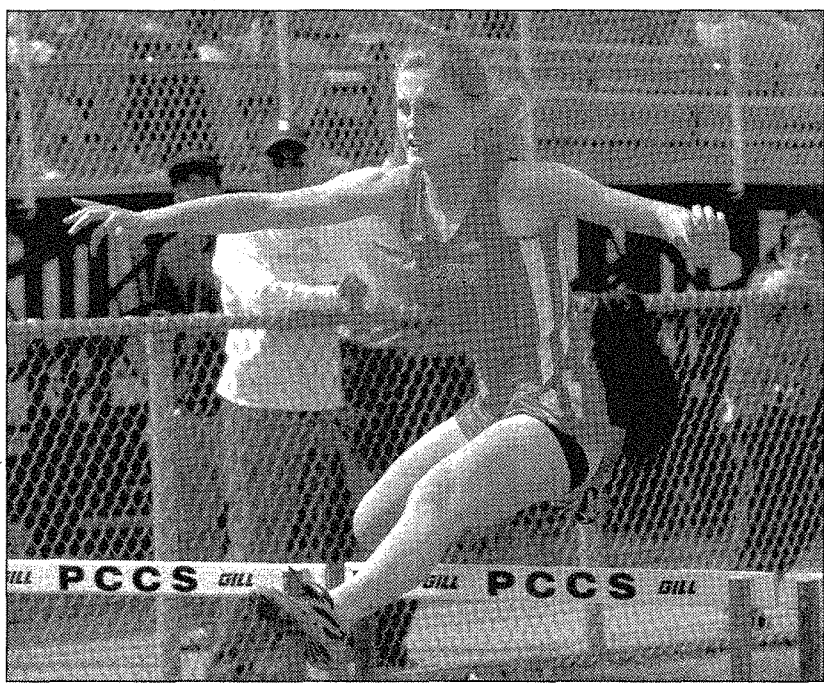
Plymouth was led by sophomore speedster Madi "The Missile" Lewis, who won the 400 and anchored the Wildcats' winning 800- and 1,600 relay foursomes.

But it was the Wildcats' depth that paced their best regional finish in school history.

"It was a big meet and a lot of girls stepped up big time," Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes said. "This week, our coaches sat down and we talked about who had a chance (to qualify for the state meet). We talked about, in a perfect world, how many girls can we get out. And everybody on our list made it. The girls stepped up and ran their best races when we needed them to run their best races."

Salem's point barrage was sparked by freshman sensation Kayla Kavulich, who won the 1,600 and placed second in the 800.

"We knew what Kayla was going to do, and she came through," Salem



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin's Kelly O'Brien captured the 100-meter hurdles at Friday's Division I regional at Canton.

head coach Dale Maskill said. "But I'm impressed not just by our state qualifiers, but by the girls who scored points for us that we weren't necessarily expecting."

Maskill gave special props to pole-vaulter Nancy Krutty, who qualified for the state meet with a second-place effort of 10 feet, 1.5 inches — a whopping 14 inches higher than her previous personal best.

Smith stole the spotlight for Thurston with her incredible showing in the 200.

"Domonique is a very focused kid and a great athlete," Thurston head

coach Al Chambo said. "Our relays didn't do as well as we would have liked, but she rebounded nicely and ran a tremendous 200 final."

"Now that she's able to just focus on one race the next two weeks, I think she has a good chance of scoring in the state meet. A lot of it just depends upon how deep the rest of the field is."

The conditions of the meet were close to ideal, especially considering last year's event was marred by sporadic thunderstorms that pushed the conclusion back to Saturday morning.

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**BOYS TRACK RESULTS**

**MHSAA DIVISION I BOYS TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL May 20 at Canton H.S.**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 106.5 points; 2. Canton, 80; 3. Dearborn, 77; 4. Plymouth, 59; 5. Salem, 55.5; 6. Livonia Franklin, 53; 7. Redford Union, 51; 8. Livonia Churchill, 47.5; 9. Redford Thurston, 42; 10. Westland John Glenn, 39.5; 11. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 17; 12. Inkster, 12; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 9; 14. Garden City, 3; 15. Wayne Memorial, 1; 16. Detroit Cody, 0.

**FINAL EVENTS RESULTS**

**(top 2 qualify for state meet)**

**Shot put:** 1. Feeroz Yacobi (Dbn.), 56 feet, 11 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 55-0.5; 3. Jon Anead (LS), 51-11 (sq); 4. Blake Padgett (LC), 51-0.5 (sq); 5. Devin Ryles (RT), 50-11 (sq); 6. Jay Woolfork (LF), 50-7.75 (sq); 7. Adel Cothron (RT), 44-6.5; 8. Barry Banks (WM), 43-5.

**Discus:** 1. Yacobi (Dbn.), 147-7; 2. Kareem Hashem (DF), 142-6; 3. Anead (LS), 136-1; 4. Ben Poirier (Canton), 134-5; 5. Paulin Chateau (LC), 131-10; 6. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 128-6; 7. Ryan Hall (LC), 122-1; 8. Clay (LF), 115-5.

**High jump:** 1. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 6-5; 2. Tre Goynes (RU), 6-4; 3. (tie) Scott Brewer (LS) and Anthony Johnson (WJG), 5-8 each; 5. Marquis Johnson (RT), 5-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Eric Wilson (RT), 21-2; 2. Thomas Crawford (Salem), 20-5; 3. Marcus Lane (RU), 19-9; 4. Angelo D'Orazio (LS), 19-9; 5. Goynes (RU), 19-2.75; 6. Keshawn Walker (Dbn.), 19-2; 7. Andy Bihn (Ply.), 19-0.75; 8. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 19-0.

**Pole vault:** 1. Nick Alaniva (Canton), 14-7; 2. Carl Rayford (LC), 13-10; 3. Bihn (Ply.), 12-10 (sq); 4. (tie) Andrew Willmer (Salem) and Alex Rytikarsky (LC), 12-4 each; 6. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 12-4; 7. Brenton Zuzo (Ply.), 11-10; 8. Ari Peppas (LS), 11-4.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Joe Amado (Salem), 15.66; 2. Maxwell (WJG), 15.68; 3. Tom Brokaw (LF), 15.81; 4. Dion Walker (Salem), 15.84; 5. Elijah Simkins (Dbn.), 16.69; 6. Matt Szuba (LC), 16.71; 7. Joe Mims (LS), 16.95; 8. Ellie Awad (DF), 17.26.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Spreitzer (Canton), 40.26;

2. Amado (Salem), 40.27; 3. Nicholas McIntosh (Dbn.), 40.44; 4. Doug Deykes (Ply.), 41.81; 5. Mims (LS), 42.33; 6. Terrell Gray (RT), 43.11; 7. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 43.11; 8. Maxwell (WJG), 43.36.

**100 dash:** 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.2; 2. Ali Hammoud (Dbn.), 11.35; 3. Deshawn Vaughn (Ink.), 11.53; 4. Stefan Anthony (WJG), 11.54; 5. Franklin Okolo (Salem), 11.57; 6. Lane (RU), 11.7; 7. Vaughn Frederick (GC), 11.74; 8. Deshawn Bell (Ink.), 14.9.

**200:** 1. Eric Wilson (RT), 23.236; 2. Keshawn Walker (Dbn.), 23.286; 3. Kenning Britchford (LS), 23.29; 4. William Askew II (Ply.), 23.365; 5. Vaughn (Ink.), 23.488; 6. Kevin Buford (Canton), 23.502; 7. Josh Hall (RU), 24.371; 8. Ahmad Springer (RU), 25.171.

**400:** 1. Dan Martin (Salem), 48.68; 2. Buford (Canton), 50.4; 3. Francis Mensah (RU), 51.07; 4. Khalil Boussi (Dbn.), 51.76; 5. Lucas Banting (Ply.), 52.49; 6. Alton White (Ink.), 52.55; 7. Dane Foster (WJG), 53.04; 8. Richard Toler (Dbn.), 53.45.

**800:** 1. Matt Williams (LS), 1:57.2; 2. Dave Koponen (LF), 1:59.5; 3. Adam Chludzinski (LS), 1:59.6; 4. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:00.4; 5. Raidan Nagi (DHC), 2:01.3; 6. Jared Hoffman (Dbn.), 2:01.9; 7. Max Rogowski (Ply.), 2:01.9; 8. Tyler Winningham (Canton), 2:02.5.

**1,600:** 1. Raidan Nagi (DHC), 4:28.48; 2. Thomas Windle (LC), 4:31.83; 3. Joe Urso (LS), 4:35.8; 4. Jacob Colley (LC), 4:41.85; 5. Brandon Dalton (Ply.), 4:42.38; 6. Robert LaBrell (Dbn.), 4:43.88; 7. Nicholas Elben (Ply.), 4:44.22; 8. Jeff Molchen (Canton), 4:46.11.

**3,200:** 1. Austin Jones (LF), 9:59.04; 2. Derek Gielarowski (Ply.), 10:01.21; 3. Joe Porcari (LC), 10:11.9; 4. Urso (LS), 10:12.9; 5. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:14.4; 6. Windle (LC), 10:24.9; 7. Bradon Conley (Canton), 10:28.62; 8. Zac VandenToorn (RU), 10:30.0.

**400 relay:** 1. Canton (Scott Piwowar, Alaniva, Demetre Lopez, Jones), 44.2; 2. Redford Union (Lane, Springer, Hall, Harry Jones), 44.52; 3. Thurston, 44.78; 4. Franklin, 44.98; 5. John Glenn, 45.09; 6. Stevenson, 45.17; 7. Inkster, 45.48; 8. Garden City, 46.59.

**800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Adam Duncan,

Zaid Shareef, Williams, Britchford), 1:31.52; 2. Franklin (Alex Perelli, Woolfork, Brett Gutowski, Ryan Hurt), 1:32.88; 3. Redford Union, 1:33.75; 4. Dearborn, 1:33.82; 5. John Glenn, 1:34.75; 6. Thurston, 1:35.39; 7. Crestwood, 1:36.89; 8. Plymouth, 1:38.1.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Pat Smith, Chludzinski, Shareef, Williams), 3:26.1; 2. Canton (Matt Schacht, Winningham, Piwowar, Buford), 3:26.23; 3. Salem, 3:26.77; 4. Dearborn, 3:29.96; 5. Plymouth, 3:33.66; 6. Redford Union, 3:34.23; 7. John Glenn, 3:36.82; 8. Franklin, 3:39.48.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Chludzinski, Urso, Shareef, Williams), 7:58.87; 2. Plymouth, 8:07.82; 3. Dearborn, 8:23.65; 4. Churchill, 8:25.11; 6. Redford Union, 8:52.91; 7. Canton, 8:55.75; 8. Crestwood, 9:08.08.

**BOYS TRI-MEET RESULTS**

**May 17 at Livonia Clarenceville**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 87 points; 2. Ann Arbor Skyline, 55; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 19.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**Shot put:** 1. Deondre Hogan (Cville), 46 feet, 1.25 inches; 2. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 40-0; **discus:** 1. Cummings (Cville), 121-9; 2. Anthony Giordano (Cville), 116-7; **high jump:** 1. Bellanger (Sky), 5-8; **long jump:** 1. Adrian Myers (Cville), 19-0.25; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Sam Brown (Cville), 18.44; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brown (Cville), 44.37; **100 dash:** 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 10.73; **200:** 1. Kelly (Cville), 22.93; **400:** 1. Fitzsimmons (Sky), 55.79; 2. Myers (Cville), 57.09; **800:** 1. Malinowski (BHC), 2:11.3; 2. Kimani Dooley (Cville), 2:13.04; 3. Chavis Dooley (Cville), 2:17.14; **1,600:** 1. Alec Jones (Cville), 5:08.8; **3,200:** 1. Joey Walker (Cville), 11:25.0; 2. Ian Bunker (Cville), 11:35.0; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Jalen Bryant, Moses Hobson, Kelly), 46.69; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Bryant, Hobson, Kelly), 1:34.66; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Jones, K. Dooley, C. Dooley, Brown), 3:49.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Jones, David Gibson, K. Dooley, C. Dooley), 9:05.0.

**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 6-3 overall.

**GIRLS TRACK RESULTS**

**MHSAA DIVISION I REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 20 at Canton H.S.**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 119.5 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 90.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 89.5; 4. Plymouth, 78.5; 5. Salem, 71; 6. Canton, 56; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 53; 8. Redford Thurston, 30; 9. Dearborn, 27; 10. Detroit Cody, 22; 11. Inkster, 10; 12. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Garden City, 7 each; 14. (tie) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Fordson and Redford Union, 0 each.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**(top 2 qualify for state meet)**

**Shot put:** 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 34 feet, 8 inches; 2. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 33-4.75; 3. Alex Al (Dbn.), 32-2; 4. Maggieese Holliday (RT), 32-2; 5. Tionne Johnson (Ply.), 31-7.5; 6. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 31-2; 7. Christina Teodorosco (GC), 31-1; 8. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30-7.5.

**Discus:** 1. Wright (WJG), 105-11; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 99-1; 3. Kayla Branton (LS), 96-11; 4. Megan Ling (LC), 95-9; 5. Sarah Muzzini (LS), 94-4; 6. Chyna Williams (Ply.), 93-8; 7. Rebekah Hendrian (Salem), 93-2; 8. Jade Burkett (LS), 92-6.

**High jump:** 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-3; 2. Sencilar McDonnell (LC), 5-2.3; Lindsay Lips (Canton), 5-2 (sq); 4. (tie) Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply.), Ashley Cochran (LC), Kelly O'Brien (LF) and Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-9 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Liza (Canton), 17-6; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 17-5; 3. Klein (LF), 17-4 (sq); 4. Becka Knox (Ply.), 16-9.5 (sq); 5. Massey (WJG), 16-2; 6. Domonique Smith (RT), 15-9.75; 7. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-2.5; 8. Jordan Verleye (LS), 15-1.5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Alex Kiltz (LS), 10-2; 2. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 10-1.5; 3. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-8 (sq); 4. Jane McCurry (Ply.), 9-8 (sq); 5. Reagan Engstrom (Ply.), 9-8; 6. Rieckhoff (Ply.), Lindsey Kreutzman (LC) and Megan Paruta (Salem), 9-2 each.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. O'Brien (LF), 15.99; 2. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16.15; 3. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.38; 4. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.14; 5. Andrea Gentile (LS), 17.59; 6. Marci Kovsky (LS), 18.11; 7. Natalie Puckett (Ply.), 20.19; 8. Talour Phillips (WJG), 21.49.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Klein (LF), 47.02; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47.86; 3. Smith (WJG), 48.28; 4. O'Brien (LF), 50.14; 5. Marina Milad (Canton), 50.28; 6. Gabby Williams (Canton), 51.25; 7. Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 52.13; 8. Gentile (LS), 52.46.

**100 dash:** 1. E. Bulger (Cody), 13.79; 2. Khylil Ray (Salem), 13.04; 3. Tina Davis (Ink.), 13.19; 4. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.27; 5. Scott (WJG), 13.3; 6. Kayla Jones (WJG), 13.53; 7. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 13.55; 8. Brianna Jed (LS), 13.65.

**200:** 1. Smith (RT), 25.79; 2. Bulger (Cody), 26.27; 3. Liza (Canton), 26.76; 4. Jones (WJG), 27.17; 5. Davis (Ink.), 27.38; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.51; 7. Crossman (LC), 28.31.

**400:** 1. Madi Lewis (Ply.), 59.88; 2. Adrianna Beltran (Salem), 1:00.44; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.64; 4. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:03.4; 5. Domonique Union (RT), 1:03.48; 6. Krystal Whitlow (GC), 1:03.67; 7. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:03.9; 8. Jada Woody (Ply.), 1:04.04.

**800:** 1. Sara Stassen (Dbn.), 2:18.15; 2. Kayla Kavulich

(Salem), 2:20.49; 3. Anna Stassen (Dbn.), 2:23.79; 4. Bethany Piliat (LC), 2:25.32; 5. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:26.81; 6. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 2:27.34; 7. Rachael Hillie (Ply.), 2:29.09; 8. Nicole Traites (Ply.), 2:30.08.

**1,600:** 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 5:08.2; 2. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:10.21; 3. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:17.64; 4. Piliat (LC), 5:21.51; 5. Kerigan Rieley (LC), 5:33.24; 6. Marina DiBiasi (Ply.), 5:34.94; 7. Abbey Wright (WJG), 5:40.92; 8. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 5:43.87.

**3,200:** 1. McPherson (LF), 11:30.52; 2. Kubicki (Canton), 11:37.03; 3. Piliat (LC), 11:41.86; 4. Brianna Lax (Ply.), 12:09.52; 5. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:30.14; 6. Annalise Snider (LF), 12:32.09; 7. Leah Wendzinski (Dbn.), 12:32.09; 8. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 12:44.96.

**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Crossman, Cochran, Ajhia Jackson, Latasha Smalls), 49.9; 2. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Jones, Rheana Allen, Scott), 50.71; 3. Canton (Lipa, Jordan Clark, Piwowar, Elana Valetti), 50.8 (sq); 4. Wayne, 51.46; 5. Stevenson, 52.12; 6. Thurston, 52.43; 7. Franklin, 52.49; 8. Salem, 53.19.

**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Knox, Engstrom, Lindsey Russell, Lewis), 1:45.87; 2. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, Brown, Scott), 1:46.34; 3. Churchill, 1:46.35; 4. Thurston, 1:48.21; 5. Cody, 1:52.66; 6. Franklin, 1:52.7; 7. Stevenson, 1:53.02; 8. Salem, 1:53.7.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Hilles, Carissa Buttermore, Knox, Lewis), 4:07.22; 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Ray, Kathryn Binsfield, Kavulich), 4:08.6; 3. Churchill (Anderson, Jarvis, McDonnell, Heinzelman), 4:12.47; 4. John Glenn, 4:13.22; 5. Stevenson, 4:14.58; 6. Franklin, 4:15.61; 7. Dearborn, 4:17.84; 8. Canton, 4:23.15.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Lipp, Binsfield, Kavulich), 9:47.38; 3. Churchill (Anderson, Rieley, Okechukwu, Piliat), 9:49.56 (sq); 4. Stevenson, 10:13.65; 5. Canton, 10:37.4; 6. Franklin, 10:53.64; 7. Garden City, 11:03.95; 8. Dearborn, 11:05.24.

**GIRLS TRI-MEET RESULTS**

**May 17 at Livonia Clarenceville**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Ann Arbor Skyline, 88 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 38; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 30.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**Shot put:** 1. Emily Jasmer (Cville), 24 feet, 1.75 inches; **discus:** 1. Jasmer (Cville), 76-8; **high jump:** 1. Boyd (Sky), 4-8; **long jump:** 1. Vandermeulen (Sky), 14-10; 3. Micah Willingham (Cville), 13-8; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Evangela Daniels (Cville), 14-45; **300 hurdles:** 1. Daniels (Cville), 50.7; **100 dash:** 1. Abatan (Sky), 13.04; 2. Mya Banks (Cville), 13.71; **200:** 1. Blake (BHC), 25.76; **400:** 1. Knight (Sky), 1:05.46; 3. Amber Bell (Cville), 1:12.37; **800:** 1. Halpurn (Sky), 2:34.2; **1,600:** 1. Howelett (BHC), 5:56.2; **3,200:** 1. Howelett (BHC), 12:36.0; **400 relay:** 1. Skyline, 54.23; 2. Clarenceville, 55.98; **800 relay:** 1. Skyline, 1:54.54; 2. Clarenceville, 1:57.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Skyline, 4:28.74; **3,200 relay:** 1. Skyline, 10:48.0.

**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 4-5 overall.

**BOYS GOLF RESULTS**

**BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 168 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 175**  
May 18 at Whispering Willows G.C.  
**Churchill scorers:** Nick Proben and Eric Hills, 41 each (co-medalists); Ben Proben, Dominic Dilisi and Andrew Ioanou, 43 each; Cory Dare, 45.  
**John Glenn scorers:** Brian Fawley, 42; Josh DuPrie and Conner Monroe, 43 each; Mitch Dean, 47; Tim Moran and Austin Valentine, 50 each.  
**Dual match records:** Churchill, 6-1 overall, 6-1 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 2-5 overall, 2-5 KLA South.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 173 WAYNE MEMORIAL 193**  
May 18 at Gateway G.C.  
**Franklin scorers:** Drake Herrmann, 40 (medalist); Doug Nagy and Jon Holmes, 43 each; Pat Stephenson, 47; Greg Bo, 56; Daniel Butler, 57.

**Wayne scorers:** Zach Williamson, 43; Jarret Williamson, 45; Dylan Dotter, 52; Corey Robbins, 53; Mike Smith, 57; Shane Scho



# Lynch-pin: Spartans edge East Warriors pull out 'Houdini-like' win

Tyler Lynch went 3-for-4 with four RBI Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson outlasted host South Lyon East, 10-5, in eight innings of the first game of a KLAAs Central Division baseball double-header.

The second game was suspended because of darkness with the score tied at 2-all in the fourth inning.

Stevenson, which scored five times in the top of the eighth inning to break a 5-all deadlock, improved to 20-8 overall and 13-2 in the Central.

Mark Wagner contributed two hits and three RBI for the outright Central Division champions. Brandon Jurczynski and Evan Piechota also knocked in runs for the Spartans.

Shane Taylor went 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Cougars, who slipped to 1-15 overall and 1-12 in the Central.

Josh Moore and Ryan Ferguson also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Jake Semak was the winning pitcher in relief, going the final 1.2 innings allowing no runs on two hits. Starter Chris McDonald worked the first four innings and allowed three runs on six hits.

Losing pitcher Luke Dmytro went all eight innings for East. He gave up all 10 runs on nine hits and six walks. He struck out three and hit one batter.

CHURCHILL 9, W.L. WESTERN 4: Stephen Poster went 4-for-4, scored four

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times and knocked in two runs Friday to propel host Livonia Churchill (20-7) to a KLAAs cross-over win over Walled Lake Western (12-11).

Derek Jakubowski also went 2-for-3 with three RBI for the victorious Chargers.

Winning pitcher Tyler Keeter went the first five innings, allowing three runs on seven hits and four walks.

Trey Jardine finished up, allowing one run on three hits. JOHN GLENN 5-8, FRANKLIN 4-5: In a KLAAs South Division double-header that started Wednesday and was completed Friday, host Westland John Glenn (8-18, 3-12) swept both games against Livonia Franklin (12-14, 4-12).

Glenn captured Game One on Wednesday, 5-4, thanks to Brian Monty's clutch 2-run double came after Franklin took a 4-2 lead in the top of the fifth on Joel Trudell's 3-run double.

Adam Singleton also gave the Rockets a boost with two hits and two RBI. Winning pitcher Kevin Karsnick also aided his own cause going 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Karsnick went all seven innings, allowing just three hits. He walked eight and struck out three.

Losing pitcher Brent Marzion gave up nine hits and walked four in six innings.

In Game Two Friday, Rob Schurig went the distance, pitching all seven innings as the Rockets rallied from a 5-2 deficit for an 8-5 victory.

Schurig allowed six hits, walked five and struck out seven.

Singleton's 2-run pinch-hit single keyed a 5-run Glenn uprising in the

bottom of the fifth inning. Caleb Clenney went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Shurig also knocked in a run for Glenn.

Dan Muller, Bobby Andrus and Adam Michael each collected two hits for the Patriots. Muller and Andrus also knocked in runs.

Losing pitcher Josh Gorman held Glenn hitless for four innings before being chased. He allowed seven runs on three hits and five walks while fanning seven. Muller finished up.

PLYMOUTH 13-3, WAYNE 2-0: In a KLAAs South Division twinbill Wednesday, host Wayne Memorial (10-14, 4-12) dropped both ends to Wildcats (18-8, 11-5).

Harrison Michels struck out 10, walked one and allowed just two hits as Plymouth won the error-filled opener, 13-2.

Wayne starter Shane Wilson, who suffered the loss, was the victim of four errors.

Plymouth's Ben Wohl went 3-for-4 with four runs scored and an RBI, while Mike Nadratowski went 3-for-5, including a triple to go along with an RBI and three runs scored.

Jacob Lefler belted a 2-run homer for the Zebras.

Plymouth made five errors in Game One.

In Game Two, Mike Nadratowski pitched six shutout innings as the Wildcats scored all three runs in the top of the sixth for a 3-0 win.

Pinch hitter John Etienne's 2-run double proved to be the difference.

Nadratowski allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out nine.

Losing pitcher Brandon Harnos went all six innings, scattering 10 hits and one walk. He fanned six.

Lefler went 2-for-3 for Wayne.

Lutheran High Westland baseball coach Kevin Wade said his pitcher Jake Andrzejewski did his best "Harry Houdini impression."

And the Warriors pulled off the great escape, scoring four runs on five hits in the top of the sixth inning to beat host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 4-1.

"I am obviously happy with the win but we didn't deserve to win through the first five innings offensively," Wade said. "We were able to dodge bullet after bullet so to speak, and we capitalized when we needed to."

Hopefully we learn from this and can use it next week as we travel Monday to (Auburn Hills) Oakland Christian."

Andrzejewski, who pitched all seven innings, worked out of multiple jams as the Chargers stranded 12 runners. He scattered nine hits, walked two and struck out one to pick up the victory.

His only one-two-three innings came in the bottom of the seventh against the meat of the Inter-City batting order.

With the victory, Lutheran Westland improved to 9-4

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overall and 6-3 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Inter-City, meanwhile, falls to 6-8 and 4-5.

The Chargers scored their lone run in the first inning on a single by Aaron Fiema, followed by a passed ball and a ground-rule double by Evan Kraatz.

The Warriors had only one hit (by Andrzejewski) through five innings.

With one out, Kent Krzyske started the four-run rally with a single. He advanced to second on a balk and scored on Marc Rosin's single to make it 1-0.

Rosin then stole second and with two outs, Taurrek Fikes was intentionally walked to set up a force play at any base.

Nick Andrzejewski then singled to score Rosin with the go-ahead run and Aaron Gartha and Matt Sylvester each had RBI singles to give the Warriors a three-run cushion.

CRESTWOOD 7, CLARENCEVILLE 6:

On Friday, Nick Grucz belted a 2-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to send the game to extra innings and host Dearborn Heights Crestwood (15-4) went on to beat Livonia Clarenceville (9-6) in nine.

Grucz batted in four runs and Ben Sniezek got the win in relief. Damien Quarles went 4-for-4 with three stolen bases in the loss.

Ben Gehan also went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Matt Kurdziel also went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and RBI.

Zac Rosen was the losing pitcher in relief.

Clarenceville starter Eric Trotter went the first five innings allowing four runs on seven hits and three walks. He struck out six.

CLARENCEVILLE 1, LUTH. NORTH 0: Damien Quarles and Damien Sanchez combined on a three-hit shutout Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (9-5) downed Macomb Lutheran North in a non-conference game.

Quarles worked the first four innings to pick up the victory. He gave up two hits, walked two and struck out six.

Sanchez allowed just one hit and one walk over the final three innings to earn the save.

Ben Gehan's RBI double scoring Eric Trotter in the bottom of the fourth inning accounted for the game's only tally.

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included winning pitcher Stephanie Bishop (2-for-4, three RBI); Joanna Burling (3-for-4, five RBI); Angela McAlpine (three RBI); and Kellie Ankiel (four runs).

Bishop (6-6) allowed six earned runs on 12 hits. She walked three

and hit two batters. Nicole Quaine went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI Glenn. Samantha Fox, Dani Saunders and Mara Buie each added two hits.

Taylor Bonarek also knocked in three runs.

Glenn starter Alexis Lester, who gave up 11 hits, took the loss.

Clarenceville made three errors,

while Glenn had four.

"Despite the weather and the (seven-run) fourth inning, our girls overcame the circumstances and really came together as a team and earned the victory after the tough loss on Wednesday," said Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire, referring to a 4-3 walk-off loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

## 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,

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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 Kjoheide (N'ville) def. Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (Novi), 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Chrissy 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 Yankesky (GC) def. Latina Yacks, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Nhu Do (GC) def. Jamatha Johnson, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Sara Aulide (WJG) def. Ashley Gemynd, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Desiree Clenney-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Ann Silski-Jackie Pummill, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Khayah McCloud-Kyra Moorehead (WJG) def. Emily Davis Vanessa Hardrick, 7-5, 6-4; No. 3: Rachael Alholinna-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.

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Kids gain confidence, experience in theater camps

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

The next *Glee* star could be singing the summer away in Farmington Hills if Rachel Timlin has anything to say about it. The cultural arts coordinator is expecting the newest offering in a series of theater camps presented by Farmington Hills Special Services, Cultural Arts Division to be a hit.

One- and two-week camps run from June through August for grades 1-3 (one week) and 4-9 (two weeks) and cost \$250 for residents, \$265, nonresidents (one week), \$450 and \$465 (two weeks). A four-day intensive acting camp will take place Aug. 29-Sept. 1, and will focus on auditioning skills and character-building exercises for grades 4-6 and 7-10. Cost is \$175 residents, \$185 nonresidents.

The Next Stage helps singers build confidence and professional performance techniques (grades 6-12) June 27-July 1. The Aug. 1-6 *Glee* camp (grades 6-12) is designed for kids who love to sing. Each session runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs \$180 residents, \$190 nonresidents.

"The *Glee* camp is a new program after the TV show and works with kids on how to sing and dance on stage. They'll be working toward performance at the barn in

# Summer stage



the style of the television show about the high school choir," said Timlin. "We have three really good instructors: Brian Christian, director of the Farmington Hills Youth Choir, for singing; Bruce Pooley, a local performer in the group Rock n' Soul, on stage presence and fright, and Tumija Banks, dance instructor at Harrison High School, whose students have won awards." All camps are held at the

Farmington Players Barn. Call (248) 473-1859, or visit [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com).

### IN LIVONIA

Emily Patton will tackle Greek plays this summer at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18-22 for ages 9-16, with a performance at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 22. Cost is \$150, with a \$25 discount for second child

in the same family. Call (734) 464-6302 or send an e-mail to [mail@trinityhouse.org](mailto:mail@trinityhouse.org) or [emilypatton@yahoo.com](mailto:emilypatton@yahoo.com).

Patton graduated in April from Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in drama and theater for the young.

"I've done Greek theater in the past with youth," said Patton. "It's a challenge, a different language, not our everyday conversational speech,

but still has stories that are powerful and meaningful to people today. One is about a young girl who stands up for what she believes in. I think that's good for youth to think about."

Patton will combine rehearsals for the ancient plays with morning sessions including games and improvisation that focus on process. She also plans to bring in guest artists. "I hope it's just a fun experi-

ence for them," Patton said. "I see theater as a way for youth to communicate and express themselves through voice and body in a creative way. I was a shy child. Theater helped get me past that."

Patton's father, Paul, founded Trinity House Theatre before she was born in 1983. By age 6 she was on stage. Along with the summer camp, Patton is teaching at Wild Swan Theater and performing at Shakespeare West in Ann Arbor through Blackbird Theatre.

### CANTON CLASSES

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, Canton, is a 400-seat state-of-the-art performance center offering youth theater camps by resident companies this summer.

Spotlight Players presents drama camps (ages 5-18) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 18-22 and Aug. 15-19, and musical theater Aug. 1-5. Cost is \$150. Call, (734) 480-4945 or send e-mail to [youth@spotlight-playersmi.org](mailto:youth@spotlight-playersmi.org). Information is available at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org), click on Spotlight on Youth. All camps are divided by age.

"We always divide for individual attention," said Barbara Bloom, managing director, and a Novi resident. "We'll be playing theater games, doing improv, scene study, and culminate the week with the performance of a short play. They'll be required to learn some lines. It's for kids who have never done this to very seasoned. They learn from each other and help each other."

Bloom lets students cast the show. Everyone votes and is part of the selection process.

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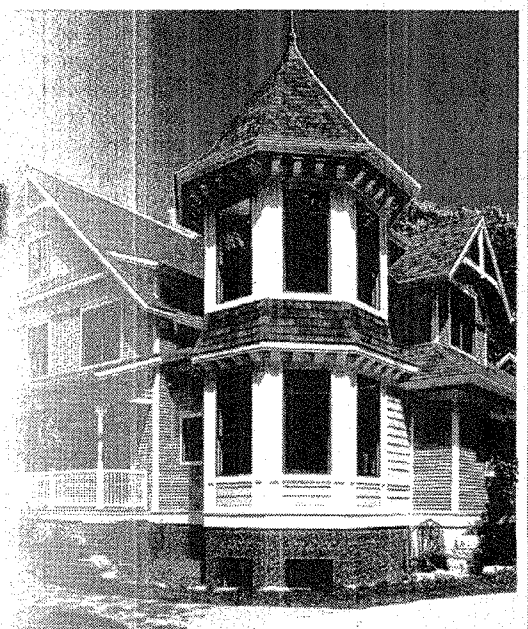
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## CAMPS

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"It's amazing because they usually come up with the person who is the best performer for that role," said Bloom, who has directed more than 80 shows with companies like Birmingham Village Players and Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. Her career as a performer includes touring theater, movies, commercials and of late, Spotlight in a Trunk productions, that visit elementary and middle schools.

### IMPROVING SKILLS

Forever After Productions focuses on creative movement, beginning and advanced acting, and musical theater productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Beauty and the Beast* during six weeks of camps that run July 5 to the end of August at The Village Theater. Camps range from \$50 to \$150 for kids ages 3-19. Call (734) 377-1639 or visit [www.foreverafter-productions.com](http://www.foreverafter-productions.com).

The live theater experience even includes an Aug. 22-26 camp for students to become their favorite *Star Wars* characters (ages 7-15).

"We hope to attract kids that want to improve acting skills, just have fun or have an introduction to theater," said Kyle Kaufmann who began working with the youth theater in 2004.

Forever After Productions plans to offer technical theater camps next summer. In the meantime kids learn about what goes on behind the scenes in the Explore Theater camp July 25-29.

"We're going to explain the technical aspects, tour the theater so they get to see where things happen," said Kaufmann.

### PERFORMING IN PLYMOUTH

Drama coach, Sharon Belobraidich, will lead three weeks of performing arts camps this summer through Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. The Plymouth woman has directed the youth theater since 2002. No auditions are required for the camps that take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11-15, July 25-29, and Aug. 15-19, for ages 5-12. Cost is \$135, \$120 arts council member. Contact (734) 416-4278 or [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

"We're going to do simple plays out of books, smaller plays than during the year, let the kids choose," said Belobraidich who taught first and second grade students in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 40 years. "We show them how to do costumes, make their own scenery. We'll be drilling lines, learn theater games. It's a nice experience and a great training program for them."

Confidence building is one of the benefits of theater training. "They're never the same after they've been in front of 100 people," said Belobraidich. "That carries over to school to deliver a speech."

**'They're never the same after they've been in front of 100 people. That carries over to school to deliver a speech.'**

SHARON BELOBRAIDICH, Drama coach at Plymouth Uptown Players

Dave Cooper couldn't agree more. He and Kimmy Elliott will help children, ages 8-12, explore musical theater 1-4 p.m. Aug. 8-12, and Aug. 22-26, at the arts council. Cost is \$100, \$90 member.

Cooper, 20 of Canton, has written and directed plays for TLC Productions at The Village Theater and studied acting for six years. Elliott, a Plymouth High School graduate, has been in theater since fourth grade.

"It really is a wonderful experience," Cooper said. "I can guarantee once your child is on stage they will never be the same. They become confident young people."

### SHOESTRING THEATRE

Patsy Durbin has seen the difference theater makes in children's lives as she teaches the drama and musical theater camps at Bailey Recreation Center (Westland Parks & Recreation), 36651 Ford Road. Call (734) 722-7620 or visit [ci.westland.mi.us](http://ci.westland.mi.us).

This summer Durbin's Shoestring Theatre Company presents half day and full day musical theater and drama camps. The half day camp introduces song, dance and storytelling tools 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 20-24 and Aug. 8-12. Cost is \$65 plus a \$10 supply fee paid to the teacher.

The full day camp with crafts component runs 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24, and Aug. 8-12, and includes making costumes, props and sets. The cost is \$120 plus a \$30 supply fee. The week concludes with a performance at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The full day musical theater and drama camp runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., July 11-15. Students rehearse and perform a short play based on a fairy or folk tale, or myth in addition to learning basic theater skills. They perform at 1 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library on the last day of class. Cost \$65 plus \$20 supply fee.

For details, call Durbin at (734) 634-5906. All camps are for ages 6-14.

Durbin has a master's degree in drama and theater for the young from Eastern Michigan University. The Livonia woman has been teaching theater for children since 1988.

MotorCity Youth Theatre won't hold drama camps this summer because artistic director, Nancy Florkowski, will be studying in Russia. But children already have been cast for a production of *Macbeth* Aug. 12-14 at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. For information, contact (313) 535-8962 or [www.mcyt.org](http://www.mcyt.org).



## In appreciation

Rick Bloomfield (left) and Jim Govan (right) co-chairs of the Catholic Central Dads' Club St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle present a plaque to Karen Murphy, regional manager, and Mike Prusak, general manager, of The Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia. The pub sponsored the 11th annual raffle, which helps raise money for the private Roman Catholic school for boys, located in Novi.

# Adopt an animal, walk for mutts

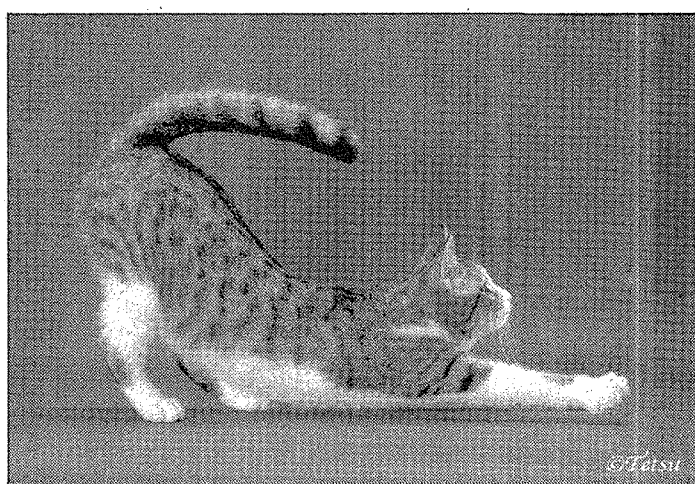
Ann Grenier of The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue is looking for vendors, crafters and animal rescue groups to participate in the organization's Spring Pet Spectacular, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. June 12 at the Berwyck Saddle Club, 1477

Berwyck Drive, in Milford. The events will include cats, kittens, dogs, puppies and "pocket pets" such as hamsters and guinea pigs.

"There will be games and music, raffles and a train ride. The owner of the saddle club has a mini train," said Grenier, a Livonia resident. Her veterinarian, Dr. Shera Dickie, also will be on hand to answer animal health questions.

Anyone who adopts an animal at the event, which will include a pet food drive, will receive an entry into a raffle drawing.

Last year Grenier offered to shave her own head at a pet adoption event if her cat res-



Commander Data was rescued by The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue and now lives in Illinois. He's helping to get out the word about the rescue's upcoming Spring Pet Spectacular.

cue achieved its donation goal. It didn't quite make the mark, but Grenier plans to try again next month.

"If the Country Cat can raise \$2,000, I will shave my head." Grenier also has a wish list that includes a donated laptop and use of a building to house rescued cats.

"I'm willing to travel an hour to a donated facility — even a

barn. It doesn't have to be in Livonia."

Anyone interested in participating in the pet adoption event or in donating to The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue, can call Grenier at (248) 249-9267 or e-mail her at [kittysrq@gmail.com](mailto:kittysrq@gmail.com).

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Society (MHS) presents its 23rd annual Mutt March, from 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, June 5, on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore, between Vernier (Eight Mile) and Nine Mile in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Participants stroll up to five miles on the grounds of the lakeside mansion and raise funds for MHS at the same time.

Individual walkers and teams can register, set up personalized Web pages and collect donations online at [www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch](http://www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch). Pre-registration is not required. All walkers who raise \$156 or more will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt. The first 600 four-legged walkers will receive a Mutt March bandana.

Several course lengths are available and water stops will be provided for individuals and their pets. Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times and their current vaccination records should be available at registration.

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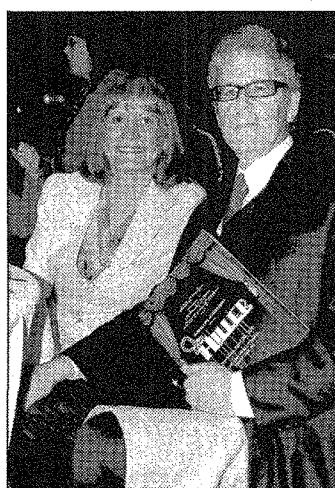
# Market CEO takes a bow for supporting ALS patients

Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets, recently was honored by ALS of Michigan - Lou Gehrig's Disease and the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center.

The awards event also raised more than \$90,000 to support programs and services for people with ALS and research into the cause, treatment, and cure of the disease.

Hiller, who owns markets in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Northville, Berkley, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield and Union Lake, is passionately involved with organizations. His allegiance to the ALS community began when his mother, Harriet Hiller, was diagnosed with ALS. She lost her battle to the disease in 2000.

"When my mother was diagnosed with ALS, I promised



Marge and Jim Hiller attend the recent fundraiser for Lou Gehrig's Disease research and programs.

that I would work to find a cure for this terrible disease. This event is the chance for all of us

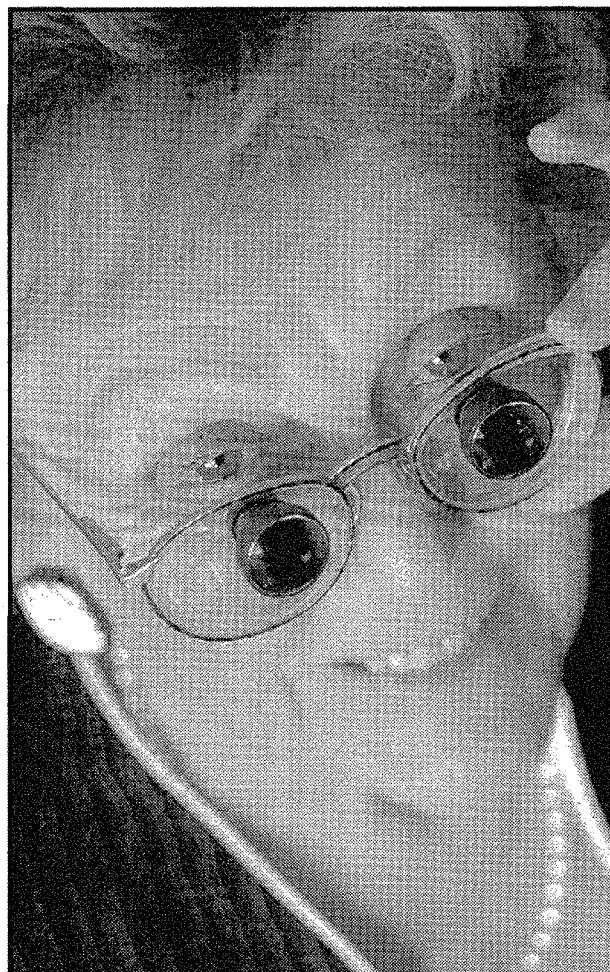
to act, not just talk," Hiller told the crowd. "We have assembled a powerful partnership between ALS of Michigan, the physicians and researchers at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Hiller ALS Center. Every bit of support we can muster makes a difference in this fight."

Hiller also was honored with special tributes by L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive; Dr. Richard Lewis, director of the Hiller ALS Center; Sue Burstein-Kahn, executive director of ALS of Michigan; and Linda Hiller Novak, vice-president of ALS of Michigan Board of Directors; and Jim's sister.

In recognition of his long-time support; Jay Welford, ALS of Michigan's board president and Burstein-Kahn presented

Jim with a plaque announcing that ALS of Michigan's board unanimously voted to rename their communication center the "Hiller AAC Center at ALS of Michigan." AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, and the Center is the only one of its kind in Michigan dedicated solely to helping people with ALS continue to communicate when they lose their ability to speak.

Lou Gehrig's Disease affects more than 30,000 people across the United States. In Michigan more than 1,200 people are currently battling the disease. ALS attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe, while the mind stays fully aware.



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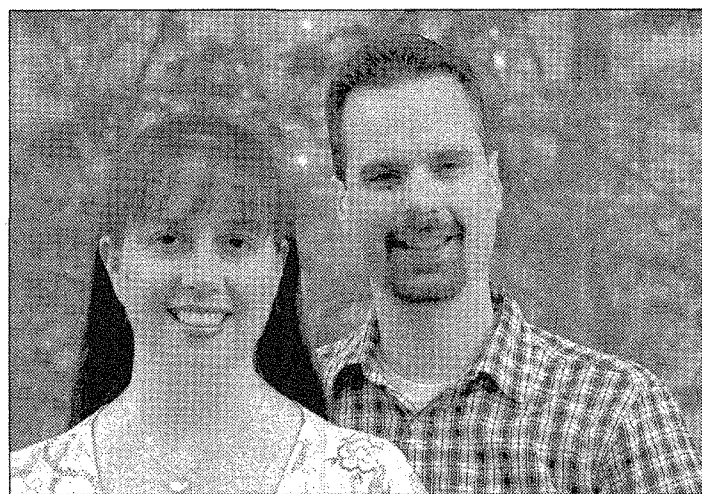
SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Dara Wehrmeister and Rick Rodriguez announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Armand and Donna Wehrmeister of Northville. Her

fiancé is the son of Israel and Isabel Rodriguez of Canton. A September 2011 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Kim Dubay and Todd Alexander announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Peggy Dubay of Westland, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2001 and a master's degree in early childhood education from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. She teaches in the Wayne-Westland Community School District and is a dance teacher at The Dance Academy in Westland.



Dubay-Alexander

Her fiancé, son of Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa., and the late Carl Alexander, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Youngstown State University

in 1993. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense. A June 2011 wedding

is planned at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City.

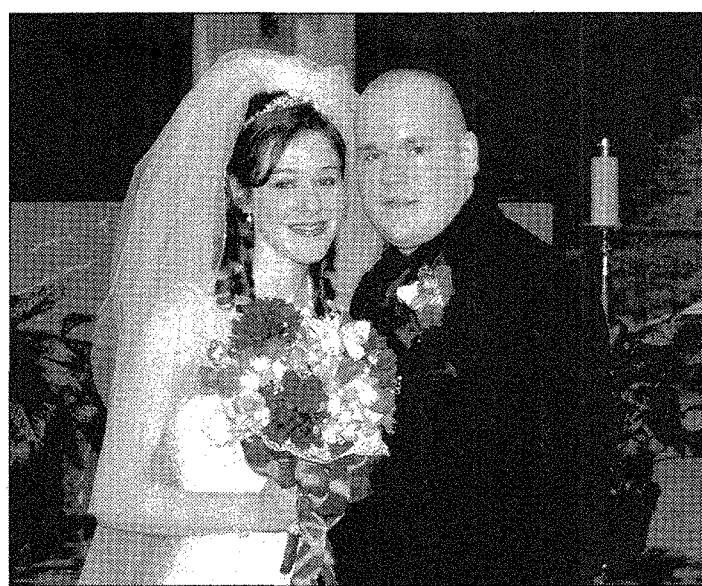
MARCH WEDDING

Joseph Zajac and Danielle Orlikowski were married Saturday, March 5, 2011 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Joseph, son of Linda Zajac of Howell, formerly of Farmington Hills, and the late Robert Zajac, is a graduate of North Farmington High School and is a customer services supervisor at Dick's Sporting Goods.

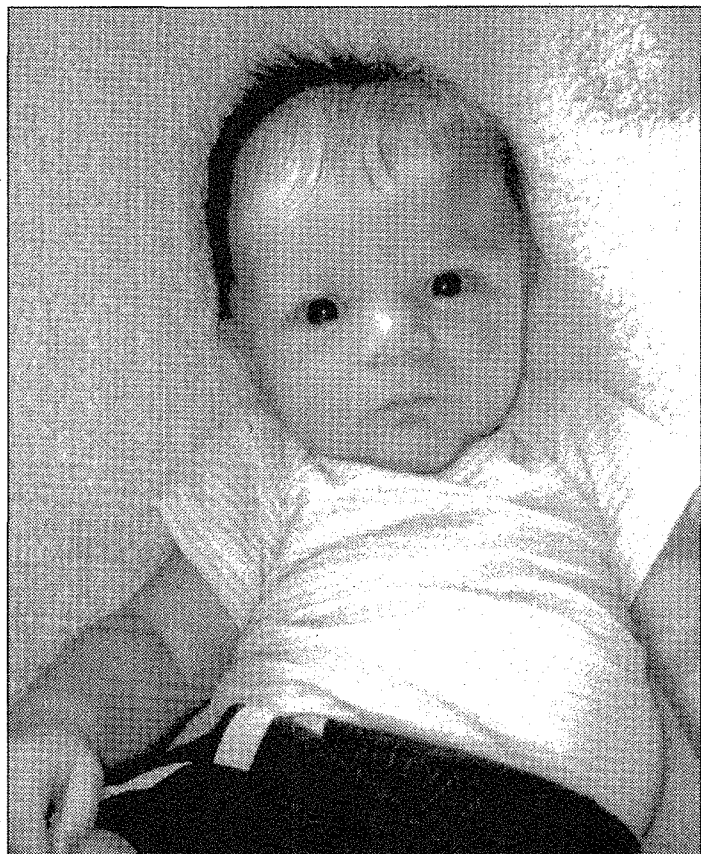
Danielle is the daughter of Mark and Susan Orlikowski, Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of Farmington High School and Madonna University, and is self-employed as a behavioral therapist.

They reside in Howell.



Zajac-Orlikowski

DREW ARRIVES



Drew Charles Van Washenova

Drew Charles Van Washenova was born at 4:53 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2011 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. He weighed 8 pounds 7.6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Drew joins his parents, Andrea and Dale Van Washenova, and his sister, Avery Louise, 2, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Joyce and Mario Galindo of Livonia and Lorna Van Washenova of South Rockwood.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Swati Narang and Andrew Barylski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Sandeep and Nidhi V. Narang of Canton, graduated in 2006 from Canton High School. She attends Eastern Michigan University and works at Waltonwood.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Jean Hampton of Canton, is a 2006 graduate of Canton High School. He attends Schoolcraft College and works at the Salvation Army.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army Citadel.

# Appliance repair is not all roses and wrenches

There are still those technicians employed in the appliance repair business who should be working on a rock pile in an enclosed facility. These these guys take us all back to the days when we suffered a severe image problem.

As an example, here's an e-mail I received recently from a consumer. I've left off the company name, but let me assure you that they will know we are talking about them. Deborah writes: My 80 year old parents returned from Florida

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

to discover their 11-year-old stackable washing machine was leaking. My husband suspected the rubber seal had dried out from not being used for five months. They called a repair company which charged \$129 to check it out.

After inspecting the washer for a brief moment, the technician wrote down several parts he claimed needed to be replaced, at the cost of more than \$350. He then immediately took my mother to the

computer and had her go to an appliance dealer Web site and look up the cost of a new washer and dryer set. She decided she wasn't paying \$1,200 for new appliances and instead asked him to return to repair her machine.

She had to call the service company several times to ask when he was going to return. They first tried to charge her the \$129 again, but she reminded them the man said she had 60 days to decide. She finally got an appointment and the man returned — without the parts. He said she was supposed to order them herself and he said that it was going to take two guys to do the repair.

She then had to give him a check for the \$350 while he ordered the parts on his laptop. Then he told her it would probably be some other guy that would do the repairs and that if he didn't think she needed all those parts she could just send them back and get her money back. It was obvious that he padded the repair bill so that he could sell her a new washer/dryer. The best part is that she has been using the washer and it doesn't leak. I guess the seal has expanded now that it has been wet and is no longer leaking. I

really feel that his man should be reported to someone. I don't know if these practices are condoned by the service company or if this is his individual way of doing his job. I think when they come back she is just going to have him replace the seal. What a shame to try to steal from elderly people like this.

Reply: It sounds like there was a lot of incompetence on display by this particular service technician and the man hasn't even been there to fix the machine yet. I might suggest that your mother contact the service owner or manager and make sure that she is not going to be charged any more dollars after the technician begins his repairs. She might inform the management that there is a law in Michigan called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act signed by former Governor John Engler in June 2002 that makes it illegal to overcharge on a fixed price for repairs. Please drop me a note and let me know how the repairs went. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [apldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:apldr@twmi.rr.com)

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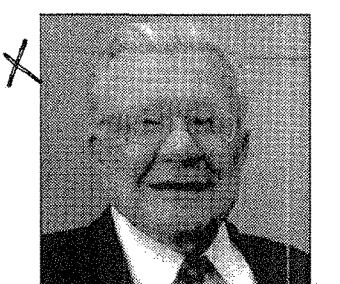
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**BILLINGS (McKISSIC), DOROTHY BEATRICE**  
May 14, 2011 Known as "Mother". Born Dec. 10, 1921. Funeral Sat. May 21, 2011 at 11am. [www.janeholco.com](http://www.janeholco.com)



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 was Thursday, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, in Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

**STRZALKOWSKI, GARRET (GARY)**

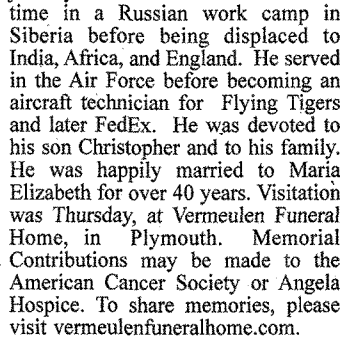
Gary, who died suddenly, was born May 11, 1952 in Jacksonville, Florida to Edmund (deceased) and Loretta. He grew up in Garden City, MI, retired from Wayne County, Willow Run Airport Division, and relocated to Jonesville, MI. He is survived by his mother, Loretta; brothers, David, Timothy (Sandra) and 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.

**TREFF, DEBRA M.**

Age 59, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away May 16, 2011. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**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) Smith, 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 was held at Saint Theodore Catholic Church on Tuesday May 17, at 10:30 AM.

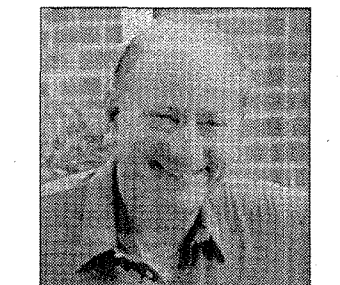


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SCHNEIDER, DONALD A.

Age 84, of Linden, died Sunday, May 8, 2011. Private interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham. Services will be held 4 PM Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Donald was born September 4, 1926 in Oak Park, IL. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in WWII and the Korean War. Mr. Schneider retired from General Motors with 27 years of service. Surviving are: wife, Virginia; sons, Larry and Greg; grandchildren, Ally and Evan. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)

**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 Pentecostal Church, Sunday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. Life Pentecostal Church is located inside of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

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# HEALTH

Sunday, May 22, 2011

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## Cover your skin when heading outdoors

Get your sunscreen ready, because the Friday before Memorial Day — May 27 — is "Don't Fry Day."

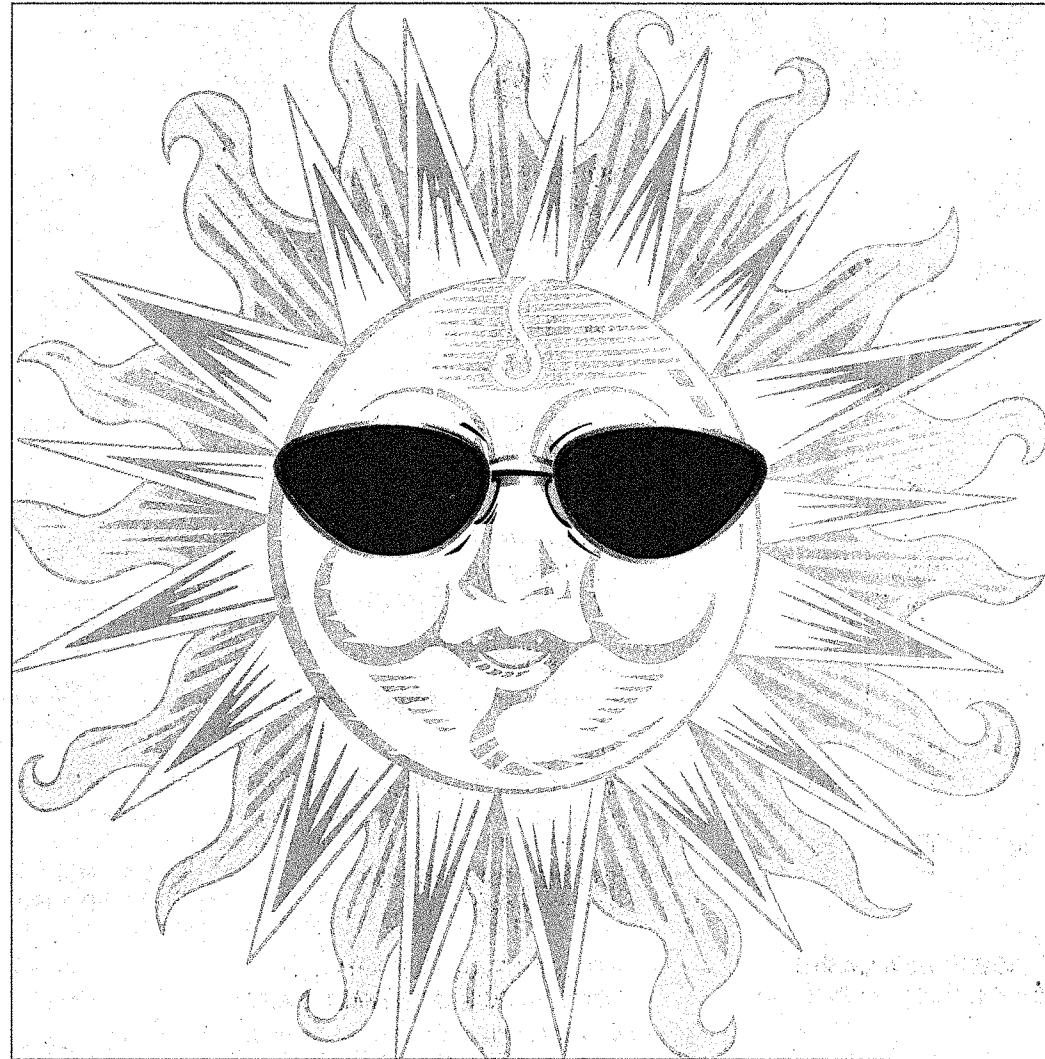
The American Cancer Society, along with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, suggests you wear plenty of sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher, clothing that limits the amount of skin exposed, a hat and sunglasses as you head outdoors to kick off the summer season.

Although late spring usually means a rush to get a tan for the high school prom, graduation or simply to prepare for the beach, there's also a serious threat of skin cancer while basking unprotected in the sun. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. According to the American Cancer Society, many of the more than 2 million cases that are diagnosed annually could be prevented by protecting the skin from the sun's rays, staying out of the sun during peak times of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and avoiding indoor tanning.

"One bottle of sunscreen should not last a summer," Trout says. "For maximum protection, use the highest SPF available, never use sunscreen after its expiration date, and apply it liberally before going into the sun. During sun exposure, one full ounce should be re-applied every hour."

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that can be deadly. Look for any suspicious or unusual moles using the American Cancer Society's ABCD rule:

Asymmetry — One half of



the mole does not match the other.

Border — Edges of the mole are irregular, blurred, ragged.

Color — Color is not uniform and may have patches of pink, red, white or black.

Diameter — Melanoma moles are usually larger than 1/4 inch, but this is not always the case.

"I strongly encourage people

to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Michigan weather this summer, but it's critical that we all take the necessary precautions to avoid too much sun exposure without proper protection," stated Martha Trout, a registered nurse and director of Health Initiatives for the American Cancer Society. "There are plenty of ways to enjoy the sun without

putting yourself at greater risk for skin cancer."

Other risk factors for melanoma include fair skin with blond or red hair; a family history of skin cancer and a weak immune system.

"Certainly fair-skinned people who burn easily and have a history of severe childhood sunburns are at higher risk of getting melanomas," Trout said. "But the relationship between sun exposure and melanoma is more complicated than you might think and not completely understood. Genetics also plays a significant role in the incidence of melanoma."

Although melanomas can appear anywhere on the body, the most common place for men to develop skin cancer is the torso. Women find them on their legs. Individuals with dark skin, are more likely to find skin cancer on the soles of the feet and palms of hands, where pigment is lighter.

If you find a suspicious mole, talk to your doctor. Nothing increases cancer survival rates more than early detection, and nothing lowers cancer rates more than prevention.

For more information or to learn how to stay safe in the sun or do a self skin exam, call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### MAY

#### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" is a five-week class that runs 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 23-June 27. Participants will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Fee is \$75 per couple. Register online at st.marymercy.org or call (734) 655-1162.

• A breastfeeding class designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy, runs 7-9 p.m. May 26. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Class will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with other helpful books and supplies. \$25 per couple. Register at (734) 655-1162. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

#### Schoolcraft College

Learn about technologies and treatment options available in Women's Health at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, just south of Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenters include Dr. Oscar Afsari on "Minimally Invasive Surgery vs. Traditional Incisional Surgery - Amazing Recovery;" Dr. Suchitra Zambare on "Women and Weight;" Dr. Debra Hollander with "Why am I so stressed out?" and Dr. Chandrika Joshi with "Menopause: Should I take HRT?" The free event is sponsored by St. John Providence Health System. Register at (866) 501-DOCS.

### JUNE

#### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ranmeet Mangat from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register by calling (734) 655-1182.

• A community blood drive runs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 2, in the auditorium at the hospital. Participants will receive a hockey puck stress reliever and will be entered into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of gasoline. Schedule an appointment at (800) GIVE-LIFE.

• A presentation on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Options" with Tim Short of Healthcare Solutions, will run 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Discover the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Individuals with a CPAP machine, may bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check. Register at (734) 655-4640.

• Baby Basics runs 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, in the hospital's auditorium. Participants will learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. In addition, new parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. To register call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events". The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

#### Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777

Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care economics and accountable care organizations' impact on health-care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals. Offers 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at www.henryford.com/cmeevents.

#### Free fall risk screening

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

#### Summer camp

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

## ONGOING

### Aquatic classes

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

### Arthritis support group


2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

### Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

### Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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## How to Live to be 100

Wednesday, May 26, 2011

Open House 12:00—2:00 p.m.  
Guest Speakers 2:00—3:15 p.m.

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### Male Urinary Incontinence: An Embarrassing Problem (No Longer)

Springtime has many men thinking about golf. Consistent errant golf shots on the course may not be the only reason some men hang up the clubs. Many men may silently experience the frustration and embarrassment of leaking urine upon exertion with simple activities such as laughing, coughing, walking, swinging a golf club, etc.

The inability to control urine is a common problem affecting many men in America. When looking specifically at men over 60, 17% reported having an incontinent episode. There are many potential causes of incontinence in men but most stem from the gland associated with the male reproductive system—the prostate. As many as 30% of men who have undergone treatments for prostate cancer report some incontinence.

The positive news—male urinary incontinence is a treatable problem. Although pads to collect urine are an option, some medications or a minimally-invasive procedure can provide a permanent resolution to most individual's problems.

Now's the time to seek the answers and treatment you need. Believe it or not, an active summer is right around the corner!

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### OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE

A person with persistent right knee pain visits the doctor. Examination and x-rays reveal that the patient has moderate osteoarthritis of the knee.

That the knee problem is osteoarthritis means that the knee cartilage had worn down like the tread of a tire. The finding that the cartilage loss was moderate means that the individual is not ready for a knee replacement.

Dealing with a knee that is not good, but not ready for operation poses problems for both doctor and patient. The doctor has no tablet or injection that can reduce or reverse the loss of cartilage. The anti-inflammatory medicines like ibuprofen are not of value because in osteoarthritis of the knee inflammation plays little or no part.

The patient wants to remain active, but knee pain stops activity. Usually the doctor first recommends acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain. If that medication does not work, the physician turns to anti-inflammatory drugs such as Motrin, Naproxan, Feldene, or Lidone for their analgesic effect. If these medications do not help dampen discomfort, then reluctantly the doctor turns to narcotics such as Vicodin. Knee joint injections with steroids often provide a boost to leg strength and stamina.

At no time should the patient lose sight of the necessity of taking daily exercise that is continuous for at least 20 minutes. The purpose of such a regimen is to keep the leg muscles strong and maintain the individual's weight in respect to body build.

Caring for an osteoarthritic knee requires ongoing cooperation between physician and patient as the balance of treatment and activity is always changing.





**OPENING WEEK!**

**THIS WEDNESDAY**  
7:30 PM • DOOBIE BROTHERS  
wsg PAT ROBITAILLE  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

**THIS FRIDAY**  
7:30 PM • EDDIE MONEY  
wsg JESSE MONEY and 34 BLISS  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

**THIS SATURDAY**  
3 PM & 7:30 PM • EDDIE MONEY  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

**JUNE**

- 03 PHISH  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 04 THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN: \$  
A ROCK SYMPHONY  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 06 RAY LaMONTAGNE AND THE PARIAS DOGS  
wsg SECRET SISTERS and BRANDI CARLILE  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 10 GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT FUNKADELIC \$  
MC HAMMER/MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 12 HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 GLEE LIVE! IN CONCERT!  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 14 RIHANNA  
wsg B.o.B and J. COLE  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK and  
BACKSTREET BOYS wsg JORDIN SPARKS  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 GO-GO'S/THE B-52s \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 EARTH, WIND & FIRE  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 ALL-STAR MAGIC SHOW (2 SHOWS!) \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 24 TIM MCGRAW AND THE DANCEHALL DOCTORS \$  
wsg LUKE BRYAN and THE BAND PERRY  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 24 BUDDY GUY wsg QUINN SULLIVAN/JONNY LANG  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 26 STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN  
wsg JARS OF CLAY/FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI  
and CALEB \$ \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 KATY PERRY wsg MARINA & THE DIAMONDS  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 29 MÖTLEY CRÜE wsg POISON  
and NEW YORK DOLLS  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

**JULY**

- 02 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY / \$  
LORRIE MORGAN  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 07 THE TEMPTATIONS/THE SPINNERS \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 08 PETER FRAMPTON  
FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE 35TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

08 1964... THE TRIBUTE \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

09 SUGARLAND wsg SARA BAREILLES \$  
THE INCREDIBLE MACHINE TOUR  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

10 KID CUDI wsg CHIP THA RIPPER \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

13 311 and SUBLIME with ROME  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

14 IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE (2 SHOWS!) \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

16 JOSH GROBAN  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

16 COMEDIAN DEMETRI MARTIN  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 RANDY TRAVIS/JOSH TURNER ON SALE SOON  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

17 GOO GOO DOLLS  
wsg MICHELLE BRANCH and PARACHUTE  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

20 YES/STYX  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

21 JIMMY BUFFETT *soft. only*  
& THE CORAL REEFER BAND  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

22 SLAYER/ROB ZOMBIE wsg EXODUS \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

23 KEITH URBAN wsg JAKE OWEN  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

23 CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

23 O.A.R. wsg SOJA \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

24 PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

27 MICHAEL McDONALD/BOZ SCAGGS *ON SALE SOON*  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

28 BRITNEY SPEARS wsg NICKI MINAJ,  
JESSIE AND THE TOY BOYS and NERVO  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 THE WIGGLES BIG BIRTHDAY! (2 SHOWS!) \$  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 BEACH BOYS \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

29 DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS \$  
"THE DIRTY JOKE SHOW"  
starring GEECHY GUY  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

31 JOURNEY wsg FOREIGNER \$  
and NIGHT RANGER  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

**AUGUST**

03 SADE wsg JOHN LEGEND  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

04 RASCAL FLATTS wsg SARA EVANS,  
EASTON CORBIN and JUSTIN MOORE  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

05 MEAT LOAF \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

06 ALL-STAR BASKETBALL FESTIVAL \$  
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THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

06 DISTURBED, GODSMACK, MEGADETH, \$  
IN FLAMES, MACHINE HEAD, TRIVIUM and more!  
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

07 STEVE MILLER BAND  
wsg ERIC JOHNSON  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE *ON SALE SOON*

10 SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE \$  
wsg ALLSTAR WEEKEND  
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11 CHRIS ISAAK \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

12 IDENTITY  
TRAVELING ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL  
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

13 JEFFREY OSBORNE, PEABO BRYSON, \$  
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THE MEN OF SOUL TOUR  
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13 FAMILY DAY ON BROADWAY (2 PM) \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

13 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY (8 PM) \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

14 MICHAEL W. SMITH/THIRD DAY \$ \$  
wsg CHRIS AUGUST *ON SALE SOON*  
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16 MY MORNING JACKET *ON SALE SOON*  
wsg NEKO CASE  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 DEF LEPPARD \$  
wsg HEART and EVAN WATSON  
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18 DAVE MASON, \$  
MARK FARNER (FORMERLY OF GRAND FUNK RAILROAD),  
RICK DERRINGER, FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS  
and GARY WRIGHT  
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19 THE J. GEILS BAND \$  
wsg THE CHRIS ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD  
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19 RETURN TO FOREVER IV  
(CHICK COREA, STANLEY CLARKE, LENNY WHITE,  
JEAN-LUC PONTY, and FRANK GAMBALE)  
wsg ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

20 LIL WAYNE wsg RICK ROSS, *ON SALE SOON*  
KERI HILSON, LLOYD  
and FAR EAST MOVEMENT  
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21 TRAIN/MAROON 5 \$  
wsg GAVIN DeGRAW  
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21 GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS \$  
wsg KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD *ON SALE SOON*  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

23 KINGS OF LEON  
wsg BAND OF HORSES  
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25 ARETHA FRANKLIN \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHITESNAKE/TESLA \$  
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

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

28 BARRAGE FIDDLE SPECTACULAR \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER**

03 TED NUGENT \$  
with the return of DEREK ST. HOLMES  
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10 MMA CAGE FIGHT FESTIVAL \$  
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

18 TOBYMAC \$ \$ *ON SALE SOON*  
wsg PETER FURLER/MANDISA  
and JAMIE GRACE  
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19 FOO FIGHTERS  
wsg RISE AGAINST  
and MARIACHI EL BRONX  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

30 ENRIQUE IGLESIAS  
wsg PITBULL and PRINCE ROYCE  
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

30 TOBY KEITH *ON SALE SOON*  
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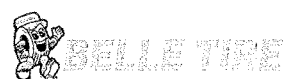
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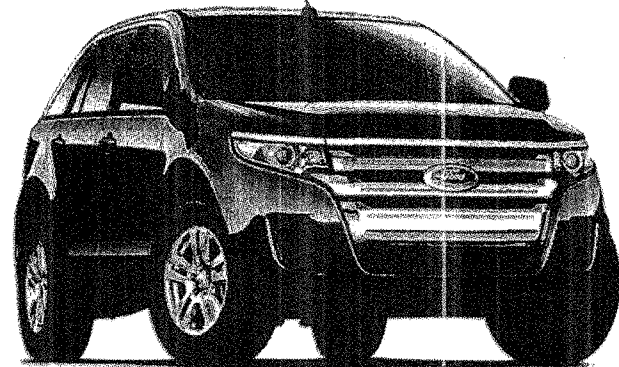


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