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**Bike Blessing**

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is putting out the welcome mat Saturday, June 4, for motorcycles, bicycles and tricycles of all shapes and sizes when it hosts the first Motor City Bike Blessing.

The event, sponsored in part by What's Up Dawg? Deli, will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. Admission is \$10 per motorcycles while bicycles and tricycles are free.

The nondenominational blessing will take place at 1 p.m. There also will be food, lawn games, vendors and disc jockey Frank English. A custom handmade trophy, made by Motor City Saints, will be awarded to the voter's choice best bike, and there also a group ride to Kickers in Livonia after the blessing (3-4 p.m.).

Tickets available at the gate, while pre-sale tickets available at the church. Proceeds will benefit, in part, Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Motor City Saints Inc. and the Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

For more information, visit [www.motorcitybikeblessing.com](http://www.motorcitybikeblessing.com) or call (734) 728-1088.

**Summer concerts**

The 2011 Summer Concert Series is ready and for another fun-filled time at the William P. Faust Public Library's Pavilion.

It begins Thursday, June 16, with Westland's own Waco Country Band and runs through Thursday, Aug. 11, with Toppermost Beatles Tribute band. Also performing in June are the Gratitude Steel Band bringing their Caribbean dance rhythms June 23, and Stolen Moments bringing their soft and smooth sounds June 30.

All concerts are 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays A 50/50 raffle benefiting the Friends of the Westland Public Library will be held at each concert. Seating is limited, so bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved inside the library.

**Golf outing**

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

Proceeds will be used to educate children about the fire dangers. The Public Awareness Committee promotes fire safety through school programs, after-school programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department and city.

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

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

**Resignation opens W-W board spot**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Gabriel

For the second time in four months, the Wayne-Westland school board will meet in special session to appoint a new school board member, following the resignation of Trustee William Gabriel.

Gabriel, controller for the city of Westland, resigned his position, effective May 26, "due to circumstances beyond my control."

"When I was elected to the board in 2008, I was proud to serve alongside each board member at that time that sincerely had the best interests of the district's students as a guideline for every decision that was made," Gabriel said in his resignation letter. "With the board's support, the administration and staff led by

Dr. (Greg) Baracy always focused on our students first, and evidence has shown that student achievement has been the driving force of the district. However, the dynamics of the board have changed; and my job responsibilities have increased at City Hall which would limit my commitment to the board."

"I'm kind of shocked," said school board President Skip Monit. "It's kind of unfortunate. Bill brought a very fresh outlook to the board. When he

spoke, he was very frank and to the point. The school district is losing a very valuable voice."

Gabriel, a Westland resident, was completing the third year of his four-year term that was punctuated with a four-day strike by teachers in October 2008 and the closing of six elementary schools and the reconfiguration of the district's elementary program in 2010. In submitting his resignation, Gabriel

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PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

**Honoring the brave**

Westland AmVet Post 141 Color Guard members proudly march down Ford Road as part of Sunday's annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Parade. Veterans, school groups and military organizations participated in the annual event. For more on the event, see Page A6.

**Ex-neighbor charged in robbery of elderly Westland woman**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former neighbor has been charged with robbing a 91-year-old Westland woman after forcing her way into the older woman's apartment May 18.

The victim, who lives in Colonial Village Apartments, had allowed the 20-year-old woman to use her cordless telephone the previous day after recognizing her as a resident of a nearby apartment. The suspect was someone the elderly woman had helped out in the past.

"She (the victim) was too generous and too nice. She felt sorry for the suspect, who has two kids, and had given her money for diapers and other things," said Westland police Sgt. Todd Adams. "The suspect said that when the lady was giving her money, she would steal a couple hundred dollars from her when her back was turned."

When she allowed the suspect use the telephone, the victim said she had kept the chain on her door, handing the telephone out to the suspect.

About 2:30 p.m. May 18, the victim said the woman again knocked on the door asking to use the telephone. The victim again opened the door using the security chain but this time she said two men forced their way into the apart-

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**Hearing airs hike in streetlight assessments**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Westland property owners can have their say about a proposed increase in the costs for streetlights at a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

The intent of the proposed increases is to accurately charge for the street lighting expenses and end subsidies from other funding sources.

The special assessment district for streetlights affects every property in the city, residential and businesses. The average cost of local or residential street lighting is \$42.85 yearly which would require an annual average increase of \$25. For properties on major streets, primarily businesses, the average current lighting cost is \$55.19 which would result in an average \$32 increase for businesses.

Property owners received notice of the hearing and the exact amount of the special assessment on their property recently, prompting calls to the city Assessing Department.

"One the first day, we had probably

100-200 calls, then it tapered off. Some of the people called with inquiries," said Westland Assessor James Elrod. "Most of them were calling about a higher assessment. Some of them went from \$3 to \$4.25."

Every property in the city has a special assessment for lighting, Elrod said, with some districts having been established 50 to 60 years ago. The city had last adjusted the street lighting charges in 1991.

What a particular property owner pays can vary, Elrod said, based on how many lights and properties are located within a special assessment district. For single family homes, the special assessment district is often the subdivision.

"Some people will say their friend on the other side of the city pays half the assessment but they may have half the number of lights or twice as many homes," said Elrod. "Some condominiums or smaller subdivisions may only have a light at their entrance to the sub."

As an example, Elrod said if there

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**Flooded-out homeowners question city's response**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland resident Sara Latham isn't disputing the city's figures of 60-80 homes being flooded after heavy rains last week but since her home was one of those flooded she didn't appreciate Mayor William Wild's assessment of the situation.

"It's the second time in 11 months, I lost \$15,000 worth of stuff," said Latham, who has lived on Shari for eight years. "I have insurance but I feel like the mayor hasn't truly acknowledged the problem. The city could clean up 2,000 homes (flooded in 2010) so it seems they should be able to handle 60-80 homes."

The city distributed a letter to residents after the heavy rains including a recommendation that homeowners hire a plumber to clean their drains and sewers to avoid flooding problems. Latham said she had received a \$7,000 estimate for work to correct the flooding problem.

"Then I get a letter saying they are raising my taxes for the street lights on Merriman," said Latham. "This turns

**"We have over 44,000 residential units. The 60-80 flooded basements is not a public safety liability. It is an unfortunate incident. My goal is to have no flooded basements in the city."**

KEVIN BUFORD, Westland Department of Public Services director

your life upside. My kids had to stay at my parents while we are cleaning up."

Latham's home was flooded in June 2010 when the city used Belfor to clean after widespread flooding around the city. She took exception with Wild's comment that the city had "dodged a bullet" by not having the extensive flooding that happened in several surrounding communities.

The number of homes flooded made a difference in the city's response, said Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford.

"Last year, it was the health, safety

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## W-W renews Aramark food service management contract

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will continue to contract with Aramark Education for management of its food services program.

The school board recently approved a one-year renewal of the contract, effective July 1. The renewal marks the third year of the contract which allows up to four one-year renewals. Under the agreement, first approved in June 2009, both the general and administrative expense and the management fee charged by Aramark on a per meal basis may increase with inflation,

according to Angela Black, the district's supervisor of business and purchasing. The proposed increase in those fees for 2011-12 is 1.74 percent. The fees are paid to Aramark from revenue generated by the district's food service program.

Speaking "on behalf of parents," board member-elect Andrea Clawson asked that the district "for improved food like fresh fruit and vegetables, and less processed food."

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, because the district accepts federal subsidies it must follow strict guidelines set forth by the state.

"We offer fresh fruit and veg-

etables, we meet all Michigan nutritional standards," he said. "All our meals meet the standards, this is a model program with school districts coming from around the state to look at it."

In addition to breakfast and lunches served during the school year, Wayne-Westland also provides breakfast and lunch at Hoover and Taft-Galloway Elementaries and Adams Upper Elementary during the summer.

"Our food service program makes money, it runs better than a break even. It's self-supporting."

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## BOARD

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said he has been "honored to serve the community and district, and I have done so with great attention and energy."

"I simply wish the district and its students all the best, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served on the board during my term," he said.

The school board has 30 days in which to fill the vacancy. It is accepting letters of interest, resumes and/or any other information until 4 p.m. Monday, June 13, from district residents who are interested in being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term that expires on June 30, 2012. Candidates must be a reg-

istered voter in the Wayne-Westland school district, at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Michigan and the school district. The board also is looking for individuals who are a trusted member of the community and who have experience in responsible decision making, a desire to work as a team member, a commitment to educational excellence and to representing the community, as well as a record of fiscal responsibility.

The candidate selected to fill the vacancy will need to file an acceptance of office and affidavit of eligibility, and take the oath of office.

Applications are being received in the Office of the Superintendent in the district's Administration Building at

36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, Westland.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, June 20, to screen applications and conduct interviews.

Monit, who will leave the board at the end of the month, agrees with Gabriel that the dynamics of the school board are changing and hopes that the candidates "will be somewhat independent."

"I'm a great believer in people doing the right things for students," he said, adding that he hopes some of the candidates in the May school election will be interested in the appointment.

More information about the process is available by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 417-2010.

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## CHARGED

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ment and went straight into the master bedroom. A third man followed and grabbed the woman's arm telling her to sit down. The woman also came inside and shut the door behind her.

The victim told police she stood in the entry and yelled at the two men whom she could see opening drawers in her bedroom. The third man escorted her to the other bedroom and kept telling her to sit down.

## MISSING MONEY

When she came back out of the bedroom, the victim said the suspects were gone along with \$325, including \$75 from her wallet. She also later reported several of her income tax returns had been taken.

Since the suspects apparently took her telephone with them, the victim went to the manager's office to call police. While she was there, one of the main-

tenance workers happened to ask why a former 14-year-old resident had been at the complex. The victim said that he had been visiting.

The apartment complex employees told police the youth had lived with his mother in the apartment above the victim until a few months ago. Both found it odd that he had stopped by a few times to visit despite having moved away. The staff members noted past problems with the youth and that his mother had failed to return keys after she moved out.

Police located the 14-year-old, who is now a student at Central Middle School in Plymouth. He denied being involved in the home invasion but identified his cousin as possibly being involved.

## SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

The boy's mother told police that the cousin had lived with them at the apartment until being put out for stealing from the mother. The cousin was now living at an address in

Detroit. Officers conducted a photo lineup, including a mug shot of the cousin, who was identified by the victim as the woman involved in the robbery.

Detroit police arrested the suspect and she was turned over to Westland officers. Police said that she admitted stealing \$150-\$200 on two prior visits to the victim's apartment in March.

On May 18, the suspect said she was accompanied by her two sisters and one of their boyfriends. She wrote a statement for the officers and a letter of apology to the victim, police said.

Based on the woman's statement, Adams said the investigation is continuing. Along with implicating her sisters, the woman also told police that the 14-year-old had regularly been visiting the elderly woman and stealing hundreds of dollars from her. The woman said she had forced the teen to give her part of the money in return for her silence.

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## STREETLIGHTS

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are 10 lights in a district costing \$1,000 annually and the district has 1,000 lots, then each lot owner would be assessed \$1.

The type of lighting in a district also impacts the cost, Elrod said, such as decorative lights, underground wiring and other factors.

"I've learned more about street lighting than I wanted

to know," he said.

During the 20 years the street lighting assessment was unchanged, the city reports an average 3 percent annual increase from Detroit Edison. For several years, the city had used Metro Act-Board Fund money to subsidize the street lighting fund. However, that subsidy did not cover the street lighting costs last year and \$63,500 from the city's general fund was used to fill the gap.

"People ask why this wasn't addressed in over 20 years, it came up in the last two

audits," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "This is kind of like the water fund. It is an enterprise fund and needs to cover its costs."

The general fund can't afford to subsidize the street lighting, Wild said, and the Metro Act money can be used for its intended purpose of paying for right-of-way maintenance.

"A lot of administrations buried their head in the sand and probably ignored this for years. We're working with council to try and chip away at this," said Wild.

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# Charming ...

## GC mom helps create memories one fingerprint at a time

BY LINDA SPARKMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

It's not just love and urgency that prompted 32-year-old Carrie Stanley to begin her business endeavor, Pixie Printz. Anger played a big role.

When she found out how much it cost to purchase fingerprint jewelry, "it made me mad," said the determined entrepreneur.

Looking for a fingerprint charm to capture what she calls, "God's signature" on her 4-year-old daughter Leiryn, who has cancer and is currently on hospice, Stanley faced charges between \$500 and \$700.

"That's not something families in our situation can usually afford," said the Garden City mother of four.

Fortunately, she found an out-of-state crafter who offered the precious mementos at a more reasonable price. So, Mom, Dad and their four little ones made a mini-vacation out of the event, and came back with treasured memories in the form of several charms imprinted with their only daughter's fingerprint, and something else Stanley finds priceless. They made a treasure-chest-full of family-time memories.

Because of this wonderful experience, Stanley stresses the importance of being physically with family members when they imprint the charms.

"You're creating a keepsake but a memory at the same time," says Stanley, who recounts one recent mother-son pair whose experience was unforgettable.

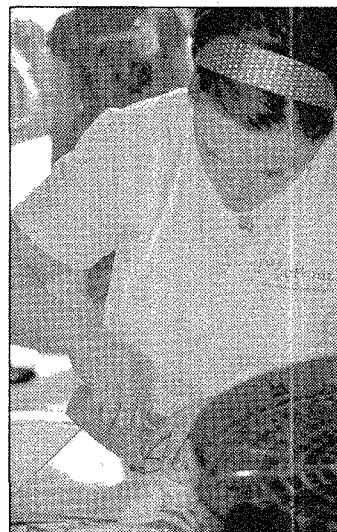
"The little boy's mom was literally wrestling him to get this fingerprint," said Stanley. "It took both of her hands, and mine to hold his finger on it long enough to get a fingerprint. That for sure is a memory. I will never forget it."

In less than a month Stanley has solidified her idea, created a logo, made Facebook page, developed a website, took a precious metal clay class, purchased supplies, and had an open house to launch her business.

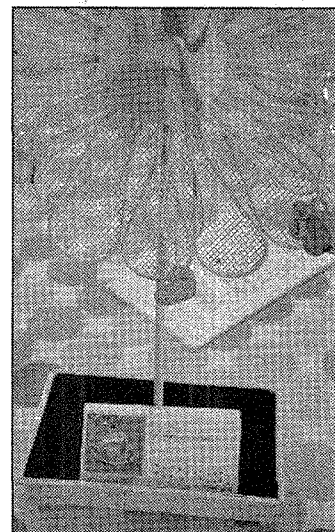
"It's been a whirlwind," she said.

## INDIVIDUALLY SHAPED

The charms are made of precious metal clay (PMC) that is individually shaped, imprinted, sanded, fired, coated with a chemical to highlight the imprint, and then polished. The entire process takes over an hour of hands-on work, and overnight to allow for firing and cooling. Elements allowing the



Carrie Stanley of Pixie Printz works with precious metal clay to shape and create individual fingerprint charms for parents.



Stanley is able to create charms in a variety of styles from heart shaped to flowers to circles.

silver to be pliable are burned away during the firing process, leaving a pure silver charm.

The exuberant Pixie Printz owner and founder is now on a mission. She doesn't want any family facing the loss of a loved one to be unable to obtain this one-of-a-kind keepsake because of the cost.

"To have that unique portion of a family member captured in precious metal to me, is priceless," said Stanley. And literally, priceless is what she's determined to make it.

In addition to, and in conjunction with Pixie Printz, Stanley has formed Imprints of the Heart, a separate business intended to be nonprofit, that offers to make up to two fingerprinted charms for families with a terminally ill loved one, free of charge.

"I wanted to take what I had learned through this experience and make a difference by helping others in a tangible way," said Stanley.

To fund Imprints of the Heart Stanley dedicates 10 percent of Pixie Printz profits and accepts donations.

Mott's Children's Hospital and Arbor Hospice are two of Stanley's connections, helping to spread the word about what she is offering to families facing the loss of a loved one. Other ways Stanley promotes both Pixie Printz and Imprints of the Heart is on Facebook, by word-of-mouth, craft fairs, cancer events, farmer's markets and children's play-dates.

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

"I'm really hoping parents use this opportunity," said Stanley, who brings all necessary supplies to small, informal

get-togethers, making a nice memory, while creating lasting keepsakes. "It's a perfect opportunity."

If all goes well, Stanley hopes to be able offer personal charms to people through the mail, and perhaps one day have a store front where customers could design their own charms.

Thanks to a donation, Stanley also has purchased supplies that give her the ability to use a handwritten, drawn, or ink print of a hand, foot, or paw to make a charm.

"I have a few moms who lost babies and I am using the ink prints from the hospital to make some charms for them," said Stanley.

The Pixie Printz Facebook page lists where Stanley will be and times she'll be there. Products and prices are available on her website, www.pixieprintz.com, where Stanley welcomes questions and comments. Items available include charms for jewelry, rings and keychains. Prices begin at about \$35 dollars and are based on the amount of silver in the piece.

Stanley's husband, Charley, who grew up in Garden City and now teaches at Wayne Memorial High School, supports his wife's efforts. As far as the business goes, right now, "he helps by being a sounding board," said Stanley.

"Eventually I might have to put him to work sanding and polishing," she said. "We're trying to make this a full-time job for the summer, so Charlie doesn't have to look for another full-time job between the school years. If we can work this full time, then he won't have to be away from the family so much this summer. Time is precious at this point."

## FLOODING

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and welfare of the city, it was a public health nightmare just waiting to happen," he said about the 2010 flooding. "We have over 44,000 residential units. The 60-80 flooded basements is not a public safety liability. It is an unfortunate incident. My goal is to have no flooded basements in the city."

Wild's comment reflected the amount of flooding problems reported to the city compared with more severe problems in other communi-

ties, Buford said, not minimizing the problems for those who had flooding.

"I would say that 60-80 percent of the homes had strictly rain water (in their basements). That's a weeping tile problem," said Buford. "People don't realize that the city is not responsible for anything but the sewer main."

Latham's home, located near Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, was a harder hit area, city officials said, due to their proximity to Hines Park where Wayne County's sewer interceptor is located. County officials eventually bypassed the overwhelmed system to discharge directly into the Rouge River.

Having been flooded seven times since he bought his home in 1995, Van Born Road resident Dan Kemp said he keeps items stored in the basement two feet off the floor or in plastic tubs so they won't be ruined by flooding.

"We were flooded three dif-

ferent times in two days, my next door neighbor got it worse than I did," he said. "The city doesn't do anything — they give us the number for risk management (the city insurer)," said Kemp. "I had three sump pumps in my basement and was barely keeping up."

Over the years, Kemp said he had been given different explanations for the flooding, such as pump failure at a lift station or generators needing to be replaced.

Westland has three pump stations — one for stormwater and two for sanitary sewage — in the south end of the city, Buford said. During the recent storms, bypass pumps were used to help with the volume at discharge going through the pump stations, he said.

"We tell people to call a plumber and snake out the line. People never clean the weep tile and the drain. It's not a city service," said Buford.

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**The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children.**

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

Adams Upper Elementary 33475 Palmer Westland, MI 48186	Hoover Elementary 5400 Fourth St. Wayne, MI 48184
Taft-Galloway Elementary 4035 Gloria Wayne, MI 48184	

Lunch Service will start Mon., June 20 - Fri., Aug. 12, 2011 (no service week of July 4-8) at all sites.

Lunch service times will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at all sites.

**For more information, please call 734-419-2118.**

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# Volunteers help clean up Holiday Nature Preserve

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the past 22 years, the Holiday Nature Preserve Association has sponsored the local Rouge Rescue and the focus of the cleanup has changed over the years. "If something is to be said about all this time for the association to have the Rouge Rescue, it's that we are over the humps," said HNPRA President William Craig. "There is a lot of cleaning but there is not that much to clean in the river. We still go in there

— shopping carts magically roll across the parking lot and into the creek."

Somewhere between 50-70 volunteers are expected to turn out for the Rouge Rescue 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The volunteers will use the Cowan entrance on Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road. Parking is across the street in front of the former Service Merchandise store west of the Westland Shopping Center.

The volunteer projects this year will include honeysuckle removal, creek cleanup, nature walk/environmental educa-

tion, invasive plant removal/weeding and woody debris management in Morgan Creek.

"Due to recent rain and flooding, it's always a moving target. We'll take care of a little log jam," said Craig.

Wayne County crews had cut up illegal bridges built last year by mountain bikers but left the wood which ended up in the creek due to the flooding.

"It will be muddy, sloppy, slippery work. We'll have some work with the honeysuckle — the entrance is getting closed in," said Craig. "It's rela-

tively easier work. There isn't a lot of work to take care of the preserve."

For the past 15 years, the Westland Department of Public Services has partnered with the HNPRA on the Rouge Rescue, including removing whatever is cleaned up from the preserve.

Friends of the Rouge, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, has held the Rouge Rescue for 24 years. Thirty work sites like Holiday Park Nature Preserve are being coordinated in 19

communities across the Rouge River watershed on Saturday and one activity taking place on Saturday, June 11.

"Volunteers have made great strides in cleaning up the Rouge," said Cyndi Ross, River Restoration Program manager for the group. "We have seen tremendous improvements, but there is still work to be done."

The biggest impact to the river now is pollutants carried by storm water and the quantity of rain water that is piped directly to the river to prevent flooding on streets

and in neighborhoods, said Ross, adding there are 1.5 million people living in the Rouge watershed whose everyday activities impact the river.

Along with the impact of the cleanup itself, Craig said HNPRA is able to use the hours of donated labor when applying for grants.

For more information or to sign up to participate in the Rouge Rescue, visit the Friends of the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or call (313) 792-9621.

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## Partnership offers summer job opportunity for teens

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Westland teens can get help finding a summer job and learn about personal finances through a new local program.

The Wild About Youth — WORKS! program is an effort to provide summer jobs with local employers for 15 Westland residents 16-18 years old. The program is partnership between the city, the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Fifth Third Bank.

"We have partnered up with the chamber of commerce to put the word out for employers," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "There is a pretty good range of jobs."

Right now, there are six business signed up to participate with another four being sought to provide the minimum wage jobs. The students would be expected to work 16 hours per week over the summer.

As part of the program, students will be required to open a savings account and be challenged to set personal financial goals. The students are required to attend at least one financial literacy train-



Westland Fifth Third Bank branch manager James Allen (left) and Westland Mayor William Wild have joined forces for a program aimed at helping local youths find summer jobs and learn the importance of saving money.

ing session presented by Fifth Third Bank. The students able to save the most and meet their financial goals will be entered in a contest to win an iPad2 courtesy of Fifth Third Bank.

"Fifth Third Bank, as a corporation, is very committed to spreading financial

literacy in the community. We have several programs in place," said James Allen, manager of the Fifth Third Bank branch on Ford across from Westland City Hall. "We take any opportunities to assist the community in that area."

Wild About Youth, founded

in 2007, is a task force made up of city officials and residents to provide opportunities for the youth of the City of Westland.

"It is not easy for the unemployed to find work during these difficult economic times," said Wild.

"Teenagers who don't have any experience have an even more difficult time trying to find summer work and this is also a unique opportunity to teach the importance of saving their hard earned dollars."

Allen and Westland Economic Development Director Lori Podale both serve on the board of Project ACE — Access to College for Everyone — a Wayne-based program providing financial literacy training to young people heading off to college.

"A lot of kids never have had any training with banking and financial literacy," said Allen.

For more information about the summer job and financial literacy program, call the mayor's office at (734) 467-3200. The program is expected to officially kick off on June 14.

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## Quick response steers duck, ducklings away from Ford Road

Most people think of cats in trees when it comes to firefighters and animals, but in Garden City this spring, the call has been to aid ducks ... baby ducks.

Such was the case last week when Fire Chief Catherine Harman and veterinary technician Martha Bohley took on the job of herding a mother duck and her 13 ducklings away from Ford Road. Realizing that their attempted crossing would create major traffic hazards, in addition to resulting in the probable demise of the family, Harman and Bohley responded to a call for assistance.

"Residents in the area had done a tremendous job in herding the mother and ducklings to an apartment porch," said Harman. "Several other efforts resulted in the mother duck continuing her efforts towards Ford Road. It was obvious her intentions were to get to Ford Road or perhaps King Kone for some ice cream."

The ducklings began to scatter during an effort to place them into a box.

"It is amazing how fast they move, and in multiple

directions," said Harman. "Neighbors assisted in gathering the ducklings who were safely secured. Mamma duck, however, was not willing to be placed into the box and flew off."

Bohley who understood animal behavior instructed everyone to back off and leave the box in view. The ducklings made their location very clear, and the mother duck returned. She flew off a few more times.

"Her idea of reuniting with her family was not in line with our efforts" Harman said.

Neighbors pointed out a location on the south side of the street as the area of the nest. The mother duck was in that area and the box her ducklings were carried to that location. Bohley placed the box next to a tree in a way that the ducklings.

"Mama duck was within feet of the box and appeared to be calling them out, it was quite the site, watching all the ducklings waddling out of the box to their mother," said Harman. "They all made their way to the standing water, reunited and safe."

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## Police: 2 caught throwing rocks at cars from railroad bridge

**Vandalism**  
Two Westland men, both 21 and listing the same address, are facing a variety of charges after police responded to a complaint May 29 about people on the railroad tracks above Newburgh throwing rocks at vehicles passing below.

A caller reported her vehicle had been damaged about 6:30 a.m. As the officer drove northbound on Newburgh, a vehicle heading slowing southbound began blowing its horn at the officer apparently indicating it had also been damaged by a rock.

As he approached, the officer reported seeing two people kneeling behind the bridge wall directly over the southbound lanes of Newburgh. He said both of the males would peek over the edge of the wall being careful not to be seen.

As the officer got out of his patrol car, he said both suspects ran. As he crossed the bridge, the officer said he could see the suspects attempting to hide in a small wooded area/creek. The officer said both men complied when he told them not to move and they were taken into custody when other officers arrived.

One of the suspects dropped a plastic baggy on the ground while waiting to be handcuffed. It was suspected marijuana. The officer also recovered a box containing five pairs of earrings and a pair of girl's sunglasses that the man was wearing as possible stolen items.

The second man had a backpack which contained a

digital camera, 16.2 grams of marijuana and five pairs of sunglasses. Both men were charged with trespassing, vandalism, resisting arrest and marijuana possession. One man was also charged with possessing narcotics paraphernalia for possessing a scale and cited for failing to change his address.

The two men were suspected of being the pair described as walking around a neighborhood on Sutton looking into parked vehicles but officers were not able to identify any property stolen there.

A Milan woman and an Inkster man filed complaints with police that their windshields were damaged by rocks thrown from the railroad bridge.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Stereo equipment valued at \$1,600 were reported stolen from a 2004 Chrysler Sebring parked in the 2400 block of Ackley May 30. The rear trunk lid had been pried open and all the wires in the trunk were cut to remove the equipment.

### Stolen vehicle

On May 28, a resident in the 7800 block of North Beatrice reported his 1993 Ford Taurus station wagon valued at \$1,500 had been stolen. He said he had the keys and no money was owed on the car.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of Trafalgar Square Apartments, 33134 Trafalgar Lane, told police May 30 that someone had stolen a GPS unit valued at \$129 from his unlocked vehicle.

-By LeAnne Rogers

## Police seek suspects in Moose Lodge break-in

**Break-in**  
Someone broke in and ransacked the Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford, May 27 and stole money.

The manager of the Lodge reported that someone broke into the bar, jukebox, video games and a cash box used by the Women of the Moose and stole all of the money.

The police said that an unknown suspect pried open the door. They added that they are reviewing a video to determine if the unknown suspect may have been inside the Lodge shortly before closing.

### Break-in

Following a fire at a residence in the 29600 block of Bock last week, someone broke into the home.

The owner said that the home was boarded up following the fire. It had been vacant while it was being renovated prior to the fire. Someone subsequently removed a hammer from a shed to break into the house.

There was no indication that anything was taken from the home.

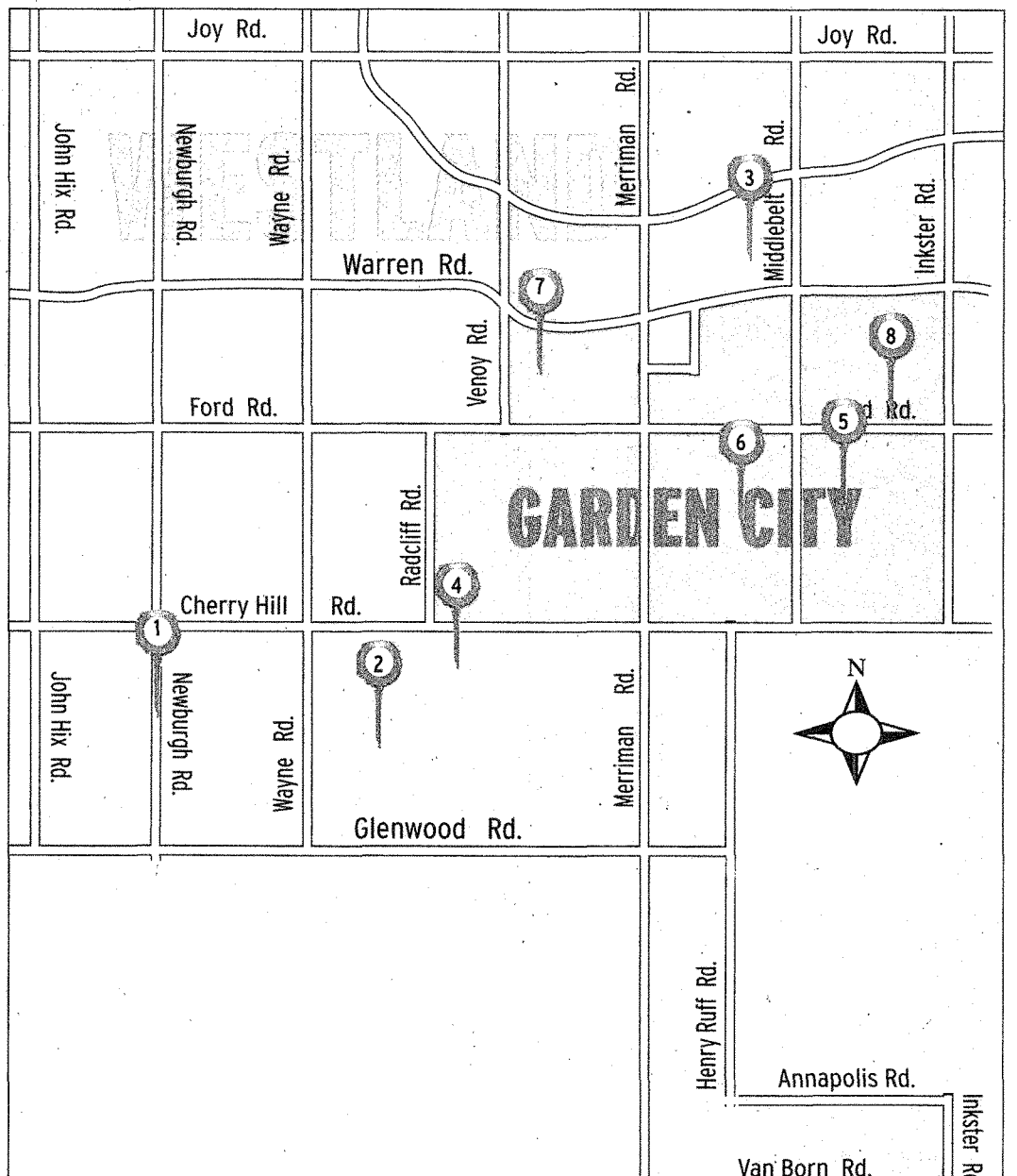
### Break-in

An resident in the 7000 block of Venoy reported that someone unsuccessfully tried to break into his apartment in the 7000 block of Venoy May 27. When he arrived home, he told police he found pry marks on his door where someone tried to enter.

### Cocaine possession

Garden City police arrested a 27-year-old Detroit man after they found a powder identified as cocaine on a dollar bill taken out of his wallet.

The police were investigating a traffic accident which had



occurred in the area of Ford and Harrison May 27.

The police found empty beer bottles in his vehicle, and said that the driver had an expired license.

The man was taken to the police station, where 1.2 grams of cocaine were found in the

man's wallet.

### Theft

A homeowner in the 33000 block of Brown reported May 27 that someone stole his trash cans. The cans are owned by Republic Services of Southeast Michigan.

### Property damage

A homeowner in the 32000 block of Cambridge reported that someone threw a small stone box through his picture window about midnight May 27.

By Sue Buck

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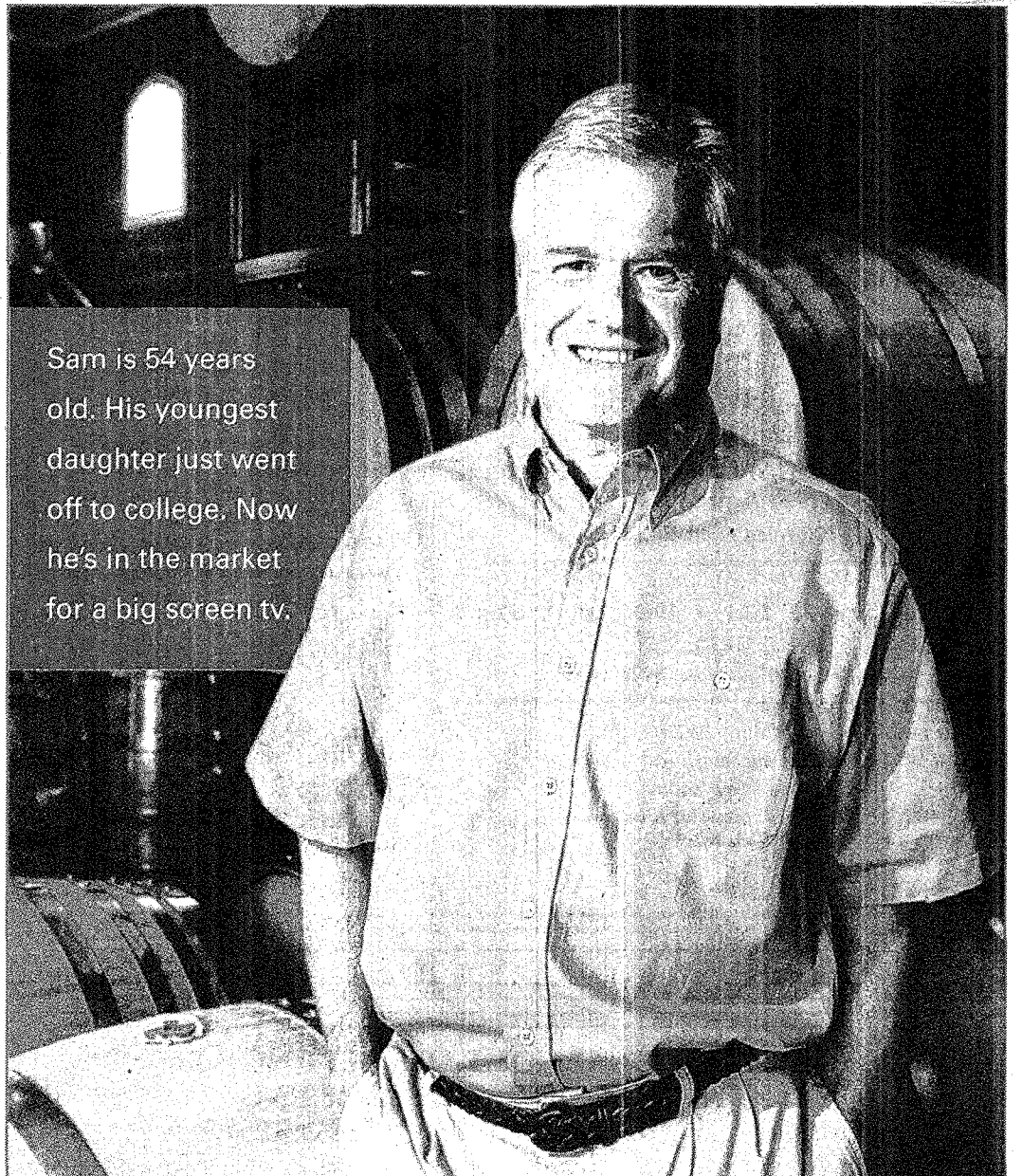
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# Attorney general: 'Economic development only happens when streets are safe'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Attorney General Bill Schuette said public safety is job No. 1 and the first priority for his office.

Schuette highlighted his first 150 days in office since he took over Jan. 1 after being elected in November 2010. The former Michigan Court of Appeals judge, U.S. congressman and state senator told the Wednesday luncheon crowd of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce that the importance of public safety can never be underestimated.

"Economic development only happens when streets are safe," Schuette said. He spoke of joining with county prosecutors statewide to ensure that the state does not return to early releases of prisoners, which would jeopardize the safety of residents, Schuette said.

With a tight budget facing the state, Schuette suggests that the state needs to run prisons in a "business-like fashion," Schuette said, bidding correctional services, such as food services, laundry and health care. "We need to bring these costs down instead of releasing prisoners early," Schuette said.

A new public integrity division of the Attorney General's office has filed 56 criminal charges against individuals since its creation in January, Schuette said. Schuette vowed to the audience that there would be "no Kwame Kilpatrick" on his watch. Schuette also vowed to continue to help crime victims. "They need advocates; they need a voice," Schuette said.

Schuette said he would continue to fight against the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes, blaming the problem on President Obama's administration. "They are refusing to close the canal in Chicago," Schuette said. Schuette also will continue to fight against Obama's health care plan and will support Arizona's immigration laws in court.

Dan Lis, a chamber member, asked whether Schuette thought Michigan State Police would increase its presence in Detroit and Flint, which the FBI named as the top two dangerous cities in the United States.

"The governor and I have talked about it and will be working with local law enforcement agencies," Schuette said.

Schuette said Flint voters rejected a millage that would have opened a jail there. "We're working on this issue and working with local officials there," Schuette said.

Local law enforcement should be the primary agency in handling local crimes, Schuette said.

On the state's budget, Schuette commended Gov. Rick Snyder for his work to get communities to "tag-team" or consolidate services.

"Leaders in any locality will have to look at how can we

deliver the best services at the lowest cost," Schuette said. "If one does it, they get more revenue sharing. I like it because it says we have a plan."

Lis, a certified public accountant with Lis & McEvilly, later said he liked what he heard from Schuette. "I was glad that he brought up the two major cities (Flint and Detroit) on the FBI list," Schuette said. "He recognizes how important that is."

Lis also liked Schuette's public integrity unit.

Kevin Whitlock, a CPA with Tedder Whitlock Consulting, also liked what he heard from Schuette. "We have to keep our cities safe," Whitlock said. "Without safe cities, where do we go, what do we do?"

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Schuette explains that his practice of serving coffee to guests at events like this probably helped him beat an incumbent in his first race. Sitting at the table are Brandon Kritzman and Dawne Toppa. Standing, at right, is Jim McCann.

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### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

#### 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.

#### 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](http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757). Also check out his website at [communitychat.weebly.com](http://communitychat.weebly.com). The talk show and website are dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City.

For more information, contact Kerry at [gccommunitychat@gmail.com](mailto:gccommunitychat@gmail.com).



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Members of the American Legion Riders of Post 396 in Garden City present their version of Rolling Thunder, a Memorial Day tradition, in Washington, D.C., at Sunday's parade.

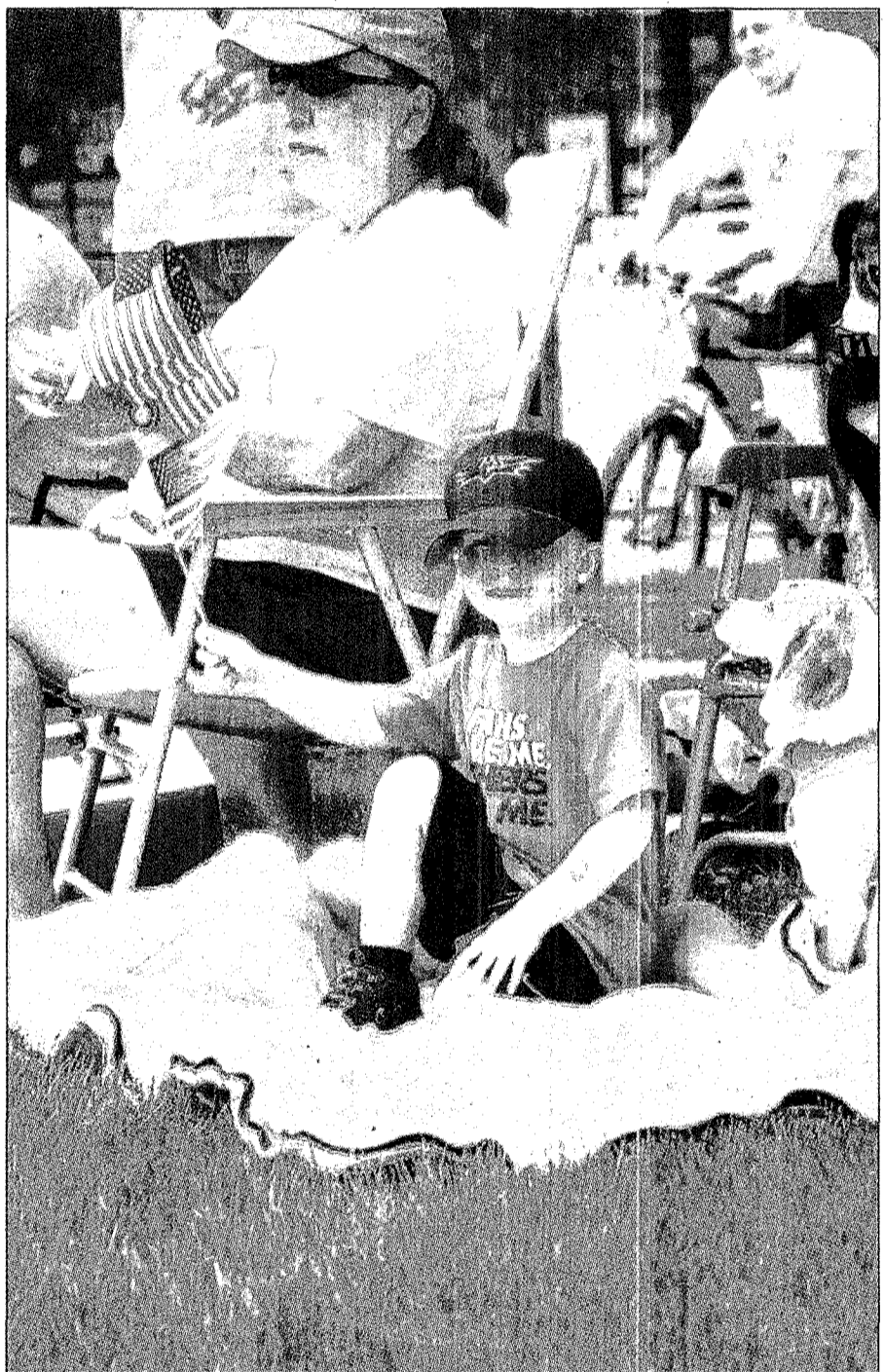
# Residents gather for annual Memorial Day parade

Residents of Wayne and Westland came together Sunday afternoon to honor those men and women who have died in service to the community. Military units, marching bands and representatives of local veterans organizations marched along Wayne Road and Ford en route to Westland City Hall, where a memorial service was held at the Peace Memorial. Parade watchers lined the streets, waving flags and applauding veter-

ans who marched by. Members of the American Legion Riders of Post 396 in Garden City filled the air with the sounds of "thunder" as they rode their motorcycles, and units from the JROTC programs at Wayne-Westland's John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School also participated. Organized by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council, the parade has been a Memorial Day fixture in the two communities for more than 40 years.



Former Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer with his wife Betty were among those enjoying the annual parade.



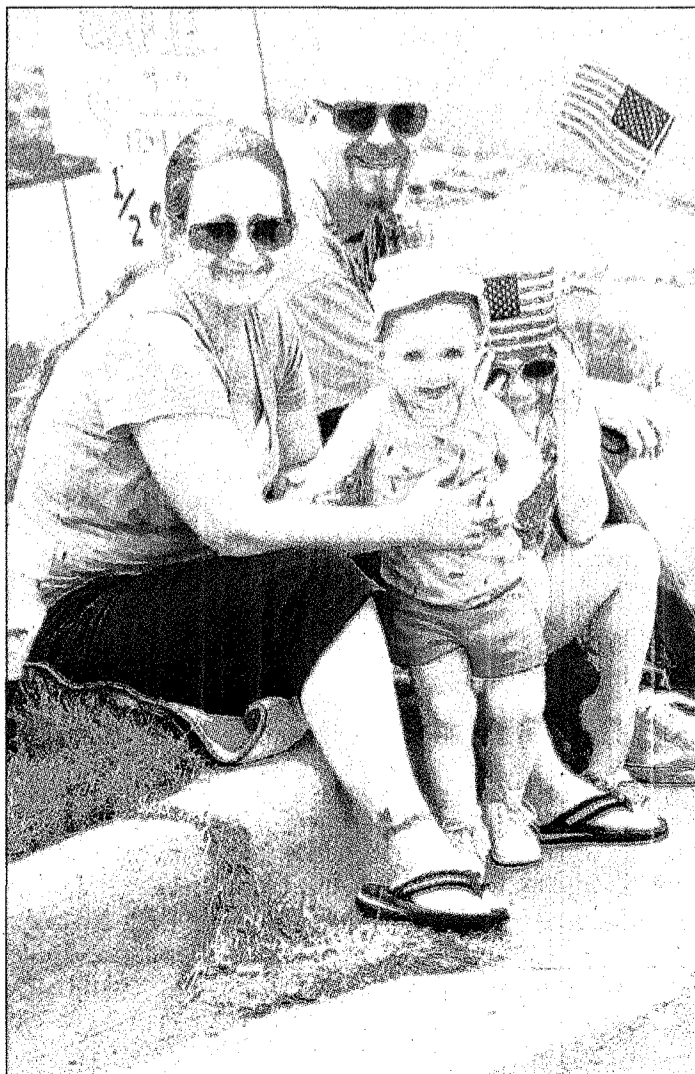
Three-year-old Bobby Haworth of Garden City waves his flag as parade passes by.



The John Glenn High School JROTC march down Ford Road toward the Veterans Memorial at Westland City Hall.



Representing Wayne Memorial High School in the parade was its JROTC Zebra Battalion.



Christy Snyder of Westland with daughters Lilly and Abbey and husband Brad watched the parade from curbside.

# Do homework on long-term care policy purchase

When I talk about retirement, I'm always asked about my views on long-term care insurance. At a recent talk, a gentleman was very vocal in his dislike of these particular insurance policies. His major grievance was he had a long-term care policy for his spouse, yet when she needed assistance, the policy would not cover the situation. In addition, he said their long-term care agent was useless. His opinion was long-term care insurance was a total waste of money.

What I talked about in my response was that you can't put all long-term care insurance policies or agents in one basket. It's sort of like mutual funds. There are good and bad mutual funds and the key is to sort through the bad to get to the good. The same thing is true with long-term care policies and agents. You will have to do



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Rick Bloom

some work to get to the good ones, but in the end it will be worth it.

When it comes to any type of insurance, the first issue is always need. Not everyone needs long-term care insurance.

There are many people that, for a variety of reasons, don't need this type of policy. Therefore, the place to start, with any type of insurance, is whether there is a need for the policy. With long-term care it's not whether you are going to need assistance later in life, the issue is if you do you have the resources. You should only consider a long-term care policy if you won't have the financial resources available down the road.

Understanding long-term care policies is difficult but what's even more difficult is comparing different policies. That is why it is important to have an agent that understands the industry and the differences in policies. Unfortunately, most people in the long-term care business are purely sales people who only care about making the sale, as opposed to what's best for the policy holder.

### SELECTING AN AGENT

A qualified agent will be able to help you select a policy that best fits your situation and, at the same time, be there to work with you when you have a claim. Do as much homework in selecting an agent as you do in selecting the policy. You want someone that has been in the industry for a number of years and also has long-term care as one of the prime focuses

of their business. Many agents are selling everything under the sun and they know a lot about different types of insurance but they don't specialize in any particular one. That's where problems can develop. Because long-term care is a unique type of policy and because there are all sorts of different options that you have available to you, it is to your benefit to work with someone who has an expertise in the area.

In selecting an agent, I generally recommend independent agents. Agents that work for one insurance company don't necessarily have the variety of products and so it's almost like one size fits all.

My experience has been that independent agents have more products to choose from. Not all long-term care policies are the same and they don't all offer the same options. A

good agent should be able to guide you through the maze of options that you have available to you so you can select the one that best suits your needs.

When you deal with a long-term care insurance agent, it is important to recognize that they will be compensated by premiums that you pay. Obviously, they have an interest in making sure you buy a policy. For as long as I've been in the financial world, I've always told people that they need to be aware of the conflict of interest that exists when commissions are involved. However, I have also always said that the best commission sales people I know, never worry about the commission, they worry about taking care of the client. That's the type of individual that you want.

Whether you get a referral for a long-term care agent from a friend, from me, or anywhere,

do not hesitate to ask questions and interview more than one agent. There are so many different ways of designing long-term care policies that a good agent becomes essential in making sure you have the right policy for your situation. Therefore, don't use someone because they give you a free dinner and certainly don't use anyone that uses aggressive sales tactics. Deal with an agent who is patient, asks you questions and encourages you to ask questions as well. Long-term care policies can be very intimidating; however, having the right agent could make all the difference.

Good luck!

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Benefit concert

"For the Love of Chris" is a benefit to help musician/singer/song-writer Chris McCall win her fight against Cancer. Enjoy an amazing night of music with an incredible line up of local Detroit bands featuring The Christina Jensen Band, Panic Trigger, Robb Roy and Pistol Day Parade.

The event takes place 4-10 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Bumper's Bar and Grill, 8631 N. Newburgh, south of Joy, Westland. The event is open to people who are age 18 and older. A \$10 donation at the door will be accepted.

### 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.

### Bowling benefit

A Breast Cancer 3-Day bowling benefit will be held Saturday, June 4, Oak Lanes, 8450 N. Middlebelt Westland. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m., bowling starts at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games of 9 pin no tap bowling, and shoe rental and mystery, cash bar, snack bar open, raffles and 50/50 drawings all night. Bring a team or come alone.

Pre-pay by May 27 for free 50/50 tickets. Contact Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or at [downt@doubleexpress.net](mailto:downt@doubleexpress.net).

Proceeds will help Downer raise the \$2,300 she needs to walk in the Michigan Breast

Cancer 3-Day Aug. 12, 13 and 14.

### 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.

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

### 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.

### Fund-raising events

The AMVETS Post 171 Relay for Life is continuing its fund-raising efforts with several different activities. The team has:

- A bowling benefit 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4 - check-in is at 4 p.m. - at Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Enjoy cosmic bowling, 9-pin no tap. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes.

- An online Avon fundraiser now through July 31. Go to [jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com](http://jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com) and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered.

- Quarter Mania 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland.

Shop, book parties, and ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters (per paddle,) depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing.

Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at [RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com](mailto:RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com). Call Stacy Edwards at [quartermania.stacy@gmail.com](mailto:quartermania.stacy@gmail.com) or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the [www.quartermaniami.eventbrite.com](http://www.quartermaniami.eventbrite.com).

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Proceeds will help Downer raise the \$2,300 she needs to walk in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Aug. 12, 13 and 14.

### 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.

### Diabetes Summer School

Garden City Hospital will offer its ninth annual Diabetes Summer School at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, July 26 and Aug. 23.

During June, July and August, in place of a monthly Diabetes Support Group, Garden City Hospital presents Diabetes Summer School. Each two-hour class will include a speaker presentation and discussion. The session begins with registration, displays, book sales and light

refreshments containing approximately 30 grams of carbohydrate. There is no fee; family and friends are welcome.

Reservations are necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 or send and e-mail to [sgoodsell@gchosp.org](mailto:sgoodsell@gchosp.org).

### Past Forward

Learn about Karma along with Past Lives at a program, entitled Past Forward, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City.

Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess? Gayle Buchan, a certified hypnotherapist, and Kristy Robinett, psychic medium, takes you on a journey of your past lives. Open the book to your past and learn how to heal to move on with the future.

Tickets are \$35 each and are available online at [www.tangledwishes.com/events](http://www.tangledwishes.com/events). Light Refreshments will be served.

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## MILESTONES

### 'Project Uplift'

**Time/Date:** Monthly

**Location:** 32669 Warren Road, Suite 9, Garden City

**Details:** The Skin & Vein Center has announced the creation of "Project Uplift," a program designed to restore confidence, change lives

and instill a sense of well-being and self-worth to deserving recipients.

Once per month, the Skin & Vein Center will award a deserving individual a free Mini-Facelift through "Project Uplift." Entrants must be over the age of 40 and submit a short essay that answers the question, "How a Mini-Facelift would change my life, or the life of someone I love?" Submissions, which must include a recent photo, can be made via the Skin & Vein Center website at [www.skinandvein.com](http://www.skinandvein.com) or direct mail to: Project Uplift, 305 N. Leroy, Fenton, MI 48430. Potential recipients also must be available to have the procedure performed at one of the Skin & Vein Center locations in Fenton, Garden City or Sterling Heights.

**Contact:** For more information, go to [www.skinandvein.com](http://www.skinandvein.com) or call (734) 762-0798.

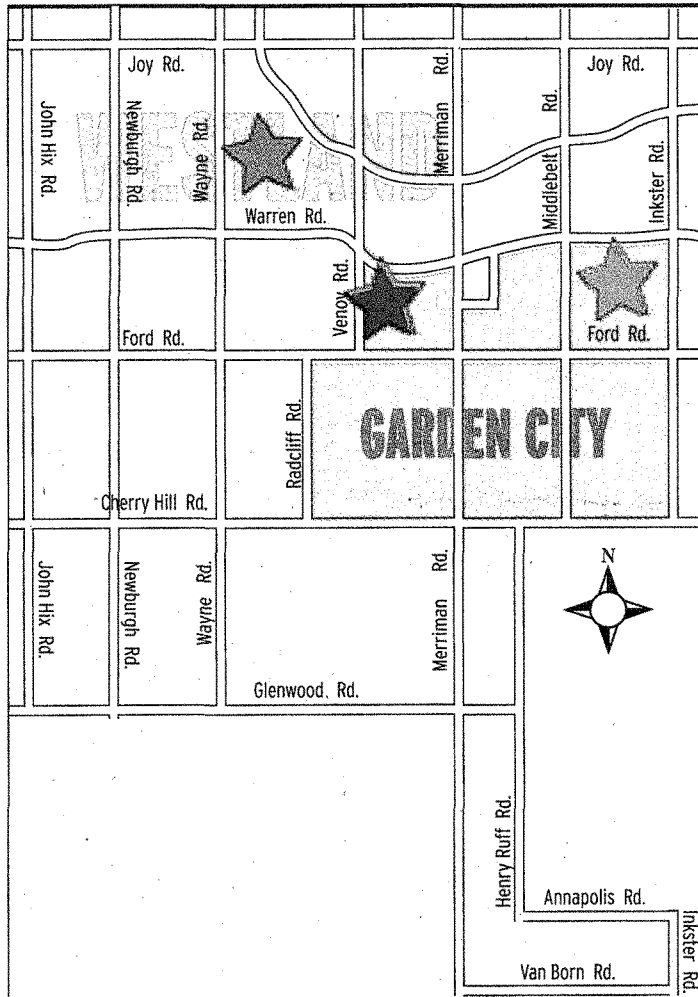
### Lemonade stand

**Time/Date:** Sunday, June 12

**Location:** Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Art Van Furniture is taking summer's iconic lemonade stand to the next level by serving as a proud sponsor of the first ever

Lemonade Day Detroit. By setting up their own lemonade stand through this fun, free event, kids of all ages can experience what it feels like to start a business and be successful at a young age, while providing great customer service and giving back to their communities. Lemonade Day Detroit participants who submit completed forms before June 24, will be entered into a drawing, with the winner receiving a trip to Disney World for a family of four. The entrepreneur with the most profitable lemonade stand and with the top three most creative, appealing Lemonade Stands will be recognized at the conclusion event in July. Lemonade Day Detroit participants who upload a picture of their lemonade stand to Art Van's Facebook fan page, before June 24, will be eligible for this contest. Contact: To register, visit Lemonade Day Detroit online or register at any participating metro Detroit Art Van Furniture or PureSleep store, where you can also pick up your backpack filled with registration information, including easy and helpful tips and age-appropriate suggestions for a child's lemonade stand. Plus Art Van will be hosting lemonades



stands at its 17 furniture stores on Sunday, June 12. Stores will host stands on a first-come basis, so call your local Art Van Furniture to find out if it is available.

**Contact:** Call the Westland Art Van store at (734) 425-9600.

### Summer School

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, July 26 and Aug. 23

**Location:** Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

**Details:** During June, July and August, in place of a monthly Diabetes Support Group, Garden City Hospital presents "Diabetes Summer School." Each two-hour class will include a speaker presentation and discussion. The session begins with registration, displays, book sales and light refreshments containing approximately 30 grams of carbohydrate. There is no fee; family and friends are welcome!

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### Classic Car Show

**Date:** Saturday, June 4

**Location:** Metropolitan Lincoln, 32000 Ford Road in Garden City

**Details:** Have a classic car or truck you would like to enter? Advance registrations are now being accepted at Metropolitan Lincoln for the third annual Classic Car and Truck Show. Register now and save \$5 off the regular registration price of \$20. Also, there are goody bags for the first 200 advance registrations to be handed out at check in on the

day of the show. This event is free to attend with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 259-4870.

### For the House and Garden

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

**Location:** Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave. in Detroit across the street from Waterworks Park

**Details:** Pewabic Pottery will host its 21st annual For the House and Garden show and sale June 3-5. The weekend show is free and open to the public. Pewabic will feature two new items in this year's show: four new glazes on their popular pinecone vase and a brand new pineapple tile. Celebrated as a symbol of hospitality and warm welcome throughout American history, the pineapple is a perfect addition to the House and Garden show. During the show, shoppers can enjoy tours of the historic site, demonstrations, museum and gallery exhibitions and meet with Pewabic designers. The show will feature work from more than 80 nationally renowned artists, vessels for plants and flowers, place settings for indoor and outdoor entertaining, sculptural ceramic pieces, tiles and tile adorned items including mirrors, tables, picture frames and planters. Additionally, there will be a drop-in workshop for all ages on Saturday, June 4. Cost is \$10 per participant.

**Contact:** To learn more about Pewabic Pottery, call (313) 626-2000 or visit [www.pewabic.org](http://www.pewabic.org).

## Simple steps to speed up your computer

BY JON GUNNELLS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Unless your laptop or desktop computer is fresh out of the box, it properly isn't performing as well as you would like it to. There are, however, a number of tasks you can do to help your computer run as fast and efficiently as possible — just like it did the first time you took it out of the wrapping.

**Virus Scan** — Every computer owner should run their anti-virus, or anti-malware programs regularly because they can help identify and rid computers of virus, spyware and other threats that are likely slowing you down. Try leaving your computer on setting your anti-virus software to run a time at a time when you aren't using your computer — such as the middle of the night. By doing so, your computer won't be bogged down with scanning for viruses while you're trying to send out e-mails or browse the web. If you have a newer machine, you can probably do other tasks while simultaneously scanning viruses.

**Disk Defragmenter and Disk Cleanup** — When you run these programs, your PC will identify programs and files that are no longer used. Your computer will automatically condense and or remove these files to clear up memory on your computer. The more memory your computer has available, the more

"energy" it will have to perform necessary processes.

**Add or removing programs** — Over the course of a few months or even a few years, your computer can accumulate a number of programs that take up space and slow down your machine. On a PC you can add or remove programs by clicking on the control panel. From there you can click "add or remove programs" and then sort through programs and remove items you no longer use, or never wanted (some computers come pre-loaded with a multitude of games or media players that you may not want). When you are inside the "add or remove programs" window, your computer will show you the last time you used each program. This helps you to easily identify the programs you don't need, or the programs that you do need that were pre-loaded on your computer. Just be careful not to delete necessary programs that you need like a plug-in for your printer or your preferred media player. This option is best for removing programs like Internet toolbars and other applications you have accumulated over the years.

You can also easily add or remove programs from a MAC. Simply click on the finder and open the applications folder. You can delete the unwanted programs by dragging the items to the trash. You can do the same with old movies, songs, or anything else that takes up space that you don't want to keep.

**Condense your own files** — Whether you are on a

MAC, or PC, or even using an external hard drive, you can save a load of space by removing duplicate files. Maybe you have a folder full of old resumes, or outdated documents, or even double-copies of movies or music. By removing these items, or deleting other documents you don't need, you can save valuable space.

If you have gone through all of these steps and you are still finding yourself with a slower-than desired computer you can always try running system restore (PC only). System restore allows a user to go restore their computer to exactly how it was configured at an earlier date — like when the computer was first purchased. This is a great way to remove Trojan viruses, or other malware, but it also only meant to be used rarely.

Remember if you use system restore in June 2011 to revert to January 2011, you will lose any data you acquired between the two points. So be careful, and if you want to save any documents like those updated resumes, or freshly-downloaded music, make sure you back it up on discs, or thumb drives first.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### New position

Patricia Van Pelt has been named the Retail Executive for Fifth Third Eastern Michigan.

In her new role, Van Pelt will oversee 89 retail financial centers and five regional managers. She succeeds Rhonda Saunders who recently retired from the bank. Van Pelt began her new position in mid-May.

Van Pelt has served as retail market manager for the Northeastern Ohio Fifth Third Affiliate since August 2010. Prior to that, she was a retail market manager for four years in both the Upper East and South West regions of Cleveland.

During her 10 years with the Fifth Third Bank, Van Pelt has distinguished herself as a leader with great initiative and enthusiasm, which will prove valuable in her new role. As chief retail strategist, Van Pelt will ensure that



Van Pelt

Fifth Third's largest line of business takes an integrated approach to executing the affiliate sustainable strategic growth initiatives.

"We are extremely gratified that we could find someone of Patricia's caliber from within the organization to fill this vital role in Southeast Michigan," said David Girodat, president and CEO, Fifth Third Eastern Michigan. "It is a bonus that she is originally from this market."

"Fifth Third has been such a great bank to build a career with and this new position is the pinnacle for me," said Van Pelt. "I look forward to all the challenges we face in Eastern Michigan and to coming home."

Van Pelt will be relocating to the Detroit area. She is from Westland Michigan and is a graduate of Michigan State University.

### New assignment

Carly Ann Manzo, a Westland native, was recently promoted to exclusives administrator Texas for the TNG (The Nailco Group)

Worldwide Texas branch.

Manzo is a 2002 graduate of Ladywood high School. She received her bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

TNG Worldwide, known for its hair salon beauty supply products and hair salon care training center, is a Michigan based company with its headquarters in Farmington Hills. Manzo has worked for TNG Worldwide company for the last three years. In addition to her company responsibilities, Manzo also has her own blog, giving beauty expert tips.

### New tenant

Centro Properties Group has announced the opening of a 1,000-square foot Miracle Ear at West Ridge Shopping Center on Warren Road just past Central City Parkway in Westland.

Adam Goodman of Mid-America Real Estate in West Bloomfield, represented Miracle Ear. Centro Properties Group is the owner of West Ridge Shopping Center and was represented by Brian Mychajluk with Centro Properties Group.

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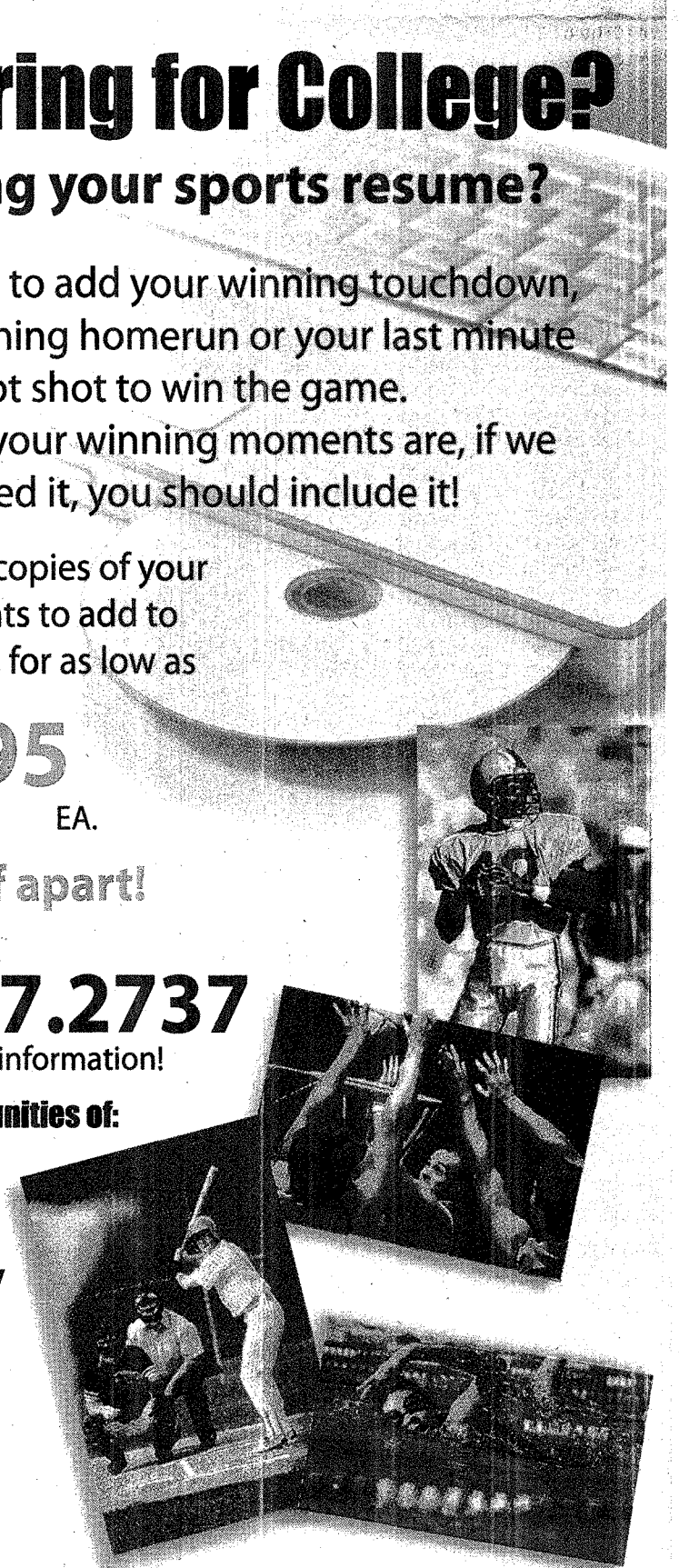
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**'For the Love of Chris'**

**Time/Date:** 4-10 p.m. Sunday, June 12

**Location:** Bumper's Bar & Grill, 8631 N. Newburgh Road, Westland  
**Details:** "For the Love of Chris" is a benefit to help musician/singer/song-writer Chris McCall win her fight against cancer. Enjoy an "amazing" night of music with an incredible line up of local Detroit bands, featuring The Christina Jensen Band, Panic Trigger, Robb Roy and Pistol Day Parade. The event is open to those age 18 and over and a \$10 donation at the door.

**Contact:** John Cottos at [jcottos@robiccon.com](mailto:jcottos@robiccon.com) or Rosanne Frank at [rmfrank50@gmail.com](mailto:rmfrank50@gmail.com)

**Past Forward**

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6

**Location:** Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Learn about Karma along with "Past Lives." Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess? Gayle Buchan, certified hypnotherapist, and Kristy Robinett, psychic medium, take you on a journey of your past lives. Open the book to your past and learn how to heal to move on with the future. Tickets are \$35 per person. Light Refreshments will be served.

**Contact:** Tickets are available at [www.tangledwishes.com/events](http://www.tangledwishes.com/events).

**Senior Health and Fitness Fair**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11

**Location:** South Lobby of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 5 Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Senior Health Day Fair. Join many other seniors, families and friends for a day that includes information on a variety of health topics, health screenings, speakers, exercise demonstrations, a cooking demonstration, and free prizes and giveaways. A free boxed lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hear from our physician experts and learn from exhibitors. All activities are free.

**Contact:** Preregistration for the event is preferred. Please call (734) 655-2929 to register or request more information. For a complete list of exhibitors and activities, visit the website at [stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair](http://stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair).

**Fibro Support Group**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 9

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

**Grief Support**

**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lille, Suite A, Canton  
**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

**Contact:** For information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

**Class Reunion**

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Oct. 15  
**Details:** Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year



Jamie Vernier (left) and Debbie Suir pose with their Westland Observer outside PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Wish You Were Here ... in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

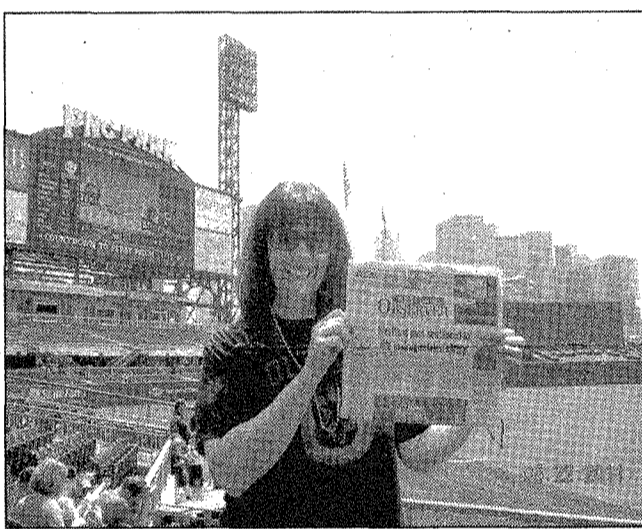
Jack Vernier of Westland got a special birthday treat from his "two favorite ladies" - watching a Detroit Tigers game. However, the day at the ballpark wasn't in Detroit, it was in Pennsylvania.

Debbie Suir and their daughter Jamie Vernier took Vernier to see the Tigers play in Pittsburgh for his 60th birthday.

"The Tigers won that day, the final game of the three-game series," said Vernier about the May 22 visit to PNC Park to see the Tigers take on the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The trio has enjoyed reading the *Observer* for many years.

"In fact, 'I used to deliver it in Livonia almost 50 years ago,'" Vernier said. "We especially enjoy the crime report and the photos of the *Observer* being shuttled



Debbie Suir strikes a Wish You Were Here pose inside PNC Park.

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**Widowed Friends**

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8

**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, west of Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Social hour is at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 which includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (exact amount). Cash bar available. Stay to enjoy cards, games, conversation and meet new friend until 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support

Riders. Everyone is welcome.

**Indoor Flea Market**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 22-23

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

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

**Toastmasters Open House**

**Time/Date:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9

**Location:** Eastern Michigan University, 38777 W. Six Mile, at I-275, in Livonia. Room 412.  
**Details:** Light refreshments;

group.  
**Contact:** Must RSVP by June 6 to Carol at (488) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348.

**Fall Craft Show**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

**Location:** St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

**Contact:** all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)

**Support group**

**Time/date:** 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**American Legion**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

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

**Fish fry**

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. every Friday

**Location:** Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

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

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**

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

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

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

**Earth Angels**

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

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

**Higher Rock Cafe**

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

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

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

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

**EDUCATION**

**Willow Creek**

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.  
**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

**St. Damian**

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

**YWCA Preschool**

**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.  
**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Friends of Eloise**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

**Westland Rotary**

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.  
**Contact:** Mary at (734) 729-5401

**Writing Group**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne  
**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.  
**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com)

**Toastmasters**

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.  
**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.  
**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Way to go!

## Large or small, Relay for Life is a success

The participation may have been down and even the money raised, but pay that no mind. Westland's 11th annual Relay for Life was still a success.

Twenty teams walked the path at Jaycee Park night and day, raising almost \$59,000 to help find a cure for cancer. They honored those who can celebrate another birthday and remembered those who lost their battle with the insidious disease. In between, they walked.

Friends and family members, businesses, even were students from Stevenson Middle School and John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and Churchill High School came together for one reason and one reason only: Find a cure for cancer. They did it in honor of people they knew who have battled the disease like Alyssa's Angels who participated in memory of Alyssa Temple who died at the age of 6 of leukemia.

**Money raised at the event helps accelerate the ACS progress toward a future where cancer doesn't take the lives of friends and family. Cancer doesn't take a day off, it doesn't take a vacation. It doesn't discriminate. Mother, father or child, everyone is at risk of getting cancer.**

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lives of friends and family. Cancer doesn't take a day off, it doesn't take a vacation. It doesn't discriminate. Mother, father or child, everyone is at risk of getting cancer.

And it's obvious progress is being made. According to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute, the number of cancer survivors in the United States increased to 11.7 million in 2007. That's compared with three million cancer survivors in 1971 and 9.8 million in 2001.

The study also found of the 11.7 million people living with cancer in 2007, seven million were 65 years or older. Women were more likely to survive cancer (54 percent), and breast cancer survivors are the largest group of cancer survivors (22 percent), followed by prostate cancer survivors (19 percent) and colorectal cancer survivors (10 percent).

It's a tribute to organizers to have so many people — 333 — participating in the Westland Relay for Life, and it's a tribute to the community to have so many people are willing to give of their time. The relay isn't easy, but then again, battling cancer isn't either.

We want to say thank you to those people who stepped up and made the 2011 Relay for Life another wonderful event. Know that you are a part of a worldwide effort to fund cancer research. You are playing an important role in helping find a cure. One day, when cancer is no longer a dreaded disease, you will be able to look back and say you played a part, a big part, in that happening.

## LETTERS



Mike Antczak and Glen Kendzior, both Westland residents, take a break during the Westland Relay for Life in Jaycee Park. The 24-hour event raises money for the American Cancer Society.

### No compassion

Dear Mayor,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Memorial Day. We on Winchester Street in Westland did not. We are still waiting for the wet carpet, wood, drywall, furniture and other damaged items from the recent flood that you declared we "dodged a bullet." Your administration has done nothing to help the families on our street. We have not seen a city truck, a police car or a trash truck come down our street.

To say the least, we were disappointed last year when the city claimed no liability in the flood, however, we now know that due to the City of Westland and the County of Wayne the flood gates were not open because the man who was suppose to open the gate had a heart attack on duty. I wonder how many people in the Great American City know this fact? They will soon, trust me the fact that you and the county did not disclose this information is a crime.

We have several elderly and disabled residents on this street, and where are you eating at home with your family? We have people who do not have hot water, A/C, gas to cook with. When you looked out your front door, do you see what is left of your basement, my whole block does. Have you even driven by yet? Has Kevin Buford?

I am will never support your or your appointed administration again, I have worked the polls for you, I have went door-to-door campaigning for you, I have no faith in you.

Years ago, our fathers were dear friends. Your dad would be so disappointed in you. He would not want his grandchildren playing on my street today. And Mr. Wild, I will not refer to you as Mayor you have lost the right to that title, you should be ashamed of yourself.

You have run this city into the ground and the few residents left in Westland know this. The

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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property values have dropped so low we can not sell, who wants to live with the annual flood? I have lost all respect for your leadership you have no heart or compassion.

Danielle Candela  
Westland

### Disappointed in response

Shame on Westland Water and Sewer Department, shame on them. Wednesday night the storm sewers in several cities were overwhelmed from the highest rainfalls in the last 20 years.

So when the streets flooded and worse when home basements flooded, homeowners first called their city leaders for help. Yes, Wayne County is responsible for these storm sewers and, yes, they shall be held accountable. But when the residents on Mackenzie Street, a Westland neighborhood near Joy and Merriman, experienced flooding in their basements they automatically called their city officials and instead of being offered a compassionate ear or a sincere apology

from the city, they were greeted with attitude and "what do you want us to do" responses.

Residents on Mackenzie Street were made to feel like they were on their own.

Just north of Westland, the Northville residents experienced similar basement flooding in their basements but their city water and sewer department did not turn their backs on their residents. Instead, when city residents called the city they brought in city water and sewer workers to help in any way they could. My brother works for the city of Northville and he told me that although Wayne County is responsible for the storm sewers, city employees were called in to help their Northville residents with their flooded basements.

I would've been satisfied with a sympathetic answer or a patient ear, willing to offer phone numbers of Wayne County officials. I understand we have experienced cutbacks in city services over the last few years due to our economic problems, but we're all in this together. City officials missed a chance to show the residents on Mackenzie Street that they are not alone and that our city officials sincerely care for their residents.

Carlos Manzo  
Westland

### Thanks for announcements

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County would like to thank you for the PSAs and article on our Antique Appraisal Night Fundraiser. It was held tonight (May 23) and it was a success. Many readers called us after your article ran and attended because they read about it in your papers.

We had one item worth up to \$10,000 and may nice antiques appraised at \$2,000 to \$3,000 dollars. Doug Dalton, our appraiser, was very knowledgeable and interesting. Proceeds from this event will help build our scholarship fund.

Thanks again for your efforts.

Sally Randall  
president, Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

### The issue: Flooding of homes in Westland

Perhaps it wasn't as widespread as last year, but it was much worse this time. Do you make another insurance claim and see the premiums rise, or just forget about it?

evandy

### The issue: Psychiatric services dogs

First let me say to Terran, THANK YOU for serving our country. We are proud of you for what you did and for what you are going through is not a good thing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. My son is a former Marine, he also came home after two tours of Iraq with PTSD. We see daily what he goes through. Pretty unfair to our kids coming home from war and have to deal with this. We send kids 18-25 to fight. They get killed and many of them come home with PTSD. What did we think was going to happen when these kids go from high school to a battle field. It's a shame. My son received the NAVY/MARINE Medal, and we don't know what he did to earn it. We can only imagine, but another winner of that same medal was John F. Kennedy for saving the crew of the PT-109, so we try and talk to him. Sometimes he comes out of this shell he is in, most times he doesn't. He goes to the VA Hospital regularly and all they do is give him drugs and then he has to drive. Got into a pretty good accident also. So Terran we thank all our troops for what you went through and serving our country you guys are heroes in my book.

Budder

# Funding youth services vital to future

BY KEVIN MCNAMARA  
GUEST COLUMNIST

We can become one of the most prosperous and safe counties in the nation when we care for our youth. They are the future leaders and productive members of Wayne County who will eventually lead our region for growth.

In January, I encouraged my Wayne County Commission colleagues to create the Youth Services Committee to provide oversight for youth programs to at least sustain funding. The committee monitors budgets for health services, juvenile justice programs, out-county extension services, foster care and indigent child care.

Youth services in our county have been overlooked during the budgeting process, even while the agencies and staff have made progress. All too often during the past few years, funding has been reduced in favor of other programs.

Wayne County has effectively improved juvenile justice programs, moving troubled youth to productive members of society. However, if the budgeting trend continues it will have a severe impact on transforming youth who make resolvable mistakes. The

following statistics show progress and also illustrate a trend which I am concerned about.

- Since creation of a county "diversion" program to provide counseling and other support instead of juvenile incarceration, 92 percent of youth who completed the one-year program remained out of the formal justice system.

- Title IV-E federal funding, which supports Wayne County juvenile justice and child welfare programs, dropped 52 percent, from \$3.4 million in 2008 to \$1.8 million last year.

- Juvenile justice funding, outside of federal dollars, has decreased 11.3 percent during the past three years while activity has increased.

- Child abuse and neglect funding, outside of federal dollars, dropped 7.3 percent.

- Successful probation completion declined nearly 3 percent, likely resulting from decreased funding.

- The number of juveniles in probation rose 12.8 percent last year, while the number in commitment has sharply declined by 25.5 percent, correlated directly to the drop in funding.

Youth services provided by Wayne County and our communities are critical to protecting our children and supporting families who need guidance and resources. I believe and have seen with my own eyes that most youth who

perform criminal acts can be rehabilitated to become productive adult members of society — program statistics are evidence. However this could change if we do not protect funding.

Additional reductions in funding will leave youth and their families with limited alternatives, possibly creating a pattern of behavior that will cause further problems. Youth will either be placed into adult-orientated programs which are proven mostly ineffective or even worse left without any support. As chair of the Youth Services Committee, I am committed to make sure that we don't limit the availability of youth programs and protective resources for families.

I am also concerned about the impact Gov. Snyder's proposed budget will have countywide — specifically how it will affect our youth and senior citizens. Education and a number of programs will be severely impacted due to the new models the governor recently presented.

I'll continue to keep citizens informed on the youth services in Wayne County and future actions of the Youth Services Committee. I'm proud to serve as its first chair.

Kevin McNamara serves on the Wayne County Commission representing District 11 composed of Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne.

# 60-plus years later, combat vet explores memories of war

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was May 1945, and the commander of the 11th Panzer Division was goose-stepping past his defeated troops, a last bit of pomp before his surrender in Czechoslovakia to representatives of the U.S. Army's 90th Division.

Pfc. Henry Malec of Detroit, 19, had had enough.

As the assembled German soldiers looked at their general, Wend von Wietersheim, with awe, Malec's thoughts turned to the frozen bodies of American soldiers he had seen on his way to the front in France, to the comrade who died from a shrapnel wound, resting his head on Malec's shoulder as the blood flowed from his back, and to others he'd known who had died confronting Nazism.

"That's flashing through my mind," Malec, now a chiropractor in Plymouth, recalled during a recent interview. "I couldn't take it. I jumped off the tank. I ran up to him. I stopped him."

The general, who towered over even the strapping American private, was flabbergasted.

"I took his gun," Malec said.

The general continued walking between the columns of military vehicles in order to make his formal surrender. "He couldn't do the goose step from that point, you see," said Malec. No one reacted, he added. "There was not a peep out of anyone, German or American. Complete, total silence."

The story is one of many Malec, now 85 and a Plymouth resident, has of his time in the Army in Europe, where he fought to defeat Nazi Germany, was himself wounded and saw comrades die, and later guarded some of the top Nazis, many of whom were hanged for war crimes after a trial at Nuremberg.

## 'IT CHURNS UP MEMORIES'

His World War II service is something Malec hadn't spoken much of until recent years, even to his family. "My mind was on my work," he said.

And the stories don't always come easily.

"It churns up memories that basically he doesn't want to go into in any further depth," said Roger Kehrier of Plymouth Township, himself an Army veteran who was wounded in Vietnam.

Kehrier befriended Malec a few years ago after noticing his car's license plate indicated he was a wounded veteran. He prompted Malec to join the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and has been urging him to tell his story, on behalf of the ones who didn't make it. In addition, a Westland resident, Susan Trinka, has helped Malec research the war.

"Those are the types of stories that make America feel good about America," Kehrier said.

After decades of near silence, Malec is ready.

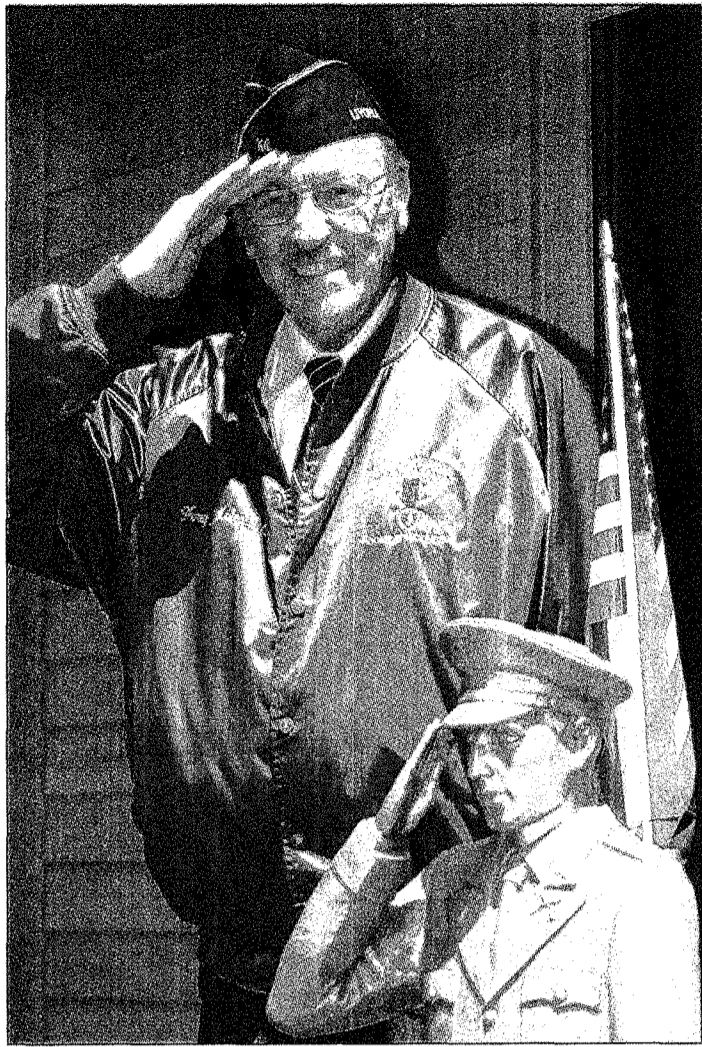
He was born in Detroit to Joseph and Stephanie Malec, and grew up with sisters Elizabeth and Gertrude, who was called Gerry. He went to St. Hedwig for elementary school and then to Chadsey High School, and by the age of 16, in 1942, was working in a Chrysler Corp. factory, making parts for the B-26 bomber. He was quickly promoted, achieving shipping and receiving foreman.

"The guys were getting drafted one after the other, and even though I was 17, that was the job I had," he said.

His own draft notice came as no surprise.

"Soon as I turned 18, boom, they got me," he said. After four months of basic training ("They needed meat out there, so they rushed us through,"), Malec found himself on a boat to Liverpool, England.

From there, the soldiers shipped to France, then traveled by railroad boxcars, and then on the beds of open trucks straight to the front. It was on that bone-chilling ride — the truck driver had stopped to clear some barbed wire — that Malec saw those



World War II veteran Dr. Henry Malec on the porch of his home in Plymouth.

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frozen U.S. casualties.

"They were picking up these bodies, straightening them out and stacking them neatly on the truck," he said.

## WAR UP CLOSE

Nearer to the fighting, Malec and two other soldiers were in a foxhole one night, watching a barn where it was thought there might be German troops.

"Suddenly, bullets all over the place," Malec said. "An awful lot of firing." A soldier sitting outside another foxhole was killed with a bullet to the heart — a case of friendly fire.

"An American patrol thought we were Germans, and they were trying to kill us," Malec said. "That was my initiation."

There are plenty more combat stories, including:

- The night Malec surprised himself by walking up behind a camouflaged German sniper, about 17 years old, who was standing on the rubble of a destroyed building in firing position. The sniper, whom Malec believes had killed a comrade, didn't notice him, and Malec was about to shoot when, struck by a bullet fired by someone else, the sniper fell dead. Malec jumped out of the way of the falling man.

- The encounter that ended, for Malec, with a shrapnel wound to the left leg. A sergeant leading his men into battle ahead of Malec stepped on a mine that shredded his legs, and "the Germans knew right where we were," Malec said. They opened fire with *nebelwerfer* rockets, nicknamed "Screaming Mimis" because of their noise, and fragments struck Malec and others near him.

"It spun me around like a top, and I fell hard on my butt," Malec said. He was evacuated to the potato cellar of a house in the area along with other wounded, including his ammunition carrier, who had been hit in the back. "He was losing his life slowly," Malec said. "He just put his head on my shoulder and he went to sleep for good. And that's how he died."

Malec himself spent some time recuperating in a hospital in France, where he was told the shrapnel couldn't be removed, and was sent back to the front.

- An approach on the Bavarian city of Regensburg, during which Malec was walking an arm's length from a U.S. tank. Suddenly, two German soldiers popped out of a hole just a few feet ahead of him and fired an anti-tank weapon. Malec heard the round hit the tank, and then it was lying at his feet, a dud.

But the Germans had a Plan B. When Malec looked up, they were holding a white sheet of surrender.

"I want to shoot through the white sheet but I can't," Malec said. "They were trying to kill me and the guys in the tank."

Decades later, Malec is watching the movie *Schindler's List*, based on the true story of a sympathetic German civilian who rescued Jews from the Holocaust, and takes special note of the scene in which Jews forced to work in a German factory sabotage the ammunition they're making. "It's because of them that I'm alive," he said.

## 'HAPPY THE WAR'S OVER'

There are lighter stories, too, such as during the Panzer division's surrender, when the German soldier next to him gave him a big smile and a tin of chocolates. Malec reciprocated by giving the German a D-rating, which was like an



Dr. Malec displays a German Walther pistol he said he took from a Nazi general.

energy bar, and the German smiled again.

"He's happy the war's over," Malec said. "So am I."

After the fighting, Malec became an MP, or military policeman, in the 1st Division.

At Nuremberg, he guarded some of the top Nazi leaders and military officers during their trial; his first assignment there was to guard the exercise yard where Hermann Goering, who had been commander of the Luftwaffe, or German air force, and also a political leader, was walking.

Goering stopped in his tracks, Malec said, when he heard the approach of a distant plane, long before Malec could hear it.

"When it passed, he continued walking," said Malec, describing the scene. "When he passed, I saw he had tears in his eyes. Big tears."

Another time, Malec sat in on a meeting between Goering and his lawyer, and when Goering pulled out a pipe, the lawyer pulled out a tobacco pouch and began to hand it to him.

"I was amazed that he had a pipe," said Malec, who grabbed the pouch and sifted through it before giving it to Goering.

(Goering's suicide by cyanide capsule, on the night before his scheduled hang-

ing in 1946, caused Malec to wonder if the next guard hadn't searched that pouch. Malec was back home by then.)

## BACK TO HOME, WORK

Honorably discharged in June 1946, Malec made his way to Detroit, not wanting to go back to the factory, even though he was promised a job there. He wanted to go to school, he said.

One day, he ran into his future sister-in-law — Malec's sister would later marry the woman's brother — and she told him she had just been to her chiropractor. He had never heard of chiropractic medicine, and when she described it, he decided to go himself. He'd had nagging back pain since suffering the shrapnel wound.

"After about three, four adjustments, no more pain," Malec said. It was the fall, after being hit by shrapnel, that threw his pelvis out of alignment, he said.

He decided, "My God, this is something people can really use," and, taking advantage of the GI Bill, went to the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Detroit.

Upon graduating, Malec began practicing with a chiropractor in Hamtramck and later opened his own office, and practiced for many years

in Detroit. He also married — Malec eventually outlived three wives — and raised a daughter and a son.

Malec now practices one day a week at a chiropractic clinic on Main Street, and consults with other chiropractors on their difficult cases. He's been in practice so long, he explained, he's seen everything.

## MEMORIES, MEMORABILIA

In a burglary at his office about 15 years ago, many of Malec's medals and war memorabilia — even the shrapnel taken from his leg 30 years after the war — were stolen. But he has his Purple Heart, plus the documentation for other medals, along with photocopies of the signatures, obtained at Nuremberg, of Goering, Gen. Alfred Jodl, the naval commander Karl Donitz and other top Nazis.

And he still has the pistol he took from von Wietersheim, a Walther PP semiautomatic. When he registered it with police in Detroit in 1946, he said, they were envious, and he was offered \$80 for it, a lot of money then, on the spot.

Malec is proud of his good record and his Army service. "Every day was an adventure, and that's my philosophy anyway," he said.

And what are his thoughts on war, the one he fought in and those in the present?

"War is stupid," Malec replied. "I would say war sucks, but I don't think you'd print that."

Still, with Nazi Germany conquering much of Europe, and putting millions to death, "it had to be done," he mused.

His thoughts return to those who fought by his side, and those who died.

"We wouldn't have the good life that we have if it wasn't for these veterans," he said. "That's what people have to remember."

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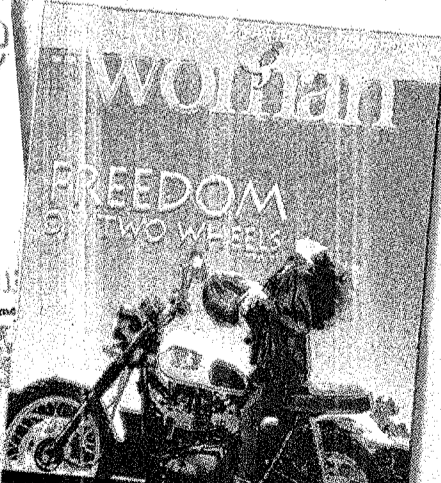
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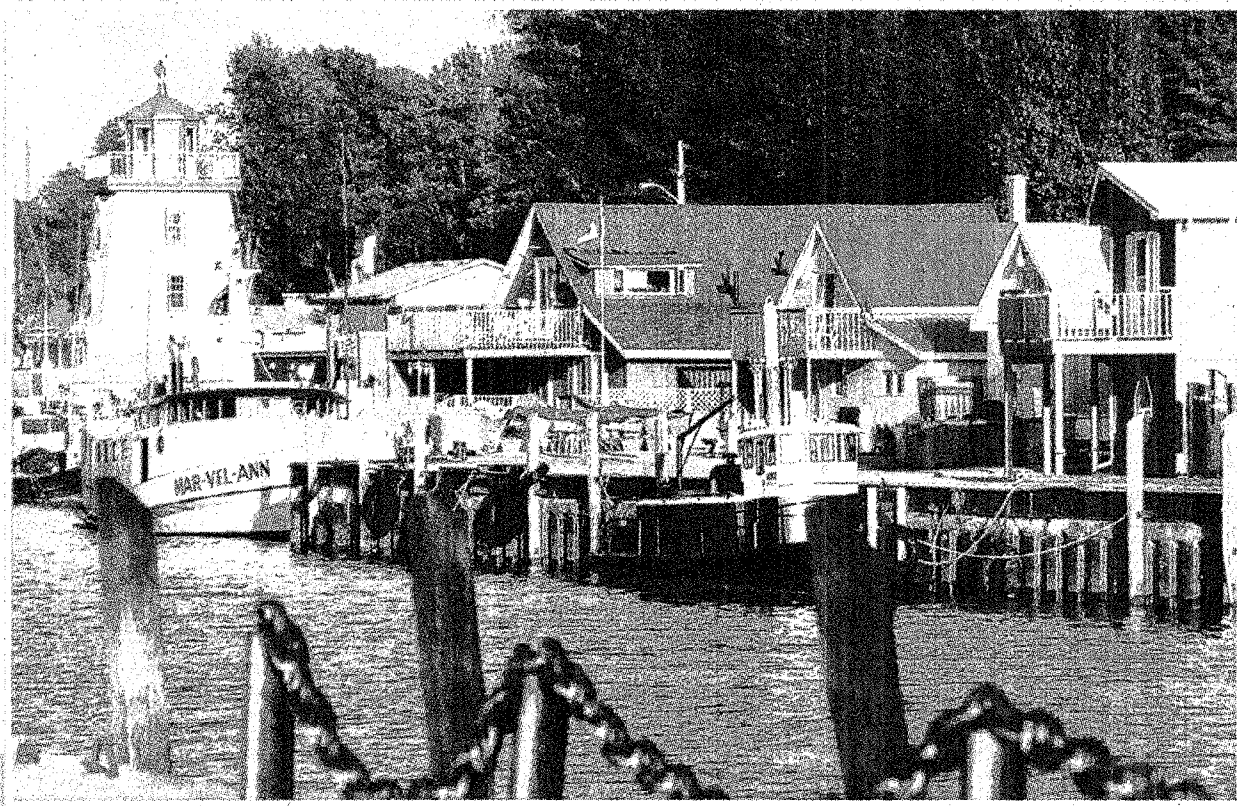
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## Seemingly endless beaches & activities

Sarnia-Lambton is the perfect getaway location with upbeat and sophisticated venues

By JON GUNNELLS  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

If you're looking for a place to spend a day, a weekend or even a week this summer, why not visit our northern neighbors in Southwestern Ontario.

Just a short drive from Southeastern Michigan and across the Blue Water Bridge, Sarnia-Lambton is home to a plethora of parks, unrivaled blue water beaches, unique shopping districts, theatres, festivals and more.

"Obviously we're known for our blue water beaches on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River," said Beverly Horodyski, Sarnia-Lambton Convention & Motorcoach Marketing Coordinator. "We have 72 miles of waterfront and we don't do anything to doctor the water. It's naturally that blue, and it's the heart of the Great Lakes region."

Accompanying Sarnia-Lambton's 72 miles of waterfront is more than 6,000 campsites, countless public parks, and more than 20 beautiful golf courses.

"There are beachfront marinas, there's boating, we even have a petting farm for children and a nature walk," said Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Vicki Prail.

From BMX courses, to bed and breakfasts – Sarnia-Lambton offers activities and attractions for all interests and all ages – but to list them all would be nearly impossible.

Among the attractions Sarnia-Lambton is most known for is its

unique shopping districts, unrivaled theatre performances, and eclectic concerts and festivals.

### Shopping

"We have great shopping available from two malls to local and independently-owned stores and shops in downtown Sarnia and downriver districts," Prail said.

There's Lambton Mall, a 650,000 square foot shopping center with more than 90 stores and throngs of boutiques to pack a day of shopping.

"The front street area is a very special area that visitors should make sure and see," Prail said.

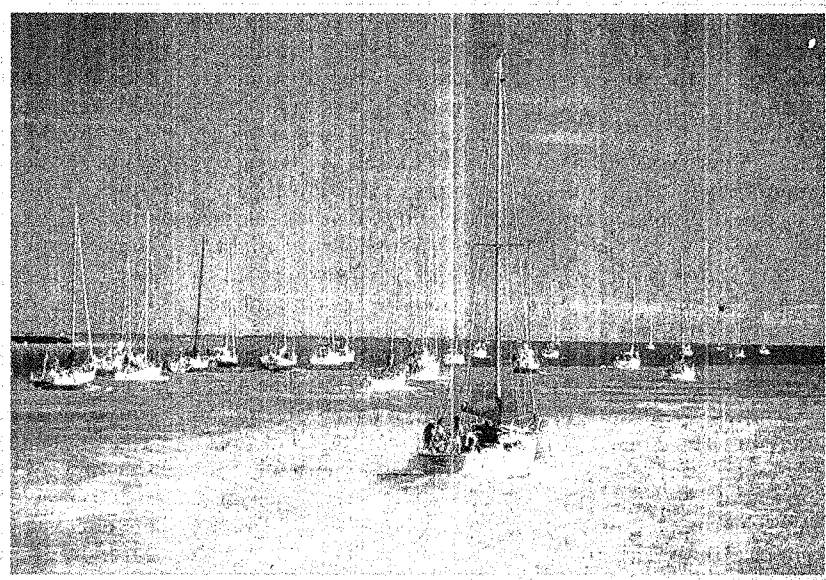
### Events

Music fans may want to get their calendars ready and start marking off July 6 to July 16th for some blockbuster concerts at the Sarnia Rogers Bayfest.

This year's country and rock festival will feature famous performing artists such as Trace Adkins, Montgomery Gentry, Lady Antebellum, The Tragically Hip, Steve Miller Band, KISS, Marianas Trench and INXS.

"Last year, more than 100,000 fans packed the Bayfest," Horodyski said. "It's a very fun event catering to all ages. Tickets can be purchased for licensed and unlicensed areas, general admission and VIP."

For those folks who are not interested in the painted faces and guitar riffs of the Motor City Rockers and KISS,



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there are many other events to enjoy. The 16th annual kids fun fest (June 11) and the 5th annual Tropical Music Festival (June 24-25th).

Nearly every day there is an event for the whole family from food festivals to 5k fun runs and more.

### Theatre

In addition to beautiful beaches and larger-than-life festivals, Sarnia-Lambton is home to some of the finest live theatre in the world.

"We have three wonderful theatres that offer musicals and comedies performed by actors from Stratford and Broadway," Prail said.

The Starbright Summer Festival which runs from July 20 to August 21 is a theatre-lovers dream. More than 20 live performances of three musicals and an inspiring play. For ticket information on the Starbright Summer Festival visit [imperialtheatre.net](http://imperialtheatre.net).

### Everything else

Sarnia-Lambton also offers a wide variety, of gaming, sports, art, and entertainment. In the winter you can catch a professional hockey game with the OHL's Sarnia Sting – a common opponent of the Plymouth Whalers. In the summer you can hit the links or go rock climbing. Mountain biking on endless trails is a favorite choice as well.

For those feeling lucky, Sarnia-Lambton offers horse racing tracks, bingo halls and a beautiful casino nestled under the Blue Water Bridge. Visitors can book a stay and play package and try their hand at the gaming tables and slots before taking a cruise on the St. Clair river, visiting the artsy Heritage District, or sampling one of the outstanding local restaurants.

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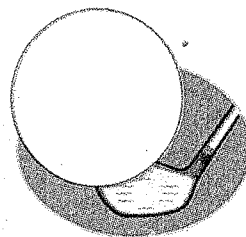
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## Churchill stays alive with shootout win vs. rival

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nobody likes to end their season on a shootout.

But that's what cards were dealt Tuesday night in the Division 1 girls district opener between host Livonia Stevenson and rival Livonia Churchill.

The two teams played 100 minutes tied at 1-all, but Churchill emerged the victor by virtue of penalty kicks, 4-2.

The Chargers, who improved to 11-6-2 overall, now takes on fifth-ranked Northville, 15-2-2, in the district semifinals

beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Centennial Educational Park in Canton.

Stevenson, meanwhile, bows out at 6-10-2.

Churchill's first four shooters — Lisa McMullen, Kelsey Rothermel, Kelsey Parrinello and Rachel Zukowski — all found the back of the net.

Stevenson missed two of its four attempts with one hitting the right post and another sliding wide-left.

"Yesterday we worked on PKs," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We brought up a new way of dealing with PKs. We had three teams of six

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playing yesterday, two teams playing each other and one team taking PKs. They were actually playing and tired. It was a new system for us to practice on them and obviously it worked."

"I watch them shoot at practice and then I pick my five. I let them do what they want and base it on what they do. These shooters were impressive yesterday. I actually let them pick their own order. It was helpful because all four made it."

Junior Alexa Vkratsis tallied a goal just 14:26 into the first half to stake the Chargers to a 1-0 lead.

"Kind of a fortunate goal, we had a lot of numbers forward," Hebestreit said. "Then we just kind of sat in and didn't play — watched Stevenson instead of playing along with them or above them. There were a few times early in the game when we were combining and kind playing well."

"I know the heat was affecting us and the fluids weren't in us. I know we were fatigued and that played a big part for both teams, not just us."

Stevenson had two golden chances in the first half as Dayna Stevens' shot caromed off the crossbar in the 20th minute and Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord came up with a big one-handed stop just 3:48 later on a point-blank attempt by Carlin O'Malley.

Churchill was on its heels for most of the second half and the Spartans finally capitalized with only 9:09 remaining when Kelly Vellucci took a pinpoint cross from Emily Chrasz and buried a shot past Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie

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## SIDELINES

### Warriors at MITCA

The Lutheran Westland girls track and field team placed 12th out of 15 schools in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association meet held Saturday at Gobles.

The meet, featuring Division 4 regional winners and power-ranked teams from across the state, was won by Hillsdale Academy with 1,653 points.

Lutheran Westland, a regional champion, finished with 645 points.

Jacqui Schwartz was the Warriors' top individual with a second in the 100-meter hurdles (17.0).

Other top individual finishers included: Erin Hardin, third, 1,600 (5:35.4); Amanda Terranella, fifth, 300 hurdles (50.46); Alissa Flury, sixth, pole vault (7 feet, 6 inches) and 300 hurdles (51.48).

The 4x100 relay team of Alissa Flury, Marcella Flury, Schwartz and Terranella placed sixth in 54.67.

The 4x400 quartet of Hardin, Alissa Flury, Jess Rice and Terranella also added a sixth (4:26.79).

### Quitquit run ends

Madonna University senior Brett Quitquit (Highland) wrapped up his award winning career last week with a 4-over par 75 to close out the 2011 NAIA Men's Golf National Championships at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.

The Milford High grad, who missed the cut, had to complete his second round early in the day and ended that with an 81 after posting a pair of birdies, but struggled with four bogeys in the round.

Quitquit, the NAIA runner-up medalist in 2010, shot an opening-round 78.

The final round brings to a close one of the best careers in MU history as Quitquit became the second ever MU golfer to be an individual Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion (2009).

He also became the first-ever Crusader to be named to the NAIA Championships All-Tournament team.

### Taurence honored

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its 2011 Daktronics NAIA Men's Golf Scholar-Athletes last week and Madonna University senior Justin Taurence (Wyandotte Roosevelt) was one of 115 student-athletes honored.

Taurence, a fifth-year senior majoring in math and education, was honored for the third time in his career.

To be selected, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

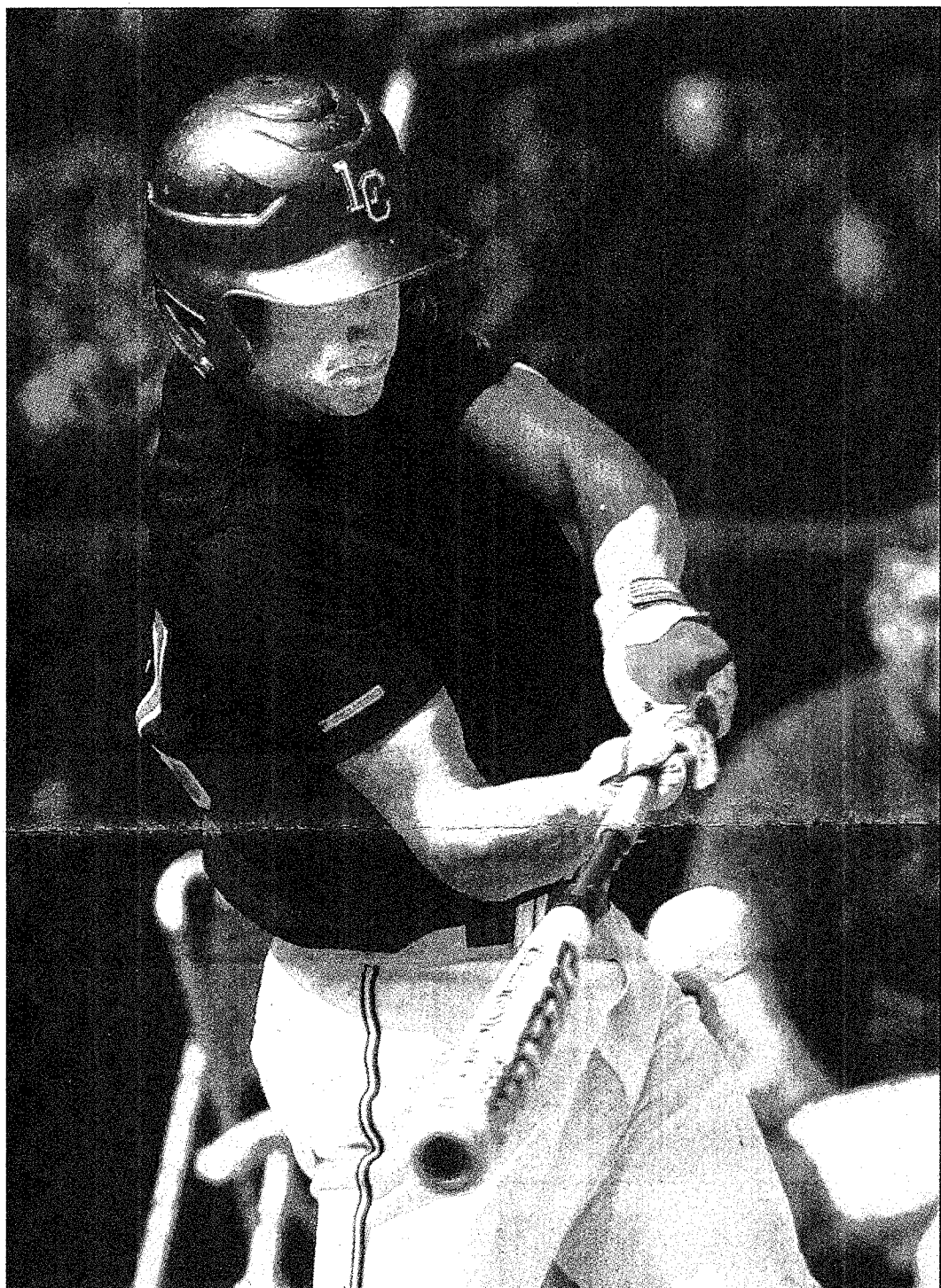
A three-time Academic All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference selection, Taurence led the Crusaders to a pair of WHAC championships and a berth in the 2010 NAIA National Championships.

### 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 four-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).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Mike Rybinski takes a cut during Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district game against Canton.

## Fence clearing

### Canton homers sink Churchill in pre-district

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whatever team that makes it through the Division 1 baseball district at Livonia Stevenson will certainly have earned it.

And Tuesday's game between KLAAs South Division co-champions Canton and Churchill was certainly a first-round marquee matchup.

Canton, getting a first-inning two-run homer by Chris Perkovich and a solo shot in the fourth by Braden Price, downed the Chargers for a 7-4 triumph.

The Chiefs, now 25-6 overall, move into the district semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday to face neighboring Salem. (The second semifinal, at noon, pits host Stevenson against Plymouth.)

Despite building a commanding 6-0 lead through three innings, Canton coach Mark Blomshield sounded anything like the winning coach afterwards.

"This (district) has some good teams," he said. "Churchill is a fantastic team. They won over 20 games. Stevenson, they're a great team. Plymouth won 20 games. This is not a cakewalk

and these kids need to understand when we put ourselves in position to be successful, we just have to put the hammer down and make routine baseball plays. It's nothing that were asking out of them which is extraordinary. Get in front of the ball, make a play, get the bunt down, slide at the base. It's a little frustrating because it feels we didn't win because the last couple of innings we went down."

Price, the lead-off batter and center field, was certainly a thorn in Churchill's side.

He reached base all four times and added an RBI bloop single in the second inning followed by Seth Tschetter laying down a successful squeeze bunt to make it 5-0.

The Chiefs added another run in the third when Ryan Bazner singled, stole second and scored on Mike Stafford's single.

That prompted Churchill coach Ron Targosz to make a pitching change as lefty starter Brent Ochodnicki exited in favor of reliever Jon Targus.

"I don't want to say we didn't come out ready to play, but those first two innings ... we weren't hitting spots, they had some bloop hits," said Targosz, whose team finished 21-10 overall. "They (Canton) put the ball in play and we didn't do a whole lot of that. When you get behind 6-0, it makes it tough. I thought we battled. Like I told the kids, the one thing I'm proud of

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## Chiefs unplug Chargers, 4-3, in pre-district

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sparked by the all-around excellent play of junior outfielder Jesse Lerner, Canton drew first blood in the Division 1 girls softball districts Tuesday with a 7-2 victory over Livonia Churchill.

Lerner went 3-for-3 including a home run and made a timely catch in right field to lift the Chiefs.

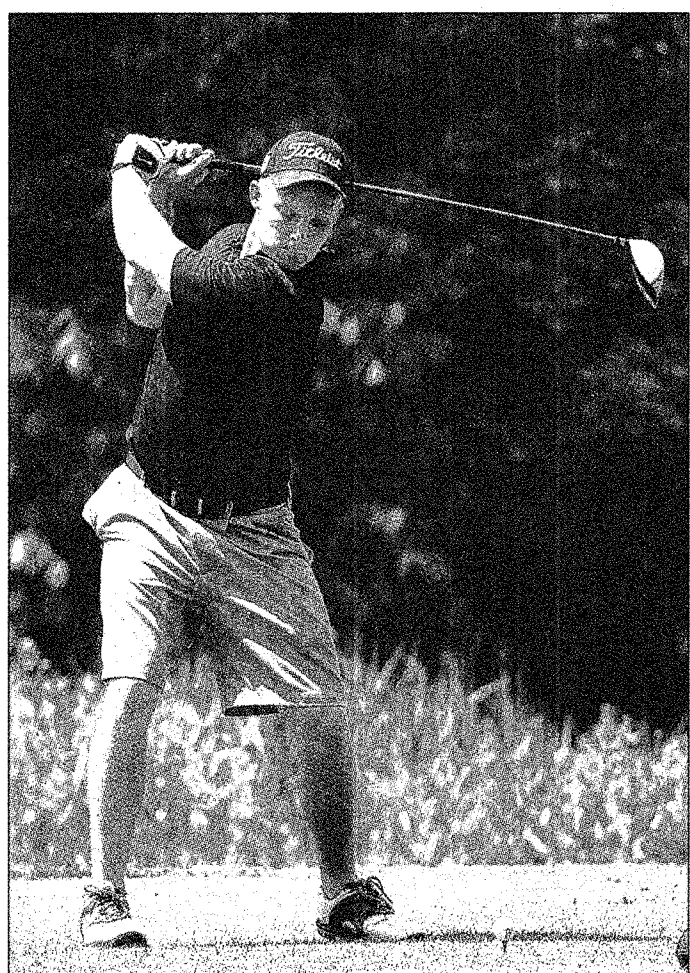
"Jesse's a good outstanding leader, a good hitter and fielder, so that helped out," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "She got a hold of one today and it went out of the ballpark."

Lerner's third home run of the season came in the sixth and put the icing on Canton's victory cake.

It was a no-doubter down the left-field line against Churchill senior pitcher Natalie Hiser — who also belted a homer in the pre-district game.

"Every time up to bat I just got to focus, try to make con-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Rocket launcher

Westland John Glenn's Brian Fawley takes out the driver during Tuesday's KLAAs Kensington Conference golf tourney at Pheasant Run. For a complete summary of the tourney, won by Novi, see page B2

## Hartland soph hurls 1-hitter vs. Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### PREP BASEBALL

Jake Lowery wasn't fazed by the big moment at all.

The sophomore right-hander from Hartland took center stage in Saturday's KLAAs baseball championship game and drew a curtain call as he pitched a one-hitter to beat host Livonia Stevenson, 4-0, at Ford Field.

Lowery carried a no-hitter into the seventh before leadoff batter Evan Piechota lined a sharp single to center field to break up the bid. Lowery then got Mark Wagner to fly out to right and ended the game with a 6-4-3 double play to give the Lakes Conference champs the overall KLAAs title.

"He just threw well," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the lanky 10th-grader. "His velocity was up, he mixed his pitches. He only walked three and we got one hit."

"We ran into a pitcher who threw very well." Ironically, it was

Piechota, a senior, who suffered his first loss in eight decisions.

Hartland, now 26-2 overall, left three runners stranded in the first inning and two more in the second before scoring what proved to be the game-winning run in the third.

Singles by Dan Richmond and Sean Bennett, followed by a walk to Lowery, loaded the bases. Shane Felix then hit a grounder to second to bring Richmond home to make it 1-0.

In the fifth, Hartland chased Piechota when Bennett singled, Lowery reached base on an infield bobble and both runners scored on Felix's deep triple to right center.

Felix came home on a groundout to short off the bat of teammate Anthony Villar against Stevenson reliever Chris McDonald.

"We made a few mis-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Saturday, June 4: Garden City vs. Redford Union, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at University of Detroit Jesuit vs. U-D Jesuit district champion.) at LIVONIA STEVENSON Saturday, June 4: Salem vs. Canton 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Novi vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.) WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Friday, June 3: Wayne Memorial vs. Romulus, 11 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Inkster, 1 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Saline vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.) DIVISION 2 at MADONNA UNIV. (Ilitch Ballpark) Saturday, June 4: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, 12:30 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark vs. Warren Fitzgerald district champion.) DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 4: (A) Westland Huron Valley vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, noon; championship final: Lutheran High Westland vs. A-B winner, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Livonia Franklin vs. Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Dearborn district champion.) DIVISION 2 SOUTH LYON (Host) Thursday, June 2: Livonia Ladywood vs. South Lyon, 5 p.m.; Detroit Renaissance vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Chelsea vs. East Lansing district champion.) DIVISION 4 PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host) Friday, June 3: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Plymouth Christian, 5 p.m. (both at Plymouth Christian.) Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Ligettt district champion.) BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Saturday, June 4 (MHSAA state finals) Division 1 at Rockford, 10 a.m. Div. 2 G.R. Houseman Field, 10 a.m. Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10 a.m. Division 4 at Jenison, 10 a.m. BOYS GOLF Thursday, June 2 (MHSAA District Tournaments) Div. 1 at Whispering Willows, 8:30 a.m. Div. 1 at Huron Meadows, TBA. Div. 1 at West Shore (Grosse Ile), TBA. GIRLS TENNIS (MHSAA state finals) Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 Division 1 at Midland, 10 a.m. TBA - time to be announced

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Novi 1st in Kensington tourney

The outcome of Tuesday's KLAAS Kensington Conference boys golf tournament was decided by a razor-thin margin at Canton's soggy Pheasant Run G.C.

Novi unseated rival Northville for the team title, 307-308, while Plymouth, led by individual medalist Josh Heinze, placed a close third with 310 strokes.

Novi, which finished runner-up to Northville during the KLAAS Central Division dual match season at 7-3, put four players in the top five as Brad Kozinski shot a 76, while Sam Palmer, Garrett Buckley and Jason Carless each shot 77.

Johnny Walker added a 78 to place 11th and also earned All-Kensington honors.

Northville, the KLAAS Central Division dual match champion at 9-1, was led by third-place finisher Blake Bonatz, who cared a 75, while Nick Zanotti and Todd Goebel each shot 77 to tie for fifth.

Heinze shot a 1-under 71 to lead Plymouth, while Ryan Rieckhoff added a 78th for 11th and Justin Bauer contributed a 79 for 17th.

Stevenson who placed fourth, was led by Adam Giordano, who tied for fifth (77), followed by Dante Cicchelli, tied for 11th (78); and Cam Tetrault, tied for 17th (79).

KLAAS KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT May 31 at Pheasant Run G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 307 strokes; 2. Northville, 308; 3. Plymouth, 310; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 318; 5. South Lyon, 322; 6. Livonia Churchill, 325; 7. Salem, 328; 8. South Lyon East, 334; 9. Canton, 358; 10. Livonia Franklin, 342; 11. Westland John Glenn, 349; 12. Wayne Memorial, 358.



Stevenson's Nick Barr cuts loose with the driver during Tuesday's Kensington Conference boys golf tourney at Pheasant Run.

Individual medalist: Josh Heinze (Plymouth), Tunder 71. TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING Novi (307): 4. Brad Kozinski, 76; 5. (tie) Garrett Buckley, Sam Palmer and Jason Carless, 77 each; 11. Johnny Walker, 78; 17. Mike Wenzl, 79. Northville (308): 3. Blake Bonatz, 75; 5. (tie) Nick Zanotti and Todd Goebel, 77 each; 17. Kevin Collareno, 79; 33. Brady Marotta, 84; 50. Matt Evasic, 88. Plymouth (310): 1. Heinze, 72; 11. Ryan Rieckhoff, 78; 17. Justin Bauer, 79; 29. Kyle Rodes, 82; 33. (tie) John Talti and Kyle Melmick, 84 each. Stevenson (318): 5. Adam Giordano, 77; 11. Dante Cicchelli, 78; 17. Cam Tetrault, 79; 33. Nick Barr, 84; 50. Nick Collins and Nick Marsh, 88 each. South Lyon (322): 1. Zach Deline and Derek Knuss, 78 each; 29. Gavin Garris, 82; 22. (tie) Kyle Koehler and Travis Tubbs, 84 each; 68. Derek Saville, 101. Churchill (325): 21. Ben Proben, 80; 21. Cory Dare, 80; 27. Chris Theile, 81; 33. (tie) Andrew Ioanou, Eric Hill and Nick Proben, 84 each. Salem (328): 21. Eric Duprey, 80; 27. Brian Patterson, 81; 32. Nick Danis, 83; 33. Josh Perrin, 84; 46. Austin Strobridge, 87; 55. Jake Leib, 90. S.L. East (334): 2. Bryan Hawkins, 72; 11. Matt Sherry, 78; 59. Conner Kivisto and Zack French, 92 each; 68. Zac Wellner, 101; 70. Eric

Carno, 105. Canton (338): 29. Alex Champagne, 82; 33. Frank Parzynski, 84; 45. Justin Legel, 85; 46. Marty Peck, 87; 55. Josh Maxam, 55; 62. Brent Perry, 93. Franklin (342): 21. Jon Holmes, 80; 33. Drake Herrmann, 84; 50. Brandon Kozyn, 88; 55. Doug Nagy, 90; 59. Frank Wilson, 92; 65. Pat Stephenson, 98. John Glenn (349): 21. Josh DuPrie, 80; 46. (tie) Mitch Dean and Conner Monroe, 87 each; 63. Nick Doupe and Brian Fawley, 95 each; 66. Tim Moran, 99. Wayne (358): 21. Zachary Williamson, 80; 50. Jarret Williamson, 86; 58. Austin St. Peter, 91; 66. Corey Robbins, 99; 71. Chris Schmidt, 121; 72. Dylan Dotter, 125. DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOVI 154 LIVONIA STEVENSON 157 May 31 at Pheasant Run G.C. Novi scorers: Sam Palmer, 36 (medalist); Jason Carless, 38; Brad Kozinski, Garrett Buckley and Mike Wenzl, 40 each; Johnny Walker, 41. Stevenson scorers: Dante Cicchelli, 37; Adam Giordano, 38; Cam Tetrault, 40; Nick Barr, 42; Nick Collins, 43; Nick Marsh, 46. Dual match records: Novi, 7-3 overall, 7-3 KLAAS Central Division; Stevenson, 4-6 overall, 4-6 KLAAS Central.

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# Wayne edges Crestwood in 4-3 predistrict victory

Wayne Memorial lives to play another day in the Division 1 state baseball tournament.

The Zebras pulled out a 4-3 predistrict victory Tuesday at Westland John Glenn over Dearborn Heights Crestwood as Jacob Massey knocked in a pair of runs, including the game-winning sacrifice fly in the top of the sixth inning.

Wayne, now 12-18 overall, advances to the district semifinals 11 a.m. Friday at Glenn to face Romulus. The host Rockets will face Inkster in the other district semifinal at 1 p.m. followed by the championship game at approximately 3 p.m.

Winning pitcher Shane Wilson went the first five innings, allowing three runs on

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three hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

Wilson also helped his own cause going 2-for-4 and scoring a run.

Tyler McCurry, who pitched two scoreless innings, picked up the save. He allowed just one hit and struck out three.

Losing pitcher Ben Sniezek went all seven innings, allowing all four runs on seven hits. He struck out nine and walked one.

Chris Briggs contributed a 2-run single for Wayne in the fourth inning and Massey had an RBI single in the third.

Alex Oleszkowicz had two RBIs for the Chargers, who

slipped to 17-6 overall.

**CLARENCEVILLE 5, JOHN GLENN 4:** Damien Quarles' walk-off RBI single scored Dan Blacker in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (10-8) edged Westland John Glenn (8-23) the regular season finale.

Donovan Watts' sacrifice bunt set up the game-winning run.

Matt Kurdziel's 2-run single in the sixth tied the game at 3-3.

Clarenceville used three pitchers with Ben Gehan going the final three innings to pick up the victory. Gehan allowed two runs, while striking out four and walking four.

Quarles and Eric Trotter also pitched two innings apiece.

Glenn used five pitchers with reliever Nick Schurig taking the loss. Devon Spaulding and Rob Schurig each collected two hits for the Rockets.

# Ladywood earns district win, 2-0

## GIRLS SOCCER

Goalkeeper Maddie Reed made three saves to notch her 10th shutout of the season as Livonia Ladywood opened Division 2 district play with a 2-0 girls soccer win Tuesday at South Lyon East.

Ladywood, which out-shot the cougars 25-4, got a goal from Kelly Capoccia in the 47 minute on an 18-yard shot assisted by Emily Huddleston.

Paige Brennan then added a penalty kick in the 68th minute after Erin Cronyn was tripped in the box.

"We knew South Lyon East would be tough to beat," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is 12-3-6 overall. "They play against top teams all the time in the KLA.A. Our

back three of Marissa Ozog, Allison Bielski, and Becky Babon did a solid job for us tonight."

Sam Cook made 11 saves in goal for South Lyon East, which bowed out at 10-11 overall.

Ladywood advances to the district semifinals 5 p.m. Thursday to face host South Lyon.

**COUNTRY DAY 8, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** It was over by halftime Tuesday as host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, ranked downed Livonia Clarenceville (7-12) in a Division 3 district match by invoking the eight-goal mercy rule.

**PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 0:** Maria Farmer had a goal and assist Tuesday as the host Wildcats

(10-2-4), last year's Division 1 state runner-up, opened district play with a victory over Livonia Franklin (5-11-2).

Alyssa Dillon, Zoie Foster and Katelyn Moss also scored for Plymouth, which led 4-0 at half-time.

Franklin coach Dean Kowalski singled out the play of seniors Colleen Anthony and Ally Mesa.

Goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 17 saves.

"She played a great second half," Kowalski said.

**TRUMAN 4, JOHN GLENN 3:** Jenna Williams tallied a pair of goals Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as Westland John Glenn (5-12) fell to host Taylor Truman.

**SKYLINE 8, WAYNE 0:** In a first-round Division 1 district game Tuesday, host Ann Arbor Skyline (10-6-1) used the eight-goal mercy rule to eliminate Wayne Memorial (1-15).

# SOFTBALL

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tact," Lerner said. "I'm not thinking about making a home run or anything. It's nice to have that happen every once in awhile."

The game was originally slated for district host Livonia Stevenson, but it had to be shifted to Livonia Franklin because of wet field conditions at the former location.

Canton (29-6) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, with the key hit a two-run single to center by senior Lauren

Leskovitz.

But the Chargers (18-13) came right back with a run, on a single to left by sophomore Casey Bias, and had the bases loaded with one out trailing just 2-1.

After Canton freshman pitcher Hanna Warren struck out a batter, junior Melissa Sidor lofted a fly ball to shallow right field.

For a moment, it looked as though the ball would drop in to score at least one run, but Lerner raced in from right field to make a scooping grab off the grass.

"That catch in the outfield was good communication with

Sam (Partain), my second baseman," Lerner said. "Those pop flies in between the infielders and outfielders are hard, it's hard to judge who is really going to go for it. But I always try."

Warren, in her first career postseason start, gave up just six hits and struck out five in a complete-game effort.

"She can do better," Arnold said. "But overall I was fairly pleased with what she did. She'll get stronger and better."

## MISSSED OPPORTUNITY

Chargers head coach Steve Gentilia lamented not cashing in with more runs in the first

inning.

"We left the bases loaded in the first inning with less than two outs," Gentilia said. "We just couldn't get that key hit in the right situation."

"Canton's a good team and they made some great plays on us. But the girls didn't quit, they battled the whole way."

The Chiefs padded their lead to 5-1 with three more runs in the second, and it was a single up the middle by Lerner to bring in the first tally of the frame.

Another run scored when senior shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer singled and she subsequently came in on a wild

pitch.

Hiser made it a 5-2 game when she homered to left-center, her sixth round-tripper of the year.

Canton tacked on their final two runs in the fourth (sophomore Sarah Wagner doubled and scored on two throwing errors) and sixth, on the Lerner home run.

Both Partain and Wagner went 2-for-4 to augment Lerner's three-hit day.

For the Chargers, Hiser and Bias each collected two hits and knocked in a run.

"This was probably the third or fourth year in a row we had to play Canton in the playoffs,"

said Hiser, who will pitch at Hope College next year. "In the past years we were kind of defeated already, defeated automatically (before) going on to the field."

"But today we fought ... It was a good fight. I love playing Canton because they push us to become better players, because they are prime competition in this district."

Canton now will move on to face Salem at noon Saturday, at Stevenson. At 10 a.m., Plymouth and Stevenson will square off. The final is set for 2 p.m.

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# BASEBALL

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them is that battled all year, whether we were up by eight or down by eight, we hung in there. Easily we could have hung it up when it was 6-0 and it would have been a 10-0 mercy, but they played right until the end and I'm proud of them."

Two Canton infield errors couple with a pair of walks and Mike Rybinski's sacrifice fly got two runs on the board for the Chargers in the top of the fourth inning.

Blomshield then took out Stafford, the winning pitcher, in the fifth in favor of Bazner.

That came after Canton courtesy runner Greg McCurry suffered what appeared to be a broken ankle while running into the second base, causing a 15-minute delay in the third inning while awaiting an EMS crew.

"Feel bad about that happening," Blomshield said. "It's really unfortunate. We had a steal on, he (McCurry) left early, look like he kind of let up at second base, kind of did half a slide. He wasn't going fast enough to make a good slide. He went down."

Bazner, a junior, kept Churchill off the board in the fifth and sixth innings, but the Chargers refused to fold in the seventh thanks to an RBI single by Joe Williams and a one-out RBI sacrifice fly by Ben Matigian.

But after a Canton infield error put the tying run at the plate with two outs, Bazner got Stephen Foster to strike out and end the game.

"We've lost a few games not making the plays, forcing issues, bad on the bases, just miscues," Blomshield said. "You've got to make the play, you've got to sacrifice yourself. You've got to want the ball hit

to you. Our struggle right now is when things get tough, we need some senior leadership to step up and take charge and make it happen. That's what we talk about. A lot of kids have been on this team for three district championships and I think they just forgot the intensity and what it really takes to make that happen."

But Blomshield did crack a smile when talking about surviving and advancing.

"We got new life," he said. "That's what we talked about. It wasn't the best win, but any win at this time is a good win. You have new opportunities tomorrow. It's mental stuff, it's

not physical. These are good athletes, this is a good team."

Targosz, meanwhile, wasn't second guessing himself about starting his junior left-hander Ochodnicki, who suffered the loss.

"I could have flipped a coin and started four guys because they've all been about the same," Targosz said. "Brent pitched pretty well against them the last time, plus not having to go with Ben (Matigian) gives us a little bit better defense up the middle. I thought that was important. That was the main thing. That's where I thought we played the best this year is when Brent's

been on the mound, Troy (Bogenschutz) is at first and Ben at short. I was ready to go wherever I needed to in relief.

The reason I went with Jon (Targus) after that I had some thoughts in my head — I went with Jon because he was on the bench and could warm up easily. That's why I went with him. If it's going to be a one-run game or went up, bring Ben in and shift guys around. We had a plan coming in. We had four pretty darn good pitchers. Three pitchers with five or more wins this year, which is a pretty deep staff."

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# SPARTANS

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cues," Berryman said. "Every miscue was a kid that went to the prom last night. Evan (Piechota) is usually not getting that fatigued. The short-stop miscue — that kid went to the prom. It happens. But give

them (Hartland) their credit. They played very well. They played error-free baseball and got a few key hits."

Lowery struck out five and allowed just four base runners in seven innings. The Spartans never got a runner past first base.

"To tell you the truth, he (Lowery) has gotten better every single time he's gone

out there," said coach Brian Morrison, a 1994 Westland John Glenn grad who played baseball and football for the Rockets. "He really threw nice today, but he's thrown a couple nice games throughout the year, too. Every time he goes out there it seems he's getting more confident and more disciplined. He was one swing away from a no-hitter that nobody even talked about. We tried to keep it quiet."

"It's a real good team we played today. We knew we had to go with our best guy and we knew we had to have his best performance, and that's what we got."

Lowery tried not to let the any distractions or negative thoughts enter his mind.

"It was a little shocking at first — I really just had to buckle down," the lanky 6-foot-3 sophomore said. "I was starting to get tired there at the end, but I had to start using my legs and hit my spots where 'Coach' (Morrison) wanted me to pitch. This has probably been my best pitching outing yet. I hit all my spots mostly and I only walked a few guys."

"What goes through my mind is that I just have to sit there, pitch my game. I really had to concentrate and not let anybody get in my head. I have to be mentally focused for teams like this."

The loss drops Stevenson, the Kensington Conference champion, to 23-9 overall.

"I don't want them to get down," Berryman said. "We're still a good team. All we got to do is win two games on Saturday (at the Stevenson district) and we on to regional — and I think we can. They should feel bad, but never think they're bad. We'll be all right."

"(Chris) McDonald came in and did a great job (three scoreless innings in relief). I'm proud of my kids. We battled, and nobody blew us out. We weren't embarrassed — just a few miscues. We'll be fine."

Meanwhile, Hartland is enjoying its best regular season in Morrison's 10th year as coach. (The Eagles reached the Division 1 quarterfinals in 2009 before losing a one-run

game to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle.)

"They're all good kids, but I really can't say that's different they any other teams I've ever had," he said. "I don't compare the teams. It all kind of runs together. With this program we've been playing competitive ball a long time. I think it's kind of because the kids in years past, and the kids currently on the team, all pull for one another, and pull for the team to do well. They work hard, they've got good chemistry, they're great kids. They do the right thing most of the time and they're a lot of fun to be around."

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"I changed my formation prior to them scoring on us, but we weren't doing anything prior to that," Hebestreit. "It was a lack of urgency on both teams. It didn't really look like a district game to me for either team."

The two teams remained tied through a pair of 10-minute overtime periods.

That led to the dreaded shootout and the Spartans misfired twice.

"That is exactly the way our season has gone," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We started slow. We started to do the right things to put ourselves in the right positions to score. That's what I've been preaching to these girls

all season. And they did it. We were just missing that last element tonight. I'm thrilled with the way we played. If we had to replay this game I'd want us to play the same exact way, and I think we'd get a different result."

Churchill avenged a 2-0 setback to the Spartans on March 31.

"Churchill did everything right," Grodzicki said. "His (Hebestreit's) game plan ...

I thought Kelsey Rothermel would be shooting through the middle, and that's what we prepared for. He stuck her in the back to lock things down and she gave us just enough trouble back there in that last third (of the field)."

"I thought both teams played great. The rivalry is alive and strong. It just wasn't our night tonight."

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### BENNETT, BETTY E.

Age 86, 12-16-24 to 5-19-11 survived by sister Muriel and brother Gerald, and children David, Venda, and Lawrence; as well as 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, also many other family members. Memorial and luncheon on June 4th 12-2pm at Light and Life Church Methodist Church in Westland on Warren Rd.

### BISHOP, ALICE G.

Passed away May 28, 2011 at 85. Resident of Livonia, MI. Loving sister of Patricia St. Louis, Barbara (William) Ellsworth and Roberta Hopkins. Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews, 32 grand nieces and nephews and 13 great grand nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan), Wednesday 3-9pm Funeral Service Thursday at Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Instate 10am Service 11am. Memorial Contributions may be made to: Endowment Fund CWCC Central Woodward Christian Church



### DETTER, ELIZABETH J.

Born to Walter H. and Bessie D. Nacker on May 11, 1922. She lived on the family farm on 6 Mile in Redford Twp. until 1927 when the family moved to a newly built home in the Strawberry Acres subdivision on Salem Ave. just south of Grand River in Detroit. The family farm then became Glenhurst Golf Course built by her father Walter and his brother Clayton Nacker in 1932. Elizabeth graduated Magna Cum Laud from Redford High on June 10, 1940. She attended Michigan State College later Michigan State University from 1940-1944 graduating with a B.A. degree in Radio, Speech and Dramatics. She taught second grade at Clarenceville Elementary School while taking M.A. classes in education at Wayne State from 1944-1949. Elizabeth married Harvey R. Detter of Detroit June 26, 1946 and the couple had one child David A. Detter born February 1951. Harvey died in 1967. She became a Christian under Billy Graham in the mid-1950's and was an organist and choir director at First Baptist Church of Livonia for 10 years until 1967. She joined Ward Church in 1968 and was elected the first female ruling elder in 1974. Elizabeth was very active doing sermon research for Dr. Hess, Ward's senior pastor from 1969-1991. She played piano for Dr. Hess' Wednesday night bible class and Dr. Bill Greenman's Sunday school class where her son David accompanied her on guitar. She has been a member of Meadowbrook Country Club since 1989. She was a chaplain for the Daughter's of the American Revolution and a member of the Pie Sigma Delta Society. She is survived by her son David, his wife Kelly K, grandson Jack A and step-grandson's Rourick and Bryce David. Visitation Wednesday 2-9pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and Thursday 10am until time of Service at 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 West 6 Mile Rd. Northville. Memorials to Lupus Foundation of America or the Americans Helping Americans organization. Share a memory at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).



### GICZEWSKI, JAMES

Age 23, May 30, 2011. Loving son of Norbert Giczewski and Cathy Judge (Marc Champ). Brother of Andrea and grandson of James & Betty Judge and Norb & Sylvia Giczewski. Godson of Ruth Schettenhelm and Mike Giczewski. He is the nephew of Barney (Kathy) Judge, Tom (Tracey) Judge, Mike (Barbara) Giczewski and Jo (Ron) Marisi. Visitation today, Thursday 5-9 pm and Friday 1-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 am with final viewing at 9:30 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. Burial at Glen Eden.

Memorials may be made in James's honor to the Children's Defense Fund. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/support-our-work/> Please visit [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



### LECLAIRE, NANCY BAILEY BARNARD

Age 59, lost her hard fought battle with cancer on May 28, 2011. She was born on October 10, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Kenneth W. and Iva (Murdock) Bailey. Nancy graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School in Birmingham, MI and earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from Michigan State University in 1973. She taught education at Gaylord Public Schools for 36 years all at South Maple Elementary School. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents. Survived by her husband Mitchell, sister Kathy (Jim) Nowak, son Jeffrey Barnard and friend Amanda, daughter Leanne (Jeffrey) Mazur, stepdaughter Amy LeClaire (Kenny) Berent, Stepson Adam LeClaire and fiancé Amy Zyck and two lovely granddaughters Sophie and Maisy. Nancy loved her job and her South Maple family. Her optimism and strong faith were extraordinary and her family was first and foremost in her life. She enjoyed reading, walking, golfing and her home on the lake. According to her wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held 4:00 PM Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. John Naile officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11 AM until time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

### NIEDERMEYER, JEANNE R.

Hubert, NC; formerly of Plymouth. Age 85, died Mon., May 30, 2011 after a long illness. [www.jonesfh.org](http://www.jonesfh.org)



### RAYBURN, JOHN BOYD "JACK"

Age 78, May 30, 2011. Beloved husband of Louise. Loving father of Lisa (Steve) Rief, Andrea (Chuck) Karbon, Diane (Scott) Campbell and Tracy (David) Miller. Dear grandfather of 9. Jack was a Korean War veteran. Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday and Friday 3-8 PM. Funeral Service at the Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory of Jack in his guest-book at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).



FRED WHEELER

Bill and Pat Mikkelsen are all smiles after marking their 60th wedding anniversary in a Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church. The Rev. Kevin Thomas, pastor, led 21 couples, including the Mikkelsens, in a renewal of vows and a blessing.

## Blessing marks marriage milestones

Couples renewed their marriage vows and received special blessings at an annual Jubilarian Mass May 22 at St. Aidan Catholic Church.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas, pastor, officiated in the ceremony that included 21 couples with anniversaries ranging from 25-60 years.

The couple married the longest, at 60 years, was Bill and Pat Mikkelsen.

Glenn and Dianne Fritsch and Stanley and Laura Korczyk celebrated 55 years.

Joe and Elaine Babala, Ed and Carol Moros and Frank and Gail Orr marked their "golden anniversaries," with 50 years.

Celebrating 45 years were Vince and Pat Bastine, Paul and Mary Gieske, and Ted and Diane Kloc.

Couples marking 40 years of marriage were Chris and Nancy Bosen, Don and Bernadette D'Alessandro, Stephen and Barbara Karakula, Mark and Kathleen Kazmierski, and Ray and Maureen Wakenell.

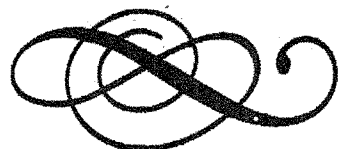
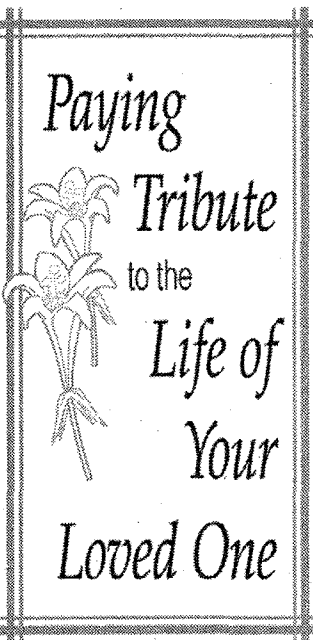
Bob and Sheila Mulka, Joe and Nancy Naujokas, Pete and Mary Siciliano, Rick and Debbie Soper, and Will and Carol Sullivan, all celebrated 35-year anniversaries.

Donald and Gail Esler and Scott and Robin Mercer marked 25 years.



### REID, LORENE HARRIS

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI; passed away peacefully at home on May 20, 2011. Lorene was born December 2, 1931 in Norman, Oklahoma, to Loyd Erwin and Maurine Dill Harris. She was the devoted wife of Glenn; loving mother of James Reid (Alexis), David Reid (Diane), Douglas Reid (Beth) and Sheri Reid Grant; proud grandmother of Erin Reid Barbossa, Emily, Mary, Rachel, Caitlin, and Andrew Reid, Megan and Nathan Grant; loving sister of Ronald Harris. She graduated from Ohio State in 1953 and began a successful teaching career. Lorene retired in 1995 from Avondale School District after 32 years of service. She developed and directed the district's Gifted and Talented Program, which included outstanding work with autistic students. In retirement she used her passion, to research her family's history. Her enthusiasm and dedication to genealogy took her many places not only around the US, but abroad, including England, Scotland and Germany. Lorene's favorite things in the world were her genealogy research, teaching, coffee, playing bridge and of course...SHOES! A Memorial will be held in her honor at The Radisson Kingsley, in Bloomfield Hills, MI from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 12, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Family History Center, 5574 Castleton Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share condolence and memories at: [sgrant@flexible-products.com](mailto:sgrant@flexible-products.com) All stories will be collected and shared with the family



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## Parade of Homes continues through June 30

Parade of Homes 2011, the 22nd annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened June 1 and runs through June 30. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy/MichCon are the sponsors of this public event.

"There are many advantages to buying a new home at this time, including a great selection, the energy efficiency and breakthrough technology in new homes, and low interest rates on home mortgages," said Adorno Piccinini, executive director-Commercial Group, Walbridge and president of BIA. "Today's homebuyers are taking advantage of the competitive home prices available in today's market."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 36 model and under construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$125,587 to \$675,000.

Architects will judge the homes and award winners in several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny Zimmerman, AIA, STA Architects; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; and Michael Gordon, RA, Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Inc.

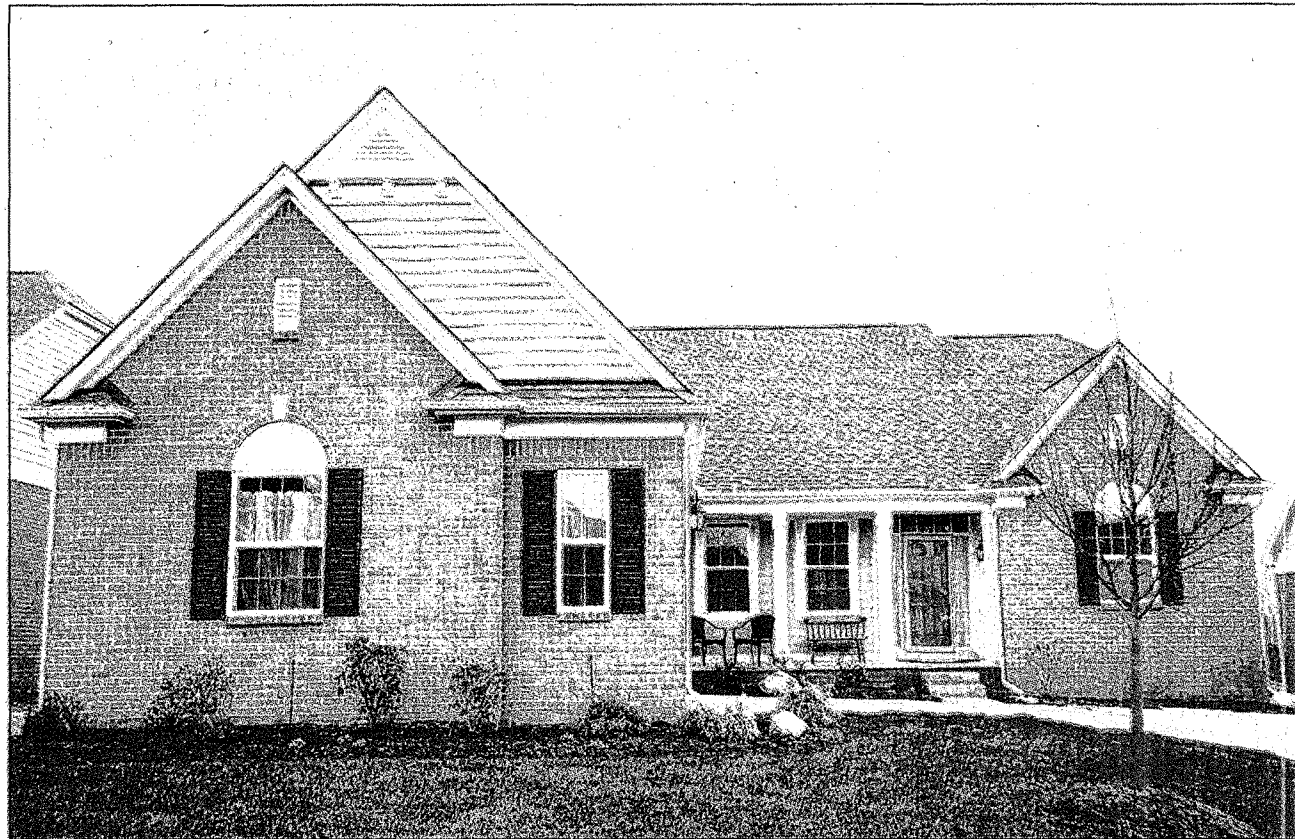
A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes will be distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on June 2, available at Bank of America locations throughout southeastern Michigan and at all participating model homes beginning June 1.

For additional information on Parade of Homes please visit [www.BIAParadeofHomes.com](http://www.BIAParadeofHomes.com) beginning June.

Also check this website for information on "Open House Parties" being held at some of the Parade models on June 18-19 featuring refreshments and loan officers on hand to provide mortgage information.

This is the only Parade of Homes event BIA will sponsor this year.

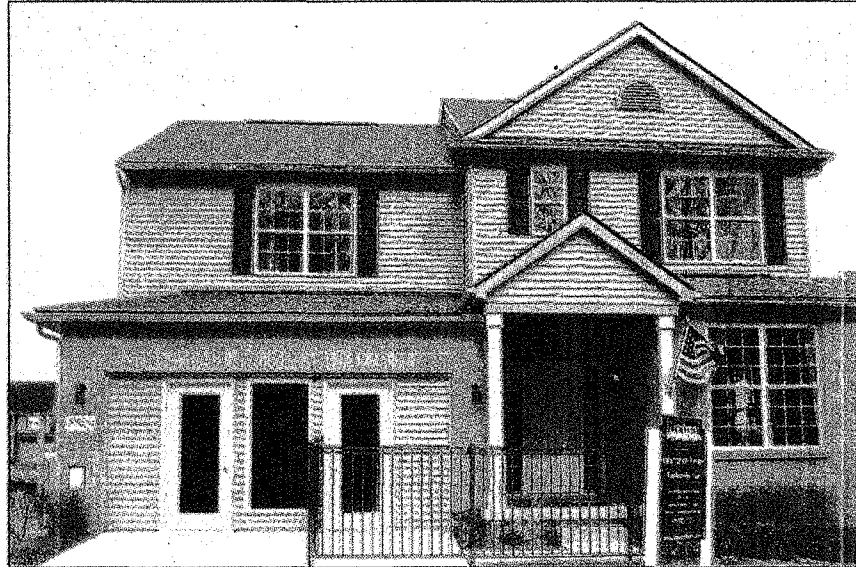
Also, the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan



The Belmont model by builder Robertson Brothers has a base price of \$289,900. It has 2,314 square feet and is in Plymouth on the east side of McClumpha Road, south of Ann Arbor Road.



The Tuscan model by Tuscan Ridge Homes, LLC is at 48945 Tuscan Hills, east off Ridge Road and south of North Territorial in Plymouth Township. It has 3,100 square feet and a base price of \$449,875.



The Hillcrest model by Lombardo Homes has a base price of \$223,400. The Novi home, south of Grand River and east off Napier, has 2,484 square feet.

and Construction Association of Michigan have partnered to present the 2011 Mid-Year Economic Forecast and State of the Industry Breakfast on Wednesday, June 29. The event will be held at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights and will feature keynote speakers Paul Traub, business economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and John Rakolta, Jr., chairman and CEO, Walbridge.

The breakfast meeting will begin with a VIP reception from 7:30-8:30 a.m. offering face-to-face interaction with the speakers, networking and table top displays from 8-9 a.m. followed by breakfast and the program from 9-10:30 a.m.

"This is an opportunity for those

involved in the residential and commercial aspects of the construction industry to network with each other and hear, from our speakers, what is being done to re-energize our state and get its economic engine firing on all cylinders," said Kevin Koehler, CEO of CAM. "We were pleased when BIA's CEO, Michael Stoskopf, approached us with the idea and we are looking forward to joining forces for what promises to be an exciting

and informative event."

Registration fees are \$50/person for the VIP reception, breakfast and program or \$30/person for the breakfast and program. Table top displays are available for \$150 each and include one admission to breakfast and the program. For registration information, call BIA at (248) 862-1002, CAM at (248) 972-1000 or register online at <http://tiny.cc/CAMBIARegister>

## Ballot count was done wrong way

BY ROBERT MEISNER  
 GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q:** After our annual meeting, the ballots were locked in a cabinet. A board member went into the locked cabinet to recount the votes without notice or anyone else attending or acting as a witness. Should not this situation of a recount be observed by others present?



Robert Meisner

**A:** At any election of the association, an inspector of the ballots should be appointed and an Oath of Inspectors

prepared and signed by the persons counting the ballots. What happened in this situation was improper as no director should put himself or herself in a position of invalidating any association records. Obviously, there is a correct way to recount the votes and this was not the right way.

**Q:** One of our officers had received bids to make repairs they thought necessary. The officer never communicated to the other officers or directors except to send e-mails asking for their opinion. The matter was never discussed at a board meeting. Can a board member act on their own and seek bids?

**A:** Under general agency law, as well as corporate law, no one can act for the association and commit to a contract or agreement without authority from the Board of Directors. Keeping in mind that the directors can appoint a new officer at any board meeting, the officer in question should be sent a letter advising him to cease and desist from all actions not approved by the Board of Directors at a board meeting. If the action continues, the board should remove the officer as an officer of the association.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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207 McDougal Ct	\$363,000	15400 Loveland St	\$25,000	49484 Cooke Ave	\$410,000	
2041 Stonebridge Way	\$327,000	36798 Munger St	\$120,000	50443 Cottonwood Ct	\$302,000	
5867 Wedgewood Rd	\$115,000	29607 Nottingham Cir	\$75,000	46772 Darwood Ct	\$325,000	
<b>Garden City</b>			9193 Pere Ave	\$105,000	48645 Hilltop Dr W	\$385,000
28417 Cambridge St	\$65,000	35971 Perth St	\$125,000	12113 Hines Ct	\$225,000	
372 Lytle Pl	\$46,000	14296 Richfield St	\$224,000	<b>Redford</b>		
6633 Mansfield St	\$71,000	<b>Northville</b>			25546 Five Mile Rd	\$88,000
33659 Pierce St	\$53,000	18918 Bella Vista Ct	\$1,020,000	15149 Aubrey	\$12,000	
6746 Schaller St	\$80,000	44474 Broadmoor Blvd	\$380,000	16668 Ryland	\$60,000	
<b>Livonia</b>			16143 Brook Trout Ln	\$130,000	12025 Tecumseh	\$30,000
12001 Arcola St	\$35,000	19445 Cardene Way	\$135,000	<b>Westland</b>		
14808 Arden St	\$90,000	44333 Deep Hollow Cir	\$430,000	738 Ethan Dr	\$143,000	
12400 Cavell St	\$41,000	16424 Mulberry Way	\$270,000	6160 N Farmington Rd	\$83,000	
9851 E Clements Cir	\$94,000	43715 Prestwick Cir S	\$495,000	38163 Warren Rd	\$75,000	
14229 Foch St	\$60,000	<b>Plymouth</b>				
14555 Huff St	\$133,000	11429 Aspen Dr	\$133,000			

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

790 Kensington Ln	\$450,000	28678 Wintergreen Ct	\$450,000
1363 Lake Crescent Dr	\$275,000	<b>Milford</b>	
4806 Malibu Dr	\$280,000	4299 Lancashire	\$80,000
3000 Middlebury Ln	\$175,000	202 Noble St	\$90,000
6700 Oakhills Dr	\$1,075,000	<b>Novi</b>	
<b>Commerce Township</b>			
3213 Adele Ter	\$193,000	41984 Borchart Dr	\$315,000
2869 Alorington Ct	\$120,000	42796 Brookstone Dr	\$202,000
2841 Augusta Dr	\$239,000	50564 Langley Dr	\$485,000
2055 Canal St	\$222,000	27961 Middleton Dr	\$145,000
3866 Ellisia Rd	\$85,000	44090 Settlers Creek Ct	\$260,000
6045 Lochmore Dr	\$130,000	44468 Sussex Dr	\$140,000
<b>Farmington</b>			
35535 Heritage Ln	\$75,000	58615 Castle Ct	\$40,000
23133 Lilac St	\$40,000	1254 Coach House Ln	\$315,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>			
30902 Cedar Creek Dr	\$184,000	216 Detroit St	\$5,000
24205 Farmington Rd	\$134,000	22260 Quail Run Cir Unit 1	\$103,000
21925 Flanders St	\$106,000	54170 West Ct	\$40,000
27197 Hampstead Blvd	\$380,000	<b>Southfield</b>	
25293 Hopkins Rd	\$285,000	16974 Addison St	\$82,000
21640 Oxford Ave	\$61,000	27425 Berkshire Dr	\$58,000
21414 Ruth St	\$170,000	27305 Bradford Ln	\$150,000
39216 Silverthorne Bnd	\$232,000	16280 Crescent Dr	\$53,000
32259 Tall Timber Dr	\$219,000	15893 Fairfax St	\$100,000
30737 Turtle Crk	\$247,000	<b>White Lake</b>	
29850 W 12 Mile Rd #504	\$25,000	975 Sloane Ct	\$125,000
		8314 Vanden Dr	\$111,000

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The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, David

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<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>BEVERLY HILLS-</b> Selling Nana's jewelry One-day only, 15692 Buckingham, 6/3, 9-5pm. 3 bks S of 14, 1st blk E of Greenfield.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>CANTON: CENTURY FARMS</b> <b>ANNUAL SUB SALE</b> June 2, 3 & 4, 9-5pm. N/Palmer, W/Haggerty. House- hold, tools, clothes, baby items, inflatable boat & motor, motorcycle trailers & more.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>FARMINGTON:</b> 23241 Lilac, Grand-River/Orchard Lk. Fri-Sun, 9-4pm. Plus size clothes, A/C, appli, furniture, lawn mower & misc.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>LIVONIA</b> <b>BURTON</b> <b>HOLLOW</b> <b>WOODS SUB</b> <b>June 2-4th</b> NE 6 Mile/ Farmington Desks, W musical instru- ments, Rubber stamp supplies, \$1 hostas, misc household. <b>MANY HOMES!</b>  <b>LIVONIA:</b> 14619 Park St. Levan & 5 Mile, in SMB Sub. June 2-4, 9-4pm. Household items/furniture, baby, toddler, clothes, toys and much more!  <b>LIVONIA: Biggest</b> <b>sale in the city!</b> <b>South end garage sale!</b> 3 neighborhood associations: Old Rosedale Gardens, Devon-Aire and Clements Cir. Sat. June 4, 9-4pm. Starting at Hubbard and Plymouth Rd. Culminating at Plymouth Rd. and Inkster.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>LIVONIA:</b> TOPS Garage Sale. June 2-5, 9-2-3 bks. W of Inkster, 3 bks. N of Plymouth. 12403 Gardview. Antiques, furniture, toys, electronics, clothing, jewelry, tools, household goods, something for everyone!  <b>MILFORD - Thurs-Sat, June</b> <b>2-4, 9-5pm.</b> Berwyck On The Park Sub Sale, 3 miles S of 96 on South Millford Rd.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NORTHVILLE GARAGE SALE</b> Household Goods, furniture, filing & storage systems and more! 18435 Donegal Ct., 7 Mile/Enderby, Thurs. 6/2 & Fri. 6/3, 8:30am-4pm.  <b>NORTHVILLE TWP.</b> GIGANTIC Sub-Wide Garage Sale! Woodland South Condos, SW corner of Sheldon & 6 Mile. June 2-4th, 9-4pm.  <b>NORTHVILLE</b> - Lexington Condo Club House. Misc vari- ety: pictures, stand-up mixer- 30 yrs of items. June 3rd & 4th, 9-4pm. 8 Mile & Tart.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NOVI:</b> Orchard Hills Sub Garage Sale 10 Mile & Meadowbrook. Thurs-Sat. June 2-4, 9-4PM.  <b>NOVI:</b> Sub Sale. Haggerty btwn Grand River/12 Mile with Multi-Family Sale at 27098 Barra. Electronics, furniture, misc. June 2, 3, 4, 9-6pm.  <b>PLYMOUTH TWP.</b> Multi Family. June 2, 3 & 4, 9-3pm. 48500 W. Normandy Ct. off Ann Arbor Rd. or Powell Rd. Kids & adult clothes, toys, household.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>SOUTH LYON</b> Garage Sale - June 4-5, 9am-6pm. Furniture, tools, sporting goods, toys, camping equipment, etc. 27900 Woodstream Drive.  <b>SOUTH LYON HUGE MOVING</b> <b>SALE - June 2-4, 9am-5pm.</b> Furniture, antiques, house- hold, clothing, misc. Excellent condition! 53534 Shoal Creek, Tanglewood Subdivision  <b>SOUTH LYON</b> - Fairlane Meadows Sub, Marshall Rd., between 9 Mile & Silver Lake Rd. June 2, 3, 4, 9am-5pm.  <b>SOUTH LYON:</b> A lot of guy, girl, kid stuff. Hunting, Camping, etc. 6/4 & 6/5, Sat. 8-4 Sun. 9-2. 60160 E. 8 Mile Rd.  <b>SOUTH LYON:</b> Sat-Sun, June 4-5, 10-5pm. Boy's toys & sports equip, clothes/shoes, household items, lg dog crate, lots more! 8793 N. Rushton.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>WESTLAND:</b> Garage Sale Sat., June 4, 9-4pm. Birch Hill Apartments, South side of Cherry Hill, E. of Venoy.  <b>Moving Sales 7130</b> <b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> 34549 Fendt, Gill and 8 Mile, 1 street behind Dairy Queen. Thursday, June 2nd 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 and Saturday, June 4th from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Furniture, entertainment center, toys, electronics, vending machine, trains, bikes, and much more.  <b>FRANKLIN:</b> Mini Estate/ Gar/ Moving sale! Sat-Sun, June 4- 5, 10-6pm. 30445 Stonegate, Franklin Road between Northwestern Hwy & 13 Mile.
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