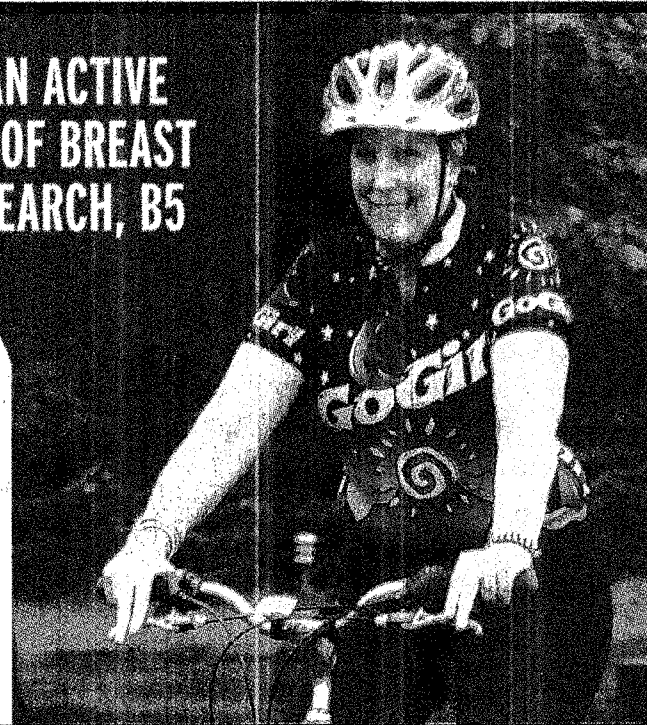




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Varooooom!

The word will be speed at the Westland Farmers Market Tuesday, June 14, when No. 99 Aflac Ford Fusion show cars stop by for a visit.

The car will be at the market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jet black, with bright green and blue accents, the car is a retired version of the vehicle Carl Edwards drives throughout the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season. It also is equipped with a replica motor like those used on the track by Roush Fenway Racing teams.

The Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays in the parking lot of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

Interview

The Westland Library Board will interview a candidate for the vacant library director position 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the library on Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Sharon Hupp, former director of the Crompton Library in Hartland, was the board's top candidate and at this time, the only one of three applicants scheduled to be interviewed.

Cast your vote

Your vote counts for the folks at First Step, which is one of six charities in the running to win \$15,000 as part of Ashka Salon's 2011 Give Back Week.

The Canton salon's goal is to raise \$15,000 by way of a silent auction, a donation from Ashka and a Beauty-A-Thon, all taking place Sept. 12-17. Team members recommended the six charities. In addition to First Step, they are C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Children with Hairloss, Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Pratt brothers from Texas to help pay for their medical expenses.

Unlike real elections, you can vote once a day through Monday, June 20, at www.ashkasalon.com/index.php/giving-back/give-back-week-2011.

If it wins, First Step plans to use the funds to provide free services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in southeast Michigan.

Final Mass

St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church in Westland will close Thursday, June 30, with the retirement of the pastor, the Rev. Sal Briffa.

The final Mass for the parish is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26. Past and current parish members are invited to attend.

Located on Ann Arbor Trail just west of Merriman, St. Bernadine opened in 1955 and has served primarily Westland and Livonia residents.

17 positions unfilled in 2011-12 city budget

Some council members voted no, Page A2.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011-12 fiscal year general fund budget that has been adopted by the Westland City Council eliminates 17 previously budgeted staff positions, but contains no proposed layoffs.

"You look at other communities around us. Garden City and Livonia have millage proposals and Taylor is

laying off 40 people to balance the budget," council President James Godbout said. "No one is completely happy with a budget. I'm sure each one of us had something we wanted in or out of the budget."

The \$54 million budget includes a \$1.4 million fund balance. Some of the city's funding will depend on meeting conditions set by the governor, such as financial best practices and transparency, Godbout said.

"It's as good budget. There are some

issues we have to deal with," he said.

The 17 positions are eliminated from the budget with the start of the fiscal year July 1. The vacant positions were the result of early retirements and attrition affecting nearly all city departments, including police, fire, public services and clerical.

The budget proposed by Mayor William Wild includes 285 full-time employees, a 30-percent reduction from the 401 full-time workers employed by the city in 2007.

One big change included in the budget is the closing of the Westland Economic Development Building on Marquette. The Economic Development, Planning and Building departments will be consolidated throughout the remaining city buildings.

The moves will increase efficiency from an operational standpoint and allow for better service to the

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What a splash!

It's like catching a wave when the bucket drops at the H2O Zone in Westland's Tattan Park. Youngsters and their parents flocked to the sprayground when temperatures soared above 90 degrees. For more photos and a story about the sprayground, see Page A3.

W-W faces challenge in containing costs

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials don't need a crystal ball to see what school finances will be in the next two years. In fact, they know the district will lose \$8.9 million in fiscal 2011-12 and even before the governor presents his proposed budget for 2012-13, they'll be in the hole at least \$5.5 million.

As result, the proposed 2011-12 budget the Wayne-Westland school board will receive Monday evening won't be "pretty."

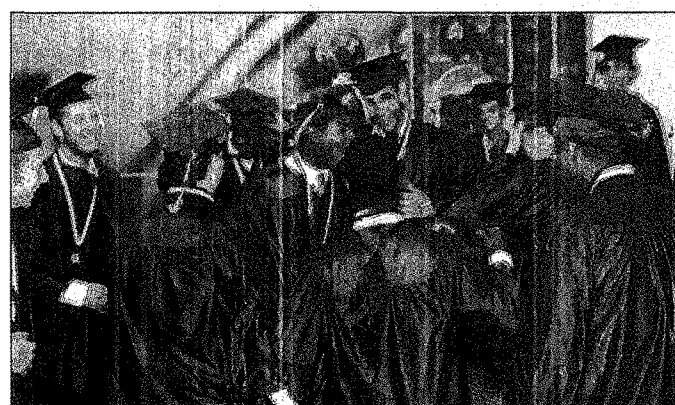
"There's absolutely no way we can make ends meet without major cost containment among all employees," said Superintendent Greg Baracy in looking at the district's financial landscape. "The governor is offering increased money, and schools can access

it, but a lot of it is if bargaining groups do X, Y and Z."

Wayne-Westland will get just half of its equity language, \$3 million, this year, but already has been told it's a one-time only payment. And like other districts, it will get an extra \$100 per student to soften the blow of an almost 4 percent increase in retirement costs this coming budget year. That, too, is one time only.

And the \$100 available for districts that meet the governor's best practices is out of the reach of Wayne-Westland without concessions from its unions. And that will be a tough go, considering it has yet to get its largest union, the Wayne-Westland Education Association, and unions representing secretaries and paraprofessionals, to agree to a one-year wage and step

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Rappin' to go

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School's Class of 2011 do a little rappin' while waiting to walk on to the floor the Eastern Michigan Convocation Center for commencement ceremonies. For a list of graduates and more photos, see Page A4. Graduation photo galleries also can be found on the Westland home page of www.hometownlife.com.

City contracts with Canton for water system operator

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will be contracting, at least temporarily, with a neighboring community to provide a licensed water system operator that's required under state law.

Due to retirements, Westland currently doesn't have a staff person who meets the state requirement of being operator-in-charge who holds an S-1 license. The test is only given annually in November with results available the fol-

lowing January.

"Later in the year, we have a couple of employees who will take the test," said Mayor William Wild. "We will share an employee with Canton until we get an S-1 on our staff."

The Westland council has approved the agreement which will pay Canton Township \$101.12 per hour for use of an S-1 operator to monitor and make reports on the water system. It is expected the operator would be needed only a few hours weekly for routine operations, but possibly more

if there was a significant event affecting the water system, Wild said.

The contract would be in effect no later than Jan. 15, 2012, but could be terminated by either municipality with 30 days notice.

The city is also hoping that the agreement will help their efforts will demonstrate a sharing of services to help qualify for what was formerly called statutory state shared revenue funds. Shared services

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Council approves pay plan for new police chief

Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto won't have to take a pay cut for accepting a promotion.

The council voted to authorize paying Angelosanto, promoted to chief last month, at 100 percent of the police chief's salary which is \$96,248 annually. The Appointed Officials and Mayor's Pay Plan sets the starting salary for a new police chief at 85 percent for the first six months on the job, then bumps it to 100 percent.

For Angelosanto, who had been deputy police chief, that would have meant a pay cut for his first six months as police chief.

"It works pretty well, if you have brought someone in from outside but the 85 percent is a pay cut for a deputy chief who has been promoted," said Mayor William Wild.

Resident Robert Froreich questioned the need to pay someone at 100 percent of the pay rate for a job they had just started and would grow into.

The pay plan is in effect until the end of the year and needs to be looked at going forward, said Council President James Godbout.

"To have the chief take a pay cut below what he made as deputy chief makes no sense," he said.

Councilman Dewey Reeves agreed.

"In essence, you are penalizing a person for taking a promotion," he said.

-By LeAnne Rogers

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freeze and a "modest" increase in health care co-pays that it requested as part of a three-pronged plan to save \$15 million it rolled out in 2009.

"All of our contracts expire next year, the smaller unions all stepped up in the third year of a four-year agreement," said Baracy.

Eligible WWEA members have received a negotiated 6 percent step increase as well as 1.5 percent pay increase, while those at the top of the scale, 50-60 percent of the members, received 1.5 percent increases.

The health care co-pay the district sought would have increased the current yearly amount of \$480 to \$720. That is nowhere near the 90/10 co-pay the governor includes as one of his best practices, and a bill calling for employees to pay 20 percent doesn't even cover the costs of the WWEA's MESSA health insurance, according to Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services.

"It doesn't even come close

to the MESSA premium increases," said Martin. "It was 17 percent last year and will be at 6 percent plus this year. We're looking at an increase of 24 percent for MESSA while our look-alike policy is about 9 percent for two years. We can do things with our other health plans. We've done every trick in the book, but MESSA continues to spiral out of control."

Health insurance was at the heart of a strike by teachers in 2008, and Baracy stressed that at no time did the district "go after MESSA." It went after the cost of health care, seeking a cap on the amount the district paid, with union employees paying the difference.

The *Observer* called WWEA President Nancy Strachan for her comment, however, she did not return newspaper phone calls.

While many districts have averages for class sizes and are able to make adjustments and layoff teachers to save money, Wayne-Westland has hard caps. The district has asked the WWEA to forgo one of the two class size reductions which would cut 10-11 teaching positions and save the district \$1.1 million.

Even retirement costs are

adding to the financial pain. According to Martin, retirement costs more than doubled in the last 10 years, jumping from 12.7 percent of payroll to 24.46 percent.

"Those costs are escalating as we continue to lose students," said Martin. "What's so crazy about these drastic cuts is that since 2000 our retirement and health care costs are up in each area 100 percent, but our funding allowance is being rolled back to 2000. The legacy costs need to be addressed."

Baracy calls the governor's use of \$600 million in school aid money for colleges and universities and "unprecedented attack on K-12 education," money that should have come to the schools "to soften the blow" of the revenue losses.

As a result, he sees the prospect of Wayne-Westland getting out of deficit "pretty dismal." "With 89-90 percent of our budget wages and benefits, we either have to have significantly less people or significantly less expense," he said. "The only way to get money we need is for joint sacrifices."

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Street lighting costs, outsourcing spark no votes on budget

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A \$54 million balanced budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year without any employee layoffs has been approved by the Westland City Council on a split vote.

Council members Christine Bryant and Bill Johnson cast the opposing votes to the budget.

Bryant's opposition centered on the budget including higher charges for street lighting when the public hearing on the Special Assessment District roll wasn't being held for another two days.

"I'm a little disappointed. I think overall, we have a good budget," Bryant said. "The public hearing is to hear citizen comments. I'd like to hear the comments. This assumes we will vote yes (on the special assessment increase). I will vote no on the budget tonight."

Commenting that the budget was the second year of what was planned as a two-year budget and the subject of several council studies sessions, Mayor William Wild thanked everyone who worked on the budget.

"I kind of find Councilwoman Bryant's position disappointing," Wild said. "People find ways to get things done or to wiggle off the hook. You could have offered an amendment to take it (the lighting assessment) out of the budget and put it back after the hearing."

Council President James Godbout agreed that the budget could be amended by taking out the street lighting assessment or later adding it back after council adopts the assessment roll.

"We make adjustments to the budget each quarter," he said.

For Johnson, the issue was the outsourcing of building inspections and the current city inspectors bumping into other positions within American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602s.

"It will cost us \$38,000 more to outsource — we're not saving money. Those positions will bump into the water and sewer department," Johnson said. "I'd rather keep those jobs open. Those positions will cost us \$300,000 in salary and benefits for these bumps."

Responding, Wild said he

wholeheartedly disagreed with Johnson's comments that the outsourcing would cost the city money.

"Our finance department projects we will have \$1.5 million savings over five years through this change and closing the Economic Development building," Wild said.

Agreeing that there will be charges for the outsourced inspections, Wild said those costs are covered by permit and inspection fees.

"What we're trying to do is privatize those jobs by contracting out the last three building inspector jobs," Wild said. "This won't result in layoffs."

The 90 minutes spent earlier in the meeting discussing recent flooding demonstrates the need to fill vacant budgeted positions in the water and sewer department, Wild said, especially since the current positions were costing the city money due to decreased demand for inspections.

"We're going to have to agree to disagree. Those are the numbers provided by the administration," Johnson said.

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residents, according to Wild, along with saving \$50,000 annually.

In addition, the Building Department will be privatized as the continuing trend of declining revenues and a slowed economy has decreased the need for full-time inspectors, for a savings of \$220,000 annually. The three remaining inspectors will bump into existing positions in other departments.

The Assessing Department will now be under the direction of a contracted assessor, replacing the previously full-time staffed position. The city is projecting that move will result in approximately \$120,000 in annual savings of health care and pension costs.

Michigan's economy remains challenging, Wild said, so the city will continue to look for cost-cutting solutions throughout the year. The budget doesn't include \$1.4 million in statutory state shared revenue that has been eliminated but could potentially be earned back.

If other revenues come in as predicted, Westland should see no impact to services provided to the residents, Wild said.

"The budget process is a collaborative effort of the city administration and members of the Westland City Council to ensure that the city of Westland is dedicated to remain focused on fiscal responsibility and will continue to provide the best services to our residents that they have come to expect and deserve," Wild said.

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is one of the governor's three-prong plan for municipalities to qualify for the funding.

Westland and Canton officials had met with representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to get approval for the arrangement.

In another effort at shared services, Wild said he antici-

pates Westland entering into a second shared arrangement with Canton to provide Geographic Information Systems work at the June 20 City Council meeting. This agreement includes updating city maps for Tax Increment Financing Authority districts, sidewalks, roads, census tracts and similar projects, as well as database management that will be accessible through a secure virtual private network.

"The city is appreciative of the good working relation-

ship it has with township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and his administration," said Wild. "Whenever possible and where it makes sense, Westland wants to collaborate in endeavors such as this."

Canton Township is a progressive, well-managed community and shares Westland's vision for providing high quality services to area residents and businesses, said Wild.

"These are both win-win situations for both communities, Westland will save the legacy costs of hiring new employees and Canton Township will bring in additional revenue to offset current employee costs," Wild said.

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Hot weather brings crowds to Sprayground

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The recent hot weather is making Westland's H2O Zone the place for local youngsters, and maybe a couple of older kids, to cool off.

The sprayground, located in Tattan Park on Carlson south of Ford, is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and is free to the public.

"When it's really hot we try to keep it open later," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

Later this month, the sprayground is expected to be closed for three or four days to allow installation of an additional five feet of concrete around the existing perimeter of the spray park to expand the existing "no splash zone."

"We looked at the spray park, the water is overflowing. The parents are getting wet while watching the kids," said Kosowski. "We designed for that, but there are a lot of water features close together."

Along with giving parents an opportunity to stay out of the water while watching their kids splash, the improvements are also designed to eliminate erosion that was causing depressions in the adjoining ground and also allow more water to be reclaimed and redirected back into the drain. The project, approved by the City Council last week, will cost \$8,250.

Tattan Park will host Mayor William Wild's Kick Off the Summer event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23. The first official community gathering of the year, the free event will include hot dogs, soft drinks, live music, water gun and water balloon fights.

The Bailey Recreation Center swimming pool is now open for evening hours, but beginning Monday, June 20, it moves into its schedule of daytime hours. Open swimming will be avail-



Abbey Wellday and Savannah Sulich, both of Garden City, enjoyed the water features at the splash park in Westland.



Hayden Golchuk of Garden City takes aim with a water gun at Westland's H2O Zone sprayground which is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.



Mahli Toppa of Westland takes a drink while cooling off.



Westland resident Christopher Lawson (seated) takes a break from playing.

able noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. in addition to a full schedule of swim lessons.

had a good week at the pool," said Kosowski. For more on the Bailey pool schedule and fees, visit the

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Class of 2011 says good-bye to Wayne Memorial

Twelve students were at the head of the class at Wayne Memorial High School's commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 4.

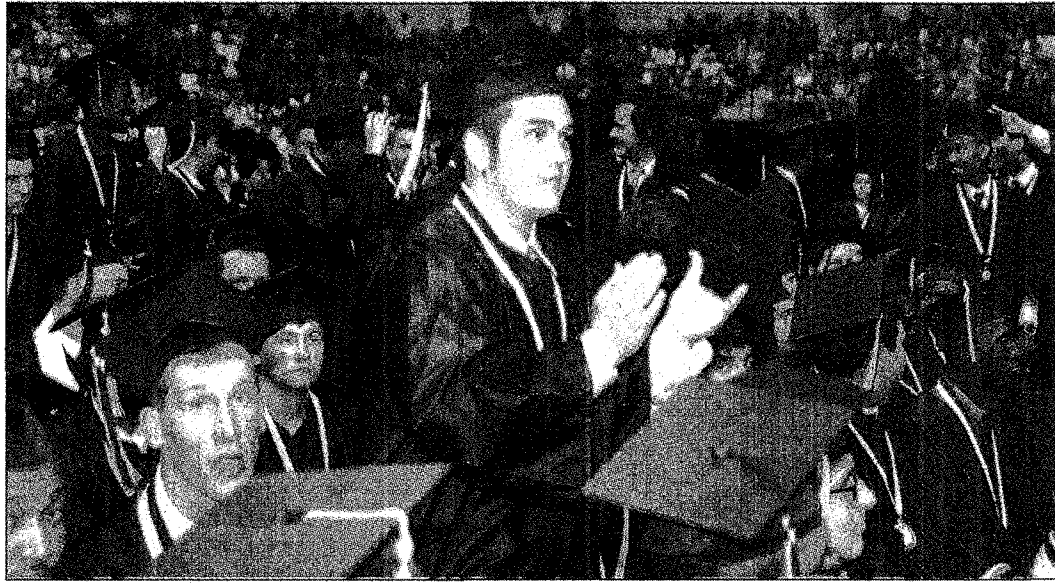
Named valedictorians of the Class of 2012 were Ryan Bartz, Thomas Bevins, Kayleigh Crummey, Michelle Good, Morgan Greig, Brandon Harnos, Christopher Henisse, Jessica LaBean, Kassandra Lodge, Kristina Macek, Chelsea Morneau and Stephani O'Harris. The salutatorian was Kellie Spehar.

Held at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, the graduates and their friends and family members heard from the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus, William Pearson, superintendent of the South Lyon School District and a member of the Class of 1970, and senior class president Megan McGregor during the ceremony.

Receiving their diplomas from members of the Wayne-Westland school board were:

Rediana Afesllari, Keith Agee, Rubina Aggarwal, Ali Ahmad, Jonathon Allen, Jessica Andrews, DeVonte Atterberry, Carli Bailey, Kirstin Baker, Robert Baker, William Baker, Barry Banks, China Barber, Tequeria Barrett, Ryan Bartz, Mintoria Battle, Azjah Beamon, April Beauregard, Michael Beauregard, Alexis Benefield, Jaspreet Benipal, Alexis Bennett, Andrew Best, Thomas Bevins, Navneet Bhangu, Gurvir Bhullar, Zachary Bledsoe, Hailey Blevins, Robert Blevins, Paul Bobin, Karissa Bolish, Charles Bond, La'Rashel Borom, Erika Boyington, Christian Bridges, Kyle Brooks.

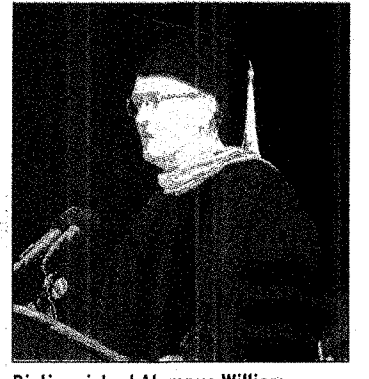
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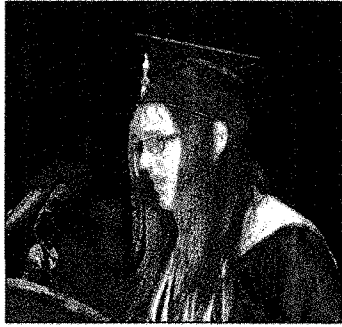
Kurt Cassidy stands to applaud his fellow Wayne Memorial High School graduates during commencement ceremonies June 4 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.



Wayne Memorial graduate Cory Sheldon waves to family members as he walks into the arena for the commencement ceremony.



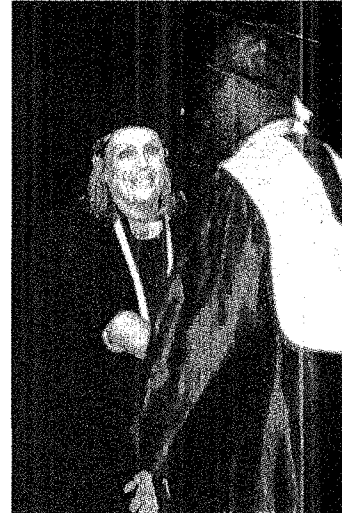
Distinguished Alumnus William Pearson, the superintendent of the South Lyon School District and a member of the class of 1970, addresses graduates as part of the commencement ceremony.



Senior class President Megan McGregor was among the guest speakers at the commencement.



Duree Johnson smiles as her grandmother Podolsky Johnson whistles for her brother, graduate Destin Woodall.



Wayne Memorial High School Principal Valerie Orr congratulates graduates as they leave the stage.

Kaitlin Durden, Da'Jalon Ellis, Kayla Ellis, Shelby Erickson, Alysia Escobar, Brianna Everett.

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Antonio's celebrates feast day with fundraiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

The children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen especially touched Anthony Rugiero Jr. as they waited in line. He had volunteered to serve meals at one of two locations in Detroit after last year's fundraiser at Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants in Canton, Farmington and Dearborn Heights. Proceeds from the event went to feed the men, women and families.

Anthony, or Antonio as he's known around his family's restaurants, has four "little ones" of his own.

"It was heart wrenching to see the kids come through. They're so innocent. I don't think they understand," Rugiero said. "The Capuchins provide 2,000 meals a day. When I saw that, I got more involved."

This year, more than ever, the Rugiero family is determined to make the June 13 fundraiser a success. For the last 18 years, they have celebrated the Feast Day of St. Anthony de Padua by donating proceeds from their restaurants to various charities.

This Monday, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is the sole recipient.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., supporters choose from a lunch buffet of pastas, pizza and authentic Italian dishes for a donation, or order from the regular menu (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.) knowing that a portion of the proceeds help feed the hungry.

"We even added soup in recognition of the good work the Capuchins do at the kitchen," Rugiero said. "We will have items like pizza, a variety of pastas like mostaccioli and covatelli and gnocchi with Rita, my mom's sauce, stuffed shells, meatballs, mini cannolis, salad and bread, and also vegetarian."

FULL HOUSE

Last year's celebration drew a full house to the restaurant



Rita Rugiero and her son, Anthony, Jr., with a statue of St. Antonio.

named after his father and St. Antonio. Anthony Sr. and Rita grew up in Italy hearing about the saint as Catholics. They later passed their strong faith and beliefs on to their children.

Today, Rita and sons Anthony Jr., Patrick, Mark and Robert not only continue to serve authentic Italian food, but support the community. The family has a long history of giving back. In the last 18 years, they have donated money to PIME Missionaries (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions), diabetes research at the University of Michigan, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, leukemia and lymphoma and shelters.

"We had a lot of people calling and say we love the Capuchins," Rugiero said. "St. Antonio is my favorite saint and a Franciscan and known for feeding the poor. Capuchins are Franciscans. It only makes sense we support them."

Brother Jerry Smith, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, will once again be on hand to thank patrons for their support. He spent the entire day at the Canton location last year.

The money goes to support programs of the Capuchin

Soup Kitchen, including two soup kitchens, food pantry and programs that treat substance abuse, provide work opportunities for adults, tutoring for children and fresh produce for families through the Earthworks Urban Farm.

"We're best known for feeding people, but do so much more," Smith said. "We're trying to move people beyond the need for the kitchen, training people in urban farming and at the bakery to become more self-sufficient."

Last year, Smith said he felt a special bond with the celebration to honor St. Anthony.

"St. Anthony is a Franciscan saint, keeping in line with our Franciscan tradition which has always been to work with poor people, hungry people," Smith said. "We have a history of walking with common ordinary people."

Smith is grateful for the generosity of the Rugiero family and their patrons.

"We were very pleased last year. We have very faithful supporters, the people who live in the areas of Antonio's restaurants," Smith said. "We're proud of the fact our budget is \$7.5 million every year and none comes from government. We're extremely

ST. ANTONIO FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 13

Location: Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants at 2220 N. Canton Center Road, (734) 981-9800; 37646 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 994-4000; and 26356 Ford, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-6000.

Details: A portion of sales will be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

grateful to benefactors who make that possible."

To encourage the success of the fundraiser, Rugiero has decided to add dates for organizations that shared the proceeds with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen last year. On Oct. 6, the restaurant will donate \$2 for every pizza sold to Shades of Pink, a nonprofit to help survivors of breast cancer. On Nov. 5, the family holds Rugiero Casino Royale to benefit diabetes research at the University of Michigan. Anthony Sr. died of the disease in October 2008. In his memory, his sons established the Antonio Rugiero Sr. Diabetes Research Fund.

"We want to help find a cure," the younger Rugiero said. "It's going to be a very lively and elegant night with strolling food stations at the Italian American Club in Livonia with different restaurants and businesses coming like Cantoro's Italian Market."

A July 1-3 weekend Salutes Our Heroes and was Robert's idea. Members of the U.S. armed forces receive 50 percent off entrees when they present military ID. The Gelato Festival July 5-10 rewards all patrons with free gelato. The family brought machines from Italy to make the authentic ice cream.

"In these times, people need to know there's good and hope," Rugiero said.

Electronic banking is the wave of the future

Q: Dear Rick: My friend and I are in our late 60s and we both collect Social Security. My friend has her Social Security check directly deposited into her bank account. I receive a check by mail and that is what I prefer. My friend said I will no longer have that option and unless I do a direct deposit, I won't be able to receive my Social Security. I depend upon Social Security and I can't afford to miss a payment. When I contacted Social Security, I ended up being more confused than when I started. Can you help me? Do I have to sign up for direct deposit, or can I keep receiving a check?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: First, to calm your mind, at this point you do not have to sign up for direct deposit. Your friend misinterpreted new rules with regards to Social Security payments.

As of May 1, people who apply for federal benefits such as Social Security or payments from the Veterans Administration have no alternative but to select an electronic payment option. They have the choice of direct deposit like your friend does, or they can have a debit card that will be reloaded each month.

However, that is not the case for people who receive benefits from the federal government prior to May 1. Those who currently receive checks have until March 2013 to sign up for electronic benefits.

The question I have for most people who receive checks is: why? For the great majority of individuals, electronic direct deposits are much easier. For people who are currently receiving checks, I recommend you don't wait until March

2013. Switch over as soon as possible. Why not make life a little easier for yourself?

It is relatively easy to make the change. For those who are tech-savvy, go to the Treasury's website at www.godirect.org and complete the forms. For those who don't feel comfortable on the computer, there are a couple of different options. You can contact the Treasury's electronic payment help line at (800) 333-1795. In addition, most banks can assist you in establishing direct payments.

Electronic banking is here to stay. Whether it's direct deposits of paychecks or paying bills online, electronic banking is the future. I have no doubt that in the near future companies will no longer accept checks for payments. They will require you to make an electronic payment. Therefore, the sooner you take advantage of electronic banking, the better it will be for you.

Seniors who are on Social Security and who are receiving checks, it's time to put your toe in the water and take advantage of electronic banking.

Consider this: The government estimates that by eliminating paper checks for federal benefits and switching to electronic payments, it will save approximately \$120 million per year.

There's yet another benefit. According to government estimates, over the first five years of the program, the government expects to save 12 million pounds of paper. Therefore, for those of you who are concerned about the environment, saving 12 million pounds of paper should also be motivation.

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

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attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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Protestors, supporters greet Romney in Livonia

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Mitt Romneys barnstormed in Livonia today, according to the estimated 200 vocal partisans who turned out for the early front-runner in the Republican presidential primary race.

One Mitt Romney was the savvy businessman whose policies could get set the country on the right economic path, according to Chris Thompson of Farmington Hills. "I hope he makes it," said the self-described fiscal conservative. "We need him."

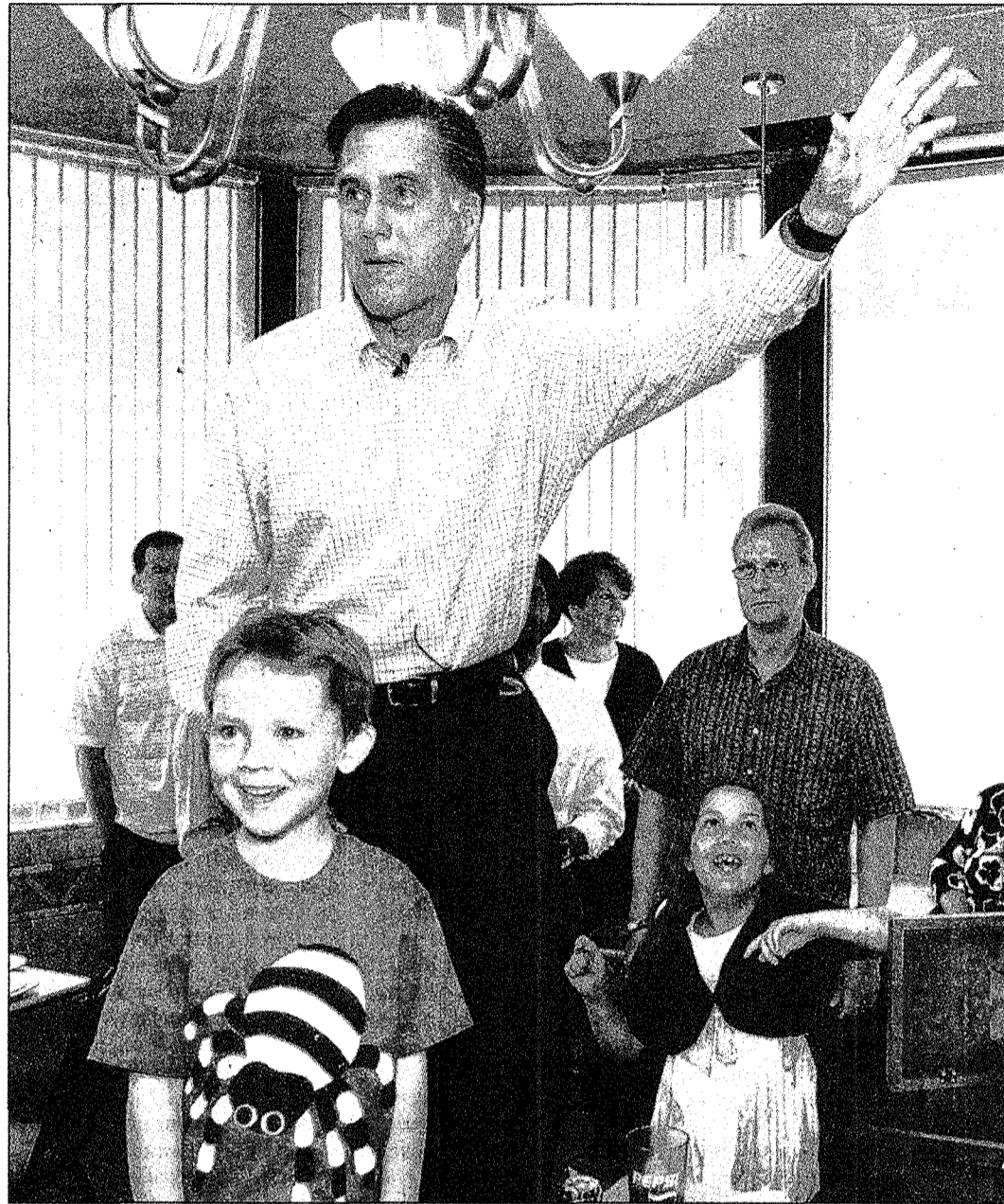
The other Mitt Romney was the man who wanted the auto industry "to die" when Chrysler and General Motors turned to the government for help avoiding insolvency, said Richard Eberhart, of Westland. "Now he comes here looking for votes and cash," the Ford Motor Co. retiree said.

Michigan Democrats helped organize the protest, state party Chair Mark Brewer said. "We won't let voters forget he wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt."

Romney didn't seem to mind the protesters when his entourage arrived at about 8:15 a.m. in a Chrysler 300. "It's good to be back in Michigan," he shouted, plunging into the crowd to sign autographs and shake hands.

"Livonia's a great Republican city," he said. "It helped carry my dad into the governor's office."

Some protestors carried signs proclaiming, "Mitt's not for the middle class" or "He wanted to let the Big



Six-year-old Nash McDaniel and his sister Abigail McDaniel, 8-years-old, are pretty excited about Mitt Romney's appearance at Senate Coney Island. They were there with their mom, Ronna McDaniel. They live in Northville.

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Democratic activists protest Romney's appearance in Livonia. Picketeer Caitlin Burns is from Westland.

Three go bankrupt." But an equal number of supporters countered with signs reading, "Michigan loves

Romney" and "Michigan needs Romney." Romney seemed upbeat, as if buoyed by recent polls

showing him seemingly leading his GOP rivals. At least one poll showed him in a statistical tie with President

Barack Obama, whose approval ratings recently dropped.

But the son of one-time Michigan Gov. George Romney continues to draw criticism — from Republicans as well as Democrats. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, for example, recently criticized Romney for the health care law he helped pass when governor of Massachusetts.

Some other Republicans say they have misgivings because of Romney's Mormon religion.

But that criticism hasn't registered with people like Helen Hall of Livonia. "You parked my car when I attended a tea your mother held in Livonia," she said, proudly showing the 1962 invitation

sent and signed by Lenore Romney. "I liked you then, but I didn't realize you'd be so successful."

Her brother-in-law Neal Hall expressed confidence about Romney's future. "The next time we see him," the Farmington Hills resident said, "he will be President Romney."

But Romney needs to get a little tougher on the campaign trail, said Hall's wife Mary. "He needs to be like Donald Trump and go after Obama," she said.

Not everyone at the Senate Coney Island had a strong opinion of Romney. One patron sat back, drank coffee and observed. "If he's any good, he'll win," said Bob Mills of Livonia. "But I'm pessimistic. I don't trust any politician."

'Day of Giving' benefits Red Cross Disaster Relief

In an effort to assist in the relief efforts for those affected by devastating tornadoes and floods that have ravaged the country this spring, Culver's restaurants will sponsor a "Day of Giving." Participating restaurants nationwide, including Culver's of Westland at 6500

Newburgh at Warren Road, will dedicate 10 percent of sales to American Red Cross Disaster Relief on Tuesday, June 14.

"Culver's has a rich history of giving back to our communities in times of need. These are our communities and our guests that are affected," said

Phil Keiser, president and chief operating officer. "Raising badly needed

funds for food, shelter, and emotional support during these difficult times is part of the Culver's True Blue spirit. We hope our loyal guests come out and make this happen in a big

way." Many of Culver's restaurants have been involved in disaster relief efforts on the local level this spring through percent of sales days, donation canisters and other methods. The "Day of Giving" will complement those ongoing efforts.

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From left, Farmington Idol coordinator Michelle Vennix, 2010 Farmington Idol Jenny Fernandez, 2010 Farmington Idol People's Choice winner Angelica Payne and Zap Zone group events coordinator Mary Johnston.

Farmington Idol opens stage to all metro area singers

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling all karaoke gurus and all of you singing-in-the-shower wanna-be's — it's Farmington Idol, coming to you live, from the Family Stage at this summer's Downtown Farmington Founders Festival.

Auditions are open this year to anyone in Metro Detroit who is at least 14 years of age and they'll be taking place starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, at Zap Zone Fun Factory on Grand River at Orchard Lake in Farmington. Those who make it to the final round will perform on the Family Stage at the Founders Festival, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

Those who audition will receive a T-shirt and will sing a 90-second capella piece in front of a panel of judges. The top 10 will move on to Friday's final round. All contestants must submit a prerecorded tape or CD, no longer than three minutes in length, to the sound crew one hour prior to Friday's competition.

A new panel of judges will be on hand for the final round to pick the 2011 Farmington Idol winner, who will walk away with a basket of goodies from the downtown merchants, along with a hotel stay and dinner for two, plus other gifts. The audience will select the People's Choice winner by casting their \$1 votes in the container of their favorite singer. The People's Choice gets to keep the cash that's in his or her container and all other proceeds will go to the festival.

To apply, stop by Zap Zone, 31506 Grand River, to pick up an application or visit www.zap-zone.com to download one, then return it to Zap Zone. The deadline to apply is July 10.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Mary Johnston, group events coordinator at Zap Zone, said they're happy to be involved in Farmington Idol again this year.

"It's a community event," she said. "I like to be able to foster the musical talent in the community. It's a perfect fit to be a host of an event like this."

Jenny Fernandez, 18, a 2011 graduate of Harrison High School, won the 2010 Farmington Idol competition with her rendition of *Beautiful Disaster* by Kelly Clarkson.

Fernandez, who will major in vocal performance at Baldwin-Wallace College, near Cleveland, said she likes that the Farmington Idol competition is held during the Founders Festival.

"It's a hometown thing," she said. "And, it's a really great chance to showcase the talent here in Farmington."

Fernandez will not compete this year. She'll be staying busy with projects such as recording with a Christian techno dance group called God's DJs.

Angelica Payne, 17, of Farmington Hills, who won last year's People's Choice, will enter Idol for the third time.

"I just love to perform," she said. "That rush that you feel when you're up on stage. You're singing a story for everybody."

Payne, a 2011 Farmington High School graduate, sang in her school's choir and she competed in Miss Oakland County Outstanding Teen and the Miss Farmington pageants.

Michelle Vennix, who grew up in Farmington and now lives in Wixom, will run this year's Farmington Idol. She's learning from the best — Ginny Morris, who brought the event to Farmington and has run the show each year.

"Ginny's always helping people, so I thought I'd help her out," said Vennix.

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IDOL INFO

Auditions

When: 5 p.m. Thursday, July 14
Where: Zap Zone Banquet Room, 31506 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Finals

When: 6 p.m. Friday July 15
Where: Farmington Founders Festival, Family Stage, Farmington Center Parking lot (Grand River, east of Farmington Road)

Pickers Paradise Sale

Booth space is available for the Plymouth-Westland Grange 389's Pickers Paradise Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. Rain date will be July 30.

The Grange is looking for people with items to sell, especially unique items. The booth size is eight feet by eight feet and costs \$15. A space will be assigned on the day of payment. Make checks payable to the Grange # 389.

Food also will be available. Donations will help the community and Maxwell's. For more information, call Laura at (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7, or Sharon at (734) 722-4857.

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 an e-mail to sgoodsell@gchosp.org.

Strawberry Festival

It's time for the annual Strawberry Festival at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Hosted by the Presbyterian Women, the Strawberry Festival will be held 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 17, on the lawn of the church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road.

Strawberries, sweetened or unsweetened, choice of cake, ice cream and a beverage (combo) will be available for \$4 or items can be purchased a la carte for \$1.50. Beverages will be 50 cents.

A craft boutique will sell handcrafted items, especially the unique crystal sun-catchers, jewelry and wreaths and many more items. And tasty home baked goods will be available for purchase at the Bake Sale.

In case of inclement weather, the Strawberry Festival will be held in the church Social Hall. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Garage sale

Garden City Boy Scout Troop 1241 is holding a garage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 16, 17 and 18, at the Scout cabin at 1524 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill.

Proceeds from the sale will help pay bills on the building and raise funds for camping.

Salute to Veterans Party Animal Travel is having a "Salute to the Veterans" trip to the Firekeepers Casino on Wednesday, June 28. Veterans will receive a free trip to the casino along with \$20 in slot play and \$5 in food credits. A spouse or a guest can go for \$25 and receive the same package. Space is limited, proof of veteran status must be provided. Call (734) 525-9777 for more information or to reserve a spot. Party Animal also is hold-

ing a Senior Travel Show 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at the Joy Manor on Joy east of Middlebelt, and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood west of Merriman.

Summer hours

Garden City Presbyterian Church is switching to its summer worship schedule.

The church will have one service on Sundays for the summer months at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, June 19. The service will last approximately one hour.

From June through September, the format will be less formal, combining some of the best elements of traditional and contemporary worship. Child Care and youth Sunday school learning centers will be at the same time, and there will be refreshments and fellowship immediately after the service.

The church is located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Golf outing

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

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

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

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The Comets are selling 200 Biggby travel mugs — 100 designated for football and 100 for cheerleaders — at \$10 each. The teams will earn \$5.65 for each travel mug sold. In addition, the person buying the mug is entitled to one free drink of their choice at Biggby Coffee on Ford just west of Newburgh, which could be up to a \$5 value.

Store owner Mo Alfakir is selling the travel mugs in the store throughout June.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 24. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, June 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any com-

ments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold district coffee hours on Monday, June 13, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Dine to donate

The Westland Stars Cheer and Dance Team are holding a fundraiser day 4-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Bring a flier, available by e-mailing Toni Lay at tl16n19@aol.com or just mention the Stars when ordering.

Book sale

If you enjoy sitting in the shade and reading a good book, you can stock up at a special sale being offered by the Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Following a successful used book sale last month, the Friends are now offering summer special in the Friends Shop

at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

The hardcover fictions sell for \$1. During the months of June, July and August, shoppers can buy two hardcover fiction titles and get one free.

Butterfly lecture
Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present a lecture on attracting butterflies to your garden at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

Learn the necessary components of a Butterfly Garden. Want Monarchs, Black Swallowtails, or American Lady butterflies in your landscape? Learn which plants to plant to attract the butterflies you want in your yard by Dziedzic.

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.

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.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.



Girls attending the Girl Scouts' Camp Crawford in Milan last year worked on a mural as part of their activities.

Fun, adventure awaits at scout day camp

There's still time to sign girls up for a summer full of day camp fun at a real camp.

The Girl Scouts' Camp Crawford in Milan, an affordable alternative to summer day care, is 65 acres of forest, wetland, pond and meadow, just 10 miles south of Ann Arbor. Transportation to and from camp is available at the Ann Arbor Regional Center of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, 1900 Manchester Road, at the Washtenaw/Stadium split.

The day camp is open to girls entering grades 1-7. Girls who haven't registered Girl Scout can join with a \$20 fee added to the day camp registration.

The weekly fee of \$130 includes snacks and all program supplies. Campers bring their own sack lunch.

Day campers will help plan their activities and will participate in cooking, crafts and nature programs. An overnight trip to Camp Linden in Livingston County or Camp O'the Hills in Jackson County is an option for girls entering grades 4-7.

Crawford Day Camp begins on June 20 and runs until Aug. 5. Girls who sign up for five weeks of day camp receive the sixth week free.

Sessions and themes are "Bat-a-rama," June 20-24;

"Stories, Stones and Strings," June 27 to July 1; "Journey through the Past," July 5-8; "Art Outside the Frame," July 11-15; "Recycle, Reuse, Re-art," July 18-22; "The Crawford Camporium," July 25-29; and "Into the Woods," Aug. 1-5.

In addition, girls entering grades 6-12 will experiment with a variety of jewelry-making techniques at "Jewelry Making Mavens" 6 to 9 p.m. July 25-29 at the GSHOM Ann Arbor Regional Center.

For additional information and a registration form, visit www.girlscoutcamp.org or call (800) 497-2688 (1-800-49-SCOUT).

Charter chief ready for 'high-energy' challenge

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Cook has spent the last year as a "principal in residence," basically interning at Canton Charter Academy in Canton while learning the administrative ropes of the National Heritage Academies system.

Now Cook, 32, is ready for the big chair.

Cook, an Ann Arbor native who earned a bachelors degree in psychology and Spanish at Alma College, has been named the principal at the new South Canton Scholars Charter Academy in Canton, a charter school set to open in September for grades K-5 (the board was scheduled to act on a proposal to make it a K-6 school Wednesday). The school will also offer a "young fives" program for students not quite ready for kindergarten.

"There's been so much excitement around this," said Cook, whose last principal job was at Holland's Waukazoo

Elementary School. "We're focused on building an incredible staff, and once that's done, (the challenge) is going to be getting to know our students as quickly as possible and meeting their needs every step of the way."

It could be a lot of students. South Canton Scholars figures to open with with more than 500 students (closer to 600 if the board approves the sixth-grade addition). School officials received more than 1,300 applications, which will be sifted at random to admit the school's first classes of students.

Cook said the school, situated within the boundaries of the Wayne-Westland school district, will likely draw students from Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton, as well as from around the area. She said the Canton Center site was chosen "because the demand is here."

"The other two schools (Canton Charter Academy and Achieve Academy) have a large number of applications," Cook said. "We've spread the word through the other two schools, and we've done mailings to both (Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton) areas."

And she thinks the demand is there because people are buy-

ing into the NHA philosophy, which she said centers around "service to students."

"Everything we do revolves around the learner, and what's best for the students," said Cook, who also earned a masters of education in curriculum design from National Louis University in Chicago. "We work hard with parents to make sure that connection (school-to-students-to-parents) is well known."


While she does have a teaching background, Cook said being an administrator has more pull for her now because she believes she can help her colleagues, and impact more students, from the leadership post.

"I'm able to affect more children this way," Cook said. "And I'm able to support my colleagues better in this capacity."

For now, she's busy building the relationships she feels will be necessary to help South Canton Scholars succeed once it opens its doors in September.

"There's a lot to do ... relationships to build with students, with parents, which is its own dynamic," Cook said. "It's very high-energy, and I'm a high-energy person."

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
June 20, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on June 20, 2011 at 6:58 p.m. To introduce an ordinance amending the City of Garden City solid waste code to permit rubbish collection fees to be established under the city comprehensive fee schedule.

ORDINANCE NO #11-

AMENDMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 54.09, CHAPTER 54, CODIFIED AS PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.

Chapter 54, Solid Waste, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 54.09 COLLECTION RATES.

(A) Services for city pick up of rubbish and garbage shall be charged in accordance with the Comprehensive Fee Schedule in Chapter 12 of this Code.

(1) Residential and commercial curb-side or alley pick-up, one time per week, not to exceed five 20 gallon containers per week other than grass and leaves separated for composting.

(2) Commercial container service: one two-yard dumpster will be provided, and collected one time per week.

(B) Commercial or industrial establishments that generate more than two cubic yards of refuse per week shall be responsible for arranging private disposal of anything in excess of the two cubic yards per week disposed of by the city contractor. If such arrangements are with the city's contracted service provider, the cost of service provided in division (A)(2) shall be deducted by the provider from any charges to the establishment. If any other provider is arranged, all costs (including those provided in division (A)(2)) shall be borne by the establishment. The selection of the city's contracted service provider shall be at the city's sole discretion.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Randy Walker Mayor
Allyson M. Bettis Treasurer/City Clerk

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The Wayne-Westland Community Schools
announces the sponsorship of the
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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.
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Hip-hop: It's older than you think

Once considered a marginalized genre of music belonging to a strictly urban population, hip-hop has grown exponentially over the past 40 years, widening its appeal a variety of listeners and making it one of the most profitable types of popular music ever.

But hip-hop music actually grew out of the hip-hop subculture in multi-racial Bronx during the 1960s and 1970s. Back in 1968, youth gangs had virtually taken over the Bronx, with violence increasing as the years wore on. By 1972, a peace treaty was agreed upon by those gangs. Violent impulses turned into creative impulses with many youth starting to dabble in making music as an outlet.

Early rap lyricists then developed their unique styles thanks to the rise of block parties and the influence of Jamaican music. Many people consider "Rapper's Delight" by the Sugar Hill Gang, released in the summer of 1979, to be where rap began. Even that is contentious, with several other claimants vying for the title of first rap record. This often disputed trophy title is discussed in detail in the now-classic hip hop cultural history, "Can't Stop Won't Stop: A History of the Hip-Hop Generation" by Jeff Chang. Dan Charnas touches on this as well, but also provides more insight into the business aspects in "The Big Payback: The History of the Business of Hip-Hop." For more in depth analysis and critique, check out Michael Eric Dyson's "Know What I Mean: Reflections on Hip-Hop."

Looking for more targeted tales of hip-hop? There's "Fight the Power: Rap, Race, and Reality" by Chuck D from Public Enemy. Once you finish with that, read up on the rest of the members of one of the greatest hip-hop acts of all time with "Don't Rhyme for the Sake of Riddlin': The Authorized Story of Public Enemy" by Russell Myrie.

If you're more interested in the artistic expression of hip-hop, the comprehensive "The Anthology of Rap" contains nearly 300 lyrics covering early rap songs right up to the present. In addition, there's Gail Hilson Woldu's "The Words and Music of Ice Cube" that looks specifically at the impact of the career of one of the most influential lyricists ever in hip-hop.

To learn more about the ins and outs of hip-hop history, come by the Westland Library. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or you can remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westlandlibrary.org.

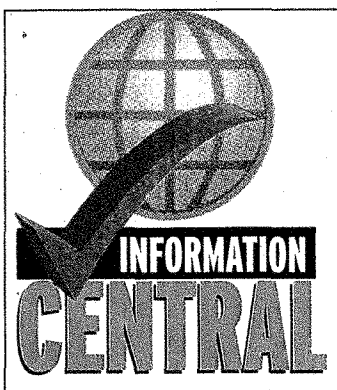
Highlighted Activities

Summer Afternoon Movie Classic: "Raiders of the Lost Ark," 3:30 p.m. June 14, Adults and Teens.

This month's theme is Summer Favorites, this week, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" starring Harrison Ford, Karen Allen and Paul Freeman. This movie is rated PG. Stay out of the heat and join us. No registration. Just drop by.

Documentary Movie Night: "Good Hair," 7 p.m. June 15, Adults and Teens.

When one of Chris Rock's young daughters asked him an innocent question about having "good hair," the comedian probably had no idea just how complicated the answer would be. Fortunately for us, he decided to find out, and the result is this funny, informative, and highly entertaining documentary of the same name. Turns out that for a great many African-American women



(and quite a few men, too), "good hair" means "white hair" - i.e., straight and lanky - while the natural or "nappy" look is bad. And oh, the lengths and expense women will go to in order to get "good hair!" Refreshments will be provided. No registration. Just drop by.

Acoustic Jam Session: 7 p.m. June 16, age 16 and up

We're taking a break from our traditional Open Mic night during the summer but join us for this sure to please alternative! Join our Open Mic musicians for a loose and fun round of songs and a chance to learn some new material. Show off some of your new work to people who enjoy music. Open to all. Bring an instrument (guitar or other), if you have one. No registration.

Summer Concert Series: The Waco Country Band, 7 p.m. June 16, an all ages program.

We start our summer series off with one of Westland's favorite country and rock bands, The Waco Country Band, led by Dean Stacey. Limited seating is available so bring your own, if you have one. A 50/50 raffle to benefit the Friends of the Westland Library will take place (winner announced at intermission). In case of inclement weather, the concert will move inside the library. Concert dates are every Thursday from June 16 through Aug. 11. All shows start at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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

Summer Reading Program begins June 18. Fun for every age.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, reference librarian. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

In 2010, Wayne County EDGE landed \$2 billion in capitol investment and a nation-leading. Its performance did not go unnoticed.

The award-winning *Site Selection* magazine picked EDGE as one of the Top Groups of 2010.

In the tail end of the recession-wearied Michigan economy, EDGE, led by Assistant County Executive and Chief Development Officer Turkia Awada-Mullin, put up record totals. In 2009 and 2010, Mullin's department landed more than \$5 billion in investment commitments and created or retained more than 30,000 jobs.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in his 2009 State of the County address said that job creation and economic diversification were his top priorities. Toward that goal Ficano reorganized the economic department, gave it a new name and appointed Awada-Mullin as its leader.

"Our philosophy is that government is here to elevate, not to get in the way," said Awada-



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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano joins Chief Development Officer Turkia Awada-Mullin (center) in showing off the 2010 Top Group award which was presented to EDGE June 8 by Site Selection magazine Editor in Chief Mark Arend (right).

Mullin. "A good example is Ford. Ford has the capacity to go anywhere in the world for its electrification plant. But they chose Wayne County. They chose us because they know we deliver."

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lion to retool its Michigan Assembly Plant in the city of Wayne to make the Ford Focus and another \$450 million to implement a research and development center for battery technology. The first deal hinged on the approval of a

brownfield plan, which EDGE expedited in just 11 days.

Other sizable investments included Nashville-based Vanguard Health Systems \$1.4 billion investment-purchase of the Detroit Medical Center and General Electric's \$120 million investment in Van Buren Township.

The Brookings Institute and the London School of Economics partnered on a 2009-2010 study that rated economic regions in the world. The Detroit-area moved from a recession ranking of 147th to a post-recession ranking of 47th, 100 positions. That rebound was one of the three largest in the world during that period. Mullin's EDGE and its \$5 billion in economic activity in 2009-2010 helped fuel that giant improvement in rankings.

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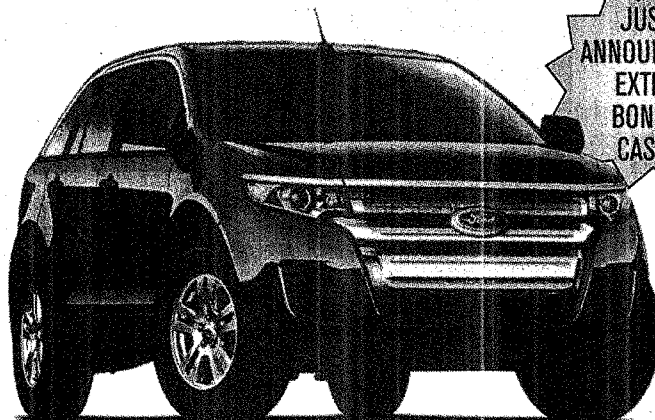
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Ladywood books return trip to soccer Final 4

Dexter halted, 2-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

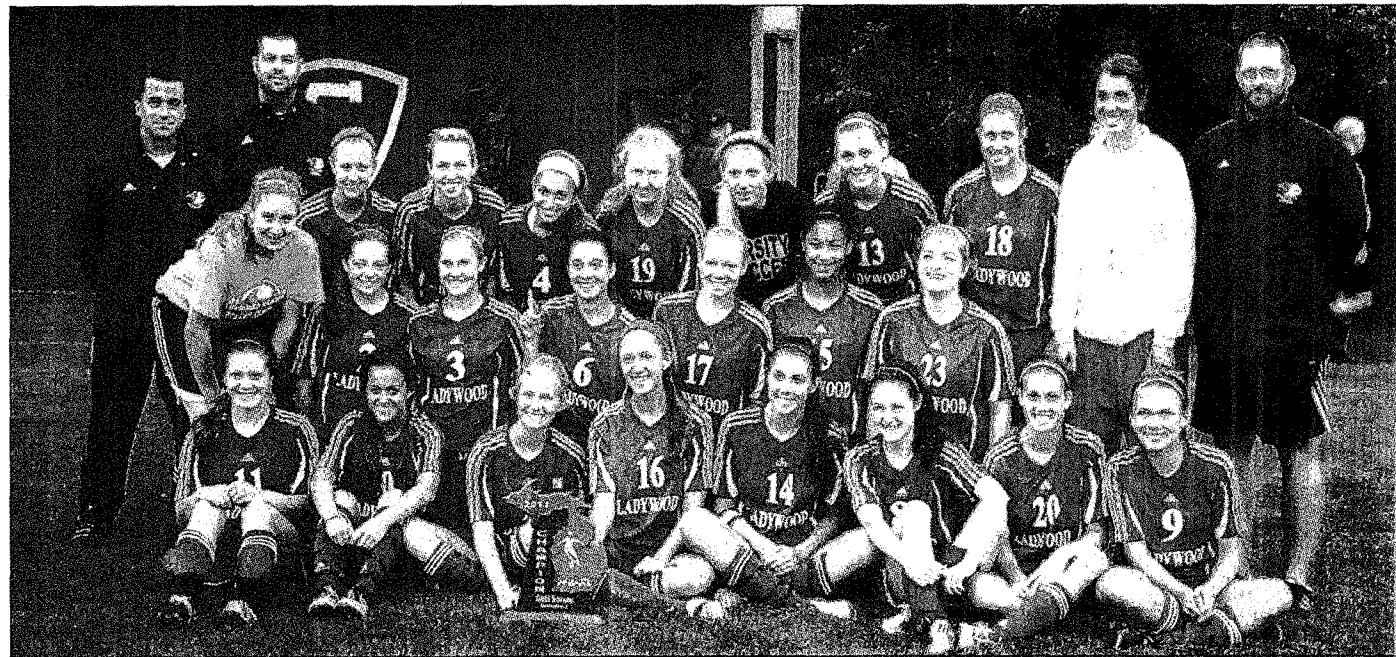
Livonia Ladywood answered the bell once again Friday in the Division 2 state girls soccer tournament.

The Blazers overcame a stiff challenge from Dexter to ring up their second straight regional title with a hard-fought and physical 2-0 victory at Chelsea.

Ladywood, which improved to 16-3-6 overall, move into the state semifinals 6 p.m. Wednesday at Bloomfield Hills Andover to face the winner of Linden and Madison Heights Lamphere.

(Last year the Blazers were eliminated by eventual state

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Livonia Ladywood players and coaches pose for the cameras after winning their second straight Division 2 regional girls soccer title Friday with a 2-0 win over Dexter.

SIDELINES

Rams fall in 9th

A two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth gave the Michigan Cobras a dramatic 4-3 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory Wednesday night over the Michigan Rams at Ford Field.

After the Rams broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the top of the ninth, Victor Barron homered to tie it again and Chris Gebarra singled and later scored on a Rams throwing error to give the Cobras the victory.

Cobras starter Jeremy Gooding (Madonna University) went eight innings, allowing just two runs on six hits. The Livonia native from Dearborn Divine Child High struck out eight, walked two and hit one batter.

Reliever Danny Tursell, who pitched the ninth, got credit for the victory.

Meanwhile, Rams starter Mike Schypinski worked the first six inning, allowing just one run on three hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

Jake Engels came on the next two innings and allowing two runs on three hits while fanning four. Closer Zach Wedesky, who gave up one run on two hits in the ninth, took the loss.

Brad Lineberry (Plymouth/MU) and Gebarra each went 2-for-4 for the 22-and-under Cobras, who improved to 2-4 in the league.

Pat Lancaster led the 20-and-under Rams (4-2) with three hits, including a double and RBI.

Jake Moore also had two hits and an RBI, while Miles Sorise also knocked in a run.

Shaw football camp

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

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

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

Road Runner Classic

The 2011 Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 23 at Historic Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck, in Northville.

The Classic, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, includes a 1-mile run-walk (on a paved trail) starting at 5 p.m. followed by an 8-kilometer run-walk (on dirt and paved trails) at 5:30 p.m.

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

The family fun event also features story hour, face painting and hands-on activities.

Cash awards will go to the overall male and female winners, along with masters (over-40) male and female champions. First-, second- and third-place age-group awards will also be presented, along with finishing medals for all 1-mile participants.

T-shirts will go to all pre-registered 8K runners.

The cost for the 8K is \$25 (before July 21) or \$30 (race day). The 1-mile fee is \$5. Race day registration starts at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org.

Women's golf league

The 10-week Livonia Women's Golf League will be at 8 a.m. each Thursday, beginning June 23, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Non-residents are invited to join the 18-hole league.

The cost is \$26 per week (includes greens fees and cart).

For more information, call Alethea Van Corp at (734) 604-9020; or e-mail aavg@juno.com.

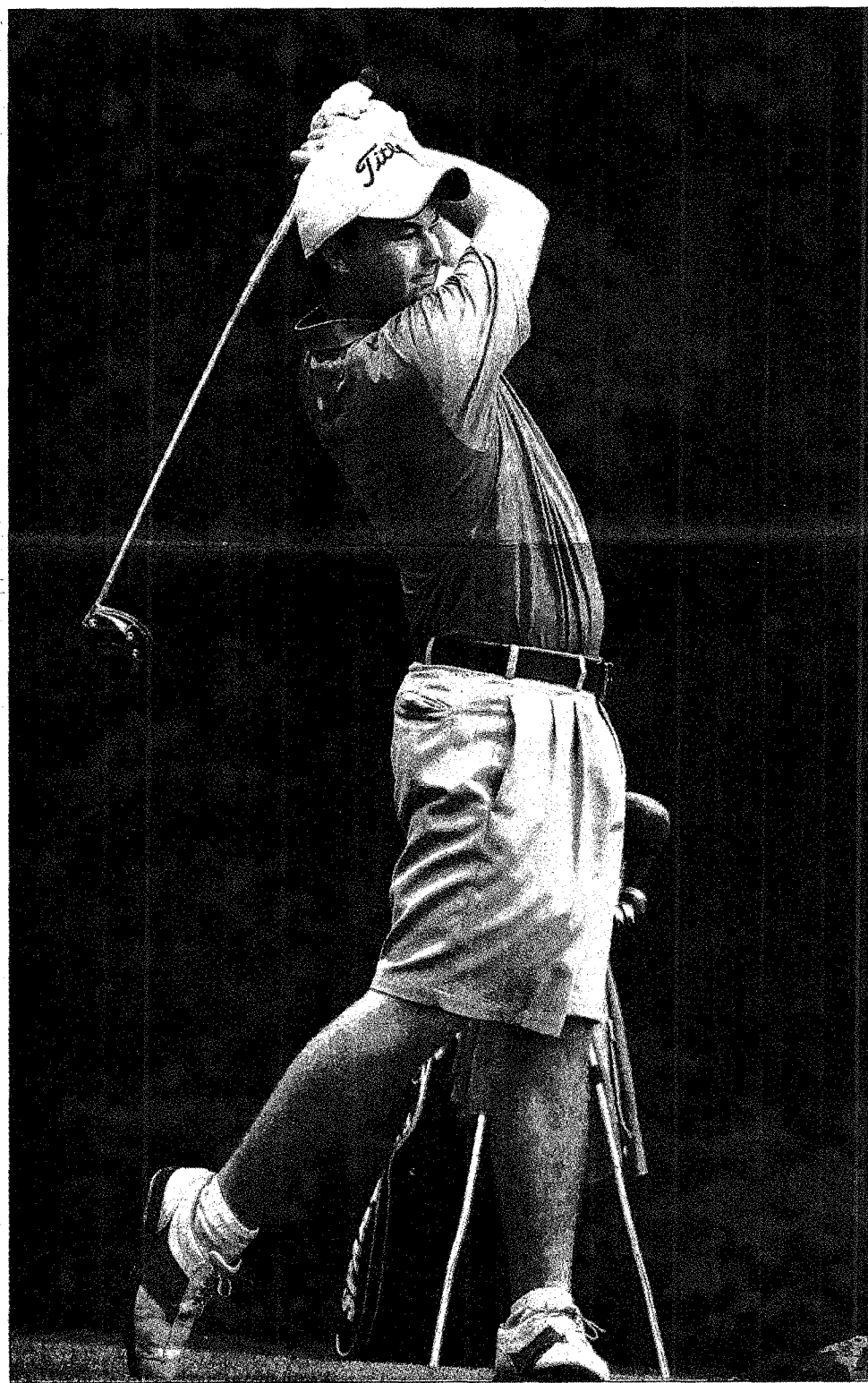


PHOTO BY DAVID REED

Livonia Stevenson's Adam Giordano takes aim during Thursday's Division 1 boys golf regional at Lyon Oaks.

Painfully close

Churchill misses state cut on tiebreaker

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill boys golf coach Paul Worley may have summed it up best after learning of his team's fate at the Division 1-Region 5 tournament held Thursday at the University of Michigan Golf Course.

"We were as close as you can get and still not qualify," Worley said after his Chargers lost out on a fifth-man tiebreaker for second and third place against Plymouth and Saline, respectively.

Ann Arbor Huron captured the team title with a four-player total of 316, while Plymouth, Saline and Churchill all shot 330.

But Plymouth and Saline, along with Huron, are all moving on to the state finals, June 17-18 at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins G.C.

"In our team meeting prior to teeing off," Plymouth coach Tom Moore recalled, "I stressed to each one of kids how important each shot is and the likelihood that it will probably come down to our fifth man."

That really was the case because of how the afternoon went.

"The course played very tough today," Moore said. "It was windy, tough pin positions, fast greens and it was long."

Plymouth had three players place in the top 20 led by Josh Heinze, eighth (80); Justin Bauer, 10th (82); and Ryan Rieckhoff (83).

Kyle Rodes added an 85 and freshman John Tatti's all-important 86 guaranteed the Wildcats a spot in the state finals.

Saline's top four scorers were

Collin Strauder, ninth (81); Ian Martin, 10th (82); and Keith Long, 16th (83); Caleb Wittig, 23rd (84).

Fifth-man Jackson Lambert's 87 afforded the Hornets the third and final team qualifying berth.

Junior Nick Proben was Churchill's top finisher in sixth with a 79 followed by juniors Ben Proben and Dominic DiLisi, 16th (83 each); senior Chris Theile, 28th (85) and junior Cory Dare, 43rd (90).

Huron's Alex Wunderlich tied for individual medalist honors with Davis Ransdell (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Evan Bowser (Dearborn) at 73 each.

Temperance Bedford's Luke Berger garnered the third and final individual state qualifying berth with a 78.

Not making the state cut were individual regional qualifiers Drake Hermann (33rd, 86) and Jon Holmes (no card), both of Livonia Franklin.

Stevenson places 12th

It turned out to be a tough day for Livonia Stevenson at an extremely tough Division 1-Region 4 tourney held Thurston at Lyon Oaks G.C. in Wixom.

The Spartans finished 12th out of 12 schools with a four-player total of 334.

Birmingham Brother Rice continued its hot tournament play with a team-best 293 and will be joined at the Division 1 state finals (June 17-18) by runner-up Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (301) and Pinckney (303).

Birmingham Seaholm's

Please see **GOLF, B2**

Grand Rapids CC ousts Blazers in lacrosse semifinal

Strong season despite 16-12 loss

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's first trip to the state semifinals in lacrosse didn't quite produce the result the Blazers had desired.

But despite a 16-12 setback Wednesday to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in Okemos, the Blazers may have planted the seed for future success.

"We have a long way to go," said Ladywood second-year coach Kris Sanders, whose team bowed out with a 10-7 overall record. "But we came along way in two years and I think the girls now see, I think, what a really good team is and what they can be, and I think it can all go up from here.

"We have a very young team . . . I've said that before. We have a lot of sophomores on this team and juniors. Obviously we have some strong seniors, which helps. I'm hoping those girls will see that and they want to continue through the summer and making sure they kind of up their game."

Grand Rapids CC, which improved to 17-3-3 overall, guaranteed itself a spot in Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 championship final against Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, 16-7-2. The two teams will face off beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens for the coveted title.

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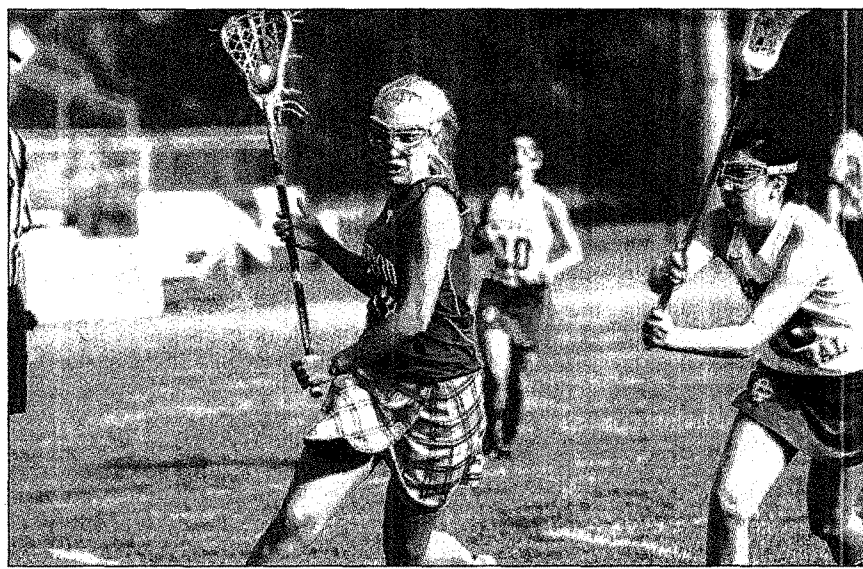


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Ladywood's Emma Ellswood makes the attempt during Wednesday's Division 2 state lacrosse semifinal against Grand Rapids Catholic Central.



PHOTO BY DENNIS BARNES

The Livonia Ladywood lacrosse team reached the Division 2 state semifinals before losing 16-12 Wednesday to Grand Rapids Catholic Central in Okemos. The Blazers finished the year 10-7 overall.

LACROSSE

FROM PAGE B1

Sophomore Tori Nienhaus paced the victorious Cougars with five goals, while junior Emily Braun added three goals and three assists. Sophomore Meghan Wilson also chipped in with three goals.

Temperatures reached the mid-90s and two mandatory water breaks were issued midway through each half.

"Tough conditions - obviously with the heat," Grand Rapids CC coach Dennis McCarty said. "We weren't our sharpest tonight, but Ladywood had a lot to do with that. They played very hard, played aggressive, and they got a very nice team. We weren't as crisp today, but I was happy with the end result."

Grand Rapids CC led 10-7 at halftime. McCarty then altered his team's offensive tactics to start the second half as the Cougars scored twice in the first 1:06 to build a five-goal cushion.

"What we did is we tried to shorten up the passes," McCarty said. "The field was getting too long. And again, with the heat, the kids were losing fatigue and

they weren't coming hard to the ball. We said we have to shorten up the passes, come closer, quicker, sharper passes... and get after the ground balls because Ladywood was beating us. They were the more aggressive team and that was disappointing on my part with our girls. But give them credit, we just had to pick up the pace."

The Cougars' enjoyed their biggest lead with 18:07 left when Nienhaus scored from Haley Brennan to make it 15-9.

"They were just doing positive transfer really well," Sanders said of the Cougars' crisp passing. "Again, they didn't drop the ball as much and had the opportunities to pick up the ground balls and we didn't."

Ladywood, however, refused to fold, closing the gap to 15-12 with 2:19 remaining on a junior Kylie Birney's fifth goal of the match.

But it was too little, too late. One big statistic in favor of Grand Rapids CC was winning face-offs. The Cougars were successful on 17-of-28 draws.

"It was difficult picking up the ground balls," Sanders said. "That, and getting possession of the draw was really important today, and we just fell short."

Ladywood sophomore goalie Stephanie Mackley made nine saves. She gave up 12 of the 16 goals, while senior Lauren Perugi yielded four in 6 minutes and 28 seconds of action.

Sanders decided to shake things up and switch goalies to open the second half.

"Stephanie was just having a tougher time positional-wise with the ball," the Ladywood coach said. "And I was trying to give her a break and give the back-up goalie the opportunity to see what she could do. Once we kind of went down a little bit from there, then we had to come back and put the other goalkeeper back in. And that really made a difference for us as well."

Ladywood's top scorer on the season, senior Alexa Burns, tallied three goals as did junior Emma Ellswood. Niki Jacobs had the other goal.

"She (Burns) was being man-marked," Sanders said. "We were trying some different strategy with her because we knew she was already marked. We just need to get the confidence in the other attack players to kind of take over for her, and that took a little while for us."

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Laurer honoree

Ladywood A.D. Malek earns CHSL Person of Year

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Athletics has been a major part of Sal Malek's life ever since he arrived in the U.S. as a teenager from Baghdad, Iraq.

Malek, who has served as Livonia Ladywood High's athletic director since 1993, jokes about his short-lived stint on the football team at University of Detroit Jesuit High.

"I have proof, I was in the team picture," Malek said. "I tried out for football, but they wouldn't let me kick soccer style. They said the ball doesn't roll."

Malek will be honored Monday night at Fern Hill Country Club in Clinton Township by the Detroit Catholic High School League as its Ed Laurer Person of the Year.

Of Chaldean Catholic heritage, Malek and his parents migrated to California where they spent six months before coming to Detroit in 1964.

"I went to U-D High my sophomore year and my family had a grocery store a half-mile from Tiger Stadium," Malek said.

That's where Malek, who eventually graduated from both U-D High and the University of Detroit, acquired his business acumen.

With a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling, Malek spent 13 years working at his college alma mater, most notably in the school's athletic department as its business manager.

Malek was hired by then athletic director Bob Calihan and served at the behest of the infamous Dick Vitale before leaving the university in 1985 to start his own business, the Soccer Locker in Farmington.

In 1993, Ladywood was seeking a part-time athletic director and CHSL Director of Athletics Tom Rashid convinced Malek to interview for the position.



Sal Malek, Livonia Ladywood's athletic director since 1993, will receive the Detroit Catholic League's Ed Laurer Person of the Year honor Monday night in Clinton Township.

He was hired full-time in September of 1993 by Sister Mary Ann Smith and has become an integral part of the CHSL landscape ever since.

Because of its fine athletic facilities, Ladywood has become the epicenter for numerous state tournament and Catholic League events including track and

field, softball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, baseball and lacrosse.

Although the CHSL membership has shrunk over the years in school numbers, Malek is on the lookout for new recruits.

"I'm always trying to find ways to expand and find more teams," Malek said. "I like to recruit other Catholic schools in the state - like a Flint Powers (Catholic), for instance. New schools would be good for the league. You're always trying to improve because there are some very competitive teams there. New religious-based schools would be good for the league, but part of the problem is travel."

Of course, Malek's efforts have not only earned notice from the CHSL and his Ladywood administrators, but he also has received tremendous support from his family, which included his late wife Kathy, who passed away in 2004, and two sons, Matthew (now residing in California), and Joseph, both of whom will attend the Catholic League Hall of Fame awards dinner.

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The Wayne-Westland Arsenal Soccer Club will stage select and premier team tryouts for the following boys age groups:

Under-11 (United FC) - 1-3 p.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at the Wayne Recreation Center (Field No. 1); Under-12 (Fire) - 9-11 a.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Wayne Recreation No. 1; Under-13 (Warriors) - 1-3 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Franklin Middle School; Under-14 - 9-11 a.m. Sunday-Monday, June 12-13, at Franklin M.S.; Under-18 (Wolves) - 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13, at Marshall M.S.;

Under-19 Warriors (visit wwsoccer.com for dates times and locations).

Girls select and premier tryouts include: Under-11 (Mustangs) - 5-7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Wayne Recreation (Field No. 1); Under-12 (Lightning) - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Wayne Recreation (Field No. 1); Under-13 (Arsenal) - 5-7 p.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Franklin M.S.; Under-14 (United '97) - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday-Monday, June 12-13 at Marshall M.S.; Under-18 (Bandits) - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at Marshall M.S. Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to

start time for registration, warm-up and instruction. Tryout participants must bring a ball, shin guards, water and cleats.

For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or visit wwsoccer.com.

Select soccer tryouts

Plymouth United F.C. will stage select soccer tryouts for the 2011-12 season Saturday, June 18, and Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21, at Visteon Fields, located at 14492 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

For more information regarding age-specific tryouts times and to pre-register, visit www.plymouthunited.com.

REGIONAL BOYS GOLF RESULTS

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June 9 at U-M Golf Course

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 316 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 330 (won tiebreaker); 3. Saline, 330 (won tiebreaker); 4. Livonia Churchill, 330; 5. Temperance Bedford, 332; 6. Salem, 337; 7. Dearborn, 351; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 352; 9. Southgate, 360; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 366; 11. Monroe, 369; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, no team score.

Individual tri-medalists: Alex Wunderlich (Huron), Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Randsdell (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 73 each.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Huron (316): 1. Alex Wunderlich, 73; 4. Rob Aldrich, 77; 5.0. Danny Langa, 82; 23. Reid McCallister, 84; 50. Guy Frydenlund, 92.

Plymouth (330): 8. Josh Heinze, 80; 10. Justin Bauer, 82; 16. Ryan Rieckhoff, 83; 28. Kyle Rodas, 85; 33. John Tatti, 86.

Saline (330): 9. Collin Strauder, 81; 10. Ian Martin, 82; 16. Keith Long, 83; 23. Caleb Wittig, 84; 36. Jackson Lambert, 87.

Churchill (330): 6. Nick Proben, 79; 16. (tie) Ben Proben and Dominic Dilisi, 83 each; 28. Chris Theile, 85; 43. Cory Dare, 90.

Bedford (332): 5. Luke Berger, 78; 16. Austin Engler, 83; 28. Tim Combs, 85; 33. Spencer Shoun, 86; 69. Joey Dier, 104.

Salem (333): 6. Josh Perrin, 79; 10. Eric Duprey, 82; 23. Brian Patterson, 84; 39. Brandon Duprey, 88; 50. Nick Danis, 92.

Dearborn (351): 1. Evan Bowser, 73; 10. Alex Hamm, 82; 59. (tie) John Marcon and Omar Mullan, 98 each; 62. Matt Januszowski, 99.

Skyline (352): 28. Connor Lang, 85; 36. Josh Bourque, 87; 41. Andrew Warynen, 89; 47. Ian Marshall, 91; 62. Tim Huppenbauer, 93.

Southgate (360): 41. Andrew Popp, 41; 43. (tie) Jeff Burnette and Jacob Lamey, 90 each; 47. Robert Campau, 95; 63. Clayton Batko, 101.

Edsel Ford (366): 16. Thomas Prato, 83; 39. Robert Neff, 88; 56. Vincent Mercado, 97; 59. Nicholas Boileau, 98; 62. Gregory Barbour, 99.

Monroe (369): 16. Tyler Kellems, 83; 53. Tyler Gilbert, 93; 55. Nate Miller, 94; 62. Tyler Berry and Todd Jones, 99 each.

Woodhaven (no team score): 23. Jeremy Klotz, 84; 56. Andrew Michel, 95; 57. Michael Williams, 96.

Individual qualifiers (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Evan Bowser (Dearborn) and Davis Randsdell (Pioneer), 73 each; 5. Luke Berger (Bedford), 78; 10. Nick Margolis (Pioneer), 82; 23. Brian Pierson (Ypsilanti), 84; 28. Jacob Sewell (Ypsilanti), 85; 33. Drake Hermann (Livonia Franklin), 86; 36. Eric Miller (Pioneer), 87; 43. Christopher Rembisz (Taylor Truman), 90; 47. Allen Elzember (Garden City), 91; 50. Jalen Wimberly (Taylor Kennedy), 92; 53. Jacob Dzbaniski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 93; 62. Marty Peck (Canton), 99; John Holmes (Franklin), no card.

DIVISION 1-REGION 4

June 9 at Lyon Oaks G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 293 strokes; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 301; 3. Pinckney, 303; 4. North Farmington, 309; 5. Birmingham Seaholm, 318; 6. Hartland, 321; 7. White Lake Lakeland, 322; 8. Novi, 325; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 327; 10. Farmington, 331; 11. Birmingham Groves, 333; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 334.

Individual medalist: Francesco Ruffino (Seaholm), 69.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Brother Rice (293): 3. Sean Friel, 71; 4. Lucas Belanger, 72; 7. Nick Dennis, 74; 8. Jeremy Ball, 76; 18. Kyle Gaines, 78.

Catholic Central (301): 2. Charlie Green, 70; 8. (tie) Nico Colucci and Patrick Luther, 76 each; 21. Owen Franks, 79; 50. Connor Sexton, 85.

Pinckney (303): 4. Otto Black, 72; 12. (tie) Jordan Andrus, Sam Black and Walter Dorosh, 77 each; 36. Nick Morphet, 83.

North Farmington (309): 6. Max Kollin, 73; 18. Matt Coursen, 78; 21. (tie) Blake Burnett and Nick Williams, 79 each; 69. John Durst, 94.

Seaholm (318): 1. Francesco Ruffino, 79; 32. Tim Pearce, 82; 36. R.J. Haley, 83; 45. Nick Vick, 84; 57. Chris Milliken, 87.

Hartland (321): 12. Chris McRae, 77; 26. Adam Firavich, 80; 29. Craig Stoddard, 81; 36. Grant Klopfenstein, 83; 57. Austin Rivet, 87.

Lakeland (322): 12. Jake Kneen, 77; 26. Alex Kleckner, 80; 32. Ty Bouwens, 82; 36. Justin Paul, 83; 56. Joey Lepkowski, 86.

Novi (325): 26. Johnny Walker, 80; 29. (tie) Sam Palmer and Garret Buckley, 81 each; 36. Brad Kozinski, 83; 61. Jason Carless, 88.

W.L. Northern (327): 18. Max Lowe, 78; 21. Ryan Dykstra, 79; 32. Michael Collins, 82; 61. Andrew Bozimoski, 88; 70. T.J. Cocksles, 95.

Farmington (331): 12. Jimmy Patterson, 77; 36. (tie) Matt Goldi and Austin LeGault, 83 each; 61. (tie) Nick Heffner and Kevin Pachuta, 88 each.

Groves (333): 21. Calvin Greer, 79; 45. Graham Cenko, 84; 50. (tie) Brian Hittson and Nick Pursell, 85 each; 57. Connor Flynn, 87.

Stevenson (334): 32. Cam Tetrault, 82; 36. Adam Giordano, 83; 45. Dante Cicchelli, 84; 50. Nick Marsh, 85; 57. Nick Barr, 87.

Individual qualifiers (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Francesco Ruffino (Seaholm), 69; 6. Max Kollin (North Farmington), 73; 8. Nick Zanotti (Northville), 76; 36. Anthony Serafa (Farmington Harrison), 83; 45. (tie) Jordan Bohannon (Southfield) and Todd Goebel (Northville), 84 each; 50. (tie) Nathan Schwalm (Brighton) and Blake Hunter (Walled Lake Western), 85 each; 61. Pat Golich (Millford), 88; 66. Parker Millington (Millford), 89; 67. Ari Siegel (West Bloomfield), 90; 68. Jimmy Demery (Berkeley), 93; 70. Michael Mitchell (West Bloomfield), 95; 72. Mike Christie (Royal Oak), 97.

enough for 32nd place.

Other Spartan scorers included the team's only senior, Adam Giordano, who took 36th with an 83.

Rounding out the Stevenson contingent were juniors Dante Cicchelli, 45th (84); Nick Marsh, 50th (85); and Nick Barr, 57th (87).

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GOLF

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Francesco Ruffino took individual medalist honors with a 69 with North Farmington's Max Kollin and Northville's Nick Zanotti also making the state cut with 73 and 76, respectively.

Junior Cam Tetrault led Stevenson with a 82, good

Good Company: Mr. Sponge Waterproofing

Business finds success through top service, cost-efficient methods

Michigan rains bring leaky basements. But what if this unwelcome harbinger of spring easily could be repaired, without breaking the bank? Mr. Sponge Waterproofing in Novi, an owner-operated company whose roots go back to a family business founded in 1969, offers that alternative.

While many waterproofing efforts are geared toward installing drain tiles, most leaks can be fixed using the high-pressure injection waterproofing method that Mr. Sponge specializes in, according to Dean Teaster, one of three company owner-operators who provide all basement repair services.

Things To Know

- Mr. Sponge Waterproofing, based in Novi, is an owner-operated company that serves all of southeastern Michigan.
- The Company offers a patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug for do-it-yourselfers with rod-hole leaks. The product and tutorial videos are available at www.trxplug.com.
- For more information, visit www.mrsponge.com or call 800-491-4686.

"This makes us unique because we don't try to offer every type of repair," Teaster says. "We offer repairs for the most common leak situations in poured foundation walls." The company developed SP-3, its own unique water-activated polyurethane, in 1996.

"Our specialty is stopping all types of poured wall leaks from cracks, rod holes [holes left after the concrete-forming mechanism is removed by the foundation contractor] and honeycombs [formed pockets of excessive aggregate]. This is where 90 percent of basement leaks occur,"

he says. Most leaks can be fixed in a matter of hours. For do-it-yourselfers, Mr. Sponge now is offering its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug, which is available online.

Delivering Quality Service

Though they easily could have expanded, Teaster says remaining an owner-operated business with no additional employees - he and business partner Keith Potts do all on-site jobs while Shelley Kunz handles office and administrative duties - is a means of having complete control over the quality of services delivered. "When we do a repair for a private home-owner, we have to warranty it for a 20-year period," Teaster says. "Doing it ourselves gives us self-assurance that everything is done correctly."

Because many customers begin with phone or online consultations, Teaster says it's important to use experience and care to develop rapport with them.

"It takes many years of education in the business to know how to explain things," he says. "You need to be warm, friendly, have expertise, and take the time to explain the problem properly."

Staying Vital

Teaster says the company has stayed vital by developing new products and embracing the latest technology in an effort to make life easy for the customer. Some of



Mr. Sponge Waterproofing specializes in high-injection waterproofing to fix basement leaks - a method that repairs 90% of leaks quickly and more cost-efficiently than the drain tile methods many companies offer, say the owners.

Teaster's insights on good customer service include:

- If a solution doesn't exist, invent it.** Mr. Sponge offers its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug to homeowners who want to fix rod-hole leaks themselves. "The new TRX delivers a quick, user-friendly, cost-effective solution and gives the homeowner the best state-of-the-art waterproof product available for this rod-hole leak problem," Teaster says.
- Make it easy.** Mr. Sponge operators offer over-the-phone consultations and online inspections, requiring the customer to do nothing more than submit photos to its website. If a customer has further questions, Kunz, who handles these inquiries, can call the other owners out in the field.
- Sell solutions in addition to services.** "You have to go above and beyond the norm of today's service industry in order to set yourself apart," Teaster says. "You have to provide a solution. It's outside the scope of your company, then refer them to the appropriate contractor. Be honest, and give the customer not only value for their dollar, but save them money where possible."

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OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS

<p>SHOT PUT Trisha Jordan (N. Farmington) 36-7 Mahogany Miller (Churchill) 36.5.25 Hailey Hurt (Farmington) 36-2 Maggieese Holliday (Thurston) 36-0 Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 35-7 Andrea Gordon-McClain (John Glenn) 34-9.5 Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 34-7 Chyna Williams (Plymouth) 33-10.5 Chanelle Wright (John Glenn) 33-0.5 Tionne Johnson (Plymouth) 32-11.5</p> <p>DISCUS Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 118-7 Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 111-7 Trisha Jordan (N. 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Westland) 49.2 Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 49.8 Evangela Daniels (Clarenceville) 49.81</p> <p>100-METER DASH Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 12.0 Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.12 Lauren Roberts (Mercy) 12.5 Delisha Williams (RU) 12.5 E'Ajsha Guster (John Glenn) 12.5 Emerald Stanley (Mercy) 12.6 Ronni McGee (Mercy) 12.7 Khyli Ray (Salem) 12.7 Dominique Smith (Thurston) 12.7 Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 12.8 Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 12.8</p> <p>200-METER DASH Tiera Parker (Harrison) 24.3 Dominique Smith (Thurston) 25.0 Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 25.6 Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 25.6 Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 26.4 Lindsay Lipa (Canton) 26.4 Khyli Ray (Salem) 26.44 Kayla Jones (John Glenn) 26.5 Leah Heinzelman (Churchill) 26.6 Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 26.7</p> <p>400-METER RUN Cherie Gaines (N. 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Westland) 5:32.0 Nicole Traitses (Plymouth) 5:32.5 Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 5:34.0</p> <p>3,200-METER RUN Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 11:19.7 Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 11:23.1 Megan McPherson (Franklin) 11:30.2 Bianca Kubicki (Canton) 11:36.7 Heather Smith (Mercy) 11:40.2 Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 11:41.5 Amanda Harris (Farmington) 11:44.4 Nicole Traitses (Plymouth) 11:57.7 Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 12:05.0 Brianna Lax (Plymouth) 12:05.9</p> <p>400-METER RELAY Livonia Churchill 49.5 Farmington Hills Harrison 49.6 Westland John Glenn 50.4 Canton 50.4 North Farmington 50.7</p> <p>800-METER RELAY Farmington Hills Harrison 1:43.9 Plymouth 1:45.5 Westland John Glenn 1:46.0 Livonia Churchill 1:46.3 North Farmington 1:47.0</p> <p>1,600-METER RELAY Farmington 3:58.5 Plymouth 4:06.9 Salem 4:08.2 Livonia Churchill 4:12.1 Westland John Glenn 4:12.9</p> <p>3,200-METER RELAY Salem 9:33.8 Farmington 9:36.1 Plymouth 9:47.0 Livonia Churchill 9:49.2 Farmington Hills Mercy 10:02.8</p>
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Spartan netter signs
Livonia Stevenson senior Ashley Benvenuti (center), flanked by her parents Kris and Paul, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play tennis on a partial academic and athletic scholarship at Indiana Tech, an NAIA school in Fort Wayne. Benvenuti served as co-captain this season and played No. 3 singles for the Spartans. She is a four-year varsity letter winner in tennis.

Walker's 2 goals paces semifinal win vs. Mason

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Playing in the regional final may be becoming a habit for the Livonia Ladywood soccer team.

DeYana Walker scored twice and goalkeeper Madeline Reed had to make just one save to notch her 12th shutout of the year as the Blazers ousted Mason, 3-0, in the Division 2 regional semifinal Wednesday at Chelsea.

"Our team defense was excellent today," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team improved to 15-3-6 overall and a spot in the finals against Dexter. "We wanted to deny their midfielders time and space and I thought we did a nice job of that."

"DeYana stepped up and scored two huge goals for us. She showed great composure on both finishes."

Walker what proved to be the game-winner in the 25th minute when she finished a left-footed shot from 12 yards out after a nice feed from Erin Cronyn.

Ladywood took a 2-0 lead in the 45th minutes when

Domenique Sarnecky finished a breakaway after a long through ball from Kelly Capoccia.

Walker's goal in the 64th minute sealed the victory. She finished a short pass after teammate Paige Brennan dribbled by four Mason defenders from 50 yards out.

Mason, outshot 20-4, used two goalkeepers as Emily Bartlett and Amber Denomme combined for eight saves.

The Bulldogs ended their season at 18-4-1 overall.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.cilivonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Churchill volleyball

The Livonia Churchill volleyball skills camp will be from 8:15-10:45 a.m. (entering grades 10-12) and 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (entering grades 7-9), Monday through Friday, June 20-24, and Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28, at the high school.

The fee is \$89 (if registered by June 1) or \$99 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail coach Mark Grenier at mgrenier@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 355-8138.

Churchill baseball

Livonia Churchill will stage a baseball camp for boys ages 7 (before Sept. 1) through 14 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, at the high school field.

The cost is \$55 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 1) or \$55 (after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org; or call the Churchill varsity coach at (734) 542-6844 (home) or (734) 502-4419 (cell).

Churchill softball

The Livonia Churchill Chargers summer girls softball camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$75 (if registered by June 1) or \$80 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Steve Gentilia at stebbie@woway.com; or call (734) 776-1716.

MYAA Football Champs

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association will host its fourth annual Football Champ camp for incoming grades 2-9, Monday through Wednesday, June 27-29, at Livonia Churchill High School.

Catholic Youth Organization coaches from St. Edith, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Michael, Our Lady of Good Counsel will be joined by Livonia Junior Athletic League, Northville youth, local high school and Popp's QB Tutor to instruct all positions.

For more information, visit www.miyaa.or; or e-mail info@miyaa.or.

Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson boys basketball camp (incoming grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 20-24, at the high school fieldhouse.

The fee is \$80 (includes T-shirt if registered by May 18). The cost is \$75 (with no shirt through the first day of camp).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Mike Allie MichaelAllie@yahoo.com; or call (248) 939-2692.

Skyshark pole vault

The 2011 Livonia Pole Vault camp, hosted by Skyshark Athletics, will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through Aug. 10 at the Churchill High School track, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$160 (includes T-shirt).

For more information, call Churchill pole vault and jumps coach Vern Williams at (734) 732-0840; or e-mail skysharkathletics@yahoo.com.

Stevenson volleyball

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (incoming grades 7-8) and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (incoming grades 9-1), Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school competition

gym.

The \$60 fee includes a T-shirt (\$50 with no shirt after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Kelly Graham at kgraham@livoniapublicschools.org.

Future Stars baseball

The Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls in current grades 2-8 will be 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

The cost is \$60 and you must be registered by June 24.

For more information, call Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or e-mail mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill boys hoops

The Livonia Churchill 2011 boys summer basketball camp (incoming grades 5-8) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, at the high school.

The cost is \$45 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 5).

For more information, e-mail Jim Solak at solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us; or call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46194.

Churchill girls hoop

The Livonia Churchill Lady Chargers summer basketball camp (entering grades 5-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, at the high school.

The fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 17); or \$60 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail varsity coach Kevin Etue at ketue@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (248) 914-0844.

Youth Tennis Skills

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a three-week tennis skills camp (ages 9-12) from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, 27-29; and Tuesday through Thursday, July 5-7, at Bicentennial Park courts, located a Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The cost is \$115 (resident) or \$125 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Total Baseball

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, will stage a baseball fundamentals (Monday-Thursday, June 20-23) and train and play (Monday-Thursday, June 27-30) for ages 6-14.

The camps will run from 8:30-3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$150 per player (\$50 sibling discount). Lunch specials and after-care are also available.

To register online, visit www.totalsportscomplex.com.

For more information, call (248-668-0166; or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com.

Franklin boys hoops

The 2011 Livonia Franklin United We Play boys basketball camp (incoming grades 4-9) will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 11-13, at the high school.

Pre-registration cost (by June 30) is \$65 (includes T-shirt and ball). Walk-up registration is \$75.

For more information, e-mail franklinball@gmail.com.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham will stage the following summer volleyball camps including:

Advanced (elite) and General All-Skills, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30; Setters and Youth, Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8; Hitters and Defensive, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14.

For more information, call Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also e-mail jabraham216180mi@comast.net.

For additional information, visit www.madonna-crusaders.com.

SOCCER

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State champion hurdler Sims sets All-Observer pace

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL

Trisha Jordan, Jr., N. Farmington (shot put): Jordan won the OAA White Division crown with an area-best throw of 36-7, which puts her fourth on the North Farmington list of all-time bests. She is the OAA White champion in the discus and was fourth at the regional. She ranks ninth all-time in the discus (107-5). Jordan is the city champion in both events.

"With some hard work, conditioning and weight training, Trisha should have another big year next year," coach Bill Pinnell said. "Next year, she will not fall short of her goal of qualifying for the state meet."

Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (discus): The senior uncorked the area's top throw (118-7) at the Stevenson Invitational, breaking a 14-year-old school record.

Wojnarowski was also Catholic League A-B Division champion, runner-up at the Division 2 regional and placed 11th at the state finals.

She also went the state finals as a junior in the 4 x 400 relay, which placed runner-up and earned first-team All-Observer honors.

"Teresa could really compete in any of the track events," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said of the team MVP. "She is an excellent overall athlete. She is most valuable because of her leadership skills, work ethic, not to mention the points she contributes to the team. She has been an absolute pleasure to coach for the past three years and I will miss her."

Aaron Howell, Soph., Farmington (high jump): In her first year of track and field, Howell placed third in the high jump (5-6) at the state meet and was first-team, all-state. She also qualified in both hurdle events and placed seventh in the 100 hurdles. At the regional, Howell won the high jump and was second in both hurdles. Some have already compared her potential to that of former Farmington all-stater and University of Michigan heptathlete Bettie Wade.

"Aaron enjoyed one of the best sophomore seasons in FHS track and field history," coach Charles Bridges said. "She was a key team member, competing in four events in almost every meet. Aaron had a great day at the state meet. For a first-year hurdler to advance all the way to the finals, that was awesome."

Lindsay Lipa, Sr., Canton (long jump): The senior capped a stellar high school career with a fourth-place finish in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet at Rockford High School, with a mark of 17-feet, 4.25-inches.

What made the accomplishment even more stunning was Lipa never competing in the long jump until late during this season. Her debut in that event was at the KLAA meet, where she placed second with a 17-2 mark.

"She was able to pick up long jump so quickly because she is a tremendous athlete and a fast learner," said Canton co-coach Brad Waidmann. "She is one of the rare athletes that you can teach any event and she instantly does it exactly how you taught her."

The co-captain, who will run at Cornerstone University next year, also was an outstanding performer in the high jump at 400-meter relay this season.

Alex Kitz, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The junior earned eighth-place honors at the Division 1 state finals and achieved the area's top mark at 10-9.

Kitz, the team leader in points and MVP, also was Kensington Conference, regional, West Bloomfield and Spartan Invitational champion.

"Alex is a special person," Stevenson assistant coach Mike Brubaker said. "It is not very often that an athlete comes along with the drive and determination she displays. Her ability to master the small things has led her to some great achievements. It was a lot of fun to watch her compete this year and I am anxious to see just how good she is going to be in her senior season."

Laticia Sims, Jr., Farm. Harrison

2011 ALL-OBSERVER

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High jump: 1. Aaron Howell, Soph., Farmington; 2. Senclair McDonnell, Jr., Churchill; 3. Micah Ernst, Sr., Mercy.

Long jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa, Sr., Canton; 2. Aubrie Scott, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Becca Knox, Jr., Plymouth.

Pole vault: 1. Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Nancy Krutzy, Soph., Salem; 3. Meghan Lark, Sr., Livonia Franklin.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Laticia Sims, Jr., Farmington Harrison; 2. Whitney Fields, Soph., Harrison; 3. Kelly O'Brien, Soph., Franklin.

300 hurdles: 1. Pia Klein, Sr., Franklin; 2. Kirsten Smith, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Molly Jarvis, Soph., Churchill.

100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis, Soph., Plymouth; 2. Lauren Roberts, Sr., Mercy; 3. Delisha Williams, Jr., Redford Union.

200: 1. Tiera Parker, Jr., Harrison; 2. Dominique Smith, Jr., Redford Thurston; 3. Sydney Sterling, Soph., Farmington.

400: 1. Cherie Gaines, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem; 3. Sydney Anderson, Soph., Churchill.

800: 1. Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington; 2. Megan Vitale, Sr., Ladywood; 3. Nicole Traitses, Jr., Plymouth.

1,600: 1. Megan McPherson, Sr., Franklin; 2. Bethany Pilat, Jr., Churchill; 3. Heather Smith, Jr., Mercy.

3,200: 1. Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem; 2. Bianac Kubicki, Sr., Canton; 3. Amanda Harris, Sr., Farmington.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Molly Jarvis, Soph.; Laticia Sims, Sr.); 2. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Jamie Coleman, Soph.; Tiera Parker, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Rheana Allen, Soph.; Aubrie Scott, Sr.).

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Becca Knox, Jr.; Reagan Engstrom, Jr.; Lindsey Russell, Sr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guster, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Soph.; Stephany Brown, Jr.; Aubrie Scott, Sr.).

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 2. Plymouth (Rachael Hill, Jr.; Carissa Buttermore, Sr.; Becca Knox, Jr.; Madi Lewis, Soph.); 3. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.; Khyli Ray, Soph.; Katie Binsfeld, Fr.).

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.); 2. Farmington (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Olivia Salinas, Jr.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.); 3. Plymouth (Nicole Traitses, Jr.; Brianna Lax, Fr.; Jada Woody, Fr.; Rachael Hill, Jr.).

COACH OF THE YEAR
 Mark Babcock, Farmington Harrison

(100 hurdles): Sims is the Division 1 state champion in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.1 time, and she also placed seventh in the 300 hurdles. She is the OAA White and regional champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sims was first and third in Oakland County, respectively.

"Laticia and Tiera (Parker) are two of the best Harrison has to offer," coach Mark Babcock said. "They're humble and hard working. They represent what everybody would want to look up to. They're two of Harrison's finest. It's a privilege to have kids like that."

Pia Klein, Sr., Liv. Franklin (300 hurdles): The senior exchange student from Neunkirchen Germany did it all this season for Patriots as she finished eighth in Division 1 state meet in the long jump and earned the area's top jump (school-record 17-6.5).

"She was a big point scorer on a team that really needed another impact person to step up this season," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Whenever the team needed her, she always came through. She set a goal of being all-state this season and accomplished that goal."

Klein also had the area's second best time in the 300 hurdles (school-record 46.02) and was a state qualifier in the high jump (5-4).

Klein was the regional champ in the 300 hurdles and high jump, along with conference and PSL champion in the high jump and long jump.

"Pia is a terrific young lady," Bjorklund added. "I had the good fortune of having her in my AP Calculus class, on the regional champion cross country team and on the track team."



Trisha Jordan N. Farmington



Teresa Wojnarowski Ladywood



Aaron Howell Farmington



Alex Kitz Stevenson



Laticia Sims Harrison



Pia Klein Franklin



Madi Lewis Plymouth



Tiera Parker Harrison



Cherie Gaines N. Farmington



Gabby DeFlorio Farmington



Megan McPherson Franklin



Kayla Kavulich Salem



Talia Shuford Harrison



Josephine Zolynsky Farmington



Jacquelyne Zolynsky Farmington



Sydney Sterling Farmington



Adrianna Beltran Salem



Victoria Tripp Salem



Lindsay Lipa Canton



Kathryn Binsfeld Salem



Mark Babcock Harrison coach

"She is one of the fiercest competitor's I have ever encountered, and really knows how to 'bring it' to a field or running event."

Madi Lewis, Soph., Plymouth (100 dash): It hasn't taken Lewis long to make a big impact at Plymouth.

The sophomore already owns the PCEP mark in the 100 dash with a time of 12.0 seconds and school records in the 200 (25.6), 400 (57.5), and 800 relay (1:54.4).

Determined to surpass her personal bests each time out, Lewis also was stellar all season as anchor of the Wildcats' 1,600-meter relay team — which finished first at the KLAA and regional meets.

Lewis earned a conference championship in the mile run as well as regional championships in the 400, 800 relay and 1,600 relay.

"Her most impressive attribute as a runner is that she 'hawks' down other runners like no athlete that I have ever seen, boy or girl," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes. "In the 4 x 400 at the conference, regional, and state meets, Madi got the baton anywhere from 20 to 70 meters behind

the leaders of the race, and in every occasion she ran down the team in first place to win the race.

"That is something that cannot be coached, it is simply her desire to compete that allows her to do that."

The 1,600 relay team placed 14th at the state meet with a 4:03.28 finish.

Tiera Parker, Jr., Farm. Harrison (200): Parker scored at the Division 1 state meet for the second straight year, finishing sixth in the 200. She placed in the 100 last year and qualified again this year. Parker was the OAA White and regional runner-up in the 200, and she was fourth in Oakland County. She owns the school record of 24.3.

Including sprint relays, Parker is accustomed to running multiple races and "prepares herself for it," Babcock said. "To be honest, she wouldn't have it any other way. If you ask Tiera: 'Do you want to run all of them?' 'Yep.' There's no question about it, whether she can or wants to; she just does. She's a great track athlete and a great team athlete as well. Both she and Laticia are."

Cherie Gaines, Sr., N. Farmington (400):

Gaines finished eighth at the D-1 state meet for the second year in a row. She ran faster (57.20) and broke the school record she set last year (57.92). Officially, her adjusted FAT at state drops to 56.8. She was second in the OAA White and regional, and she was third in Oakland County. Gaines, who also excelled in the 200 dash and relays, has a full ride to Indiana Tech.

"Cherie was hampered with different physical ailments throughout the season," coach Pinnell said. "It was great to see her finally drop under 60 and qualify for the state meet."

"Our goal this year was to move up to the top places. Looking back at all she has overcome this season, it was quite an accomplishment to finish eighth and run a career best time."

Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington (800): DeFlorio was a state qualifier in the 800, running her best time and a school record in that meet (2:17). The junior was a regional champion in the 1,600 and 800 runs, and she also helped the second-place Falcons win the 3,200 and 1,600 relays.

"Gabby had another remarkable season, garnering school records in five events — the 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay, 3,200, 1,600 and 800," coach Bridges said. "Gabby has the two qualities that all great runners share — speed and work ethic. In this year's state meet, she competed in three events, all of which broke school records."

Megan McPherson, Sr., Liv. Franklin (1,600): The most decorated distance runner in school history posted the area's top time in the 1,600 (5:04.91) at the Ypsilanti Invitational and placed 14th in the state finals.

McPherson, headed to Adrian College, also clocked a 11:30.2 in the 3,200.

She was regional champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200, along with Kensington Conference champion in the 3,200. She was also Public Schools of Livonia champ in the 1,600 and 3,200.

McPherson competed for Team Michigan in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions held in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I am glad she was selected as I think she really deserves it after the career she has had at Franklin," Bjorklund said. "She has every distance record (4 x 800, 800, 1,600, 3,200 and 5K), qualified for the state finals in both sports three years in a row, and has been all-state in both track (2010) and cross country (2010)."

"For four years, she was our hardest worker and was always someone her teammates could count on. She puts others before herself and wants only the best for her team. One of the best things I can say about her is she has outstanding character."

Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem (3,200): All you need to know about Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich is she ran on the treadmill during a cruise with her family during spring break.

That penchant for self-motivation already is lifting Kavulich to the top of the charts at Salem, where she set a new school record early in the season (5:15.8) only to break it again at the conference meet (5:13.17) and D1 regionals (5:07.8).

The conference and regional times were good for firsts while the latter stands as the best ever among athletes at all three PCEP schools.

"She's the best we've seen here, the best we've had here in a long time," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "As freshmen, or any runners period."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
Livonia Churchill, 400 (Demi Crossman, Soph.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Molly Jarvis, Soph.; Laticia Sims, Soph.): This quartet earned a berth in the Division 1 state finals and placed 17th overall (school record 49.5).

The Chargers also captured the regional and was runner-up in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Great group of girls," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "Demi and Leah are our two best sprinters in both the

100 and 200. Molly is our best 300 hurdler. And Smalls, who is new to the team this year as a senior, did a great job finishing both sprint relays. At the end of the year both Molly and Leah were on the 400, 800 and 1600 relay teams."

Farmington Harrison, 800 (Laticia Sims, Jr.; Whitney Fields, Soph.; Talia Shuford, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Jr.): The Hawks set a school record and ran an area-best time of 1:43.9 to win the West Bloomfield regional. Harrison was second in the OAA White and fourth in Oakland County.

"We kept those four girls together for a reason," Babcock said. "We thought they were good enough to go to state and they did. All of those girls are high-caliber track athletes and good kids. They grew together, learned to trust each other more and the times started coming down until it was a school record. They did a great job all year."

Farmington, 1,600 (Josephine Zolynsky, Sr.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Soph.; Gabby DeFlorio, Jr.): The Falcons set a school record and just missed scoring (ninth place) when they ran 3:58.75 at the state meet.

"These four young ladies began the season with two goals in mind, breaking four minutes and scoring at the state meet," coach Bridges said. "They became the fastest Division 1 team in MHSAA finals history not to score in 4 x 400 relay. The girls had a tremendous season individually and as a relay. The Zolynskys have had wonderful careers at Farmington, and we look forward to their continued success at U-D Mercy."

Salem, 3,200 (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Sr.; Kathryn Binsfeld, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Fr.): This team came out firing on all cylinders from the beginning of the season and were consistent performers throughout.

They placed first at several key meets and earned a trip to the D1 state finals at Rockford.

The quartet won the KLAA meet with a mark of 9:48.68 and topped that a week later at the PCEP-hosted regionals, with a time of 9:33.80.

At the state meet during prelims, the Rocks came in 27th with a time of 9:49.78.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Mark Babcock, Farm. Harrison: Babcock's 31st year was one of the most successful and enjoyable during his long tenure as the Harrison girls coach.

The Hawks were undefeated in dual meets and won the OAA White Division crown. They also won their first Division 1 regional at West Bloomfield after having won four in D-2. Harrison got on a late-season roll after winning the Muskrat Relays in Algonac, outscoring the defending state champion, Rochester.

"For me, that solidified things in my mind," Babcock said. "There were some good teams there. We felt it legitimized who we were and formed a better opinion of who we are. We sort of found our identity."

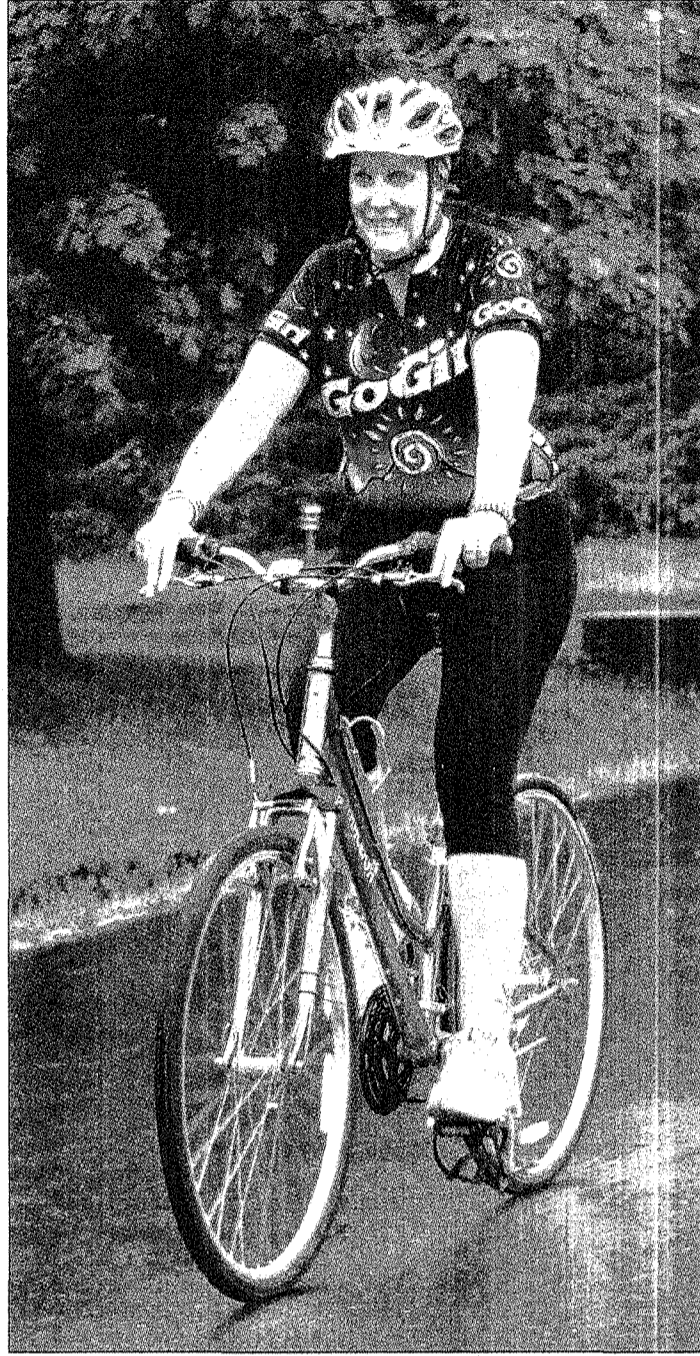
"It was a good thing to happen a week before the division meet. It gave us confidence going into the league championships and the regional from there."

Harrison also finished third in the Oakland County meet behind Novi and Division 2 state champion Country Day.

"These sort of seasons energize you," Babcock said. "It's a big boost for myself. Some years are more work and less fun. This year was the other way around. It was a lot of fun, watching our team grow, develop and believe in themselves. That never gets old."

"The job opened up and someone said: 'Hey, there's an opening for a girls track coach.' I definitely was up for the challenge," he said. "That was 31 years ago. I've had chances to go elsewhere and do other things, but I think we have a good thing going at Harrison and our kids have benefitted."

Pink fight



Livonia woman bikes, golfs to support breast cancer research

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mary Huyck plans to party after her Mary's Pink Fight Golf Outing on June 25.

"I have a DJ that's coming and we're going to celebrate. We're going to have some dancing, everyone's going to dance," said Huyck, 54, of Livonia.

The celebration will mark the end of her chemotherapy and the start of training for a 27-mile "Ride for the Cure," bike ride on Aug. 6 in Ann Arbor. She hopes to pedal a tandem bike with her husband, Gary, alongside friends and family members on her cycling team. The golf outing this month will raise money to pay for entry fees and donations to the August ride, which is organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Next month, sandwiched between the two big events, she'll also undergo surgery for the aggressive breast cancer that was diagnosed last December.

But right now, she's just happy to kick up her heels.

"I've always been of the deep philosophy to keep moving, not to sit around. I always tell people to get out in the sunshine and fresh air. That can be a natural healer for you. What I tell my patients I practice myself."

ATTENTION TO HEALTH

Huyck, a physician's assistant, has always taken a proactive approach to good health. When she was a single mom, raising two daughters and a son 30 years ago, she became a vegetarian and began eating organic foods. Exercise has always been a priority and over the past five years has included cycling in long-distance bike tours, some which have raised funds for diabetes and obesity research.

"I always get my exams. I

MARY'S PINK FIGHT GOLF OUTING

What: The golf outing helps Mary Huyck of Livonia and her cycling team raise money for the "Ride for the Cure," a bike ride set for August in Ann Arbor. It's organized by the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

When: Registration at noon, 1:30 p.m. tee time, Saturday, June 25

Where: Salem Hills Golf Course, 8810 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: 18 holes with cart; golf pro providing tips; use of range before the event; hot dogs, chips and pop at the turn; competition holes; dinner and dessert after golfing; two hours of free beer and soft drinks after the event; raffles and 50/50; DJ and music; dancing

Cost: \$100 per golfer for golf and dinner package; \$25 for dinner without golf. Both dinner-only guests and golfers are eligible for raffle prizes

Registration: Send checks, made payable to Mary Huyck Golf Outing, along with team member names, phone number and e-mail to Gary and Mary Huyck, 37596 Northland Street, Livonia, MI 48152-1036

Questions: Call Shon Murphy, event coordinator, at (734) 658-0250 or e-mail to him at suited_84@yahoo.com

take vitamins and eat well. I had a mammogram in late August last year and it was clear. Then after one of my exercise classes I developed a swelling under my arm."

Huyck worked for an oncologist before she began practicing medicine in Pontiac for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where she sees everything from diabetes to psychiatric cases at the clinic in the Oakland County jail.

She knew what to ask her doctor when the swelling failed to respond to hot showers and over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicine.

"I called the Ob-Gyn and said 'I think I need an ultrasound.'"

A biopsy and ultrasound confirmed what seemed impossible.

"Dec. 17 is the day they called me and told me I had breast cancer. It was wild. I had no family history of breast cancer. It was a fluke."

She started six months of chemotherapy, administered every other week, to combat the "triple negative breast cancer."

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

According to the Triple Negative Breast Care Foundation, breast cancers are diagnosed based on the

presence or lack of three cell "receptors" that fuel most cancerous breast tumors. The most successful treatments for breast cancer

target estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2. But none of those receptors are found

in women with triple negative breast cancer. Their form of breast cancer can be aggressive and more likely to recur and metastasize than other kinds, although it does respond to chemotherapy.

Huyck is thankful she and her doctors discovered the disease in its early stage. She said it underscores the importance of getting an annual physical exam, including a mammogram, and making healthy lifestyle choices.

"It was a complete shock for me because I did everything in life to avoid this. At least I caught it early enough."

Huyck suspects her personal experience with breast cancer may lead her back into oncology work in the future. She also recently formed Pink Fight X3, an organization designed to help triple negative breast cancer patients shoulder drug deductible costs, copays and other expenses.

"I am blessed with great health care insurance, but that's not the same for everyone. I can't imagine what it would be like to be diagnosed with breast cancer and not have available funds. My goal in the future is to help cover those expenses."

A life-long Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Loretto in Redford, Huyck also plans to form a Christian support group for breast cancer patients.

"My faith gives guidance and it always has. I believe God opened this door for me for a reason — and he has carried me through."

Huyck's Web site is www.pinkfightx3.org. E-mail her at Mary@pinkfightx3.org.

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Mary Huyck and her team will ride 27 miles in the 'Ride for the Cure' on Aug. 6.

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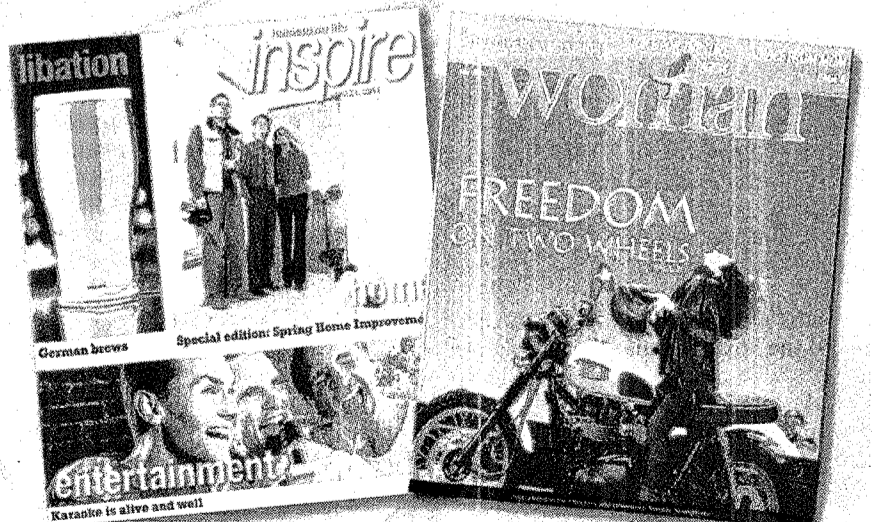
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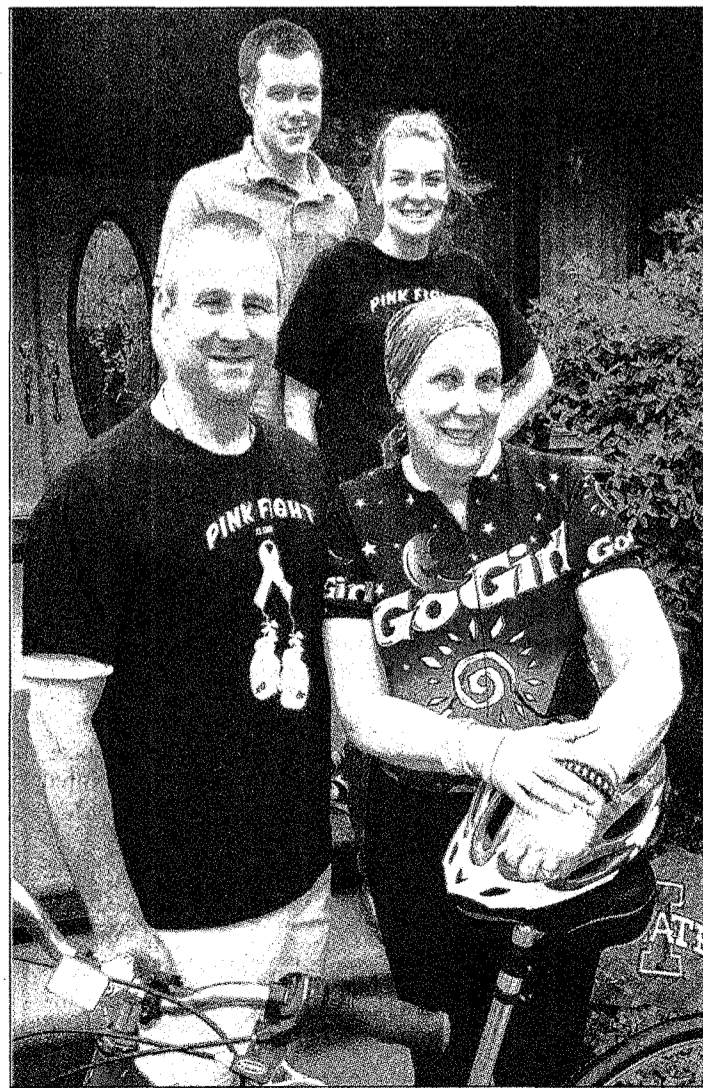
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Mary Huyck plans to ride a tandem bike with husband Gary Huyck during the 'Ride for the Cure' in August. Her cycling team includes John Carey and Amy Van Eck (background). Other team members (not shown) are Alanea Van Eck, Murray Muscat and Krystle Price.

Canton Girl Scouts earn top awards

Three girls from Canton received the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony held last month at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, in Ypsilanti. The girls were honored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan for their leadership and dedication to community service.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, awarded by Girl Scouts of the USA, is earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-18, across the country. The highest achievement in Girl Scouting, it calls upon each girl to put her leadership skills into action and develop a service learning project. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouting.

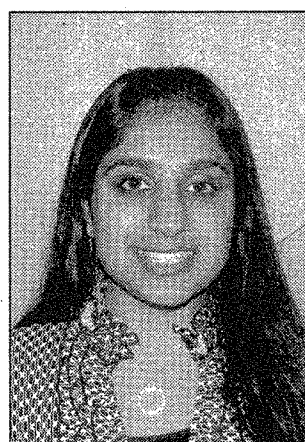
Elizabeth Ann Otto, of Troop 40870, with help from friends, family and fellow Girl Scouts, built and painted a bookcase with Disney characters on it for the Wayne Family Center, in Wayne. She also organized a book drive, collecting 670 donated books for children. She also created three colorful paintings to decorate the walls of the center's day care. She is the daughter of Marlene McCrate and Michael Otto.

Ishani Shah, a Girl Scout Juliette, started a social group for young children with disabilities in the Infant/Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Tanger Elementary School, in Plymouth. She made weekly visits to the school with friends, playing with students to improve their social skills. She also obtained training to work with the children on their sensory and motor skills. Her parents are Yaksha and Mayur Shah.

Maria Wellman, of Troop 40870, organized a blood drive for the American Red Cross Donor Center that resulted in the collection of 32 units of blood. She recruited donors by setting up booths at St. John Neumann Church and Bob Evan's Restaurant, distributing fliers to neighbors, creating a Facebook event, posting ads at local businesses and extending personal invitations. She



Otto



Shah



Wellman

also made a video promoting blood donation showing the process, benefits and personal stories about giving blood. The video will be used for blood drive recruitment at St. John Neumann Parish. Maria is the daughter of Kathryn and Mark Wellman.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls discover their strengths, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. To learn more, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.gshom.org.



Walkers make their way to the finish line during the 2010 St. Mary Mercy 5K run/walk for Cancer.

Sign up for St. Mary Mercy hospital's annual walk/run to fight cancer

Registration is open for the 5th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer planned for 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

The event is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. Nearly 600 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$20,000 to support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration through Sept. 2 is \$22; afterward it's \$27. The USATF-certified course will begin on the hospital grounds and follow residential streets

through Livonia. Runners and walkers who register before Sept. 2 are guaranteed a race T-shirt. Register at www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer. For more information call (734) 655-1590.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

BLUES AND MOTHS

Dwayne Badgero, "The Moth Maniac," will describe the blue butterflies and native moths of Michigan at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting cost is \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

RAIN GARDENS

Tour five rain gardens for free 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 16, in Lathrup Village. The tour, which is self-guided, will feature rain gardens with native wildflowers in bloom. Rain garden owners will be at their gardens to share tips with visitors. Rain gardens trap runoff from roads, driveways, sidewalks and rooftops, reducing the volume of runoff flushed into

storm drains and waterways, such as the Rouge River. When planted with native wildflowers selected for their height and bloom time, streetside rain gardens add to neighborhood pride and community identity, typically attracting butterflies. The tour originates at the Lathrup Village Municipal Park, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Tour orientation is scheduled for every 15 minutes at the registration desk. Native wildflowers suitable for rain gardens will be available for purchase. Advance registration is required (no charge). Telephone the SOCWA office weekdays at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

The Plymouth Library Garden Group will include a perennial plant exchange and discussion on container gardening and weeds at its next meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Gardeners from neighboring communities welcome. Questions? E-mail to cindywicz@comcast.net.

ENGLISH GARDENS

- Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.
- Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.
- Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.
- Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.
- What kinds of plants do best in the shade? Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School

Class of 1971
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971. 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1971
The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson 71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud

Class of 1961
50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734) 595-4927 or Nancy at wolon1@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycmet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail

and Hines Drive. Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweat-shirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

Class of 1971

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1971
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfh51971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvnerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Detroit Northwestern

Class of 1971
Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnsns40th71@yahoo.com

Farmington High School

Class of 1961
A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Ferndale High School

Class of 1961
4:10-4:25 p.m., gathering time and tour of the high school, followed by 6 p.m. dinner at Rosie O'Grady's on Friday, Sept. 10. Reunion celebration runs 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Somerset Inn, Troy and includes a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Final farewells and a quick bite from 12:30-1 p.m. at Duggan's in Royal

Oak. Cost of the banquet at Somerset Inn is \$73 per person. To reserve a place, make checks payable to Class of 1961 Reunion, and send along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail to Bill Stenback, P.O. Box 242, Central Lake, MI 49622-0242. Indicate if you plan to attend the high school tour and dinner at Rosie O'Grady's. Questions? Contact Stenback at signaturefleet@charter.net or (231) 544-6522.

Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Garden City High School

Class of 1986
25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

Inkster Cherry Hill

All classes
The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

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Clues that the person does not have rheumatoid arthritis include that the arthritis came on after a fever or sore throat, or that someone in the family, usually a child, had a viral influenza shortly before the adult's arthritis appeared.

The best studied viral arthritis is caused by Parovirus B19. The virus, in children is called the "Slapped Cheek Syndrome." The slapped cheeks refer to the bright red appearance of the child's face when the virus begins. The child's illness is accompanied by a fever, and lasts 1-3 days.

An adult, usually a grandparent babysitting for a young child, is the usual target for the virus. Instead of a fever or sore throat, the person presents with a sudden arthritis of the hands and feet that mimics rheumatoid arthritis.

The doctor can confirm his suspicion of Parovirus B19 by a blood test that shows evidence of a recent B19 infection.

Treatment consists of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication such as aspirin or ibuprofen. The arthritis may last up to 6 months, but starts improving when the patient begins therapy. A repeat episode is rare.

BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Service Learning Academy located at 21605 W. 7 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219, will hold a proposed budget hearing for the 2011-2012 school year, Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., in the Malmberg Media Center. The Budget will be available for public inspection at the Academy in the Main Office.

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Brunch takes a bite out of jazz fest costs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch is a good way to support America's gift of this music to the world, according to Midge Ellis. At nearly 88, she's been promoting jazz with the hope it continues to thrive for generations to come.

On Sunday, June 19, the Livonia woman along with the Michigan Jazz Festival Committee will hold the brunch benefit to raise funds for the annual showcase of southeast Michigan jazz musicians at Schoolcraft College in July. The daylong festival is free to the public, but a costly production at \$40,000 a year.

The Father's Day brunch will include a concert featuring the Pete Siers Quartet, with Siers on drums, Brian McMillen, organ, and Keith Kaminski and Ben Jansson on saxophones.

"It's always exciting because the food is so wonderful. Schoolcraft has a reputation for its food. There's something for everybody. If you happen to be a vegetarian you can eat until you're stuffed," said Ellis.

Seating at tables of eight stimulates conversation. Last year 300 people were talking music.

"It's good for meeting other jazz lovers," said

Ellis. "People love it and meet other people and wouldn't be there if they didn't love jazz."

Ellis promises audience members will have a lot to talk about when the quartet takes to the stage with their straight-ahead jazz. Siers has toured Europe several times and played with musicians such as Russell Malone, Marian McPartland, the late David "Fathead" Newman, and Mulgrew Miller, to name a few. His orchestral pops show ventures include Marcus Belgrave's Louis Armstrong Tribute and Dave Bennett's Salute to Benny Goodman.

Siers is an educator as well. He has taught at University of Michigan, Purdue University and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and served as Artist-in-Residence at Interlochen School of the Arts.

"Pete is such a good musician, a very good drummer," said Ellis. "This is a unique group. There's no bass. The organ plays the bass and there's two saxophones."

The Father's Day Jazz Brunch runs noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$27.50, and include a brunch and concert. Call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 or send a check with self-addressed stamped envelope to 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Be sure to include last four digits of zip code to speed delivery.



The Pete Siers Quartet will perform at a Father's Day Brunch benefit for the annual Michigan Jazz Festival.

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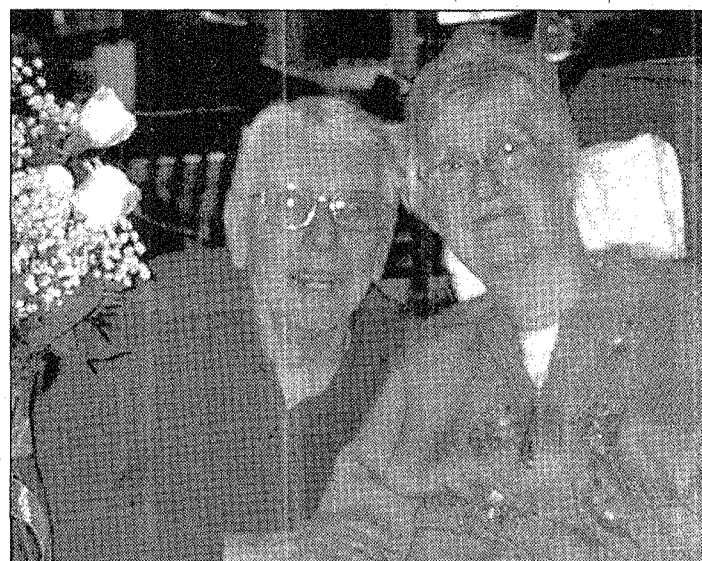
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Leon and Mary Frank of Redford



Leon and Mary Frank of Redford on their wedding day in 1951

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Age 32. Quietly entered the rest of his Savior on Monday, June 6, 2011. Beloved husband of Lindsay. Proud and loving father of Tommy, Sarah and Matthew. Cherished son of Xhemil and Vera and dear son-in-law of Steve and Julie Vanker. He will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit, principled life, and affection for Christ and his family. He worked diligently as a math teacher at Derby Middle School in Birmingham and faithfully taught the Standing Stones Adult Bible Fellowship Class at church. He will be missed by many. The family received visitors on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Highland Park Baptist Church, 23600 Lahser Rd., Southfield from 9:30am until the Memorial Service at 11:00am. Donations may be made to "The Abazi Living Trust" with the memo "Children's College Fund" and mailed to 5250 Kellen Ln., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.



CHAPIN, LOIS M.

Age 80, June 8, 2011. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Gary (Mona), Bruce (Jennifer) and Kirk (Julie) Chapin, and Sally (Douglas) Freed. Dear grandmother of David, Scott and Mackenzie, Alyssa and Matthew, Thomas, Amy, James and Kimberly. Dear great grandmother of Maiya. Sister of Eleanor Fisher, James Colter and Carolyn Wicker. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 3 - 8 PM. Instate at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church (at St. Andrew Episcopal Church), 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia, Monday from 10:30 until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.



SAWICKI, CECILIA MARY

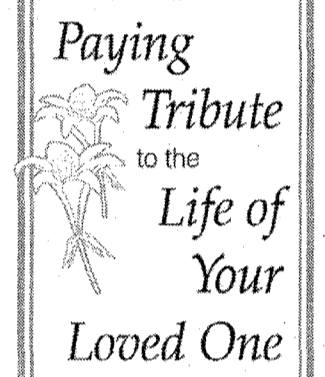
Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Patricia (Gary) Seleski, Robert (Syndi) Loussia, and Richard (Geraldyn). Proud grandmother of Michael (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak, Dana (Tim) Balogh, and Douglas Sawicki. Great-grandmother of John Michael Mistak II. Cecilia and the late Walter were among the "Original" residents of Newburgh Village. She was a hard working employee for the 7 Mile and Farmington Kmart for over two decades. Mrs. Sawicki enjoyed exercising at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., Suite 705, San Francisco, CA, 94102. Please share your memories at www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com.

SHARPE JR., C. GRANVILLE,

Age 91, of Novi, MI, died 6/4/11. Services were held 6/11. Arrangements by O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, MI

SULLIVAN, MONICA SUSAN

Of Brighton passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family on Sunday, June 5, 2011. She was 53 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, John; loving sons, Ryan (Callie) and Sean (Ruth); father, Paul Clement; grandson, Jack; sisters, Mary Clement and Kathy (Kevin) Carroll; brother, Brian (Stacey) Clement; nephews, Zachary, Dylan, Wyatt, Samuel and Aaron (Miriam); nieces, Amanda, Lou (Tyler); many loving extended family members and dear friends. Monica was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Clement and brother, Paul Clement. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, Friday, June 10 at 10:30AM. Fr. Mark J. Rutherford to officiate. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main Street, Brighton, Thursday 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank. For further information please call Lynch & Sons, Brighton at: 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



HORDE, SHELLEY RENEE

Age 36 June 5, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved daughter of Troy & Rose Horde. Loving sister of Dennis (Kelly) Barker and Eric (Annette) Horde. Cherished granddaughter of Edward Horde. Dear aunt of Hope Grundy, Tyler and Ian Horde. Special friend of Danielle Beaudrie, Scott and Scotty White. For information regarding pancreatic cancer awareness visit www.pancan.org. Visitation and Service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

KOROL, PAUL C.

Age 76. Beloved husband of the late Raissa. Dear father of Andrew, William (Cindy), George, and Katherine (Andrew) Schormick. Proud grandfather of Kayla and Nicholas. Loving brother of George and the late Lydia Kytasty. Visitation was at Fred Wood Funeral Home- Rice Chapel, in Livonia on Wednesday, Funeral 10 AM Thursday at St. Mary Ukrainian orthodox Church, 21931 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI 48075. Internment will take place at Parkview Cemetery. Please visit online guest book at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LAROQUE, ELIZA JANE

Passed away on June 4, 2011 at the age of 95. She was born on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Onigum Minnesota on February 2, 1916. Eliza was the loving wife of the late Henry LaRoque and is survived by her sister Dorothy McMickens and her 3 children Sharon Hoyt, Gary LaRoque and Lesley Dale LaRoque, her grandchildren Mark Hoyt, Lauren Hoyt Williams, Brandon LaRoque, Derek LaRoque, Meghan LaRoque and Alicia LaRoque and her great grandchildren Justin, Zoe, Jake, Isabella and Haidyn. She showed her care and love through her actions and all who knew her felt blessed to be touched by this amazing woman. Elizabeth will be missed by all. www.uhth.com



ROCKWELL, SUSANNA P.

86, June 3, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Francis W. II (d. 2006); devoted mother of Francis W. III (Diane), Thomas R. (Elizabeth) and Edward C. (Tanya); and cherished grandmother of 12. A memorial Service was held Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Memorial tributes suggested to Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills or the Salvation Army. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200) heeney-sundquist.com

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ZIMMER, COMMANDER DAVID W.

US Navy, (ret). June 4, 2011 Age 93 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Naval Aviator and Pearl Harbor survivor. Proud graduate of Northwestern University and longtime Ford Motor executive. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Ely) for 63 years. Dear father of David R. (Donna), Stephen E. (Susan), Dr. John W. (Naywon) and Thomas A. (Patrice). Grandfather of Amy, Kristen, Julie McCann (Casey), Jennifer, Andrew, Matthew, Scott, Michael, Zachary and Trevor. Great grandfather of Alexander. Brother of the late Julian and Rodney. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday, June 17th 5-8p.m. Funeral service Saturday, June 18th 1p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Sports Unlimited, Quak Rugby, 6781 Rattalee Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



BANKS, STEPHEN G.

Of Salem, OR, and former resident of Farmington, MI, passed away after a courageous fight against cancer at age 62 on March 30, 2011 in Modesto, CA. Steve was born in Detroit and moved to Farmington where he attended Farmington Junior and Senior High School from which he graduated in 1967. While there, he was a member of a rock band, The Czars, which won many local competitions in the '60s. He was the son of the late Lorne and Cecile Banks, long-time Farmington residents, and was the brother of Don Banks of San Diego, John Banks of Jacksonville, FL, and Ken Banks of Seminole, FL. He is survived by his ex-wife Linda Banks of Modesto, CA, and life partner, Joanne Welch of Salem, OR, as well as his three children: Christopher Banks, Chico, CA, Stephanie Luepke of Modesto, CA, and Matthew Banks, of Modesto, CA. He also was beloved grandfather of six granddaughters in California. A celebration of life was held by his family in Modesto on April 16 and another by friends in Salem on May 13. Condolences may be sent to the family at 2800 Braden, Apt 156, Modesto, CA, 95356. Steve shared his final thoughts at caringbridge.org/visit/stephenbanks.



BLAHUNKA, CHARLES S.

Age 72, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in Rockford, IL. He is survived by his sons, Ronald Blahunka, of Rockford, Dennis (Marcie) Blahunka of Loves Park, IL, grandchildren Luke, Logan, and Taylor Blahunka, and sister Mary (late Peter) Lazar. Chuck was preceded in death by a son Donald (1981), parents Charles and Frances (nee Cabay) Blahunka, brother Joseph (Ethel) Blahunka, sister Frances (Frank) Gabrys, and numerous nieces and nephews. Chuck graduated from Joliet Township High School, then IIT where he studied electrical engineering. He retired in 2003 as Supervisor of the Electromagnetic Testing Laboratory at Yazaki Corporation. His hobbies included golf, enjoying classical music, cigars, viewing nature, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of IEEE EMC Society and a certified EMC Engineer for INARTE, both professional organizations for electrical engineers. For those wishing to leave memorial donations in Chuck's name, they may be sent to: International Essential Tremor Foundation, attn: Research, 11111 West 95th Street, Suite 260, Overland Park, KS 66214. A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be held on Tuesday, June 14 with a memorial visitation from 2 - 7 PM, followed by a memorial service beginning at 7 pm in the funeral home chapel. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Tezak's Home to Celebrate Life, 1211 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL, 815-722-0520 www.tezakfuneralhome.com Tezak's Home to Celebrate Life®

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Rehab clients exercise while beautifying therapy center

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Theresa Fischer knelt on the concrete sidewalk Tuesday and planted impatiens in the landscape bed surrounding Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.

While she gardened in the record high temperature, the Farmington Hills woman — who has Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) — barely seemed to break a sweat.

After three years in pulmonary rehab, Fischer is better equipped to climb stairs, swing a golf club and plant flowers during Valley Hill's annual "Gardening Day" event.

"On a whole I would not be as active without it," she said, referring to the physical therapy she receives at the Center, home to Botsford Hospital's outpatient pulmonary rehab program. "I look forward to coming here. I feel it has helped me."

"I tell you a big plus. It improved my golf game. It was amazing to me because I didn't expect it. But I kept thinking, gosh that ball is going farther."

Gardening, like golf, gives Fischer an opportunity to apply breathing and energy conservation techniques learned at the Center to everyday activities.

During Gardening Day, patients plant flowers around the facility as a part of their supervised exercise treatment. Valley Hill offers a multidisciplinary treatment plan under medical direction. Therapy is designed to improve quality of life for individuals with chronic asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung conditions. Respiratory therapists work with patients on controlling symptoms, slowing their disease's progression, increasing their ability to live independently and building endurance. Physical therapists help patients improve strength, balance, and muscle function.

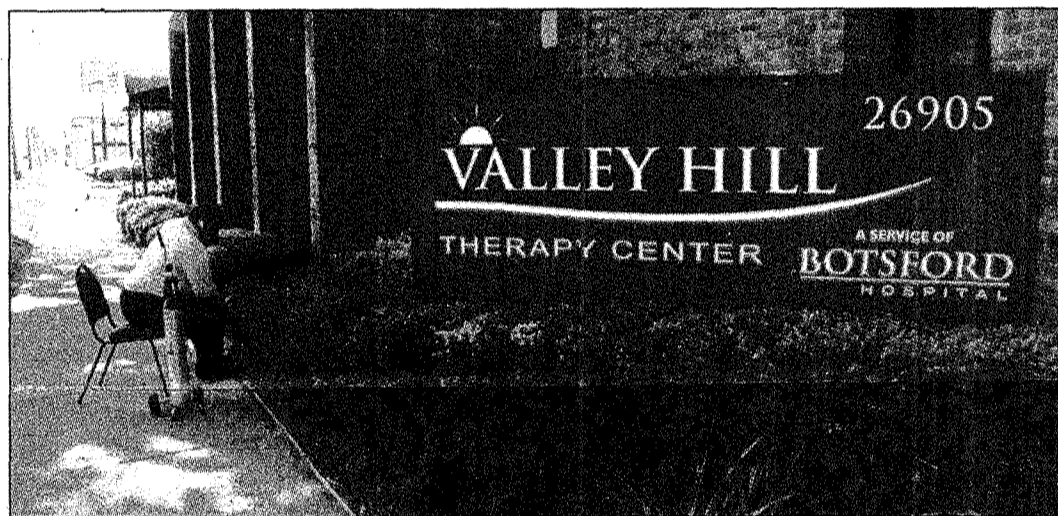
DIFFERENT APPROACH



Dorothy Lehner of Farmington Hills plants flowers as a part of the fifth annual Gardening Day at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford.



Cindy Bailo, coordinator Respiratory Services at Valley Hill Therapy Center in Redford, talks with a client during the fifth annual Gardening Day.



Bernard Smith of Detroit, his oxygen tank at his side, digs holes for flowers during Valley Hill's annual gardening day.

"We teach them to cope with their lung disease. Instead of stopping activities, we teach them to do it differently," said Cindy Bailo, therapist. "When we

interview them, that's one of their major complaints — that they can't work in the yard and garden any more. So we try to teach them that yes, you can. You just

have to do it differently. "You have to learn to breathe when you do it and do it slowly." Purse lip breathing is among the techniques they

use while tackling everyday activities such as gardening. Therapy patients learn to breathe in for a few seconds and then purse their lips to lengthen the time it takes to exhale.

"When they take longer, it keeps their lower airways open long enough for them to exhale carbon dioxide. We teach them to take their breath in before they exert themselves," Bailo said.

Working on treadmills and stationary bikes at the Center helps strengthen muscles. Bailo teaches patients that a "stronger muscle uses less oxygen than a weak muscle."

"When you become short of breath by doing simple things, you avoid doing those simple things and then your muscles tend to atrophy more. So we work their heart, legs, dia-

phragm." Georgia Cherry of Farmington Hills has pulmonary fibrosis and has attended therapy sessions for five years. In that time she has lessened her reliance on an oxygen tank and now uses one only at night. Techniques such as purse lip breathing come naturally.

"One of the reasons I've stuck with this exercise program is that they take your vitals when you come in," Cherry said. "They take your blood pressure, listen to your lungs, measure your oxygen levels. You don't get that in just any exercise setting."

She likes the camaraderie that has developed during sessions. Patients have become friends with each other and with the therapists.

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Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care economics and accountable care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals. Offers 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at www.henryford.com/cmeevents.

Kidney treatment

Individuals facing kidney failure can learn about the treatment options that best suit their health and lifestyle needs at a Treatment Options Program (TOPs) session, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14 at Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, 6064 N. Sheldon, Canton. Healthcare professionals will talk about managing chronic kidney disease, dialysis treatment options, kidney transplants, patient support services and more. The session is free and open to the public. For more information, call Christine Hillmer at (586) 431-5084.

Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor

Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745.

Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division. Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps

near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts. Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation therapy, can be done onsite or at a nearby center. Get an application by calling (800) 227-2343 or by visiting www.cancer.org/camp/rainbow.

Male Urinary Incontinence: An Embarrassing Problem (No Longer)

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The inability to control urine is a common problem affecting many men in America. When looking specifically at men over 60, 17% reported having an incontinent episode. There are many potential causes of incontinence in men but most stem from the gland associated with the male reproductive system—the prostate. As many as 30% of men who have undergone treatments for prostate cancer report some incontinence.

The positive news—male urinary incontinence is a treatable problem. Although pads to collect urine are an option, some medications or a minimally-invasive procedure can provide a permanent resolution to most individual's problems.

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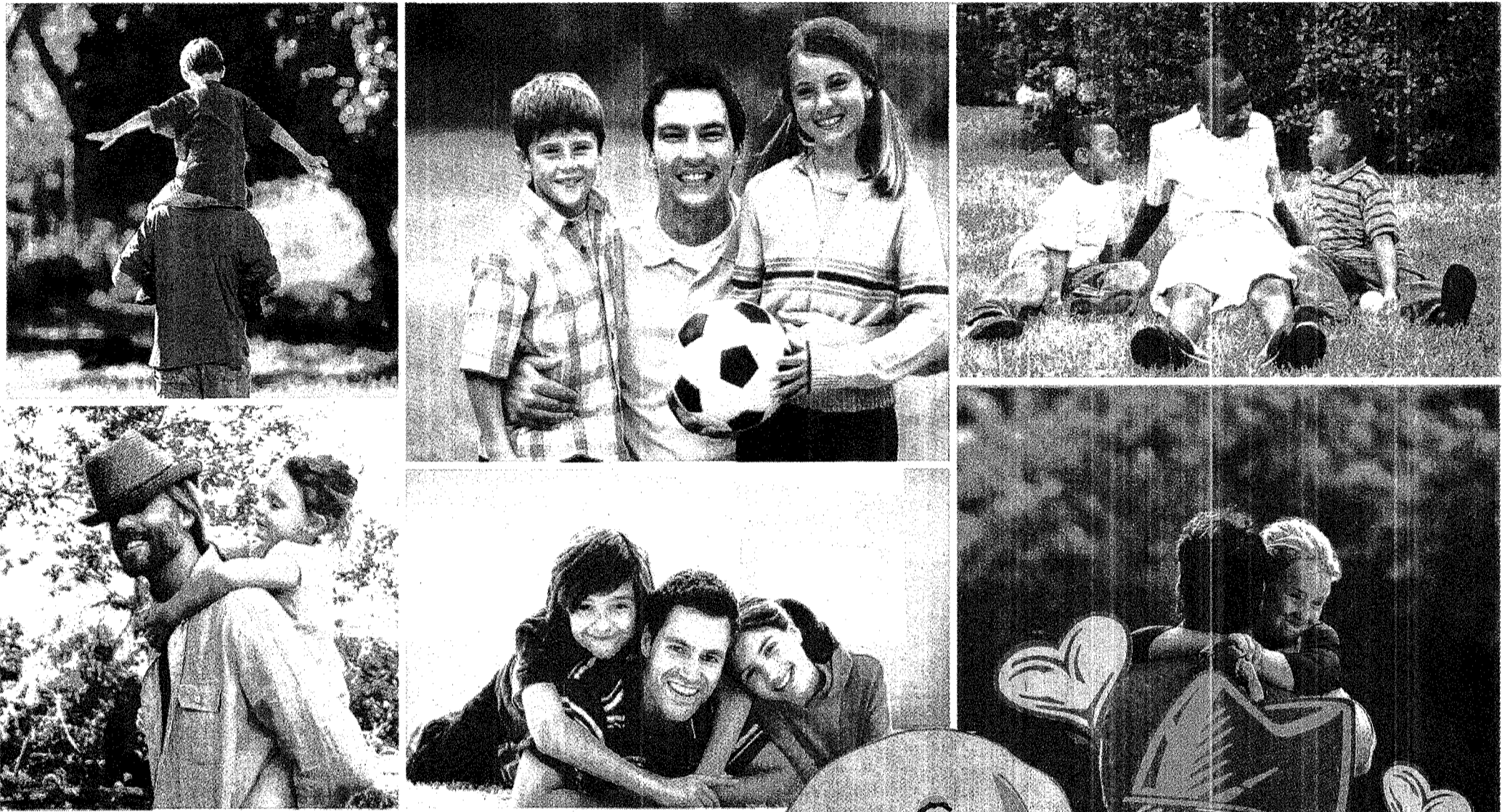
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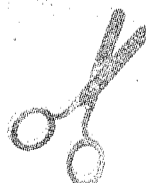
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Name: Caroline Loder
Age: 9
Community: Livonia



Name: Emily Loder
Age: 11
Community: Livonia



Name: Parker Howard
Age: 5
Community: Garden City

Name: Austin Howard
Age: 12
Community: Garden City

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