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**IN BRIEF**



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**Concert Series**

The 2011 Westland Summer Concert Series kicks off at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the pavilion of the William P. Faust Library. Kicking off the series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be local country/rock favorites the Waco Country Band.

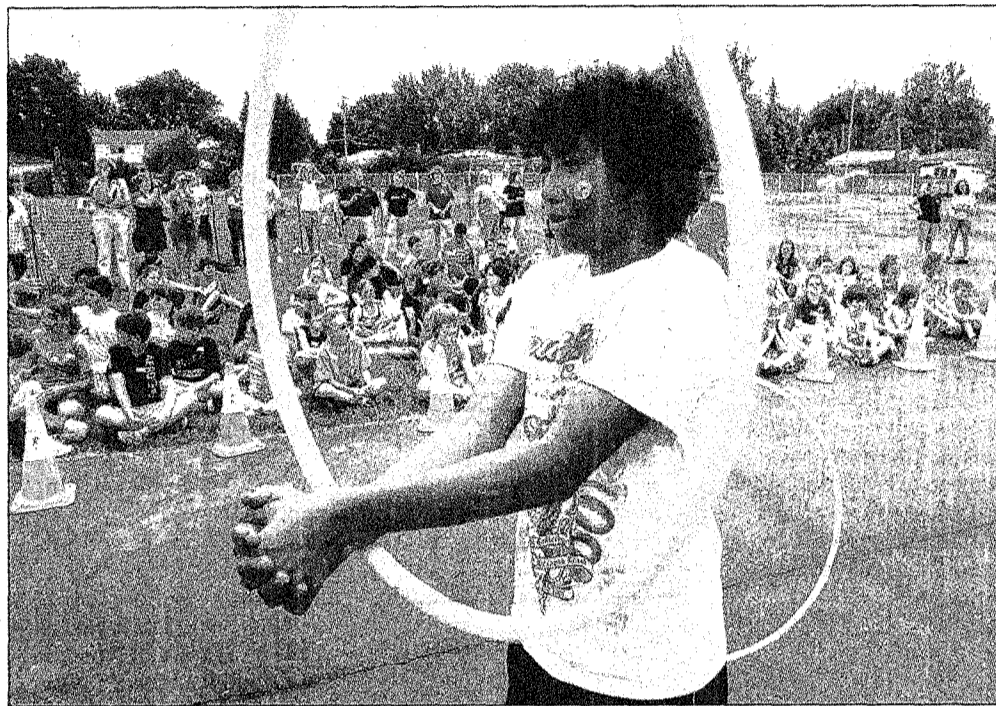
Here is the schedule for the rest of the concert series held 7 p.m. Thursdays in the library pavilion:

- June 23 - Gratitude Steel Band, steel drum dance
- June 30 - Stolen Moments, smooth pop/rock
- July 7 - Pam and Scott, sweet pop vocals
- July 21 - Novi Concert Band, symphonic wind ensemble
- July 28 - Sheila Landis Trio, jazz vocal with guitar
- Aug. 4 - Bill Bynum & Co., country/folk music
- Aug. 11 - Toppermost, Beatles tribute band

In addition, there will be a Battle of the Bands 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 14. Sign up at the library for a chance to compete.

Admission to the concerts is free, and limited seating is available. It's recommended that concert goers bring their own lawn chairs. The concerts will move into the library in case of inclement weather. The Friends will hold a 50/50 raffle during the concerts.

The library is located on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road. For more information, visit [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org) or call (734) 326-6123.



Ricardo McCoy shows off his coordination with a Hula Hoop for his fellow students at St. Damian School.

**Students swap books for day in circus**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Ta-da." It was probably the most often spoke phrase at St. Damian School, where students ran off and joined the Cirque Amongus.

"I think this was the most talked about day," said parent Jamie Allie of Livonia, who helped bring the activity to the Westland school. "They knew it was coning and they were full of questions. But once they started doing it, they didn't want to stop."

All but three of the school's 150 students spent the morning trying 10 different circus skills, everything from walking a tightrope and swinging on a trapeze to juggling, acrobatics and balancing on large globes and barrels. Then in the afternoon, they selected a specific skill and developed a routine that they presented at their own circus, complete with "Ta-da."

"My brother and I have always been into unicycles and juggling," said Cirqueamongus co-founder Aristide Abrahams of Livonia. "We decided to bring it to the next level and do a whole circus for schools. Every school should do this."

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Katelynn Toloday of Livonia does a cartwheel as part of the Acrobatics troupe.

**Shake-up: Library Board to get two new members**

Mayor to take closer look at library operations, Page A2.

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a period of less than one year, Westland's Faust Library Board will have new members filling four of the five seats on the board.

Westland Mayor William Wild is not reappointing board member Rebecca Kelly, who had served since October 2008, when her term expires at the end of the month. The Library Board members are appointed by the mayor with council confirmation.

"I think that it is regrettable that he decided not to reappoint me. There are a lot of big issues facing the board," said Kelly, who had been

board secretary. "I tried to make every decision and vote in the best interest of the library patrons, even when it wasn't politically popular. I don't regret anything I did for the library."

No one directly mentioned it, but the Library Board has had a somewhat rocky relationship with City Hall since a proposal a year ago to charge the library \$51,000 annually for rent and \$500,000 for 10 years back rent for their city-owned building. The Library Board protested the proposal, which was eventually dropped.

Kelly wasn't asked if she was interested in continuing to serve on the library board. Just prior to the board meeting last week she said she received a letter thanking her for her service.

"We thought it (the letter) was procedural. I called (Wild) to inquire, she wanted to continue. I was surprised," said Library Board President Leslie Bell. "It's an important time for the library. We're trying to hire a new director. The mayor said there were some other people expressing interest in serving. That's the gist of it. The mayor is the boss."

The longest serving board member Duane Moody, appointed in November 2006, announced his resignation effective immediately after learning during last week's board meeting that Kelly wouldn't be reappointed. His letter of resignation cited health concerns, as had Moody's letter resigning from the Tax Increment Finance

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**W-W to seek concessions, cut costs in 2011-12**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials have their job cut out for them, after the school board approved a new budget that calls for \$5.8 million in concessions from employees.

The board voted 4-2, with Trustees Carol Middel and Jeffrey Hayton dissenting, to approve the 2011-12 budget that projects revenues of \$107 million and expenditures of \$110.5 million. The district will use \$3.5 million of its fund equity to cover the shortfall.

Middel expressed concern about revenue assumptions in the budget, saying it "would be better to error on the side of caution."

"My fear is we're building a budget on what might not come to be," said Middel. "We need to dig deeper and take some of these assumptions away. I'm concerned we're building a budget we can't handle."

Hayton declined to have the district's fund equity drop below the 5-10 percent thresh-

old the board set as policy. The new budget takes to 3.4 percent of expenditures.

"We have to pay for next year and we may scrap by, but what do we do when we don't have the money," he said. "It's going to be even worse."

"We knew you would have a difficult budget to adopt, this is our biggest challenge since before Proposal A," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services. "State aid is really squeezing us and we're still one of the biggest losers in the state."

The district will finish the current budget year with a better than expected fund equity of \$7.7 million. The district received \$1.4 million in delinquent property taxes from Wayne County and realized and addition \$262,000 in shared time money from vocational education.

The budget assumptions include:

- A foundation allowance of

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**Services held for teen killed in car crash**

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Thursday) for a Garden City teen killed when a reportedly stolen car in which he was a passenger crashed in Detroit.

A Garden City High School student, Tyler Zadorski, 16, was fatally injured in the early morning hours of June 10. He died later that day.

Two other teens were injured when the car, reported stolen in Dearborn Heights, crashed into the side of a building at Biddle and Vinewood in Detroit. One of the other teens was treated and released, the third hospitalized following the accident. It's not known if the surviving teens will be facing criminal charges.

Wayne-Westland school officials had counselors at John Glenn High School Friday when word of Zadorski's death began to circulate among the student body. He had attended the high school last year and the other two teens are stu-

dents at the school.

Visitation and services were held for Zadorski at John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home in Garden City. He is survived by his parents, Richard Zadorski and Michelle Tidwell; siblings Paige Zadorski, Justin Zadorski, Derek Burns, Aden Burns and Mya Burns; grandparents Richard and Charlotte Zadorski, Diane Waiters and Danny Waiters; and great-grandfather Charles Pullen.

Family and friends are invited to a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in Garden City Park. The invitation posted on Facebook asks friends and family to share some time listening to stories and things that "made you like/love Tyler."

A fund-raiser to help the teen's family cover funeral expenses has been scheduled for 4-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Ypsilanti Eagles Club on Holmes off Michigan Avenue. Dinner for friends age 18 and under will be \$5. There will be \$2 raffles and \$5 raffles, also a 50/50 raffle, along with an auction featuring autographed sports memorabilia.



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# BUDGET

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\$7,249 per pupil, down \$708 from the current budget year, due in part to a partial loss of its equity language.

- A blended student count of 12,605 students, down 162 from 2010-11.

- The two one-time \$100 state aid categoricals to offset rising retirement costs and meeting four of the governor's five best practices.

- The sale of one vacant school building for \$500,000.
- Transfer-ins of \$400,000 of food service revenue and \$2 million from the five-year maintenance fund.

The budget also includes more than \$9 million in assumptions that require action, the biggest piece being \$5.8 million concessions.

Negotiations are ongoing to get wage and step freezes from the teachers, secretaries and paraprofessionals, and the district will be asking employees

to increase their insurance co-pays to 20 percent. It also is seeking a rollback of class sizes.

"The per pupil enrollment is the biggest reason we are down," said Martin. "That \$708 per student is almost unimaginable. We knew we'd have a difficult time, but to be smacked with a \$9.8 million cut. That's why we're in the position we're in now."

Board action also is needed on \$3.2 million in cuts in the areas of capital expenditures, athletics, building and grounds and reductions in building supplies, textbooks, transportation salaries and general personnel.

According to school Superintendent Greg Baracy, the unions are talking about trying to meet four of the five best practices to land the additional \$100 per student. If the district doesn't, it's another \$1.2 million that will need to be cut.

"We have the opportunity to save ourselves, if we're not willing, then someone will come in and save us," he said.

"My hope is we can work together to access that \$100. We have a fair chance of meeting four of the five best practices, if everyone gets on board. I don't think there's any question that employees realize we are desperate."

Trustee John Goci, who participated in the meeting via Skype technology, asked that the board consider asking employees at the top of the pay scale to take more than wage freezes.

"It's not fair to ask junior employees to take step freezes of 6 percent and the higher employees only take 1.5 percent freezes, it just doesn't seem fair to me," said Goci. "I'd like to see if the board would ask the individual employee groups that their members that top out take cuts in wages equivalent to a step increase."

Baracy assured Goci that the concept has been "shared" with employees.

Martin indicated the board will need to act quickly on the assumptions.

"The state controls our purse strings 100 percent," he said. "Salaries and benefits make up 90 percent of the budget. That's up to 90 percent because we've been cutting other areas. Has every rock been turned over? Probably not. But when you're talking \$7-\$8 million, you're not going to get that from the vendors."

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# Mayor plans closer look at library operations

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid a rapid turnover of board members, Westland Mayor William Wild is taking a closer look at the operation of the William P. Faust Library.

While the library has its own 1-mill operating tax levy, the Library Board members aren't elected but appointed by the mayor with council confirmation. Similarly, the library budget is reviewed by city administration before being presented to the council for adoption.

The Library Board is in the process of selecting a new library director to replace Cheryl Napsha, who left in November. The board also recently received a facility needs assessment from OHM Engineering Services on work needed at the 15-year-old building.

"I have some concerns to address with the board at their next meeting, I want to make sure they are looking for the right type of director," said Wild.

"They need to be open on the finances and the capital needs of the building, also the lawsuit."

The lawsuit in question is an action pending before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission over an unfair labor practice charging library management interfered with efforts by library staff to unionize. Three individual employees claim to have lost their jobs as a result of those organizing efforts. A ruling is pending in the lawsuit which could potentially carry a huge financial impact, if the library doesn't prevail.

"We need to find out where we are at with the lawsuit. If there is (financial) risk there, we need to know that," said Wild. "I don't think the whole (library) board knows about it. We need to start making some financial decisions about the library."

A closed session joint meeting of the Library Board and council may be needed to bring everyone up to speed on litigation, Wild said.

"I'm concerned about their

five-year plans for finances. If operations stay the same, they will run through the fund balance in five years and still have their capital needs," he said.

During the current fiscal year, the library had a \$2 million budget balanced, using \$100,000 from the fund balance, effectively a savings account. The fund balance is \$1.5 million but property tax revenues, the library's largest source of funding, is taking a hit from declining property values.

With the Garden City Library closing on July 1, Wild said the formation of a district library needs to be studied.

The Library Board recently approved a policy that would allow residents of communities without libraries — nonreciprocal communities — to purchase library cards for \$100 per household.

"That's the board prerogative, but it's a short-term solution for a long-term problem," said Wild.

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

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

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| Taft-Galloway Elementary<br>4035 Gloria<br>Wayne, MI 48184   |   |

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

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# BOARD

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Authority board earlier this year.

That leaves Bell, appointed in July 2007, along with

Antoinette Martin, appointed in September 2010, and Mark Neal, who joined the board in February. Wild will have an appointee to replace Kelly for council confirmation on June 20 but said he didn't immediately have someone to fill the balance of Moody's term, which will expire in June 2013.

"I decided not to renew her (Kelly's) appointment, I had some other candidates who were interested in serving on the Library Board," said Wild. "I think she's been a good

board member."

Disappointed at not being reappointed to the Library Board, Kelly said she was very proud of the library.

"It's a wonderful organization to be associated with. We've gone through a lot of changes with board members in a year and a half," said Kelly. "Sometimes stability can be good. The library is more complex than I ever dreamed when I first came into this position."

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South Redford School District is now accepting applications for the South Redford School District Schools of Choice program for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The program is open to all residents of Wayne County. Download the South Redford Schools of Choice K-2 Program Guidelines for Enrollment and Online Application at: <http://southredford.net>

Applications must be submitted to the South Redford School District at the Jan Jacobs Administrative Office 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford, MI 48239. Applications will be accepted **Monday, June 13, 2011 through Wednesday, August 31, 2011.** Contact the Administrative Office for further assistance at 313-242-0541

Schools of Choice Timeline  
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# Westland library's nonresident cards to cost \$100

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents of communities without libraries, including Garden City, will be able to buy a library card to use Westland's William P. Faust Library.

The Faust library card will cost \$100 per household of up to six people and be good for one year. Previously, Garden City residents would have been able to use the Faust Library under a reciprocity checkout agreement with their home library. That reciprocity agreement ends July 1 when the Garden City Library will close.

In light of possible library closings, Westland library attorney Michael McNamara had provided a report to the board about court cases involving library access. The bottom line is that the courts have ruled anyone can use public libraries but the local libraries can restrict the services used by nonresidents, such as checking out materials and computer use.

Nonresidents purchasing the library card would have borrowing privileges and computer access.

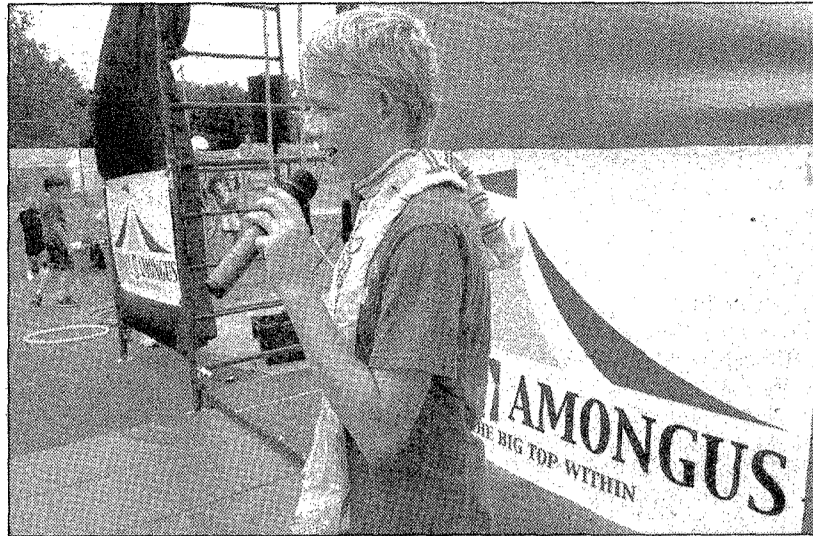
"It will give them full access to the library," said Library Board President Leslie Bell, adding the fee was based on the average property tax paid for the library by Westland homeowners.

The most recent numbers from the Westland library have 88,574 library cards issued of which 62,500 are held by Westland residents. There are 4,583 Garden City residents with cards activated at the Westland library but only 2,269 are currently active.

An individual nonresident library card could be used only at the library where it was purchased. The cost varies by library from \$45 in Dearborn Heights and Livonia to \$130 in Redford Township.

The Garden City Council voted to close the library, located inside the Maplewood Community Center, as part of budget cuts after the recent defeat of a public millage. A half mill to fund the library will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot, but if it is approved, the funding would not become available until July 1, 2012.

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As the ringmaster Pearse Branigan of Westland enjoyed being part of the circus, but isn't interested in running away to join one.

## CIRCUS

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Rather than the usual year-end field day, the Parent-Teachers Group decided to shake it up, according to Allie. They held to fund-raising events at Noodles & Company and a McTeachers Night at McDonald's to raise the money to bring the Livonia-based program to the school. According to Allie, parents became aware of Cirque Amongus after the business donated an item for the school auction.

"We sat down and asked them to show us their services and it was wow, we have to book them for field day," she said. "We decided to shake things up and from the smiles on their faces, obviously this was a good choice."

### FACE PAINTING

All of the students had their faces painted for the circus and selected costumes to wear for their performances. Even preschoolers and kindergartners were involved, taking the role of the circus's lions and tigers.

The youngsters learned their skills at the stations set up in the hallways of the school and used the same area to come up with their routines for the circus. Near the school office, Adam Crunk was busy moving his feet to stay balanced on a large wooden ball.

"I liked this the first time I tried

this," said the Garden City resident. "It's cooler to be taller than everyone else and roll around."

The ball he balanced on was made of wood and weighed 80 pounds, and the seventh-grader had to admit the hardest part was keeping his balance "because the ball keeps moving around."

"You've got to take little steps to keep your balance," he added.

Down the hall, first-grader Kari Toloday of Livonia needed help with the not so high high wire, a six-foot metal cable strung between two stands about 18 inches off the ground.

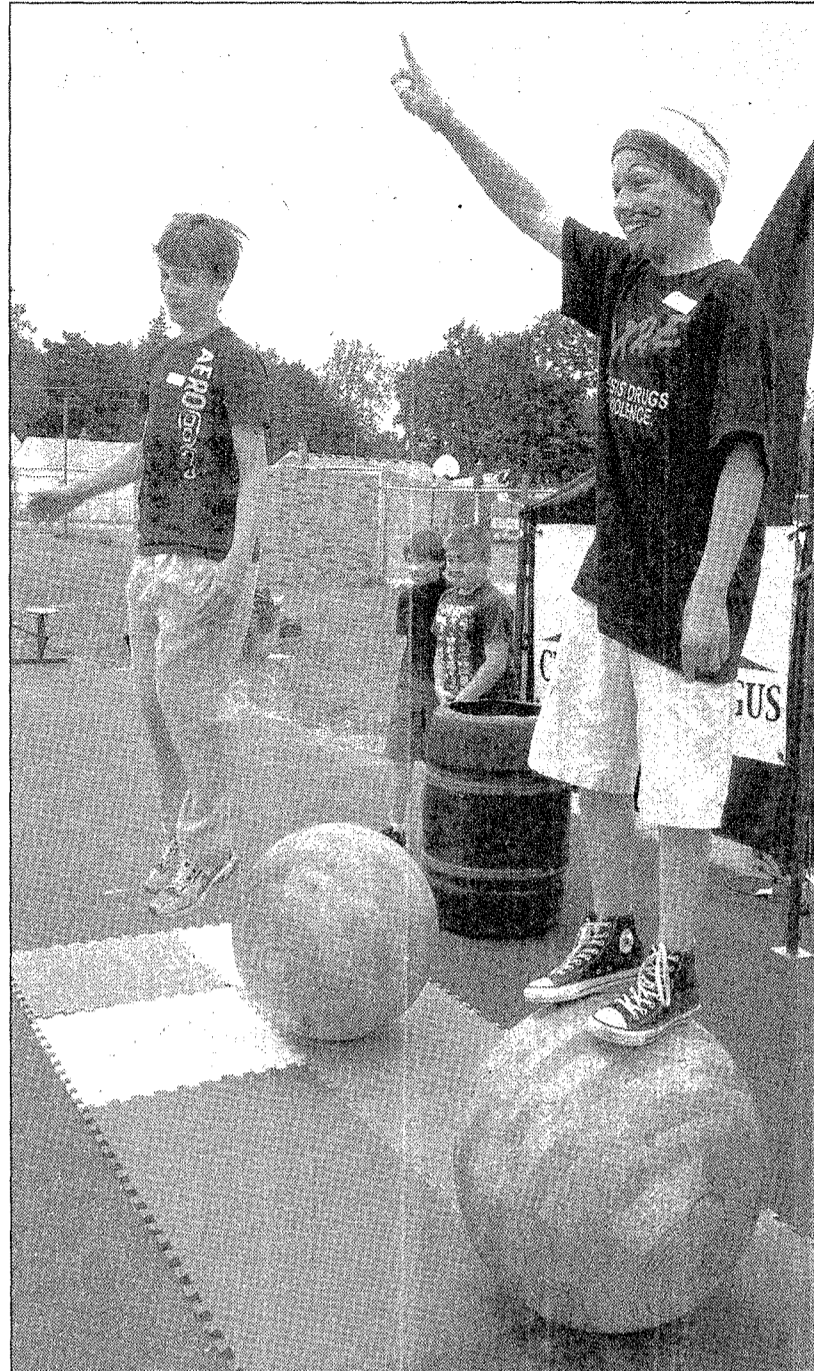
"I really need help," she said, adding that she choose the skill "because it's fun, you get to do stuff on it." Half way across the wire, the youngster stopped and showed what she meant. She jumped up and landed back on the wire without falling off.

"This is such a phenomenal thing for these kids," said Allie. "How many would get to swing on a trapeze? How many would get to walk on a tightrope if not for this?"

### 'HERE'S PEEEEARSE!'

Every circus needs a ringmaster and that job fell to Pearse Branigan of Westland. The seventh-grader picked the job because it sounded like fun. A little bit nervous at the start, he soon warmed up to the roll. It also helped having Sem Arbahams introduce him with his exaggerated "Here's Peeeearse."

When asked how he prepared for the role, he produced a sheet of paper.



Adam Crunk of Garden City (left) and Austin Corona acknowledge the appreciative applause of the audience after showing the balancing skills on the rolling globes.

"They gave me a paper and said to read it over," he said. "It's been pretty fun. The whole day was pretty fun."

His favorite act was the bicycles with the big front wheel and even though it was fun, he admitted that he wasn't interested in running away and joining the circus.

"You really did impress us, everyone was so flexible and so well-behaved," Sem Arbahams told the students at the end of the circus. "You have an amazing school community."

But the Abrahamses had one last thing that needed to be done before they would relinquish control of the school. Principal Mary Stempin had to walk across the tightrope. She did and closed the event with a "Ta-da!"

Allie had one word to described the day: phenomenal.

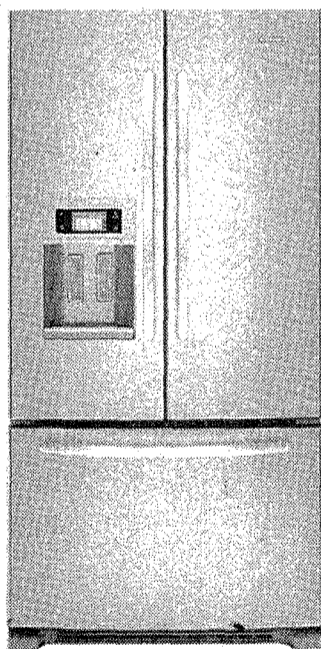
"The kids were excited, the parents were excited. We'll definitely have them back after today's experience," she said.

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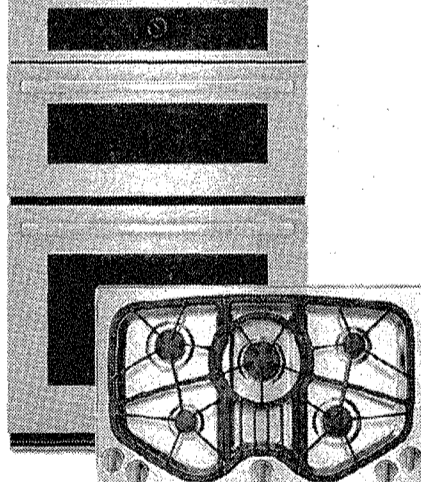
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# Westland man charged with setting fire in apartment

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man is facing charges that he set fire to a Westland apartment in the aftermath of a party celebrating graduations from Livonia Churchill High School.

Matthew Bernard Russo, 18, is scheduled for a prelimi-

nary examination in Westland 18th District Court today (Thursday) on two charges of arson stemming from the incident.

Six graduating seniors gathered to drink beer at a unit in the Westwood Village apartments 9 p.m. to midnight May 26, said Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano. One of the

seniors had been living in the apartment with his family but they were moving and the unit was largely empty.

"One guy stayed behind — he lives in another apartment at the complex. He was drunk and playing with matches," said Serrano. "Then he lights a laundry basket on fire. The fire started in a bedroom and

burned through to the kitchen. It totaled the apartment."

Once the fire had started in the apartment, Serrano said Russo fled to another building in the complex looking for his friends. Russo is charged with setting fire to papers on a bulletin board in the second building. That fire caused minor damage but drew the attention

of other tenants, who called 9-1-1.

"He (Russo) was identified by the neighbors. He finally went back to his own apartment — he hadn't wanted anyone to know where he lived," said Serrano. "He was arrested at his own apartment."

The fire caused an estimated \$20,000 to the first-floor

apartment where the seniors had their party. No injuries were reported.

"They played full contact hacky sack in there. The neighbors said they made a lot of noise," said Serrano. "No one called the police. If they had, we might not have had the fire."

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## Police investigate bar fight, stabbing incident

### Stabbing

Few details are emerging about a stabbing incident at Frankie's, 31268 Ford, about 2 a.m. June 12.

"There is no report release yet as it is an active, ongoing investigation," said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

Officers were sent to Frankie's to investigate the report of a large fight.

When officers arrived, they found a 49-year-old female Westland resident on the ground with facial injuries. She was treated and transported to a local hospital.

"While investigating that incident, officers were sent to the 28800 block of Pardo on the report of a stabbing victim," Muery said. "Officers learned the two incidents were related. The stabbing victim, a 30-year-old male Wyandotte resident, was transported to a local trauma center with an injury that did not appear to be life-threatening."

### Vacant home fire

On June 13, the Garden City Fire Department responded to a report of a vacant home that was fire damaged in the 32100 block of Brown. The report came at about 8:30 a.m.

In the corner of the kitchen, crews found what appeared to be a trash can and its contents consumed by fire, said Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman. The fire had damaged the floor-

ing, molding, and adjacent walls. There was also a large amount of soot in the home.

The police report said that the home was vacant for some time.

The fire damage was discovered by a real estate agent who was showing the home to a client.

### Vehicle fire

At about 1:30 a.m. June 9, the fire department received a call about a vehicle fire in the 28400 block of Florence.

The units arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the passenger compartment and a pallet protruding through the back window, Harman said.

### Fallen wires

Fire crews responded to a report of wires down near a business in the 6900 block of Middlebelt last week.

The owner of the store was stuck on the roof after his aluminum ladder fell hitting the service line to the store. He went up to hose off his air conditioning unit. Burn marks were present on the ladder.

He was assisted off the roof from another side of the building with a fire department ladder, Harman said. DTE was notified and crews stayed on scene until relieved by DTE.

### Burglary

A resident in the 30000 block of Beechwood reported to police

that he recently found items that were stolen from his unlocked van at Wayne Exchange.

The items were a circular saw, a framing gun and 3D glasses.

### Attempted auto theft

A resident in the 6100 block of Middlebelt reported that while he was in the hospital from February to June 11, someone tried to break into his 1998 Buick Century.

An observer alerted a man in the 600 block of Arcola that a man was fumbling around a truck and was allegedly trying to steal it.

When the truck owner went outside, the thief was gone. He discovered that he was unable to put the truck in gear or shut the truck off.

### Marijuana possession

The police arrested a 21-year-old man from Muscle Shoals, Ala., after they stopped a car that he was riding in as a passenger in the area of Ford and Middlebelt about midnight June 14. They found marijuana and marijuana pipes on the floorboard in front of his passenger seat.

The driver had been stopped for having defective equipment.

### Theft

A business owner in the 32000 block of Manor Park reported that sometime between June 5-10, someone cut off two catalytic converters from a

van which is kept as a back up when other vehicles are being repaired.

When the driver started the van, he noticed that it emitted a loud noise.

### Theft

The management at Albert's on the Alley located on Middlebelt north of Ford reported that an unknown man stole money from a vending machine about 1:45 a.m. June 10.

The police are reviewing the surveillance tape which shows a man flanked by two females in front of the machine.

Every time a waitress walked past, the man would back away from the machine.

The video showed that the suspect was a male about 6-foot-6, weighing about 200 pounds and who wore a polo shirt and black pants.

### Retail fraud

An employee at the CVS store located at 29901 Ford reported that a woman shoplifted about \$285 worth of Prilosec and its generic equivalents about 6:30 p.m. June 2.

The clerk questioned if the woman was going to pay for all the merchandise. She and the man who accompanied her said nothing but got into a car which was waiting for them and drove off in an easterly direction on Ford. By Sue Buck

## Two men assaulted during armed robbery

### Armed robbery

Two residents reported being assaulted and robbed in their home after two armed men forced their way into a

home in the 1500 block of Sarah Lane in Millpoint Subdivision Monday. The homeowner told police that at 12:30 p.m. he heard some-

one open the front screen door. His son, 20, and his girlfriend were in another room, the man told police, so he went to investigate.

The homeowner told police he was confronted with two men demanding money. The pair began assaulting the homeowner, hitting him with their guns.

"He had minor cuts to the head and bruises. The guns fell apart when they hit — they were plastic pellet guns. They hit him pretty hard," said Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano.

The son heard the commotion and came to assist his father and was also attacked by the intruders. Serrano said the younger man wasn't injured. The suspects fled with \$280 in cash.

It was unclear at this time whether the home was targeted or a random victim. Police are continuing to investigate.

### Attempted robbery

Westland police are looking for information about man who attempted to rob a woman at gunpoint Monday afternoon.

A Westland woman, 54, and a her sister, a 62-year-old Taylor resident, told police they arrived at their mother's home in the 29000 block of Shackett for a visit about 4:40 p.m.

As they got to the front door, police said a suspect described as a black male ran up and attempted to pull the wedding ring from the Westland woman's hand. The suspect, armed with a semi-automatic handgun, wasn't able to get the ring from her finger and fled, getting into the passenger side of a dark-colored Jeep.

Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik said the incident was possibly related to a similar crime that occurred in Dearborn Heights.

-By LeAnne Rogers



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# Whitaker leads Garden City's Class of 2011

Mother Nature forced a change of venue, but the rainy weather didn't dampen spirits as Garden City High School's Class of 2011 received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies Friday evening.

Leading the more than 270 seniors were valedictorian William Whitaker with a 4.1786 grade point average. Alayna Smith, with a 4.1134 GPA, was the salutatorian. Whitaker and Smith were among 22 students to graduate summa cum laude during the ceremony. There also were 14 magna cum laude and 26 cum laude graduates.

Receiving their diplomas were:

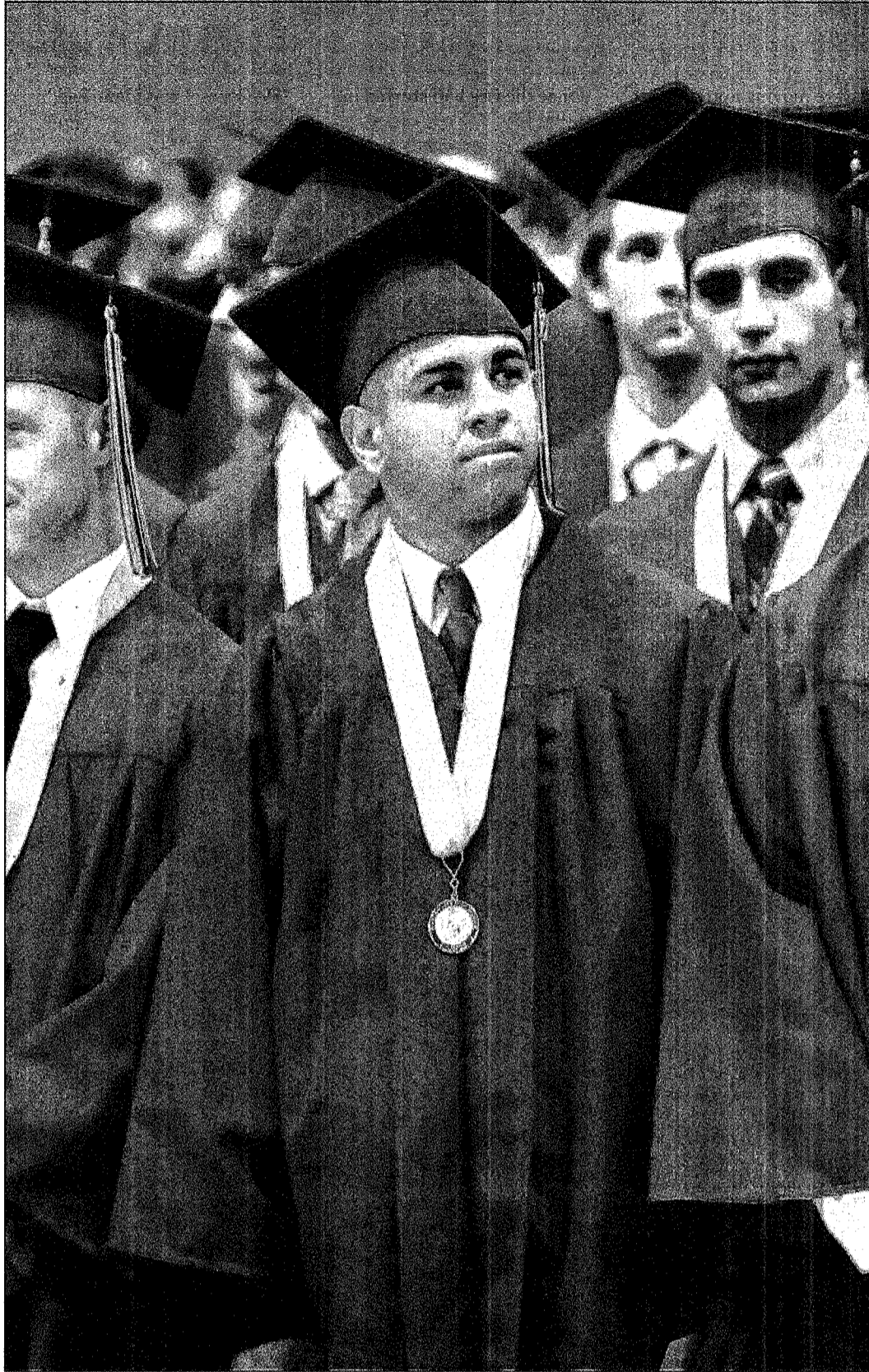
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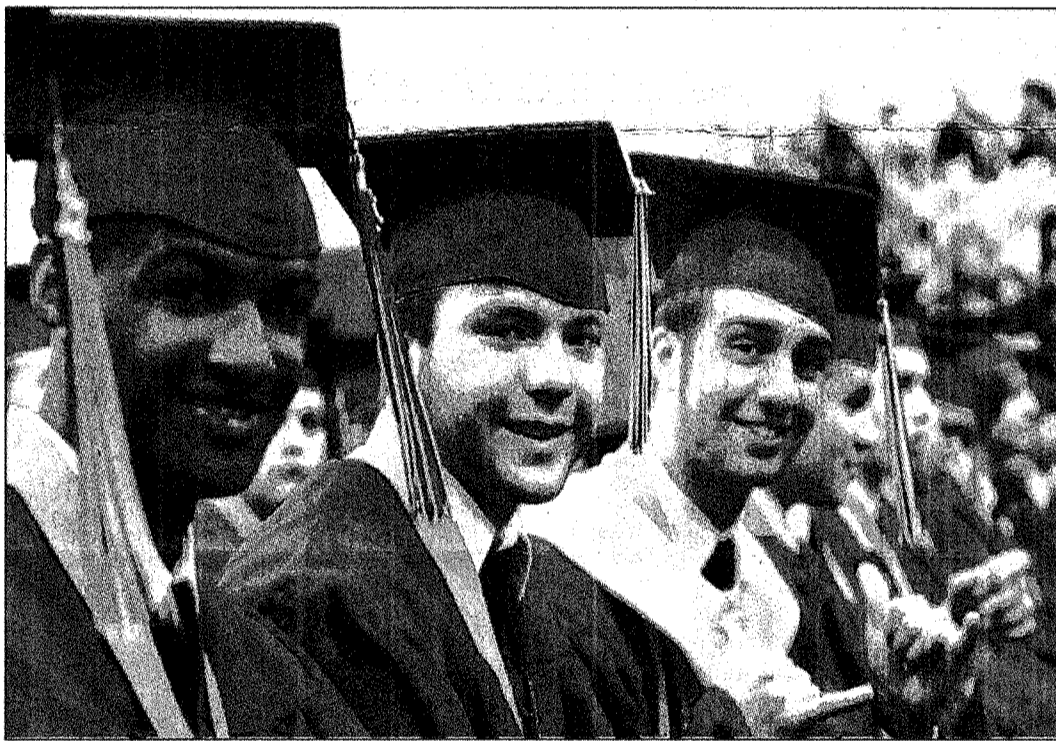
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PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDON

Garden City High School graduate Aaron Andrews looks for his family in the large crowd inside the gymnasium.



DeVaunta Baker (from left), Jordan Buck and Brandon Kennedy show they're ready to get their diplomas.

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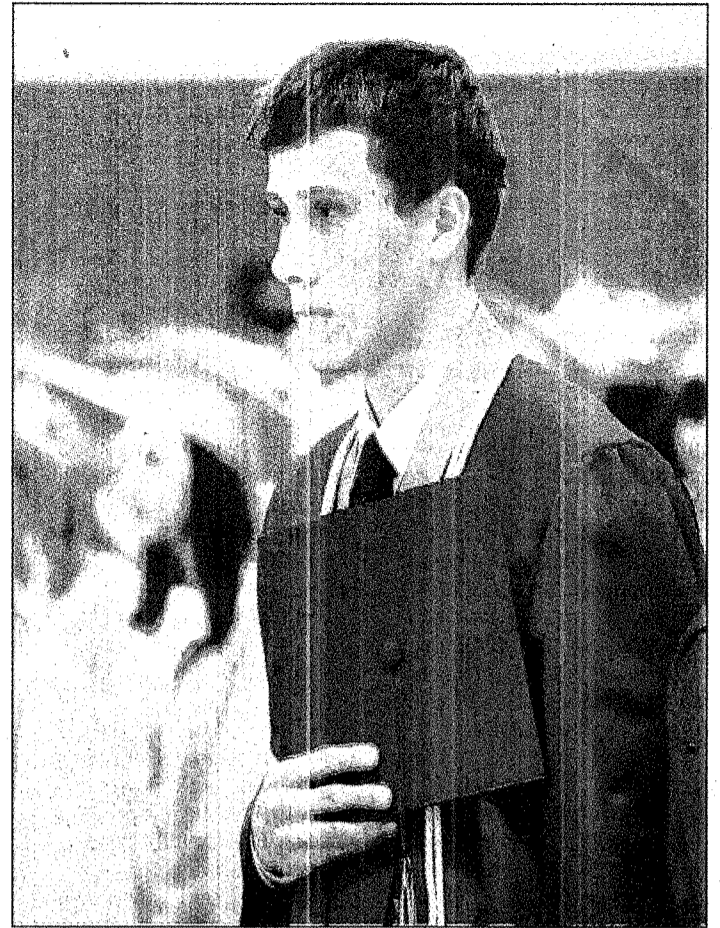
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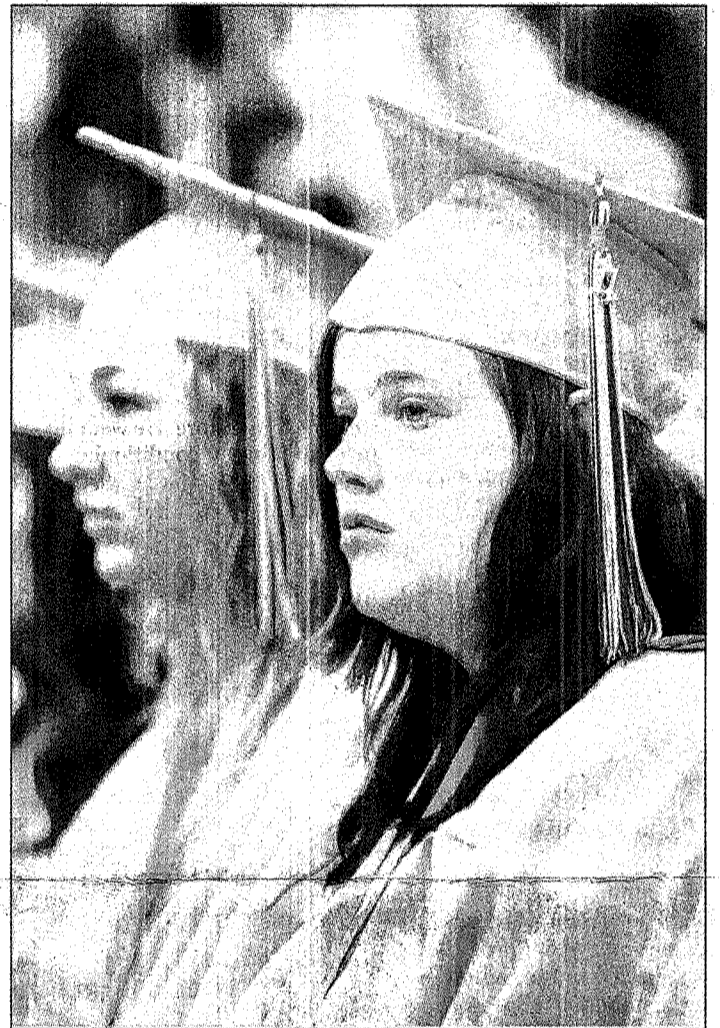
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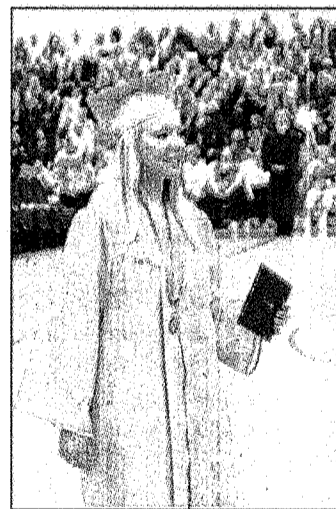
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Honor student Steven Holt stands during the National Anthem. Holt has the distinction of never missing a day of school and never being late for classes.



Tiffany Gammons listens to Principal Derek Fisher address the gathering.

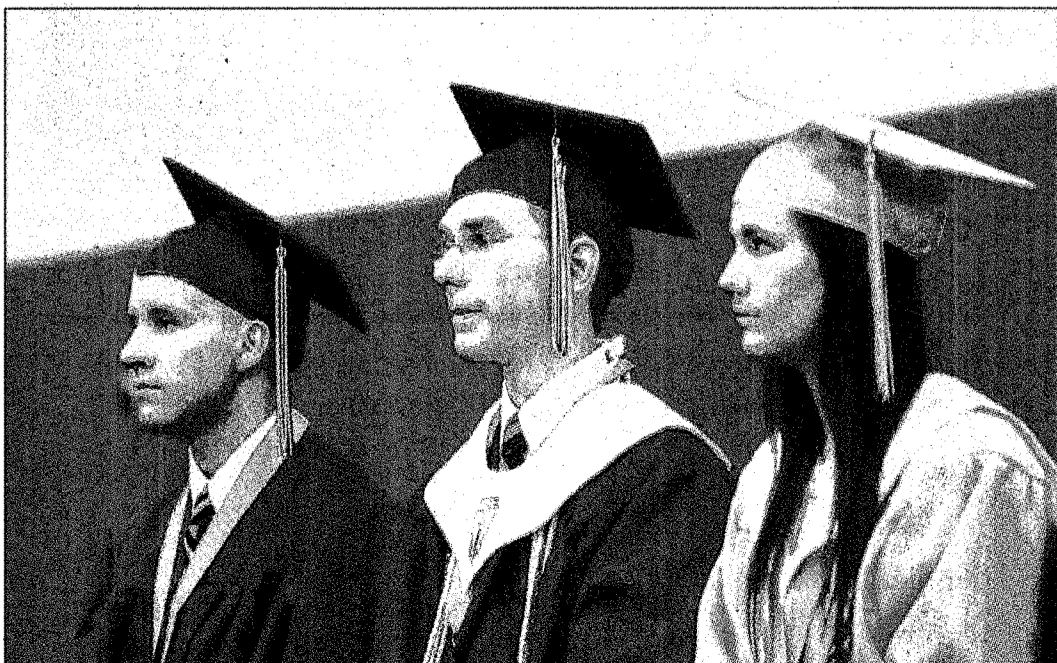


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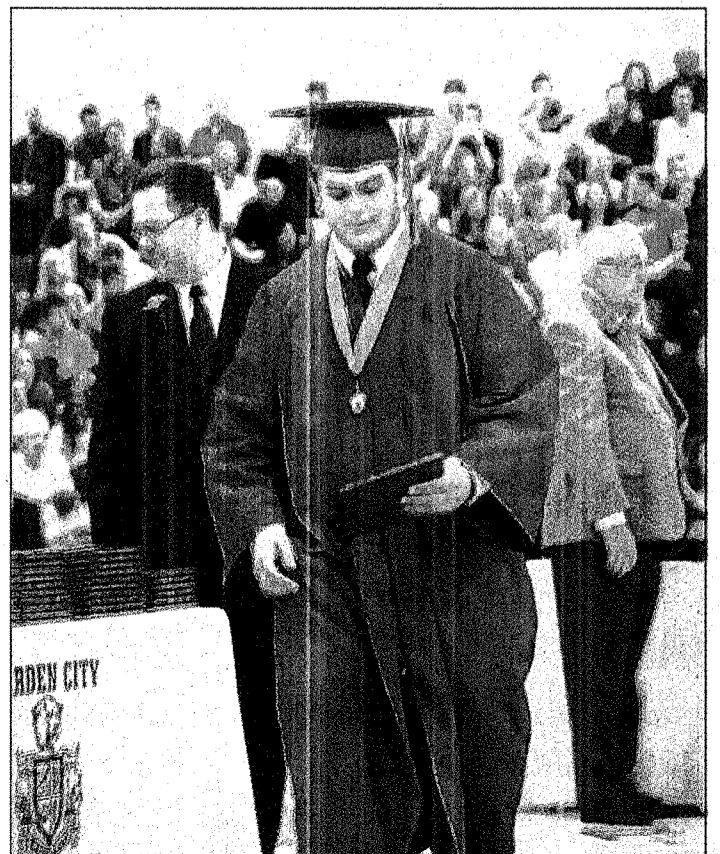
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Representing the Class of 2011 were Senior Class President Kevin Liske (from left), Valedictorian William Whitaker and Salutatorian Alayna Smith.



Drew Benello checks out his diploma after receiving it from school board Vice-President Roy Watts.

# Bank fees can add up, so consider options

It seems over the last few years consumers have gotten used to fees. Whether

it's airlines charging to check bags, or hotels adding resort fees to the cost of the room.

Generally, when it comes to fees consumers don't have many alternatives. In some situations, they just have to grin and bear it. However, there are certain situations where consumers have choices and it pays to be proactive. Some of the fees are small, however, when they are recurring, they add up. One area in particular where consumers can save money and where there are options is banks.

Banks have a history of charging various fees — whether it's the outrageous amounts they charge for bounced checks or even just to print checks. I recently read an article about the new fees that some banks around the country are charging. They include fees

for:

- Talking to a teller
- Cashing in coins
- Receiving an incoming wire transfer of money
- Redeeming points
- Account closing fees

To be fair to banks, they are in business to make money and profits for their shareholders. Therefore, in this tough and difficult economy, banks are no different than any other organization pursuing new ways to produce revenue. There is no doubt that in the past, because of some of their procedures, they've incurred costs and have not received any revenue. I recognize that. What I don't like is how difficult some banks make it to determine what their fees are. They offer different types of accounts and services, each with its own fee structure. When they implement a new fee or raise an existing one, banks have a tendency to bury the information, making it difficult for the customer to stay informed.

That being said, whether banks are justified in charging the fees or not, I'm not sure. However,

consumers have options.

## FEES DIFFER

Not all banks charge the same fees. In addition, not all accounts at a bank pay the same fees. Depending upon the type of customer you are and the type of account, you may pay different fees.

The key is to focus not only on what fees banks charge, but rather, whether the fees are for services you need. If you choose not to receive paper statements and like receiving them online, the fact the bank charges for paper statements is irrelevant to you. On the other hand, if your bank is charging you for incoming wire transfers and you receive incoming transfers, then the fee is important.

Look at your bank statement over the last few months and see what fees you are paying. If there are recurring fees, it may make sense to consider a change.

Whether you change the type of account you have at your bank or actually change banks, depends upon your situation. However, don't be afraid to make

a change. Banks know they can raise fees and most people won't do a thing. Consumers must be proactive.

## SUMMER PROJECT

A good summer project is to take a look at your banking relationship and look for ways to be more efficient. Whether that means changing banks or switching to a credit union, it all depends upon your situation. The key is we have the power to lower our fees and costs, so we should absolutely take advantage of it.

Readers ask if I have a favorite bank and if so, which bank do I recommend. Unfortunately, I don't have an answer. Once again, it is all depends on your individual situation. You use your bank differently than I use mine and therefore, we should most likely use different banks. Every bank has good points and most of them have bad points. We have to make sure that we take advantage of their good points.

On a final note, if you are hit with an unusual fee — one that you were not aware of — don't assume there's nothing you can

do. Contact the bank to see if the bank will waive the fee. Some banks will waive fees just as charge card companies will, but you have to ask.

In today's world, consumers must be proactive. Whether it is changing banks or calling to waive a fee, the time you spend will ultimately result in keep-

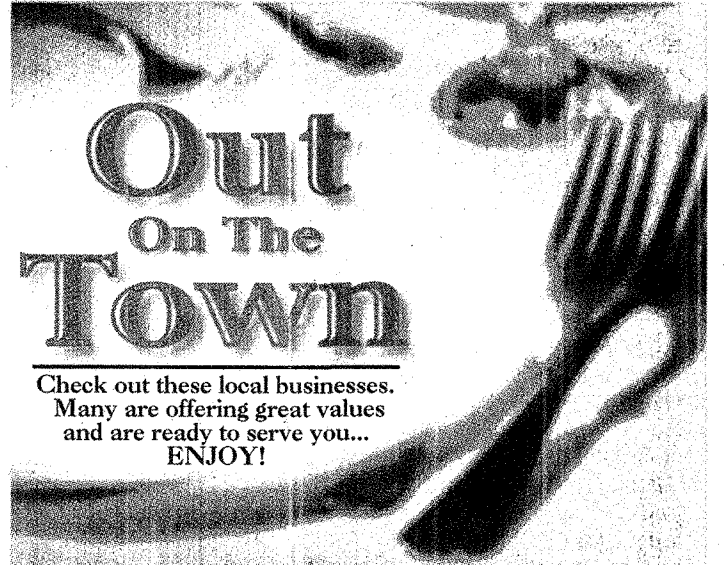
ing more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

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### Scrapbooking

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The event offers a 12-hour block of time to work on scrapbooks or cards. An eight-foot table will be provided. The space is on the ground level making it easy to bring in materials. No food or drink will be provided other than on-site vending for pop, so feel free to bring your own food and drink. There will be access to a kitchen to heat food up or keep it cool.

To sign-up or for questions, call Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin at (734) 502-4790 or Sharon Garcia at (734) 637-2662.

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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](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit the website at [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

### Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

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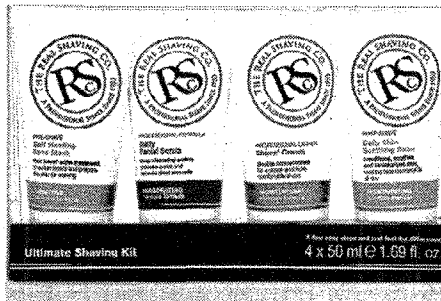
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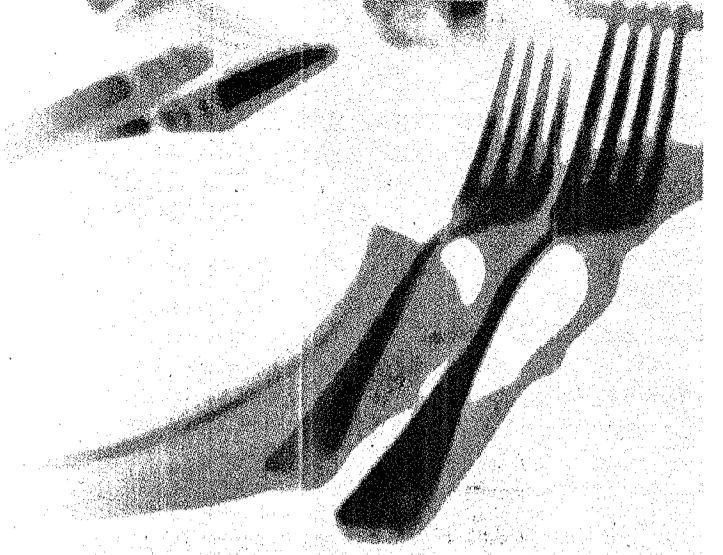
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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-35**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO INCLUDE ARTICLE XVI, SECTIONS 22-620 THROUGH 22-634, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF VACANT PROPERTIES, TO ADOPT REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FEES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.**

**Section 1.** That Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to include Article XVI, Sections 22-620 through 22-634, to provide as follows:

**Sec. 22-620. - Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. This article is intended to prevent blight, protect property values and neighborhood integrity, avoid the creation and maintenance of nuisances and to ensure the safe and sanitary maintenance of dwellings and commercial and industrial buildings.

Due to economic conditions, mortgage foreclosures, and increased bankruptcies, many homes and buildings have become vacant and unsupervised. This has caused properties to become attractive nuisances and to invite unwanted activity. There is an increased instance of unsecured or open doors and windows, broken water pipes, flooded basements, theft of metals and other materials, overgrowth of grass, weeds, shrubs, and bushes, illegal dumping, and vermin activity at vacant structures. Vacant properties have a negative impact on surrounding properties and neighborhoods. The City also needs to be able to contact owners for utility shutoff, fire safety and police reasons.

Unlike the City's Home Certification Program, Westland Code Section 22-361, *et seq.*, which is primarily concerned with the safety of various interior components of a residential dwelling at the time of sale, the requirements of this article are primarily directed towards maintaining and protecting the integrity of the exterior area of a vacant property. This article further recognizes that the City has statutory as well as contractual responsibility to protect the City's water and sewer systems and its utilities and infrastructure, as provided in Chapter 102 of the City Code.

**Sec. 22-621. - Definitions.**

*Code compliance certificate* is defined as an annual certificate issued by the City or its designee that the structure is in compliance with all City Code requirements and the state construction code.

*Evidence of vacancy* is defined to include any condition that on its own, or combined with other conditions present, would lead a reasonable person to believe that the property is vacant. Such conditions include, but are not limited to: overgrown and/or dead vegetation; un-shoveled snow from sidewalks; accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers and/or mail; past due utility notices and/or disconnected utilities; accumulation of trash, junk and/or debris; boarded up windows; abandoned vehicles, auto parts or materials; the absence of or continually drawn window coverings such as curtains, blinds and/or shutters; the absence of furnishings and/or personal items consistent with habitation or occupancy; statements by neighbors, passersby, delivery agents or utility agents, including City employees, that the property is vacant.

*Owner* is defined as one who has legal title and/or the right to possess, use, transfer or convey property, i.e. the owner or successor to title by foreclosure, sheriff's sale or by court order.

*Vacant property* is defined as a property, building, or structure that remains unoccupied for a period in excess of 30 days, and/or exhibits "evidence of vacancy" as defined herein. Vacant property does not mean property that is temporarily unoccupied while the residents are away on vacation, tending to personal matters or business, or property that is not intended by the owner to be left vacant.

**Sec. 22-622. - Scope.**

The provisions of this article shall apply to all existing residential, commercial and industrial structures. This article does not relieve any person from compliance with all other City ordinances, the state building code, and all other laws, rules and regulations.

**Sec. 22-623. - Registry of vacant properties.**

There is hereby created in the City of Westland a registry of vacant properties.

**Sec. 22-624. - Vacant properties to be registered annually.**

Owners of real property are required to register all vacant properties within 30 days of the vacancy and to reregister the properties annually thereafter. Structures that are vacant at the time of the enactment of this article must register within 30 days.

**Sec. 22-625. - Owner's registration form: content.**

Owners who are required to register their properties pursuant to this article shall submit a completed vacant property registration form, as provided by the City or its designee containing the following information:

- (1) The name of the owner of the property.
- (2) A mailing address where mail may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the owner. If certified mail/return receipt requested is sent to the address and the mail is returned marked "refused" or "unclaimed", or if ordinary mail sent to the address is returned for whatever reason, then such occurrence shall be prima facie proof that the owner has failed to comply with this requirement.
- (3) The name of an individual responsible for the care and control of the property. Such individual may be the owner, if the owner is an individual, or may be someone other than the owner with whom he/she has contracted.
- (4) A current address, phone number, fax, and email address (if fax and email addresses are available) where communications may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the owner or individual responsible for the care and control of the property. If certified mail/return receipt requested is sent to the address and the mail is returned marked "refused" or "unclaimed", or if ordinary mail sent to the address is returned for whatever reason, then such occurrence shall be prima facie proof that the owner has failed to comply with this requirement.
- (5) Authorization to the City and its designees to access the exterior of the property for inspection purposes.
- (6) Verification that the utilities and the furnace are functioning.

**Sec. 22-626. - Annual registration and safety and blight inspection fee.**

The annual registration and vacant property inspection fees shall be as set by the City in the City's Administrative Fee Resolution, to offset the cost of processing the form, conducting the safety and maintenance inspection and maintaining the records. In addition, in the case where the owner has failed to register, the owner shall be assessed the added cost of the City's, or its designee's, expense in having to determine ownership, which may include, but is not limited to title search and legal expenses.

**Sec. 22-627. - Requirement to keep information current.**

If at any time the information contained in the registration form is no longer valid, the property owner shall within ten (10) days file a new registration form containing current information. There shall be no fee to update the current owner's information.

**Sec. 22-628. - Inspections required.**

Owners of vacant buildings who are required to file an owner's registration form under this article must immediately apply and pay for an inspection by the City or its designee to ensure the safety and maintenance of the vacant property; obtain necessary permits; make required repairs; obtain any follow-up inspections from the City or its designee to ensure the building is safe, secure and maintained. The owner or the owner's agent shall certify by affidavit that all water, sewer, electrical, gas, HVAC, plumbing systems, roofing, structural systems, foundations, and drainage systems are sound, operational, or properly disconnected. The owner or the owner's agent shall also certify by affidavit compliance with the requirements of the City's Blight Ordinance, Westland Code Section 22-456, *et seq.*, and the International Property maintenance Code, Westland Code Section 22-131, *et seq.*

**Sec. 22-629. - Building inspection: maintenance and security requirements.**

Properties subject to this article shall be maintained and secured to comply with the minimum security fencing, barrier and maintenance requirements of the City's Blight Ordinance, Westland Code Section 22-456, *et seq.*, and the International Property maintenance Code, Westland Code Section 22-131, *et seq.*

Pools, spas, and other water features shall be kept in working order or winterized to ensure that the water remains clear and free of pollutants and debris, or drained and kept dry and free of debris, and must comply with the minimum security fencing, barrier and maintenance requirements of the International Property Maintenance Code, Westland Code Section 22-131, and the City's Swimming Pool ordinance, Westland Code Section 22-486, *et seq.*

Vacant properties subject to this article shall be maintained in a secure manner so as not to be accessible to unauthorized persons. Secure manner includes, but is not limited to, the closure and locking of windows, doors (walk-through, sliding and garage), gates and any other opening of such size that it may allow a child to access the interior of the property and/or structure(s). Broken windows must be repaired or replaced within 14 days. Boarding up of open or broken windows is prohibited except as a temporary measure for no longer than 14 days.

**Sec. 22-630. - Open property: securing fee.**

Property subject to this article that is left open and/or accessible shall be subject to entry by the City or its designee in order to ensure that the property has not become an attractive nuisance and to ensure that the property is locked and/or secured and in compliance with the City's Blight ordinance. The owner of property subject to this article which property is found open or unsecured shall be responsible for paying a securing fee as set by the City in the Administrative Fee Resolution to offset the cost incurred by the City in contacting the owner or management company to secure the property, or if the owner and/or management company cannot be contacted or does not secure the property within a reasonable time, not to exceed 24 hours, the cost incurred by the City in securing the property.

**Sec. 22-631. - Reoccupation of vacant property: notification to city.**

Prior to reoccupation of property that is subject to this article, the owner shall notify the City or its designee that the property has been sold or rented, and to whom.

**Sec. 22-632. - Fire damaged property.**

If an occupied building is damaged by fire, the owner has 90 days from the date of the fire to apply for a permit to start construction or demolition. Failure to do so will result in the property being deemed vacant and subject to the requirements of this article.

**Sec. 22-633. - Unpaid fees: assessment.**

All fees hereunder that remain unpaid after 14 days written notice to the owner/management company shall be assessed against the property as a lien and placed on the tax roll.

**Sec. 22-634. - Penalties: municipal civil infraction.**

Except as otherwise provided, a violation of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction subject to prosecution and penalty under MCL 42.21(3). The requirements of this article are in addition to, and not in lieu of all other city ordinances, rules and regulations as well as the requirements of MCL 125.539(i), which allows for demolition of vacant structures, or nuisance abatement by the city.

Violation of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction and for the first offense subject to a minimum \$200.00 fine and any of the penalties authorized under MCL 600.8727 and/or MCL 600.8302. Second or subsequent offenses shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$400.00 and any of the penalties authorized under MCL 600.8727 and/or MCL 600.8302. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

EILEEN DEHART  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

ADOPTED : June 6, 2011  
EFFECTIVE: June 16, 2011

**GARDEN CLIPPINGS**

**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 holding 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.

**Past Forward**

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

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

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

**Garden City Rotary**

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

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

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

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

**Garden City Kiwanis**

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

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

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

**Museum fund-raising**

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-36**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE I OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WHEN A VEHICLE IS TOWED OR IMPOUNDED BY, OR AT THE DIRECTION OF, THE WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Section 1.** That Chapter 98, Article I of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add section 98-7 to provide as follows:

**"Sec. 98-7. Motor Vehicle Impound/Towing Fee**

Whenever a motor vehicle is impounded or towed by, or at the direction of, the Westland Police Department in accordance with the provisions of this Code, the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Uniform Traffic Code, or other state law, the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for paying the City an administrative impound/towing fee as set forth in the City's Administrative Fee Resolution, to offset the cost for processing the vehicle, providing the required notices, and for creating and maintaining the necessary records."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Chapter 98 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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## Tips to save broken electronics

BY JON GUNNELLS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I'm the type of person who never puts his phone in the same pocket which also means I'm the kind of guy who always drops his phone and then blames it on poorly designed pockets.



Jon Gunnells

During a golf outing earlier this month, I placed my phone in one of those faulty pockets and by the 13th green — the golf balls weren't the only things I had lost on the course.

By the time I located my phone it had already been run over by a golf cart (can't blame that on bad pockets). The cart smashed the phone into the wet fairway. The unit and the battery had significant water damage and even after I dried them both off with a towel — they still wouldn't work.

When I returned home a few hours later I tried a last ditch effort to get the water out of my phone. Remembering something I read on the Internet a few years earlier, I took the battery out of my phone and placed it in a plastic storage

container full of uncooked rice.

Within three hours, the LED indicator at the top of the phone started lighting up. In six hours, the screen began lighting up. After eight hours, the audio capabilities on my phone were back to normal. Because I had previously linked my phone with my car's hand-free calling system via Bluetooth I was even able to access my contacts and make calls.

Although my phone's water damage was too significant to overcome, the moisture the dry rice absorbed helped my phone enough to let me call my service provider and have a new phone mailed to me.

The ability to dial out with my half-broken device was essential, because like many people, my cell phone is the only phone I own.

If your cell phone, MP3 player or other handheld device has a run in with liquid, follow these steps to try and bring it back to life.

•Take the item apart. Remove batteries, memory cards, SIM cards and anything else that can be taken off the device.

•Place the phone face up in a warm area like a closet, or better yet, place it in a plastic container full of uncooked rice. It may take up to a day for your

phone to slowly dry out.

•You can try placing your device in front of a fan, or even under a hair dryer but make sure the unit is not exposed to extreme heat.

•Most importantly don't put your phone in a pocket it is likely to fall out of and you won't drop it and end up running it over with a golf cart. Seriously though — purchase insurance for your device if it is available because accidents happen and electronics are expensive — especially cell phones.

Cell phone providers often times hand out new phones for free or discounted rates and offset the phone cost with a commitment for a monthly phone plan. But when you break your phone, those deals aren't available and a smart phone could cost \$300-\$400 more than you paid for it when you signed your contract.

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## MILESTONES

### Help the Comets

**Time/Date:** Throughout June

**Location:** Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland

**Details:** Help the Westland Comets football and cheerleading teams raise money while earning a free beverage from Biggby Coffee in Westland. The Comets are selling 200 Biggby travel mugs - 100 each 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 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.

### More movies

**Time/Date:** The daily shows, which run through Sept. 4

**Location:** The Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Theaters, at 14900 Beck (between 5 Mile and M-14) in Plymouth Township.

**Details:** The shows for Friday, June 17, through, Thursday June 23, are Screen 1 - "Kung Fu Panda 2" (PG) with "Thor" (PG13); Screen 2 - "Mr. Popper's Penguins" (PG) with "X-Men: First Class" (PG13); Screen 3 - "Green Lantern" (PG13) with "The Hangover Part II" (R). Price is \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-12; kids 3 and younger free.

**Contact:** For more information, please call the Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Hotline at (734) 927-3284 or go online to <http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html>.

### Copper Country treat

**Time/Date:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland



"Kung Fu Panda 2" is among films showing at the Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Theaters Friday, June 17, through, Thursday June 23.

**Details:** Mary Denning's pasties have been named the best in Detroit and now through June 30, you can get one pastie free with the purchase of four with an online coupon at [www.marydenning.com](http://www.marydenning.com). The pasties are made from an old family recipe and made with ground sirloin, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and carrots. They are old fashioned and made fresh in the bakery by Baker Charlie. Stop by and try one. The coupon also includes Denning's chicken pot pies. One coupon per person per visit.

**Contact:** Call (734) 261-3680 or (888) 715-4479 at least an hour before and Charlie will bake them for you. You can pick them up hot and ready for lunch or dinner.

### Water Wonderland

**Time/Date:** Now through July 2

**Location:** Art Van Furniture, including the Westland store at 8300 N. Wayne Road

**Details:** CW50/WWJ-TV and Art Van Furniture are making a splash this summer by teaming with Boyne's Avalanche Bay and the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa for hot summer giveaways. You can win prizes at each metro Detroit store, including a grand prize of

a midweek package for a family of four, including two-nights' lodging (Sunday-Thursday) at the new Mountain Grand Lodge at Boyne Mountain Resort, along with Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark access. One per store will be given away. Plus, each store will also be giving away a first prize of Avalanche Bay indoor waterpark full day admissions for a family of four, courtesy of CW50/WWJ-TV, Art Van Furniture, and Boyne's Avalanche Bay and The Mountain Grand Lodge & Spa.

### Dine with the doctors

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011

**Location:** Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland

**Details:** Uncontrolled pain is a growing concern in the United States, affecting the lives of more than 76.5 million adult Americans each year. The Comprehensive Pain Relief Center of Michigan, affiliated with Garden City Hospital, is hosting an educational lecture focusing on promoting pain management awareness in the community. Pain Management physicians and professionals Drs. John E. Kurtz, Amr Elsaadat and Ala Alosman and nurse Kifaya Shami will discuss how to alleviate the anxiety and/or misconceptions of pain treatments, motivate improved pain control and increase strength and endurance to assist a return to a functional, productive lifestyle. All are invited to attend this free community event. A full dinner buffet, sponsored by Medtronic Medical Equipment, will be provided for guests.

**Location:** For reservations or more information, call Kifaya Shami, Pain Relief Center of Michigan, at (734) 422-2483.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



The Farmers Airship, the Zeppelin Eureka, will be making a stop at Willow Run Airport on Tuesday, June 21.

### Up in the sky

What's bigger than a Boeing 747, floats 1,200 feet above the ground and creates instantaneous smiles for miles around? The Farmers Airship and it's flying into western Wayne County Tuesday, June 21.

One of only two Zeppelins flying anywhere in the world, the Farmers Airship truly is big news, both literally and figuratively. Not only is this the Zeppelin's first-ever visit to the area, but at 246 feet long, the Farmers Airship is the largest in the world.

The airship will be at Willow Run Airport. Its visit is part of a six-month journey, "Covering Communities," sponsored by Airship Ventures and Farmers Insurance. The journey will mark the first time a Zeppelin airship has ever barnstormed across the nation. The Graf Zeppelin flew from Los Angeles to Lakehurst, N.J. as part of its famed 1929 around-the-world voyage, but its journey

was non-stop.

"The Farmers Airship is a truly incredible sight and this coast-to-coast tour gives us the chance to share this sky high superstar with customers and fans across the country," said Kevin Kelso, Chief Marketing Officer of Farmers Insurance. "We are excited to once again tie the Farmers brand to aviation history."

"Whether it's smiles on our passengers' faces or the excitement of a crowd of spectators as we arrive in a new location, there's just something about an airship that makes people happy," added Airship Ventures CEO Alexandra Hall. "Taking the Farmers Airship on a coast-to-coast adventure is not just about making history and supporting Farmers' communities, but sharing the airship experience with people across the country and having a lot of fun."

The public will have a chance to go flightseeing on aerial tours 1,200 feet above Detroit. Flights will depart

from Willow Run Airport, weather permitting. These sightseeing tours will range from \$375-\$950 per person, plus taxes. Corporate and private charters also are available. To learn more about flight options, visit [www.AirshipVentures.com](http://www.AirshipVentures.com)/Tour, or call (650) 969-8100, Ext. 111.

The Farmers Airship, the only commercial passenger airship in the United States; it is owned and operated by Airship Ventures. Stretching 15-feet longer than a standard Boeing 747 and 50-feet longer than the largest blimp, the Farmers Airship, the Zeppelin Eureka, is the world's largest airship at 246 feet in length. It is owned and operated by Airship Ventures Inc.

When not flying in support of Farmers events in communities around the country, the Farmers Airship is based in California and offers passenger flightseeing tours above San Francisco, Silicon Valley, San Diego and Los Angeles.

## CHAMBER CHAT

Time is running out to score a savings on the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally.

Tickets are currently on sale for the event, and people who pay for their T-shirts (the T-shirt is the ticket to the event) by Tuesday, June 21, will get an Early Bird rate of \$20 each. After that, the cost is \$25.

This year's event should be better than ever. It's a great opportunity for any-

one and everyone to come out and enjoy a taste from each restaurant we partner with. Participants visit several establishments, sample free food, purchase drinks (if they wish), then move on to another restaurant. Think of it as our community's ultimate progressive dinner/grub crawl.

This year's Restaurant Rally has a few new twists. There's a new time - 5-9 p.m. - and for every drink you purchase, you'll receive a raffle ticket for

our prize drawings.

Make sure to purchase your Tuesday, July 26, Restaurant Rally tickets at the Westland Chamber office, 36900 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

If you are a restaurant or individual interested in participating this year, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Brookellen Swope  
president and CEO  
Westland Chamber of Commerce

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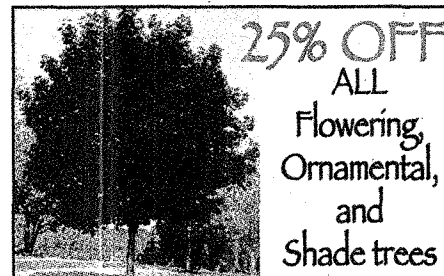
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## OUR VIEWS

# The right way Public hearings come before, not after, vote

It's nice to see a balanced budget in the city of Westland, one that maintains services without layoffs and still leaves some money in the bank.

These days, when communities around Westland are making massive cuts in services (Garden City) or seeking millages to support such strategic services as police and fire (Livonia), Westland has been able to hang one to what it has. Job losses are vacant positions due to retirement and attrition.

The budget is a good budget, but there is one thing, we believe was prematurely included in it — the streetlighting assessment increase.

We will not argue that an increase is needed. It's hard to find anything you can still buy at 1991 prices. We must agree with Councilwoman Christine Bryant who opposed the increase being included in the budget which was approved before the public hearing on the special assessment was held.

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Public hearings are a part of the way government does business. Residents are given an opportunity to express views at public hearings that in theory their elected officials use in reaching their decisions. Holding the hearing on increasing the tax for streetlights after the budget is approved defeats the purpose.

The message isn't a good one. It also tells residents their elected leaders don't care what they have to say.

We disagree with the mayor that Bryant should have proposed an amendment, taking the assessment out of the budget and having put back in after the hearing rather than vote no. We don't believe she was ducking her responsibilities as a council member.

The fact is, the increase should have not been in the budget until after the public hearing. We believe that the hearing should have been held prior to a vote and there was time for that to happen. The council has two meetings this month — June 6 and June 20. The public hearing fell after the first and before the second. More than enough time to hear comments and approve a budget before June 30.

Doing things right goes a long way toward defusing problems. It was a given that the cost of streetlighting was going to increase, but there was no need to put the cart before the horse. The council should have taken the time to hear what both sides have to say about assessment before making a decision.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

### The issue: Flooded basements

First of all, I feel for the residents. When my basement flooded, it was a mess and a pain in the a...  
But, if the one resident said that their home floods "all the time" and another said it floods "every couple of years" and yet another said something is wrong with the whole system because "it floods almost every time it rains" - I have to ask what I think would be a logical question: Why would you remodel or re-finish your basement?  
Both my granddad's old house and my parents' first house had the same problem. That is why neither one of them would put anything valuable down there or finish off the basement. My dad would only put things on shelves that were 2 ft off the ground. I understand that this is no way to "enjoy" your basement, but why would you insist on using it in any other manner, if you admit that it "happens all the time."  
I don't get it.

rodneyfield

So now we have more people that want the city to clean up the homes they knew flooded but stayed. So is the city of Westland going to raise our water rates another \$5.00 or more to pay for their homes too?! They should have moved, the city has NO right to steal money to pay for their mishandling of the funds. The city is run by idiots that blame the people for their mistakes. The houses flooding is sad but they bought in a flood zone they have to pay the price. If you know it's going to flood and you stay common sense says Move. The citizens cannot afford to pay for your mistakes like we are paying for the city's.

wtfdsp

### The issue: Romney and the unions

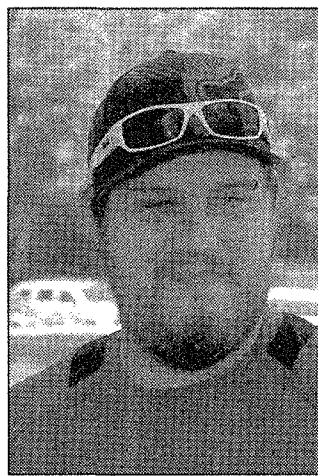
Wanted the auto industry to die? Don't these union morons know how to read more than just a headline? President Romney wanted the automakers to go through a managed bankruptcy. This is exactly what happened!  
This is proof positive that we need education reform. How can we expect a competent workforce when we have union teachers teaching union auto workers - it's a recipe for disaster.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Where's your favorite place to cool off on a hot day?

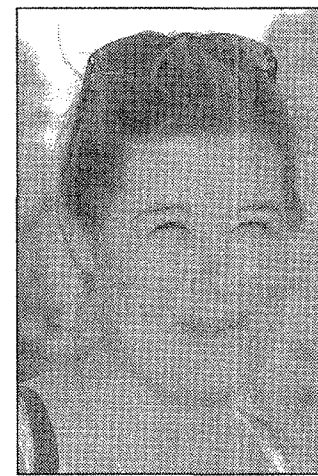
We asked this question at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



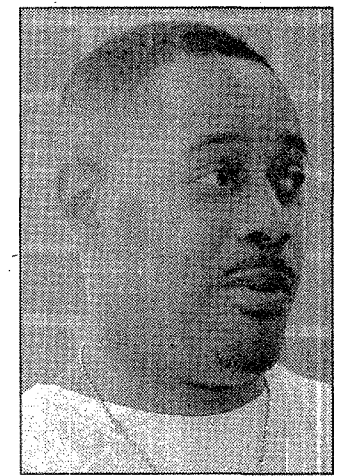
"I like to go to the (Mike Modano) ice arena and play drop-in hockey."  
Eric Provencher  
Garden City



"The Splash Zone at the park so I can swim whenever I want."  
Isabelle Sowders  
Westland



"I go in the basement."  
Ruth Watkins  
Westland



"I like a bench in the water or nice shady park area, but I definitely like the bench in the water."  
Nazim Hightower  
Livonia

## LETTERS

### Stop cutting education

I am writing as a parent of a student in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district in response to the cuts in K-12 education.

Our school district has faced cuts over the last several years in funding from the state. To deal with this decrease in revenue, the school board closed elementary schools and reconfigured the grade levels in the remaining buildings to utilize them more efficiently. They also redrew the bus routes to maximize the number of students on every bus.

Our district purchases natural gas, fuel and electricity as part of a consortium with other districts to save by "buying in bulk." Wayne-Westland has created the I-SAVE Program to teach students and staff about the importance of saving energy and the planet, which has saved additional money in utility costs.

Many school employees have lost their jobs due to cutbacks. Building and departmental staff are working hard to keep up with the same amount of work with less people. Supply budgets have been cut; purchases have been put "on hold."

My neighborhood school has closed. My children get home later than before because of the new bus routes. Every year I watch the school district struggle with budget concerns due to issues with state funding. In spite of all that, Wayne-Westland continues to provide a quality education for my children - a foundation for life-long learning.

I implore you to stop cutting funds to K-12 education for the future of my children, yours and the State of Michigan's. The backbone of a great society is educated people; education is an investment with an excellent return.

Rosemary Rodak  
Westland

### Thanks for the support

"Adventures Begin at Pier 2011" was the theme for the Livonia Churchill High School Class of 2011 senior all night party. This annual event was held on June 5 and was once again a memorable and enjoyable event because of the support received by businesses and individuals from Livonia, Westland and surrounding communities.

The 2011 Class of Livonia Churchill High School wish to thank the following:

Baja Fresh, Bank's Vacuum, Bates Hamburgers, Blackwell Ford, Brighthouse Networks, Bonstelle Theatre, Carol Baker, Caribou Coffee Churchill PTSA, Churchill student activities, Churchill Big Red Shed, Clinique, Cloverlanes Bowl, Comerica Bank, Compuware Arena, Community Alliance Credit Union, Co-op Services Credit Union, Daly Restaurant, Dave Ramsey, Deb Dembrowski, Delta Airlines, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Institute of Arts, Emagine Canton, Eastern Michigan University, Drs. Ginzler & Shaw, Dr. Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek, Dr. P. Nolan, DDS, Drs. Pinkney & Greenbaum PLC, Fleming's Steak House, Focal Pointe Studios, Gordon Chevrolet, Han-Dip Dairy Barn, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Hillberry Theatre, Hiller's Market, Irwin Hoyt Peckham Jr. law office, JR's Tanning, KFC, Katherine Hoen, IKEA, Laurich Dentistry, Lasting Impression Salon, L'Esprit Academy, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Livonia Cardwell Florist, Livonia Courtyard Marriott, Livonia City Council, Livonia Dairy queen, Livonia Parks and Recreation, Livonia Goodfellows Inc., Livonia Lock & Key, Livonia Loyal Order of Moose, Livonia Paraprofessional Association, Little Caesar's (Livonia), Lorna McKenzie, Lucky Strike, McGowan Sport Shop, MerriBowl Lanes, Mr. and Mr. John

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Anna Campbell  
parent volunteer  
Livonia Churchill High School  
Senior All Night Party

### Watch out for pedestrians

I was recently injured in my workplace. I have been unable to drive since the first of June, so I have been doing a lot of walking. I walk to the bank, the post office, grocery stores and such. It amazes me to see drivers in such a hurry that they do not wait for crosswalks to clear, turn right in front of me as I'm entering a crosswalk, blocking sidewalks, even when they see you approaching.

I am old enough to know how to handle these situations. I walk around the front of the vehicle, never the back, because someone could turn in the driveway and not know that you are walking behind the car and run you down. I do not hesitate at intersections, when the light turns green in my direction I step out.

However, I am worried about the younger generation. They walk slowly, often with headphones on, or on the mobile phone. I also worry about people older than me who may not have the reflexes to avoid the many close calls I have had.

I just want to remind people that cars do not rule the streets, pedestrians always have the right.

Michael Jones  
Westland

### Ode to Rep. Weiner

I should probably apologize first, so I do, but I can't keep this to myself... Rep. Weiner is on my mind - but he's not on my cell phone!

(His wife is an aide to Secretary of State Clinton.)

Here goes:  
I know a Weiner man.  
He owns a Weiner stand.  
He sells most anything from hot dogs on down.  
One day she joined his life.  
She is his Weiner wife.  
Hot dog, I love that Weiner man,  
Weiner man, Weiner man  
Rah, rah, rah  
(bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum bum)

bum bum)

I heard he is not going to resign. So, he is a member of the United States House of Representatives and his wife, an Indian, who apparently lived in Pakistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia, is an aide to Secretary of State Clinton. Is that a rat's nest or what?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Orange barrel complaint

Senator Anderson, Nothing is more aggravating the driving through road construction and seeing no workers.

Ford Road is a major east-west artery in western Wayne County as you know. Yesterday, Thursday, June 9, a non-holiday at 7:45 a.m. the road was blocked during the morning rush hour. It was down to one lane in both directions from Newburgh to I 275. Not one worker was present. At 2:45, there were two workers in the construction site. They are quick to put up the orange barrels but slow, VERY SLOW to complete the job.

Ford Road was blocked in Garden City for months and businesses complained to no avail. Now they're doing it again further west. We should be doing everything in our power to help businesses in this state, not blocking their entrances for necessary periods of time.

Will someone please put a fire under these construction companies to get the work done? And please, no bonuses for completing the work early. Don't hire them, if they can't guarantee a practical time line.

Skip Wehrle  
Garden City

### He was a killer

Jack Kevorkian was a post-industrial serial killer protected by the fog of a Byzantine legal system which he exploited to serve his twisted agenda. It is surreal observing a human being engaged in this behavior and then promote it as a progressive movement. Of course, Jack would never entertain the notion of using his "killing machine" on himself.

When all the smoke clears and the cheerleading is over, many will come to realize how harmful he was for those who value life and death with dignity.

Greg Thrasher  
Birmingham

### Kevorkian reflection

With the passing of Jack Kevorkian, I recall my only encounter with him.

About 17 years ago, I was on the program committee of the Michigan Society for Healthcare Planning & Marketing and we were trying to set up a debate with Dr. K and Dr. Howard Brody, a medical ethicist at MSU. Since I had a remote connection with Dr. K's attorney at the time, I was assigned the task of inviting Dr. K to the debate.

After a frustrating game of telephone tag with his attorney, I decided to call Kevorkian directly at his apartment above the old Mr. B's in downtown Royal Oak. We had a good chat but he politely declined the invitation. At the end of our conversation, I asked Dr. K, "Since your number's listed in the phone book, do you get many crank or threatening calls?" He laughed and loudly said, "You know, I never thought about it because I've never - ever! - got one call like that! It shows you how much people are behind what I'm doing!"

Alex Cooper  
Principal, The Cooper Group

# Cancer benefit raises cash, awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

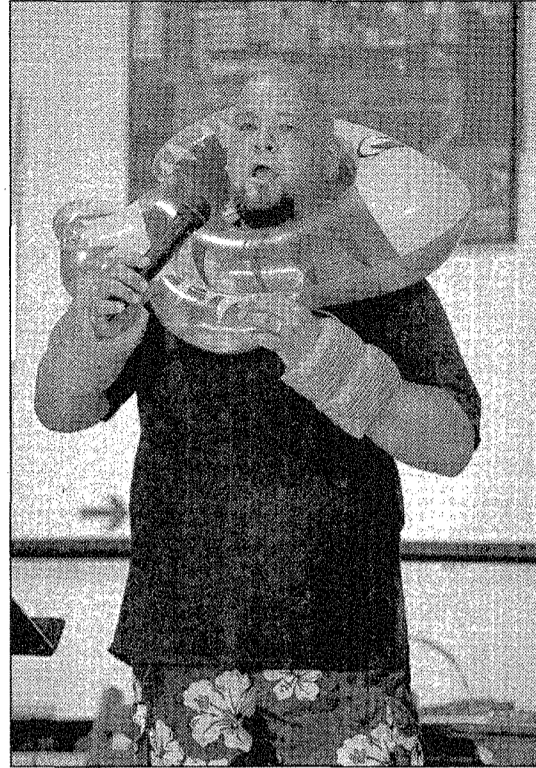
Linda McMaster would have liked to have seen more kids there, but the ones who did show up for the second BLAST fundraiser to beat neuroblastoma and other childhood cancers reminded her — not that she needed reminding — why she started doing this last year in the first place.

For the kids. Some 200 children took part in the fundraiser, held for the second straight year at Mettetal Airport (on the Plymouth-Canton border), and many of them were the children McMaster, whose daughter Lisa is battling neuroblastoma, likes to call "our cancer warriors."

"As I watched those children have fun, the reason I do BLAST crystallized," McMaster said. "I do it because there is strength in numbers. I do it because knowledge is power and the more people we can educate on what it is like to live with cancer, the more people we have working to help find a cure. I do it to help build support and awareness so cancer warriors and their families don't feel like they have to walk



Linda McMaster, who organized the BLAST cancer fundraiser Saturday at Mettetal Airport, took one for the team in the Aqua-Blast "dunk tank."



Matt Holowicki, here working the microphone at Saturday's BLAST cancer fundraiser, is the godfather to Lisa McMaster, the Canton girl battling neuroblastoma for whom the fundraiser was named.

Volunteers from Lisa's school, Hulsing Elementary, helped out. Becky King solicited baked goods from other Hulsing parents and raised nearly \$450. Chef John Cortez and Chefs Against Cancer provided the food.

And, while McMaster organized the event, she is very quick to point out how much help she got getting it off the ground.

"Many people are willing to lend a hand, give a shoulder to cry on and share stories of their own experiences in order to provide support and offer hope," McMaster said. "I was reminded, once again, how blessed we are. Many, many people stepped up to help with this event and did their share with a smile on their face and love in their heart."

Anyone still wishing to help can make donations, and by BLAST fund-raiser souvenirs, at [www.BLASTnb.com](http://www.BLASTnb.com).

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alone." Donations were still being counted, but McMaster said she's confident she'll have a check for between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to divide between Mott Children's Hospital, the Rainbow Connection and the

other charities who benefit from BLAST.

The event, she said, went "very smoothly." Mark Rosenthal and Animal Magic was on hand and, at one point, had "some of the girls ready to run" by pulling out a tarantula,

McMaster said. Lisa's godfather and family friend, Matt Holowicki, built a kind of dunk tank, and McMaster herself raised about \$100 by being the dunkee.

Many staffers from Mott Children's Hospital actually made an appearance, and one nurse's niece arranged for some

sheep, chickens and a rabbit to provide a small petting farm for children to enjoy.

## Exchange program looks for host families

A local nonprofit exchange program is inviting Garden City families to host international exchange students for the 2011-2012 school year.

The teenage students come from more than 30 countries and will attend local high schools. The students have their own spending money and insurance. Host families are responsible for meals, a place to sleep and a nurturing environment.

STS Foundation has an experienced local coordinator that will supervise the student and support the family throughout the school year. Among students who are requesting families:

- Justus comes from a town called Wessel near the river Rhine in Germany. He lives with his parents, his 18-year-old brother Constantin and their dog Hera. His Dad is a geologist and his Mom is a banker. Justus rides his bike to school where he enjoys sciences, math and sports.

After school he likes to go mountain biking, rowing or playing his cello. He loves biking and rowing but is open to other sports in the United States. He has played the cello for 10 years.

Justus also enjoys going hunting with his Dad. His mother says that he is a peaceable, agreeable and consider-

ate young man. His teachers describe him as being polite and respectful towards everyone at school.

- Bernice comes from Reunion Island which is a French territorial island in the Pacific Ocean. She lives with her parents and twin sister Anais. She has a 23-year-old sister who is at college in Bordeaux. Bernice's Dad is a gynecologist and her Mom is a midwife.

Her favorite hobbies are running, pistol shooting, swimming, cooking and drawing. She also loves music and plays the piano most evenings after

school. Her Dad describes her as being smart, brave and athletic. Her teacher says that she is a motivated hardworking student who will be a great ambassador for her country.

For questions about these and other students, call Julia Colingsworth (616) 796-0553 or send an e-mail to [info@sts-foundation.org](mailto:info@sts-foundation.org)

STS Foundation is nonprofit student exchange program that is dedicated to opening hearts and homes to exchange students around the world. For more information, visit its website at [www.sts-foundation.org](http://www.sts-foundation.org).

### ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-37

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 90-111 AND 90-112 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITS, BONDS, CASH DEPOSITS, LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND PERMIT FEES FOR STREET EXCAVATIONS OR OPENINGS.

**Section 1.** That Sections 90-111 and 90-112 of Article IV of Chapter 90 of the Westland City Code, entitled "Street Excavations or Openings", are hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### "90-111. Permit required.

(a) No person or entity, other than a "telecommunication provider" as defined in Westland Code Section 90-303, shall make any excavation or opening in or under any street without first filing an application and receiving a written permit from the Director of Public Services.

(b) The application shall:

1. Identify the applicant.
2. Show the general route and location of the proposed street excavation or opening and the improvements to be installed.
3. Provide detailed plans for the improvements the applicant proposes to construct and/or use, showing all other existing underground appliances, conduits and improvements, it being the applicant's responsibility to determine the existence and location of such other improvements.
4. Provide a description of the time and manner in which the applicant will restore the City right-of-way that may be disrupted or damaged by the applicant's activities.
5. Provide such other information as may be required by the City to establish individual terms and conditions for a permit.

(c) The City may impose conditions on any permit it approves, which conditions shall be limited to the applicant's permitted activities and shall be necessary to ensure and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

(d) The applicant shall pay a non-refundable Permit Fee, in an amount set forth in the City's Administrative Fee Resolution, to offset the City's administrative costs for processing and reviewing the application, visiting the site, researching existing underground utilities, and issuing the permit.

#### 90-112. Cash Deposit, bond, and liability insurance required.

(a) No permit required by Section 90-11 shall be granted until the applicant shall post with the City a cash deposit, in an amount set forth in the City's Administrative Fee Resolution, to offset the City's scheduling and inspections costs, consulting engineering costs and monitoring costs concerning the applicant's work. Any balance of such cash deposit not expended within six months after the completion of the work done under the permit shall be refunded to the applicant. In any case where the cash deposit does not cover all costs and expenses of the city, the deficit shall be paid by the applicant.

(c) No permit required by Section 90-111 shall be granted until the applicant shall post a bond, in the form of cash or letter of credit, which bond shall not exceed the reasonable costs to ensure that the City's rights-of-way that are to be disrupted and/or used by the applicant are returned and restored to their original condition after the applicant's disruption and/or use of the rights-of-way, and that as-built plans are submitted by the applicant and accepted by the City.

(d) No permit required by Section 90-111 shall be granted until the applicant shall have filed with the City a liability insurance policy in the amounts set forth in Westland Code Section 90-5."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Article IV of Chapter 90 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

EILEEN DEHART  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

ADOPTED: June 6, 2011  
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On June 21, 2011, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

| YEAR | MAKE     | BODY STYLE     | COLOR  | VIN               |
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| 2004 | Pontiac  | Grand Prix/4Dr | Silver | 2G2WP522141312733 |
| 2004 | Saturn   | Vue/SW         | Black  | 5GZCZ33D24S819524 |
| 1997 | Ford     | Explorer/SW    | White  | 1FMDU35P6VU842667 |
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| 1996 | Plymouth | Neon/4Dr       | Green  | 1P3ES47C2TD655331 |
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| 1999 | Dodge    | Ram 3500/Van   | Burned | 2B5WB35Z0XK566240 |
| 1998 | Dodge    | Stratus/4Dr    | White  | 1B3EJ46X8WN323157 |

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

#### 30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after June 12, 2010 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

| YEAR | MAKE      | BODY STYLE     | COLOR | VIN               |
|------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1997 | Merc Benz | C280           | Tan   | WDBHA28E1VF474280 |
| 1980 | Honda     | CX500/Mtrcycle | Black | CX5002001188      |

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 13 6/8/11

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
104: Closed Public Hearing on SAD-Street Lighting.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:56 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #2142A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Avita Carpet Building, 36111 Ford Road, Parcel #045-03-0308-000, South Side of Ford Road, West of Wayne Road Hassan Barakat.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 12 6/6/11

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

97: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 5/16/11.

- Bid for DPS Lobby Renovation to Sole Building Co., amt. \$15,900.
- Bid for 5' of concrete for H20 Zone; amt. \$8,250.
- Placement of board-up fees on 2011 summer tax bills.
- Appr. 2011-12 Admin Fee Schedule.
- Appr. agrmnt. w/Canton Twp. for Water Distribution Operator Services; hourly rate \$100.12.
- Appr. of Excess workers Comp Agrmnt. w/Willis of MI for City's self-insured program; amt. \$57,722.00
- Appr. 60 month lease w/Konica Minolta for 1 multi-function scanner, fax, printer, copier for PD; amt. \$164.38 per month w/\$1.00 buyout at end of lease.
- Appr. disbursement of 15th pmt. to Bidigare for SWQIF Project; amt. \$100,461.03.
- Intro. Ord. 248-A-71, rezone CB-4 to I-I, PID #038-02-0021-304 & 0022, n. side of Ford, w. of Venoy.
- Adopt Ord. 29-W-35 to adopt registration and inspection fees of vacant properties and provide penalties for non-compliance.
- Adopt Ord. 29-W-36 to provide for an admin. fee for vehicles that are impounded or towed at the direction of the Police Dept.
- Adopt Ord. 29-W-37 to provide for permits, bonds, cash deposits, liability insurance and permit fees for street excavations or openings.

98: Adopt Fiscal Yr. Budget for 2011/2012.

99: Adopted Res. spreading millage for 2011/2011 fiscal yr.

100: Adopt Capital Improvement Program as amended for 2011/2012 fiscal yr.

101: Appr. PD Chief Salary at 100% of wage scale.

102: Appr. checklist: \$798,948.69 & Prepaid: \$703,781.65.

Mtg. adj. at 9:46 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

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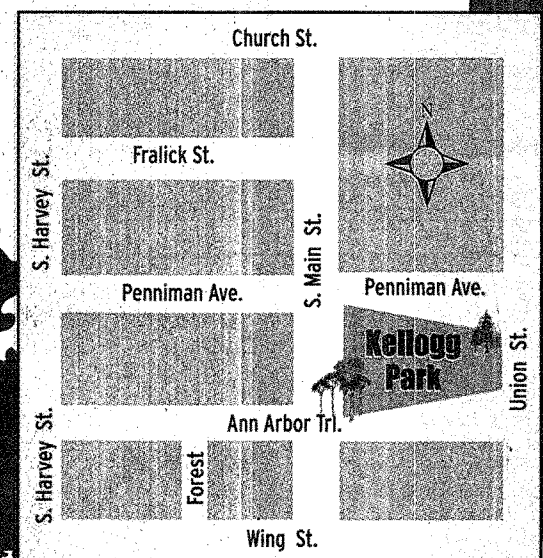
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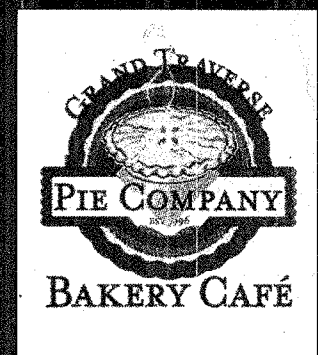
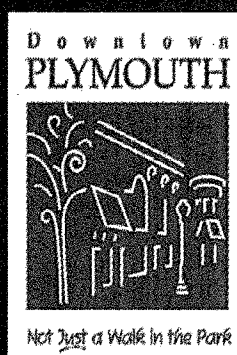
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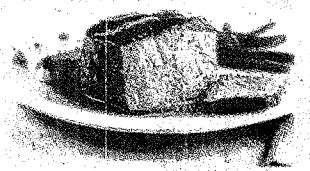


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# Cereal City next for Final 4-bound Ladywood

## On Combs' 3rd perfect game

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's softball team is breaking out the Rice Krispie Treats once again.

And that means the Blazers are headed back to Battle Creek for the second time in three years following a convincing 6-0 Division 2 quarterfinal victory Tuesday over Armada in a game played at Novi.

The Blazers, 37-3 overall, advance to the Final Four to face defending state champ Stevensville Lakeshore in a matchup of the No. 1- and 2-ranked teams beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Two years ago Ladywood rode the right-handed arm of freshman Briana Combs all the way to state championship game before losing to Niles.

Combs is now a seasoned junior and she continued her Justin Verlander-like stretch by throwing her third straight perfect game.

She's now retired 54 straight batters without any reaching base going back to last Saturday's regional.

"She's worked real hard and I got to say it: She's the best conditioned athlete probably in the state," said proud father and Ladywood coach Scott Combs. "I've never seen anybody in all my years work as hard as that to be conditioned to throw seven or 14 innings. And that's what you need. As you get tired — the last 10 pitches that you throw

flatten out — you can't have that. It's all conditioning and it's concentration. And that's what we work on every day in practice."

Briana Combs struck out nine of the minimum 21 batters she faced against Armada, which reached the Final Four last year and finished 25-7 this season.

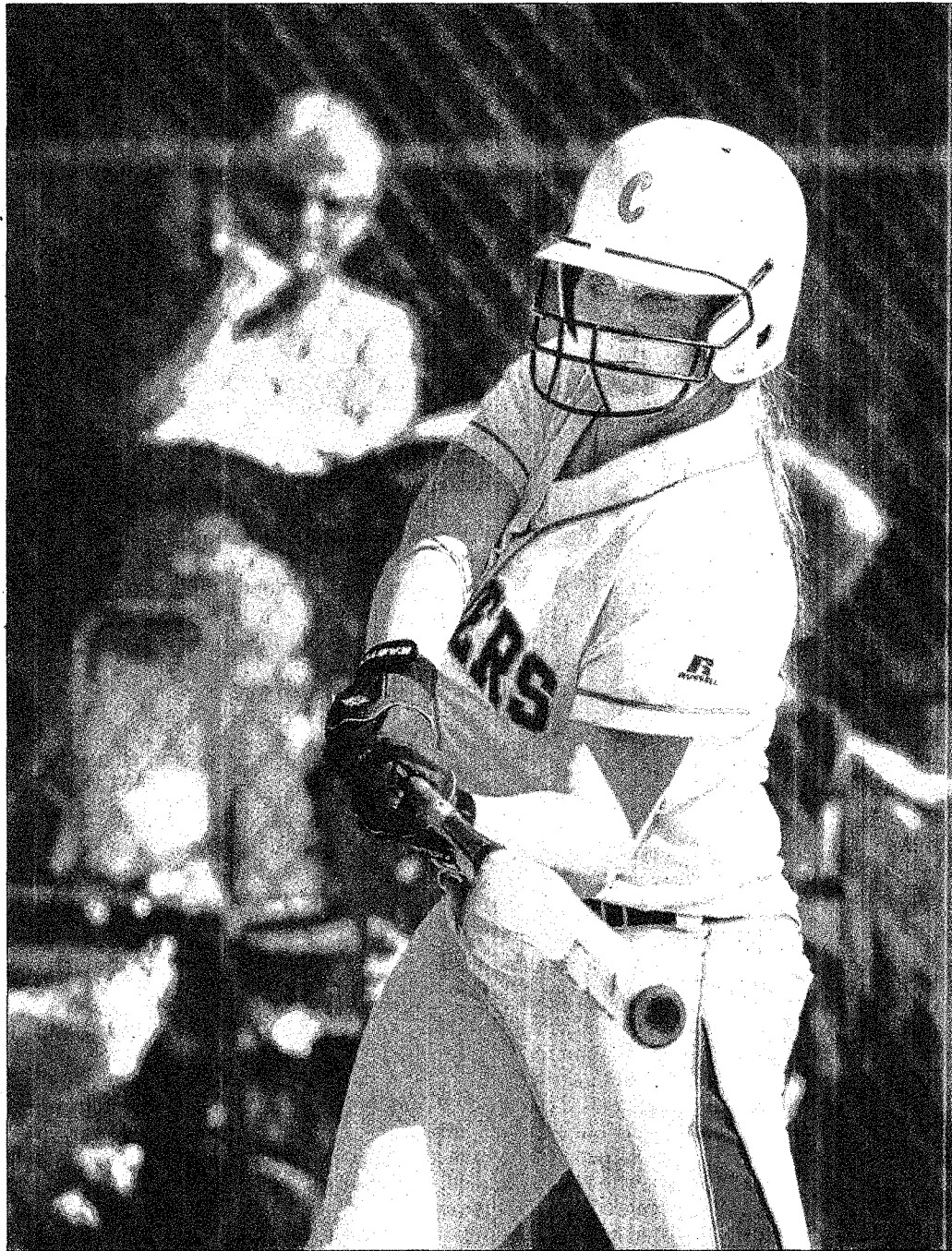
"Great pitcher," Armada coach Bud Winans said of Combs. "They're a great team. We knew what we had coming. We were not quite on our game as normal — kind of laid back and not as aggressive as I wanted. Great pitching performance. There's a couple of little quirks that I had — addressed the umpires, but overall they're a very well coached team and they put a lot of time and effort into it during the offseason as you we all know. That's the way the ball bounces and it definitely bounced their way today."

Armada ace Erin Kownacki, a junior committed to Oakland University, got nicked up for a first-inning run as Ladywood lead-off hitter Jenny Rohn's fly ball to left field was misplayed.

Briana Combs then delivered a single to score Rohn from second base giving the Blazers more than enough.

"We knew in that first inning when we got that run it might be enough because honestly I thought it would be a 1-0 or 2-1 game the way those pitchers throw," Scott

Please see **LADYWOOD, B2**



Ladywood's Celeste Fidge connects for a sixth-inning double during Tuesday's Division 2 state quarterfinal victory over Armada.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## SIDELINES

### McPherson 5th

Livonia Franklin senior Megan McPherson, representing Team Michigan, placed fifth in the girls 1,600-meter run with a personal best time of 5 minutes, 4.03 seconds in the Midwest Meet of Champions held Saturday at Fort Wayne (Ind.) Northrop High School.

McPherson's FAT clocking was converted to a 5:03.7.

Team Ohio captured the girls title with 193.5 points followed by Michigan and Indiana with 150 and 126.5, respectively.

### MWGA stroke play

Shelly Weiss of Southfield shot a 78 to take first flight low gross honors in the 25th annual Michigan Women's Golf Association President's Stroke Play event held Saturday at the North and South courses at Pheasant Run in Canton.

Rounding out the top three in Flight One were Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia) and Lisa Bishop (Belleville) with 82 each.

Taking low net honors in the first flight included Theresa MacPherson (Royal Oak), 68; Pat Witek (Livonia), 69; and Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), 72.

In the Flight Two, Smita Bhatt (Orchard Lake) shot an 89 to win low gross followed by Yvette Gagnon (Bloomfield Hills), 90, and Francine Pegues (Grosse Pointe Park), 95.

Arezell Brown (Detroit) took low net honors in Flight Two followed by Mary Ann Montre (Lincoln Park) and Jennifer Montre (Lincoln Park) with 73 and 77, respectively.

In Flight Three, Susan Merrick (West Bloomfield) took low gross with a 99, while Ina Fernandez (Dearborn Heights) and Faye Bessette (Hartland) had 102 and 108, respectively.

Low net honors went to Pat Shelton (Farmington) with a 72 followed by Nancy Serra (Clarkston) and Karen Stecher (West Bloomfield) with 75 and 77, respectively.

### Bucks sweep

The Michigan Bucks had an enjoyable weekend in Canada when they came away with a two-game sweep following Sunday's 4-0 win in Toronto over the host Lynx.

The win kept the Bucks in first place (5-1-1, 16 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the United Soccer League's Premier Development League.

After defeating FC London 2-1 on Friday evening, the team took the short drive up the 401 and posted their fifth consecutive victory of the season.

The loss on Friday was the first for Forest City London (3-1-0, 9 points) and the Lynx dropped to 2-3-0, good for six points on the season.

PDL Player of the Week Kenny Uzoigwe, a 6-foot-4 striker from Toledo, scored twice in the second half, while Thomas Catalano and Babayele Sodade also found the back of the net for the Bucks in Sunday's win at Centennial Park Stadium.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made four saves to record the shutout.

Uzoigwe's goal from Luke Holmes proved to be the game-winner against London in a game played at the German Club.

Harris Cekic scored for Forest City, while Holmes tallied the first goal during the fourth minute from Seba Harris for the Bucks.

Hildebrandt made eight saves for the Bucks, who return to Great Lakes Conference action at 5 p.m. Saturday at Rochester's Borden Park to face the Hamilton FC Rage (1-3-1, four points).

## Lutheran Westland falls, 10-7

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paul Gusé sees nothing but good things ahead for the Lutheran High Westland girls softball program.

The Warriors' coach remained upbeat following Saturday's 10-7 setback

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in Division 4 regional semifinal held at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"All of our starters return," Gusé said. "We'll be better next year and it should be exciting."

The Warriors, who bowed at 14-8 overall, jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning lead on a single by Aldreanna Fikes and doubles by Marisa Hahn and Hannah Conley.

Parkway (15-14) got a pair of runs back in the bottom of the fourth, but the Warriors answered in the top of the fifth on Lindsey Ermert's two-run single.

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## 2-perfecto: Blazers rule regional

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

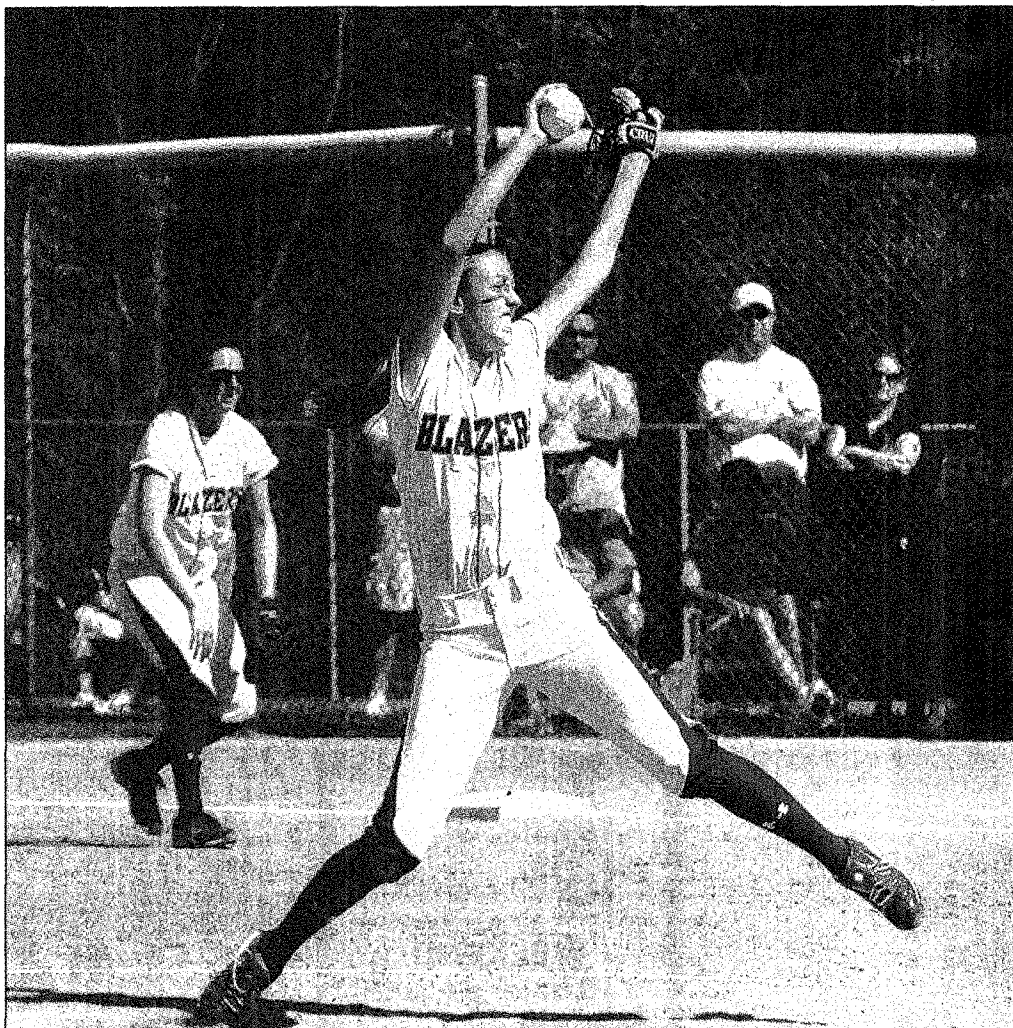
With Briana Combs on the mound it's a safe bet there's not going to be a lot of action behind her.

That was the case Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood got a pair of mercy-rule shortened perfect games from the junior right-hander as the Blazers swept Melvindale (10-0) and Warren Lincoln (16-0) en route to the Division 2 regional title.

Combs faced the minimum 33 batters over the two-game stretch and struck out 24 batters as Ladywood improved to 36-3 overall.

"Very talented — Miss Combs — we faced her before and we faced her last year," said Melvindale coach Rey Linares, whose team finished 14-26 overall. "She's a quality pitcher. I've seen her in travel ball as well, too. We knew exactly what she was throwing. We practiced for it, but practicing for it and preparing for it are different. These ladies haven't seen pitching of that level yet."

Ladywood unloaded for 14 hits against the Cardinals



Ladywood junior right-hander Briana Combs pitched her third straight perfect game after retiring 21 straight batters in Tuesday's 6-0 Division 2 quarterfinal win over Armada.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Please see **BLAZERS, B2**

## Southgate lefty Bronson muzzles Rocket bats, 3-0

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His first name is Devon, but he might as well have been Charles Bronson to the Westland John Glenn batting order during Saturday's Division 1 regional baseball semifinal at Saline.

The Southgate Anderson left-hander was a Stone Killer as he struck a four-hit shutout and tossed out 12 as the Titans ousted the Rockets, 3-0.

Bronson, who went all seven innings, walked only two as the Titans improved to 24-12 overall.

Temperance Bedford, however, beat Allen Park, 11-1, in the other semifinal and went on to earn the regional title with a 10-0 win over Southgate.

"Southgate played a solid game and Bronson pitched lights out," John Glenn coach Dan Danic said. "He commanded the inside of the plate and hit his spots all game.

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When you do that, you always give your team a chance to win. As a lefty with good velocity, I expect him to continue to be successful."

Glenn losing pitcher Rob Schurig also went the distance, allowing just six hits and one walk. The senior right-hander struck out three.

All three Southgate runs came during the second inning.

David Pylar went 2-for-3 to pace the Titans' offense.

Schurig, Caleb Clenney, Brian Monty and Jake DeMoss collected the lone hits for the Rockets, who bowed out at 10-24 overall.

Danic said he is looking toward the future in his second full season as varsity coach.

"Overall, the year was a success," he said. "We did experience several injuries and illnesses that forced us to try guys out in spots they weren't used

to playing, but every time the players stepped up and worked their tails off.

"We are losing a great group of talented seniors (seven), but have plenty of young talent we look forward to working with throughout the summer and fall. The young men we have returning have experienced some playoff success and have great work ethic which is this program's core value."

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# Glenn collects just 1 hit in regional defeat

BY BRAD EMONS  
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The bats fell silent for the Westland John Glenn girls softball team in Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal at Saline.

The Rockets, who collected just one hit on the day, fell 10-0 to eventual regional champion Southgate Anderson.

Glenn finishes its season at

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

11-22 overall.

Southgate scored twice in the third inning and put it away with six more runs in the sixth and two in the seventh.

The Titans collected four hits during the sixth, including a double by Kayla Curry and a triple from Jasmine Spurlin.

Glenn also committed one of its three errors during the inning as losing pitcher Alexis Lester gave one of her two walks.

Lester, a freshman, struck out three in six innings before giving way to reliever Brandi Holbrook, who pitched to the last three batters.

Holbrook, a senior, had the only hit for Glenn. Winning pitcher Mary

Martin struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"Our hitting was not up to par on Saturday," Glenn coach Elisabeth Tyzo-DePaulis said. "Southgate committed five errors, which gave us a chance to score by putting runners on base, but we couldn't come through."

"The girls just didn't have it this week. Hopefully, they

remember that feeling they had after the game for next year."

Mary Sbonek paced the Titans' hitting attack going 4-for-5.

Stephanie McNeas also added a triple as Southgate earned its second straight regional title by defeating Allen Park, 2-1.

Martin pitched a three-hitter and Kristen Damron

delivered what proved to be the game-winning double in the top of the sixth inning as the Titans (19-18) advanced to Tuesday's quarterfinal to face Garden City at the University of Michigan.

Allen Park advanced to the regional final with a 14-4 semifinal victory over Temperance Bedford.

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## SOFTBALL

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That lead didn't last long as the Eagles struck for four runs in the bottom half of the fifth to take a 6-4 advantage.

Lutheran Westland, however, responded with three in the top of the sixth on Erica Killian's two-run triple followed by Conley's RBI single to take a 7-6 lead.

Parkway responded with four in the bottom half of the sixth with the big blow coming on Jade Sills' bases-loaded, bloop double down the right field line to score all three runs.

"We made a good recovery and had our opportunity," Gusé said. "But give Parkway credit. They earned it and came back strong."

Winning pitcher Caroline Sherry struck out eight and did not allow a walk for Parkway.

Ermert, a freshman, also went all seven innings allowing eight hits and six walks while striking out four in taking the loss. Five of her six walks came during the fifth and

sixth innings.

"Lindsey had only one walk until the fifth and then she walked three and all three ended up scoring," Gusé said.

Conley went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Chandler Davenport contributed three hits for the Warriors.

Fikes, Hahn, Killian and Ermert also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Sarah Lombardo finished with two hits for the Eagles, who fell in the regional final to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (18-7) in nine innings, 2-1.

Parkway won the other semifinal game over Southfield Christian, 5-2.

A scrimmage earlier in the week against Westland John Glenn enabled the Warriors to prepare for the regional.

"Their coach (Elisabeth Tyzo-DePaulis) was gracious enough to help us out and it gave us confidence," Gusé said. "I felt pretty good about the way we hit the ball. We pounded out 14 hits, but they (Parkway) counter-punched us. If we had been able to hang on — who knows?"

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## LADYWOOD

FROM PAGE B1

Combs said. "We wanted to get that first one and it was key we were the home team, too. I think it took a little air out of them."

Ladywood tallied another run in the fourth inning as freshman Lauren Hayes ripped a sharp single to left that was bobbled putting her at second base. Andrea Gietl followed with an RBI double to make it 2-0.

The Blazers broke it wide open in the sixth with a four-run outburst.

Combs belted a lead-off triple and courtesy runner Katie Eisterhold scored on Celeste Fidge's long double. Fidge then came home on a wild pitch to put Ladywood ahead 4-0.

Carli SanMillan's pop-up to short was dropped. Hayes singled and later scored on Alyssa Kashat's push bunt leading to the uprising.

"We knew we could be successful if we got the bunt down," Scott Combs said. "And we got some bunts down and I think we got them back on their heels with the bunts. We worked on it really hard the last two weeks —



Ladywood's Andrea Gietl takes the throw at first base for the putout during Tuesday's 6-0 Division 2 quarterfinal victory over Armada.

push bunts, slaps and stuff. My hats off to the girls. They're doing it."

Kownacki gave up six hits and struck out nine. The Tigers committed three errors.

"I saw the pitches flattening out and I said, 'Let's not strike out, let's put the ball in play' and give ourselves a chance to use our speed," Scott Combs said. "We've got a lot of very good base runners. We had to make sure we cut down on the strikeouts because she (Kownacki) can strike out 15 easy. My hats off to her. Very tough game. If we played them again tomorrow she could throw a shutout."

Meanwhile, Briana Combs and her teammates were all proudly holding the Rice Krispie Treats while posing for photos following the quarterfinal conquest.

"We had them two years ago," reminded the Ladywood ace.

And how did Combs evaluate her own pitching performance?

"I think I just hit my spots well and executed the game plan, which was just to throw strikes and hit my spots," she said. "We wanted to get to Battle Creek all year and we were so motivated. We're just really happy."

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## BLAZERS

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in the six-inning game with sophomore first baseman Andrea Gietl going 3-for-4.

The Blazers scored five runs in the second inning, added three more in the third and scored twice in the sixth.

Four other Ladywood players collected two hits apiece including lead-off batter Jenny

Rohn, Combs, Carli SanMillan and Lauren Hayes.

Rohn also had two RBI, while Fidge, Michelle Nelson and Kristen Eisterhold added one each.

In the win over Warren Lincoln, SanMillan had a triple, double and three RBI, while Alyssa Kashat contributed two hits and two RBI.

Rohn, Combs, Gietl and Fidge each chipped in with two hits as well.

Rohn, a shortstop headed

to play at Western Michigan, is the only senior on the Ladywood roster.

"She's a great kid," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "She's learned how to work hard. She's learned how to commit herself. She's learned how to come every day and get better. And that's what she was lacking. She wasn't coming committed two years ago. Now she knows what she needs to go through and her leadership has been outstand-

ing."

Briana Combs, who led the Blazers to a state runner-up finish as a freshman in 2009, has added to her repertoire of pitches this season.

"We knew when the mound moved back to 43 (feet) that we'd have to get with a trainer, and we did," Scott Combs said. "And he put her through about four months of really, really rigorous stuff for core and legs because we knew we were going to have to try and throw harder with distance moving back, so that's what we wanted to accomplish."

And because there is a limited amount of action behind her, Scott Combs has devised

ways to keep his team defensively sharp.

"What I told them before the game is that we've had 25 extra practices more than any other team around because we come out every single game and go through a full hour-and-a-half of practice," he said. "We do all of our hitting, we do all of our infield-outfield. We take extra ground balls and fly balls because sometimes we know we're not going to get the reps. We've had 25 more practices by doing the same thing every game."

Linares said Briana Combs is a cut above the rest of the pitchers his Cardinals have

faced this season.

"We've seen a couple in the Downriver league, but she probably has a little bit more control and placement as far as what we're used to seeing," said the Melvindale coach, whose team won the other regional semifinal with a 10-1 win over Detroit Renaissance. "We're young and we're going to grow from this absolutely."

Ladywood prepped for the regional by winning pair of nonleague games earlier in the week defeating host Canton on June 7, 15-5, and visiting Walled Lake Northern last Thursday, 5-4.

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# Rams take down Advanced, 5-2

The Michigan Rams got a combined seven-hitter from pitchers Tyler Owings and Jeff Sorenson to beat Advanced Baseball, 5-2, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action Monday night at Bicentennial Park.

Owings worked the first five innings to pick up the victory, allowing one run on five hits. He struck out five and walked two before giving way to Sorenson, the former Livonia Stevenson High product.

John DiLaura went 2-for-2, while Mark Weist, Pat Lancaster, Mile Sorise and Caleb Wick each knocked in a run as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 6-2 in league play.

Spencer Sarel (Madonna University) went 2-for-4, while John Estes added two

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

RBI for Advanced (5-5).

Losing pitcher Dan Abbott gave up two runs on two hits and four walks in three innings before giving way to reliever Alex McMurray.

**RAMS 3, KNIGHTS 2:** Greg Spiess allowed just one run on four hits over six innings to pick up the victory Sunday as the Rams (5-2) turned back the 22-and-under Michigan Knights (5-2) in LCBL play at Ford Field.

Spiess struck out three and walked four before being lifted in favor of reliever Zach Wedesky, who earned the save despite giving up one run on two hits in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Zach Robbins worked the first 6.2 innings, allowing three runs on five hits and five walks. He fanned six before Andrew Jarrell got strikeout after hitting a Rams batter.

Offensively, Miles Sorise led the

way for the Rams going 2-for-3 with an RBI. John DiLaura also knocked in a run.

J.J. Ciennik went 2-for-3 and Justin DeFrancis knocked in a run for the Knights.

In Game Two, the Rams were leading 1-0 when play was suspended by umpires in the bottom of the seventh because of darkness after a lighting failure.

The game will resume Monday, June 20 with the Knights threatening with runners on first and second with one out.

Knights pitcher Chris Whitney went all seven innings, allowing one run on six hits. He struck out six and walked two.

Rams starter Jay Perry went the first 4.1 innings before reliever Jake Engels took over.

Perry allowed five hits, walked none and struck out five. Engels gave up just one in 1.2 innings.

Phil Celeski and Ciennik each had two hits for the Knights, while DiLaura had the lone RBI for the Rams.

## John Glenn football

The Westland John Glenn Rocket football program will stage its annual camp (grades 8-12) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30.

The cost is \$25 (includes T-shirt, trophies and pizza party).

For more information, call Steve Waller at (734) 419-2329; or (734) 341-1590.

## Franklin junior hoops

The Livonia Franklin junior boys and girls basketball camp (incoming grades 1-3) will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, at the high school.

Pre-registration cost (by June 30) is \$50 (includes T-shirt and ball). Walk-up registration is \$60.

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

## Churchill boys hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will stage 10 skates from 8-9:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 11-15; Monday through Wednesday, July 18-20; and 3-4:20 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 18-19 - all at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The cost is \$175 and all checks should be made payable to Churchill High School.

For more information, call Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at (248) 345-6584; or e-mail Pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

## Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 (boys) and July 18-21 (girls) at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95 (\$10 discount if registered by May 30).

For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at basketballacademy@hotmail.com.

## Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High 2011 football skills camp (entering grades 9-12) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 25-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jilatra2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

## Football youth skills

The Livonia Churchill youth football skills camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$40.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jilatra2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

## Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gymnastics camp for girls ages 11-and-up will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 8-12, at the high school.

The fee is \$79.

For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwichowski@gmail.com.

## Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

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

## 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.ci.livonia.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 from 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 at 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.

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To register online, visit www.totalsportscomplex.com. For more information, call (248) 668-0166; or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com.

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

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### 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.

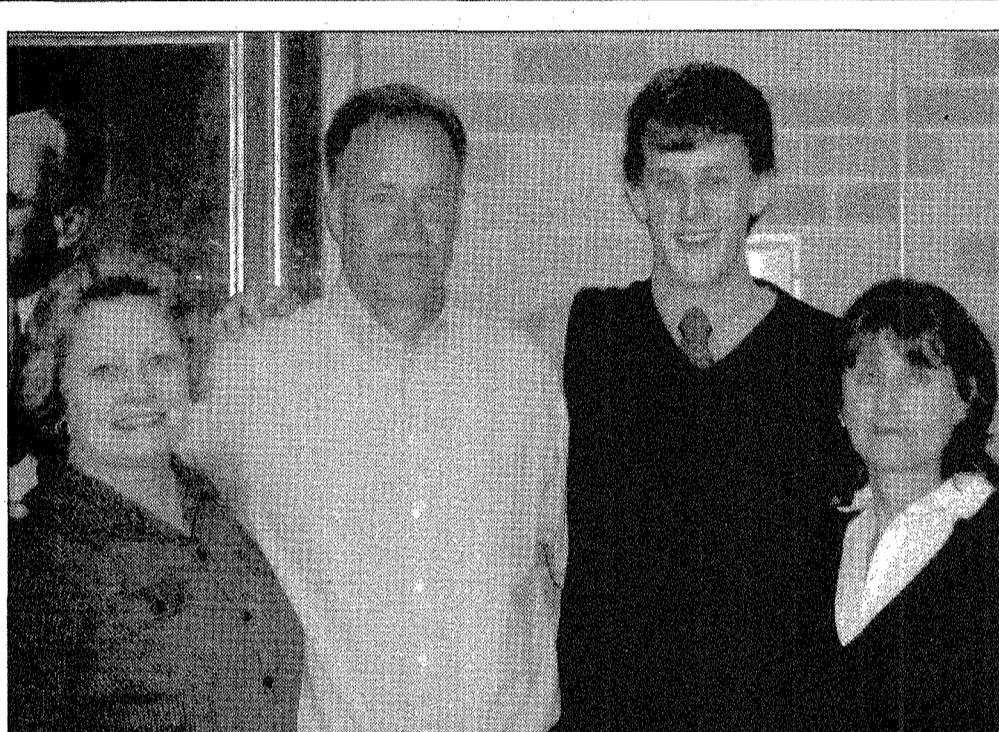
### Youth Tennis Skills

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 at 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.



## Gabe Award winner

Livonia Stevenson senior student-athlete Joshua York (second from right) is recipient of the eighth annual Gabe's Gang \$250 scholarship in honor of Stephen Gabriel, a Stevenson High grad who passed away in 2003. York, flanked by his parents Patrick and Lynn, along with Gabe Award committee member Robin Lux (far left), played hockey and earned first-team All-Observer honors in tennis (2010) for the Spartans. York, who will be attending Schoolcraft College in the fall, also won the school's Brieske Award for Best Male Athlete and was both a Jay W. Formsma and Global Education Student of the Year finalist. He also earned Academic All-State honors in hockey and overcame an illness while posting many other accomplishments. The Gabe Award recognizes a senior student-athlete who is an exceptional leader and displays perseverance in dealing with challenges while carrying a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.

# Liggett clips Warriors in regional semifinals

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Opportunity knocked, but the Lutheran High Westland baseball team couldn't cash in Saturday in the Division 4 regional semifinals at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Lutheran Westland left nine runners stranded in a 3-1 setback to the host Knights, the No. 2-ranked team in the state.

"It was a good team between two good teams," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team bowed out with a 13-6 record. "We hit the ball hard, but right at people. Sometimes you get the breaks and sometimes you don't."

Winning pitcher Alex Daar pitched a complete-game while scattering eight hits.

## PREP BASEBALL

The Knights' ace worked out of jams in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Losing pitcher Jake Andrzejewski, a senior right-hander, also went the distance, allowing nine hits and walking four. He fanned five.

(The same two pitchers faced off earlier this season with Liggett winning, 3-0.)

Liggett lead-off batter Joseph Simon opened the game with a solo homer.

Conner Fannon added an RBI single in the third inning and Daar helped his own cause with an RBI single in the fifth.

The Warriors tallied their lone run in the fifth on Kent Krzyske's groundout scoring Matt Sylvester from third on

the fielders choice with the bases loaded.

The Warriors then put two runners aboard in the sixth, but could not score. They also had runners on first and second with no outs in the bottom of the seventh, but came up empty.

"We had it set up the way we wanted at the top of the order, but we couldn't get the key hit," Wade said.

Thomas Handschumacher and Nick Flanery, the eighth and ninth-hitters in the Warriors' lineup, each went 2-for-3.

Royal Oak Shrine defeated Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7-2, in the other regional final and Liggett improved to 26-4 overall by beating Shrine for the regional crown, 6-1.

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# Churchill plays host to Jr. Olympic meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Although the high school track and field season has been officially concluded, the summer circuit is just starting to heat up.

The 2011 USATF Michigan Youth Outdoor Junior Olympic Track and Field Championship will be Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Field events begin at 10 a.m. featuring the discus, shot put,

pole vault, long jump, mini javelin, javelin, high jump, triple jump and hammer advance.

Running events start at 11 a.m. featuring the 5-kilometer, 3K, 4 x 800 relay, 100/110 hurdles, 100 dash semifinals, 200 heats, 400 heats, 1,500 race-walk and 200 semifinals.

Following a break at 2 p.m., the finals follow at 2:30 p.m. with the 1,500, 4 x 100 relay, 100/110 hurdles, 3K race-walk, 100 final, 800, 200 and 4 x 400

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

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19, at Wayne Recreation No. 1; Under 13-14 - 10 a.m. to noon Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, at Marshall Middle School;

Under 15-19 HS Open - 2-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, at Marshall Middle School (for age group breakdown, check the website, www.wwsl-soccer.com.)

Girls select and premier try-outs include:

Under-11-12 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, at Wayne Recreation (Field No. 1); Under 13 - 9-11 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, at Franklin Middle School;

Under 14-15 High School Open - noon-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 20, at Franklin M.S.; Under 15-18 High School Open - 3-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 20, at Franklin 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.

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## McGREGOR, JOYCE ANNE

November 29, 1949 - June 12, 2011

Joyce Anne LaVeque was born on November 29, 1949 in Trenton, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Elmer LaVeque and Dorothy (Pruett) LaVeque. She was a 1968 graduate of Lourdes High School in River Rouge. Following High School, Joyce attended Beauty School. After graduating from beauty school, she would spend more than 40 years bringing joy to others as a professional cosmetologist/beautician. Over the years she had been self-employed and had worked at several other shops before settling at Biundo's Salon and Spa the last few years. Joyce had always been well-liked and respected for her experience and personality. At Biundo's she affectionately became known as "The Shop Mother" as she enjoyed giving guidance to others. She married Ronald McGregor on November 16, 1990 in Toledo, Ohio. As an individual, Joyce, was always thoughtful, considerate, outgoing, and extremely positive. She was strong in her faith and she had attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She was passionate about her grandchildren, a great mother to her children, and a wonderful wife. In her free time, Joyce enjoyed spoiling her feline friends and she always loved a great garden. Joyce Anne McGregor, age 62, of Monroe passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She leaves to forever cherish her memory a beloved husband of twenty-one years: Ronald of Monroe; her mother: Dorothy LaVeque of Monroe; two children: Joseph (Nadine) Meeker of Newport and Judy (Matt) Graham of Monroe; two sisters: Suzanne Vardakis of Monroe and Patricia (Jeffrey) Bowdler of River Rouge; two brothers: Johnny (Jan) LaVeque of Southgate and Richard (Kim) LaVeque of Cypress, Texas; four grandchildren: Eryn Meeker, Devin Stokosa, Haylee Stokosa, and Christopher Stokosa; and three step-grandchildren: Ashlea Boudrie, Alyssia Boudrie, and Matthew Graham. Friends may gather from 1:00pm until a Celebration of Her Life at 7:00pm, Friday, June 17, 2011 at Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe Street (734) 384-5185. She will lie in state from 9:00am until the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00am, Saturday, June 18, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 501 South Monroe Street. Father James Smalarsz pastor of the church will officiate. Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or send a floral tribute by visiting [www.merklefs.com](http://www.merklefs.com) and then selecting the Life Stories page.



## STEENCKEN (COUSINS), FRANCES J.

Of Ortonville formerly of Northville and Plymouth; June 9, 2011; age 94; Preceded in death by her first husband Paul Steencken and second husband Rudolph Glanckopf; mother of Barbara (Ed Maklenburg) Steencken of Milford, Joseph (Robin) Steencken of NY and Linda (the late Dale) Helms of Clarkston; grandma of Jennifer (Curt) Rose, Catherine Hammer, Michael Maklenburg, Joseph (Lucy) Steencken, Rachelle (Roger) Apple, Greg (Amanda) Steencken, Erik (Michelle) Helms and Christina Helms; also survived by eight great-grandchildren; sister of Marion Cousins, Betty Dean and the late Robert, Eunice and Alfred Cousins. Frances retired from Michigan Bell and was a member of the Pioneer's Club and Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, baking, knitting and sewing. Funeral service Thursday 5:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Thursday 4 p.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to The Nature Conservancy, MI. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## JONES JR., RAYMOND

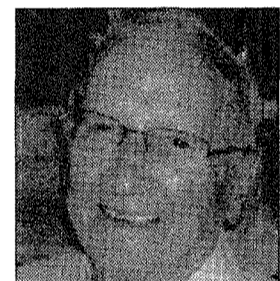
Age 90, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 11, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

## LAWSON-GLASS, PATRICIA

Age 64, of Plymouth Twp. passed away, June 8, 2011. A memorial service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI.

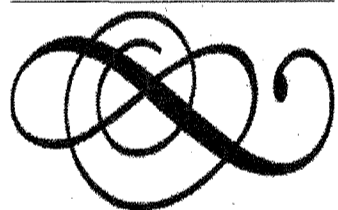
## MALESKY, JEANETTE O.

Age 86, of Farmington, MI, passed away June 13, 2011. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



## SANDERS, DONALD W.

Age 88. Went to be with the Lord, May 27, 2011. Don spent three years in the Army Air Force. He retired from the State of Michigan in 1987. On March 2, 1945 he married the former Elizabeth A. Finch & they spent 65 years together. Don was preceded in death by his parents Frank & Hildegard; brothers Frank, Jr., & Bill & two grandsons. Along with his wife, Don is survived by his four children; Diane (Robert) Doyle, Darlene (Mike) Cook, Donald W., & Debra (Jackson) Barry, 14 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren, cousin Jack (Sandy) Lawrence, two nieces & three nephews. Memorial service will be held June 20th at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church, 2801 S. Telegraph, with burial in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorials suggested to the Dearborn Free Methodist Church or Somerset Beach Campground. Arrangements by: John N. Santeiu & Son 734-427-3800 [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

# Church summer event offers family fun, food, worship

Memorial Church of Christ plans several family activities in lieu of a traditional Vacation Bible School this year.

"Hopefully we can get people interested to come out for a free night to have fun together and make a connection with others," said Angie Schultz, event coordinator.

The series of four "Family Experience" events will start with Family Fun Night, 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the

gym at the church, located at 35475 Five Mile, just east of Levan, Livonia. The free program will include a cook-out dinner, drama performances, giveaways, a worship service and families activities.

"We wanted to try a more relevant way to reach the families in our community," said Schultz. "It can be expensive for a family to go out for an evening together. We wanted to create an envi-

ronment where they could come and have fun as a family for free. We are also creating an environment where parents can see what their children are learning and walk away with tools to help them apply what they learned at home."

Free supervised child care will be available for children, ages 2 and under. No advance registration is required.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

### JUNE 16-22

#### Day camp

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

**Location:** Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Day camp is a weeklong experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.

**Contact:** (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [office@emmanuel-livonia.org](mailto:office@emmanuel-livonia.org)

#### Book of Faith

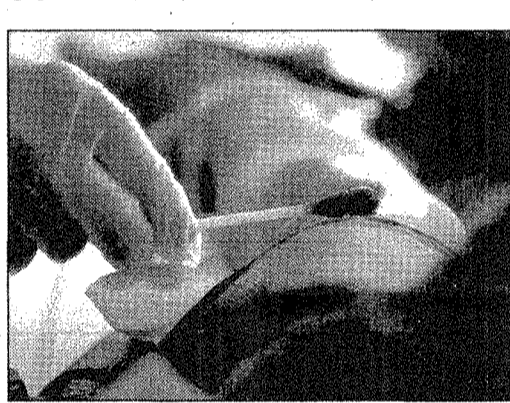
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 22

**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** The Rev. Joan Christoffers leads a study on "The Book of Faith." Join the group for any or all classes

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

### JUNE 23-29



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia plans a blood drive Monday, June 27.

#### Blood drive

**Time/Date:** Monday, June 27

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** All blood types are needed. Call to make appointment or walk in.

**Contact:** (734) 513-5067

#### Clothing bank

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25

**Location:** 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers

free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

### JUNE 30-JULY 13

#### Concert

**Time/Date:** Dessert at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Songs of the 1950s; dessert costs \$5 per person

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

#### ENDOW

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Michele Schmidt facilitates this women's study group, which is designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching. Sessions explore Pope John Paul II's Letter To Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60. Scholarships are available

**Contact:** Register at (303) 715-3224 or at [www.endowonline.org](http://www.endowonline.org)

#### Lecture

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Topics are "The World of Esther and Mordechai" on July 6; "Jews in Shiite Society," on July 13; "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Students also may pre-register by calling the Beth Ahm office and pay at the door

**Contact:** (248) 737-1931

#### Movie night

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

**Location:** In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Free screening of "Toy Story 3" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested

**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

#### Rummage sale

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9

**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Gently-used items; Kathy's Bake Sale will be open during sale hours

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

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### Fellowship Presbyterian Church

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248.374.7400

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36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills

(bet. Drake & Halsted)

(248) 848-1750

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Round Trip: Plymouth musician sings about his life, wife, and hometown on new CD

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see why Paul Warren titled his third album *Round Trip*. The autobiographical songs on the CD describe a life that has gone full circle.

"It has several meanings. One, I fly all the time so I'm always round-tripping," said Warren, a guitarist and songwriter who has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999. "And it's coming back to my roots."

Although he performs his own music at clubs and jam nights when he's not on tour or in the studio with Stewart, the Plymouth native says he didn't intend to produce another CD. But moving from California back to his hometown in 2008 after 25 years on the West Coast, got creative juices flowing.

"Everything just felt like a fresh start. I was relatively newly married and suddenly there was a new group of musicians I had never worked with before. I got real inspired just being back here in Plymouth. Being in the Detroit area brought back a lot of memories."

*Motown* one of the songs on the CD, pays homage to the city and its music with such lyrics as "We would go to the Grande, So we could listen to the MC5, California had peace and love, But we were keeping Rock n Roll alive." *She Can't Go Home* was inspired by his wife, Melanie, who left New Zealand to live with him in California. And *Back Where I Belong* references Warren's journey back to his Michigan roots.

"There's something personal about all of them. There are some that are tongue in cheek, but that's part of who I am, too. I feel like I put myself into this record."



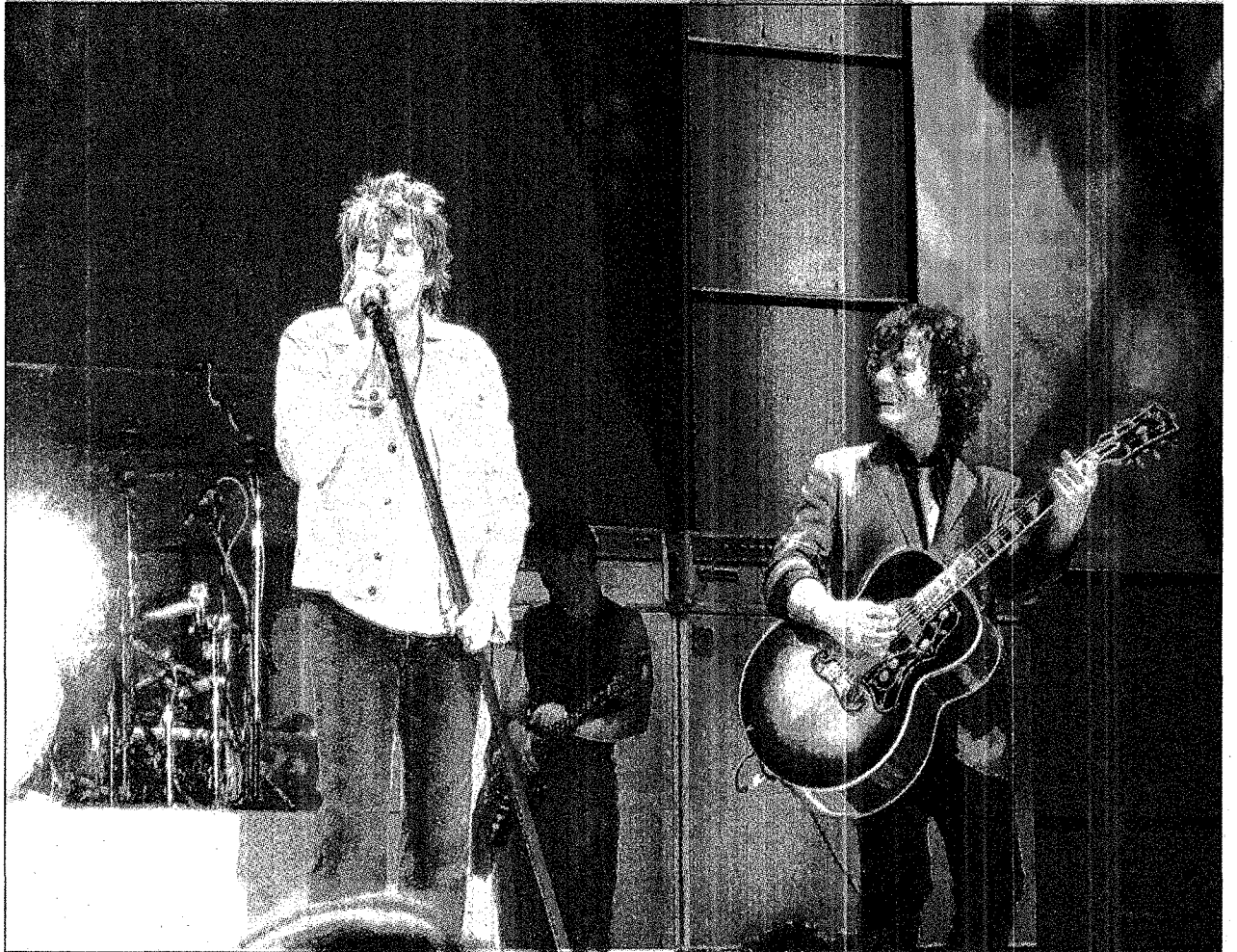
The cover of Paul Warren's new CD

### THE PAUL WARREN PROJECT

**What:** CD release show  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 17  
**Where:** Callahan's Music Hall, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills  
**Details:** Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter, guitarist for Rod Stewart, releases his third CD, "Round Trip." Free concert with special guests The Difficulties  
**Contact:** (248) 858-9508

The Paul Warren Project, with Warren on guitar and vocals, John Galvin on organ, Austin Floyd on drums, Jason Bone on guitar and Basquois De Jour on bass, will perform songs from the CD Friday, June 17, at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills.

Warren, 57, has begun working on songs for his next album and has been invited to write for Stewart's next CD. "I gave him five tracks of this album and he really liked it. As a result I'm not only playing on his new album, but



Paul Warren (right) has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999.

I'm going to L.A. in August to write some songs for it."

### TOURING, WRITING

With Stewart signed to a two-year contract at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., Warren will have plenty of time to focus on his own career.

Stewart and the band ended a tour in Europe last weekend and plan to perform in South America, Australia and New Zealand, but primarily will play stints in Las Vegas — three weeks on and six weeks off — over the next two years.

"I feel like I've really matured as a

musician. It's a late start, but I just love music, so it's never too late. It just feels good to be (writing) again," Warren said. "I just hit 40 years on the road since my first tour. That's even hard for me to comprehend. I feel like I'm very

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# WARREN

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fortunate. I still put a guitar around my neck and someone pays me to do it. I couldn't ask for more."

Warren said he fell in love with music as soon as he could think. He was the kid on the kindergarten bus crooning to the other kids. In third grade he gathered his first a capella group together. He beat cardboard "drums" with coat hanger sticks and begged his mom for a real drum set. Instead, she gave him a guitar when he was 12.

He won a talent show in junior high at 13 and started playing at basement parties and at school dances. He performed at the Plymouth Fall Festival when he was 14 and a year later joined a band that opened for groups such as Traffic and Jethro Tull at the Eastown Theatre in Detroit and the Birmingham Palladium.

"I was 15 when I opened for Rod (Stewart) and the band, the Faces. I've never been star struck. I have people I've admired — and Rod was one of them — but I was never afraid of anyone. The night we opened for him he was talking to some girl after the show and I went up behind him and poked him in the back and introduced myself," Warren recalled. "I didn't look at people as my idols. I was one of their peers. I've worked with rock and roll royalty and I always felt I as on the same level musically."

## ON A MISSION

The ambitious and confident teenager, who dropped out of high school at 16, often would "show up places" with his guitar and talk band members into listening. That's how he earned his first overseas tour with a band called the Pacific Gas and Electric. He told the group's bass player that he was better than the band's guitarist and talked the group into letting him play the last song in their second show in Detroit.

"Three days later they called me," he said, adding that the band toured both North America and Europe.



Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter and guitarist, will release his third album Saturday, June 17 at Callahans in Auburn Hills.

He was playing a club called Jimmy's Lounge when Motown Records bassist Bob Babbitt heard him and suggested recording a few of his songs. The recording eventually caught Norman Whitfield's attention and the Motown producer hired Warren for studio work at Hitsville.

"Suddenly I was doing every record and every jingle. Anything in Detroit I was on it. It really opened things up for me."

Over the years he has played on albums by The Temptations, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Undisputed Truth, Rare Earth, Parliament Funkadelic, and Jefferson Starship, to name a few. He has written songs for his own bands and for other artists and has toured with Joe Cocker, The Ventures, Tina Turner, and others in addition to Stewart. He even played with the late operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

"That was a bit surreal. I remember thinking 'How did a farm boy from Michigan end up backing up Pavarotti?'" said Warren, who lived in both rural Canton and in Plymouth as a boy. "This is a really interesting job that takes me to some really interesting places and some really interesting situations."

Visit his Web site at [www.paulwarren-project.com](http://www.paulwarren-project.com). The band also is on Facebook.

## ART

### Art & Ideas

**Time/Date:** Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or [www.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.com)

### Art in the Sun

**Time/Date:** 4-9 p.m., Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26  
**Location:** Downtown Northville  
**Details:** More than 75 artists sell glass, metal, jewelry, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### Art from the Heart

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26  
**Location:** Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia  
**Details:** Arts & Crafts festival held in conjunction with Livonia Spree  
**Contact:** [www.livoniaspree.com](http://www.livoniaspree.com) or call Livonia Arts Commission "bulletin board" phone line at (734) 466-2548

### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 25  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "West of Center" art show; all media  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org).

### Village Theater

**Time/Date:** Through June 28  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Details:** Photography by John Middlestead is on display in Gallery@VT  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

## COMEDY

### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

### JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

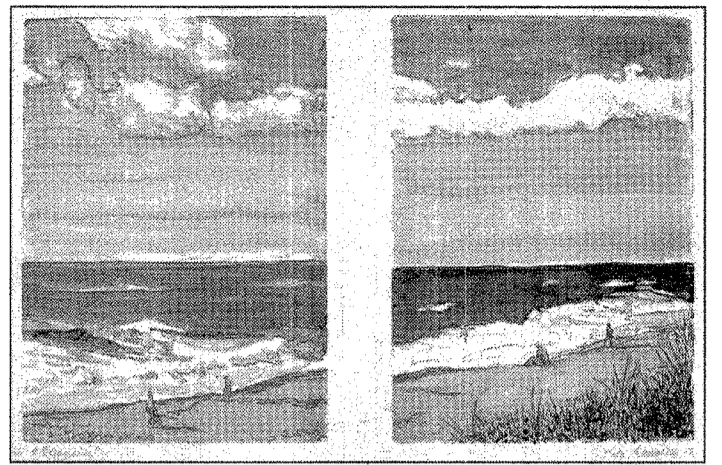
### Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Dave Dyer, June 15-18; Frank Roche, June 25-28; Ladies Night of Comedy, June 29; Mike Stanley with Mary Ann Demoss and Floyd the Washboard Comic, June 30-July 2; The Dirty Comedy Show, July 6; Isaac Witty with Paul Strickland, July 7-10; Bill Bushart with Trevor Smith and Lee Smith, July 13-16; Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Klina, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Wayne Gill, June 30-July 2; Warren B. Hall, July 7-9; Steve Lott, July 14-16; J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.edycastle.com](http://www.edycastle.com)

## GET OUT!



## At the library

"Oceanside" by Lily Dudgeon is featured on invitation cards to the Livonia Artists Club's 51st Annual Exhibit. The watercolor monotype was Best of Show winner last year. This year's exhibit runs through June 29 at The Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery, 323777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Seventeen artists are showing 53 pieces, including oils, watercolors, acrylic paintings, charcoals, collages, mixed media creations, monotypes, graphite and silverpoint art. Livonia Artists Club is the oldest art club in Livonia. It was founded in 1960.



## Celebrating

CSO, a 17-piece Big Band will perform from 3-6:30 p.m. at cabaret-style parties, June 26 and July 10 at Joy Manor, 28999, just east of Middlebelt, Westland. Tickets are \$10 and include food, a cash bar and music. The concerts are designed to celebrate CSO's appearance at the Michigan Jazz Festival next month. It will perform the music scheduled for the festival, along with Motown hits, R&B music and Sinatra favorites. Janice Franco and Brent Davin Vance will sing with the band. For tickets and information contact Craig Strain at (586) 924-6866 or e-mail to [arrangeit@aol.com](mailto:arrangeit@aol.com).

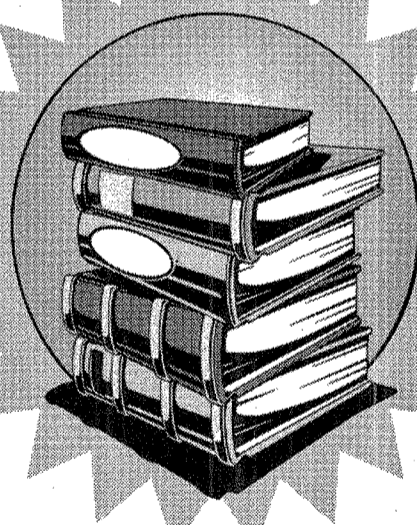
## CONCERTS

### Kellogg Park

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. June 17  
**Location:** Downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Shawn Riley Band  
**Coming up:** The Crutches, June 24; Zap Toro, July 1; Steve King and

the Dittlies, July 15; Gia Warner Band, July 22; The Bluescasters, July 20; Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2  
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# Summer Reading Programs



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 Registration begins 6/11/11 10am-12pm  
 Meet Scoop from 10am-12pm  
 23500 Liberty St  
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 Phone: (248) 553-0300

**Canton Public Library**  
 Registration begins 6/20/11 9am-9pm  
 Meet Scoop from 12pm-2pm  
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**Livonia Public Library**  
 Registration begins 6/21/11 1:30-3:30 pm  
 Meet Scoop from 1:30-3:30 pm  
 32777 Five Mile Road  
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**Plymouth District Library**  
 Registration begins 6/28/11 11am/ 2pm/7pm  
 Meet Scoop from 11am-3 pm & 6-8pm  
 223 South Main Street  
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 Phone: (734) 453-0750

**Redford Township District Library**  
 Registration begins 6/20/11 10am-8:30pm  
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 25320 West Six Mile Road  
 Redford, MI 48240  
 Phone: (313) 531-5960

**William P. Faust Public Library Of Westland**  
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TREAT DAD LIKE *Royalty*

King Tenderloin with Red Velvet Demi Glace

## Give him a Father's Day feast fit for a king

**T**his Father's Day, give your dad the royal treatment by creating a feast that combines his two favorite things — the grill and steak.

Whether you serve the King Tenderloin with Red Velvet Demi Glace, the Duke of Sirloin with Pub Rub, the Count Strip Loin with Parmesan Crusted Crown, or the Barron of Ribeye with Royal Forest Butter, His Majesty will savor every mouthwatering bite. And when you follow these grilling tips and cook his steaks to perfection, he may very well proclaim you Master of the Grill.

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**KING TENDERLOIN WITH RED VELVET DEMI GLACE**

Serves 4

4 filet mignon  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
Red Velvet Demi Glace

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Ladle a small amount of Red Velvet Demi Glace onto the serving plate.
6. Place the steak on the Demi Glace then ladle a thin ribbon of additional Demi Glace over the steak.

**RED VELVET DEMI GLACE**

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons shallots, minced  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon garlic, minced  
1 cup Cabernet Sauvignon  
1 tablespoon aged balsamic vinegar  
1 cup Demi Glace (can be found in most grocery and specialty food stores)

1. Heat olive oil in sauté pan. Add shallots and garlic, sauté until transparent.
2. Add Cabernet Sauvignon and balsamic vinegar to pan, reducing liquids by  $\frac{2}{3}$ .
3. Add Demi Glace to pan and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes or until sauce has slightly thickened.

**DUKE OF SIRLOIN WITH PUB RUB**

Serves 4

4 sirloin steaks  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper, coarsely ground

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry using a clean paper towel.
3. In a small mixing bowl, combine oil, garlic, salt and pepper.
4. Generously rub steaks with mixture on all sides.
5. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.

**BARRON OF RIBEYE WITH ROYAL FOREST BUTTER**

Serves 4

4 ribeye steaks  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
1 recipe Royal Forest Butter

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Just before removing the steaks from the grill, place a generous slice of Royal Forest Butter on each steak.
6. Let steaks rest 2 minutes, while butter continues to melt and then serve.

**ROYAL FOREST BUTTER**

Makes  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound (6 to 8 servings)  
1 ounce shiitake mushrooms, dried, minced (can be found in produce section of grocery store)  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Worcestershire sauce  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup unsalted butter, softened  
1 tablespoon garlic, freshly minced  
Salt, to taste  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

**TOP 5 TIPS FOR PERFECT GRILLING**

1. Clean and pre-heat your grill on high.
2. Lightly oil and season food before you put it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling, using tongs or a spatula to turn the meat. Cover the grill as much as possible during the grilling process to help lock in the great flavor and to prevent flare-ups.
4. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after you turn over the food. This will give you an evenly cooked product.
5. Place your cooked food on a clean plate and allow to rest for five minutes before serving to retain moisture and juiciness.

1. In a small mixing bowl, add minced shiitake mushrooms and Worcestershire sauce, mixing well until liquid is all soaked up by dried mushrooms. Add butter, garlic, salt and pepper to mushroom mixture. Mix well until smooth.
2. Place the butter mixture in the middle of a large piece of plastic wrap. Form into a log and wrap tightly. Store butter in the refrigerator; it will keep for several weeks.
3. To use, unwrap butter and cut into coin shaped slices.

**COUNT STRIP LOIN WITH PARMESAN CRUSTED CROWN**

Serves 4

4 strip loin steaks  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup aged Parmesan cheese, finely grated  
4 teaspoons Italian parsley, chopped

1. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
  2. Coat steaks completely with Dijon mustard, using your hands.
  3. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with salt and black pepper.
  4. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese and pat down well to ensure it sticks.
  5. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon parsley.
  6. Steaks can be grilled, broiled or pan-sautéed in a non-stick pan to desired doneness.
- Tip: Steaks may be prepared one day ahead of time and stored in refrigerator until ready to cook.



Duke of Sirloin with Pub Rub

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# Know your rights when hiring moving company

Following a few simple rules when selecting a mover will go a long way toward protecting yourself from being victimized by scams this summer, according to Better Business Bureau and the American Moving & Storage Association. Chief among them: make sure you know who you're hiring and know your rights.

May was National Moving Month, the start of the busiest time of the year for changing residences. More than 37 million Americans — or about 13 percent — move to a different home every year, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

Every year, however, both BBB and AMSA receive complaints from consumers who have fallen prey to dishonest and often unlicensed moving companies. BBB received more than 8,900 complaints against movers in 2010 — a 5 percent increase over the previous year — primarily about damaged or lost goods and final prices in excess of original estimates. In a too-frequent worst-case scenario, the moving company holds the customer's belongings "hostage" and requires potentially thousands of dollars to unload the van.

One particularly-egregious complaint last year involved a consumer who hired a moving company found on Craigslist. A-1-A Jay's Way Moving quoted a reasonable price of \$80 per hour. It wasn't until they arrived at the new apartment that A-1-A Jay's Way Moving upped the price to \$800 — practically doubling the quoted price. Demanding the payment in cash, A-1-A Jay's Way Moving refused to unload the belongings and threatened that the furniture would be taken to storage, leaving the consumer no choice but to pay the drastic difference in price.

BBB discovered that the company did not have its required licensing as a household mover with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). A-1-A Jay's Way Moving did not respond to the complaint.

"Because anyone with a truck and a website can claim to be a mover, our industry is plagued by con artists who don't adhere to standards for honesty and ethical conduct," said AMSA President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr. "When it comes to such an important decision, you can prevent a lot of headaches by checking on a company in advance to identify which put



**More tips and information on how to choose a mover and plan your move are available at AMSA's consumer website; and the U.S. Department of Transportation's site. To research a mover or find your nearest Better Business Bureau, visit www.bbb.org.**

customer service and integrity first. For interstate moves, that means an AMSA-certified ProMover."

"Checking a mover's credentials is critical and easy. Last year alone, consumers relied on BBB more than one million times for finding a trustworthy mover," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "When making the final choice, go with a BBB Accredited Business or, at the very least, choose a business that has a good rating with BBB."

BBB and AMSA offer the following checklist for finding a trustworthy moving company:

- Research the company thoroughly. While state regulations vary, all interstate movers must, at minimum, be licensed by the federal government and are assigned a motor carrier number you can verify on FMCSA's website, www.protectyourmove.gov. Also check the company's rating with your BBB, which maintains more than 17,000 Business Reviews on movers across North America. Having at least a satisfactory BBB rating is one of seven screenings AMSA relies on when authorizing its interstate mover members to display the ProMover logo, the sign of a quality, professional mover which has pledged to abide by the organization's Code of Ethics.

- Get at least three written in-home estimates. No legitimate mover will offer to give you a firm price online or over the phone. Also keep in mind that the lowest estimate can sometimes be an unrealistic low-ball offer which can cost you more in the end.

- Know your rights. Research your rights as a consumer with either FMCSA for interstate moves or the state in which you reside for moves

within that state. Also, enlist the help of BBB or local law enforcement if the moving company fails to live up to its promises or threatens to hold your belongings hostage. FMCSA requires interstate movers to offer arbitration to help settle disputed claims.

- Consider getting full value protection. It may cost a few dollars more up front, but it can provide some peace of mind and eliminate a headache after your move. Investing in full (replacement) value protection means any lost or damaged articles will be repaired or replaced, or a cash settlement will be made to repair the item or to replace it at its current market value, regardless of age. It's important to note that the required minimum coverage of 60 cents per pound would not cover the replacement cost, for example, of a flat panel TV if damaged in transit.

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# Keep business dealings on up and up

**Q: Our managing agent finally admitted upon inquiry that our attorney has done work for him on a personal basis and never disclosed that to the board until specific questions were asked. The agent vehemently stands**



Robert Meisner

**behind our attorney as someone who can do a good job. What do you think?**

**A: That may well be the case, but the managing**

**agent should disclose any relationships of a business or personal nature with any persons with whom the association does business including this attorney. Query whether if there is a problem between the association managing agent and the attorney that the attorney will be willing to pursue the managing agent on behalf of the association or, for that matter, even "spill the beans" on the managing agent because of their relationship. Perhaps you need a new attorney and new management company.**

**Q: The president of our association has been charged with a felony. It occurred in the parking lot of our condominium. The victim is a member of our community and has signed an intent to prosecute. We have also had other problems with the president as far as conflict of interest, improper bids, and other criminal charges currently in file. Can our community and/or board be sued for his actions, and, if the victim is awarded damages and medical costs, can the members' property be attached for payment?**

**A: This is, of course, a difficult question which is very fact intensive, but if the other directors were aware of the president's problems and they did nothing, then they may be a part of the problem and potentially liable.**

In a sense, responsibility could also be placed on the members in that they elected him as a director. However, whether they have personal liability as members is another matter. Since the other directors elected him as president and did not control the situation, they could become liable. In any event, you are best advised to consult with your attorney and your insurance carrier as soon as possible.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 7-11, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

|  |   |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 6029 Inkster Rd<br>32715 Rosslyn Ave<br><b>Livonia</b>   | \$52,000<br>\$52,000  | 20149 E Whipple Dr<br>18905 Edenderry St<br>525 Fairbrook St<br>16147 Westminister Dr<br><b>Plymouth</b>                | \$265,000<br>\$475,000<br>\$25,000<br>\$20,000                | 11302 Riverdale<br>19979 Seminole<br><b>Westland</b>   | \$56,000<br>\$5,000  |
| 30545 Seven Mile Rd<br>15209 Arden St<br>9955 Bassett St<br>37454 Eagle Dr<br>9125 Frederick St<br>19631 Ingram St<br>9031 Laurel St<br>18316 Melvin St<br>29538 Oakview St<br>8937 Sunbury St<br>14517 Yale St<br><b>Northville</b> | \$75,000<br>\$80,000<br>\$128,000<br>\$165,000<br>\$110,000<br>\$103,000<br>\$75,000<br>\$108,000<br>\$105,000<br>\$55,000<br>\$168,000 | 1652 Cassidy Place Dr<br>963 Harding St<br>481 Irvin St<br>9280 Mayflower Dr<br>46877 W Ann Arbor Trl<br><b>Redford</b> | \$132,000<br>\$187,000<br>\$335,000<br>\$186,000<br>\$165,000 | 38278 Carolon Blvd<br>7310 Kubis St<br>34129 Majestic St<br>29002 Manchester St<br>28971 McDonald St<br>34963 Rosslyn St<br>865 S Carleton St<br>2601 S Christine<br><b>Westland</b> | \$19,000<br>\$50,000<br>\$78,000<br>\$15,000<br>\$38,000<br>\$48,000<br>\$79,000<br>\$72,000 |
| 44688 Crestmont Dr<br>41370 Northwind Dr<br>1439 Oakview Dr<br>42466 Saratoga Rd<br>2919 Stanton St<br>Garden City<br><b>Canton</b>  | \$142,000<br>\$38,000<br>\$129,000<br>\$26,000<br>\$235,000   | 18833 Brady<br>18264 Denby<br>20054 Macarthur<br>18477 Negaunee<br><b>Redford</b>                                       | \$40,000<br>\$55,000<br>\$15,000<br>\$55,000                  |  |  |

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 28 to March 4, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

|   |  |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 6794 Valley Spring Dr<br><b>Bloomfield Township</b>   | \$300,000  | 29980 Kingsway Dr<br>29243 Laurel Dr<br>33617 Old Timber Rd<br>22270 River Ridge Trl<br>31941 Wayburn St<br><b>Millford</b>  | \$213,000<br>\$70,000<br>\$262,000<br>\$136,000<br>\$115,000                                       | 240 Wainwright St<br>29346 Weston Dr<br>23385 Whitehall Dr<br>28297 Wolcott Dr<br><b>South Lyon</b>    | \$130,000<br>\$148,000<br>\$420,000<br>\$84,000 |
| 4781 Avondale Ter<br>826 Edgemont Run<br>2689 Kentmoor Rd<br><b>Commerce Township</b>                     | \$1,865,000<br>\$240,000<br>\$189,000            | 4384 Lancashire<br>2992 Old Plank Rd<br><b>Novi</b>  | \$60,000<br>\$65,000   | 54365 Birchwood Dr<br>21151 Laser Ln<br>390 Princeton Dr<br><b>Southfield</b>                          | \$30,000<br>\$220,000<br>\$121,000              |
| 1736 Huron Springs Ln<br>3282 Lochmore Ct<br>8635 Oakside Ave<br>4449 Philip<br><b>Farmington Hills</b>   | \$170,000<br>\$180,000<br>\$79,000<br>\$308,000  | 26548 Anchorage Ct<br>44700 Bayview Dr<br>25472 Danyas Way<br>25486 Danyas Way<br>4415 Grand Riv Ave<br>25780 Island Lake Dr<br>47194 Scarlet Dr S<br>39826 Village Wood Cir | \$645,000<br>\$45,000<br>\$335,000<br>\$350,000<br>\$128,000<br>\$390,000<br>\$178,000<br>\$33,000 | 26403 Islesworth Pt<br>23234 Poplar Dr<br>20635 Westland Dr<br>20290 Willowick Dr<br><b>White Lake</b> | \$127,000<br>\$32,000<br>\$36,000<br>\$120,000  |
| 2550 Derby Rd<br>1050 Donmar Ct<br>1913 Henrietta St<br>4079 Willoway Place Dr<br><b>Bloomfield Hills</b> | \$165,000<br>\$252,000<br>\$425,000<br>\$177,000 | 112 Danforth St<br>1149 Pincrest Dr  |  |  | \$44,000<br>\$220,000                           |
| 373 S Williamsbury Rd<br>1301 Trowbridge Rd<br><b>Bloomfield Hills</b>                                    | \$145,000<br>\$480,000                           |  |  |  |   |

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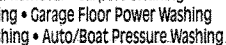
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Furniture for entire home &  
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Saltz, btwn Ridge and Beck.  
6/17 & 18, 9am-5pm

**CANTON**: Sub-wide sale at  
the Covens of Canton, NE  
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clubs & household items.

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June 19 9-1.

**FARMINGTON** Estate Sale!  
Victorian sofa, antiques,  
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items. June 16-18, 9am-4pm.  
32361 Marblehead, Bel-Aire  
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St., just W of Orchard Lake Rd.  
June 18, 10-4pm. 248-306-  
0661. Come see our quality  
items & enjoy a free car wash!

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furniture & misc. June 17-18,  
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**LIVONIA** 38629 Tuscan Ct.  
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Stamford Dr. Livonia June 16-  
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Community Garage Sale.  
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**LIVONIA**: 28971 Minton.  
HUGE, 6/16-17, 9-4, 6/18, 9-1.  
50 yrs. + accumulation Wilton  
Cake pans, supplies, Tons of  
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**LIVONIA: BIG SALE!** A little  
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Everything needs to go.  
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Fri. June 17, 10a-5p.  
Sat. June 18, 10a-5p.  
34975 Norfolk, 1 blk South  
of 8 Mile, West off Gill Rd.

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18, 8am-5pm.

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Sun, 7am-6pm. Really cheap  
prices on Sunday!

**SOUTH LYON**: Everything  
Must Go! 60200 9 Mile Rd.  
Thurs-Sat., June 16-18, 9-8.  
6 family garage, moving, out-  
of business sale. Florals,  
Pottery, Candles, Baskets,  
Collectibles, etc.

**SOUTH LYON**: Garage/Barn-3  
different sales! June 16, 17,  
18, 9am-5pm. 5160 St Mile at  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD**: 3 Family  
Sale! Household, seasonal  
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Peachtree Ct., Hiller & Greer.

**WESTLAND** Huge Sale - June  
16, 17 & 18, 8am-4pm. 39818  
Edmundton, Holiday Park Sub.  
Haggerty & Hix, off Joy. Kid's  
clothes, toys, furniture, house-  
ware, craft supplies & more!

**WESTLAND**:  
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Off Hix, btwn Joy & Warren.

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**LIVONIA**  
14680 SANTA ANITA, 5  
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50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, sunny and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **☎292317**

**LET'S GO!**  
I am a SWF, 52", in my 60s, brown eyes, brunnet, who loves movies, casinos, arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentleman, for a possible relationship. Call and leave a message. **☎282305**

**SUNRISES AND SUNSETS**  
Let's be happy together! SWPF, 48, 52", 110lbs, professional, caring, beautiful and pure, NS, likes concerts, gardening, walking along the beach, long drives, takes a nice, caring SWM, professional, dedicated to family with integrity, 44-50, NS, who is sincere to share love, beautiful moments and more. **☎338430**

**TOTAL LOSER!**  
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no I.O. no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1921. OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SJPF, 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. **☎324039**

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Attractive SWF, 55', 125lbs, fun-loving, attractive blonde who is retired would love the companionship of a gentleman, 65+, with a pleasing personality. **☎330211**

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**LET'S GO CAMPING**  
SWF, 52, 5'5", plus size, beautiful eyes, pretty smile, NS, looking for a man, 50-60, for long walks, swimming, outdoors, possible LTR. **☎338080**

**SEEKS HONEST MAN**  
SWF, 53, 5'2", 150lbs, autumn hair, 45-65, smoker, for friendship, going out to eat, dancing, social events, possible companionship. **☎338127**

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Well-educated, attractive female, brown hair and eyes, 5'9". Looking for companion to enjoy movies, dining, travel, etc. Love to cook even better (I love Italian food). If you're a sweet man, in your 40s to 50s, have pretty eyes, and know how to spoil a lady, call me. **☎332666**

**SAY I DO**  
Me: Black, short, young, extremely sexy, very sensitive, slightly dominant ways, lives alone. You: not white, under 50, tall, 200-300lbs, stable, gentle, compassionate, handyman, very affectionate. We are: NS, ND, NChildren, monogamist, serious, poetry, cooking, jazz, homebody, very laid back, wants marriage, no pets. Leave name and number only. **☎328635**

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