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Stop by the former Eloise property in Westland today where the Signal Seekers RC Club of Michigan is holding a second day of its second annual Father's Day Open House. An official Academy of Model Aeronautics opening day Take off And Grow event, it will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the field is on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman. Access is off Henry Ruff on the east side of the field. Activities include flight demos, static RC displays, computer flight simulator, Ground School, instructor buddy box flying and an introduction to remote controlled aeromodelling. There also will be 50/50 and prize raffles and concessions. For more information, visit www.michigansignalseekers.org.

Reaching out

The free Neighborhood Energy-Savings Outreach program launched in May for Norwayne Subdivision homeowners and renters has been expanded to all Westland residents. DTE Energy will provide simple energy-saving improvements and a better understanding of energy costs. Consumers Energy will provide pipe wrapping devices to make homes more energy efficient. For participating residents, DTE Energy will assess the energy efficiency of their home and discuss ways to lower energy costs. In addition, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy will share the cost of the water saving devices. They will professionally install free energy- and water-saving products in homes, including ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs, water-saving shower heads, water-saving faucet aerators in the kitchen and bath, and hot water pipe wrap. To schedule a Home Energy consultation, call (877) 497-2191.

Face of fathers

Whether peach fuzz or stubborn gray, there is no greater face than the face of a father. Submit a favorite photo of your father to the Westland Observer and he could win movie passes for four to any Imagine Theater and an "Ultimate Shaving Kit" (barbershop-quality grooming product from The Real Shaving Company). Twenty-five lucky dads will be selected in a random drawing. It's easy to enter. Just send in a favorite photo and include his name, your name, where you live, where he lives and an e-mail address or phone number so we can contact you. Be sure to tell us why this is your favorite photo. All photos must be submitted by Friday, June 24. Send your photo (jpg only - attach it to the e-mail with the information requested here) to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. E-mail submissions only. The shaving kit includes a self-heating face mask, shave cream, facial scrub and skin soothing balm.

W-W to interview candidates for vacancy

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There are several familiar names on the list of candidates who are interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland school board. The board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the board office in the Administrative Services Building on Marquette to select a candidate to fill

the remainder of term that had been held by William Gabriel, who resigned effective May 26. Submitting letters of interest by the June 13 deadline were Scott Davis of Westland, Virginia Shroat, Terry Hannah of Wayne, Frederick Weaver of Westland, Philip Palmer of Inkster and Terry Barkley of Wayne. Jeffrey Hayton of Westland also applied, but will be disqualified because he already

is serving on the school board. His term expires June 30, and the current vacancy must be filled within 30 days of the resignation to avoid having the selection made by the Wayne RESA school board. Davis and Weaver are familiar faces for the board members. Davis was a candidate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Pitsenbarger in January. The general manager of

Value City Furniture in Westland, he also ran for a seat on the board in the May school election. Weaver is a former school trustee who served on the board before resigning in August 2008 after taking a position with North Point Ministries in Midland. A minister, he left that position earlier this year and has

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Jaz Bridges-Henry signs the yearbook of Logan Graham on the last day of school Thursday at Elliott Elementary in Westland.

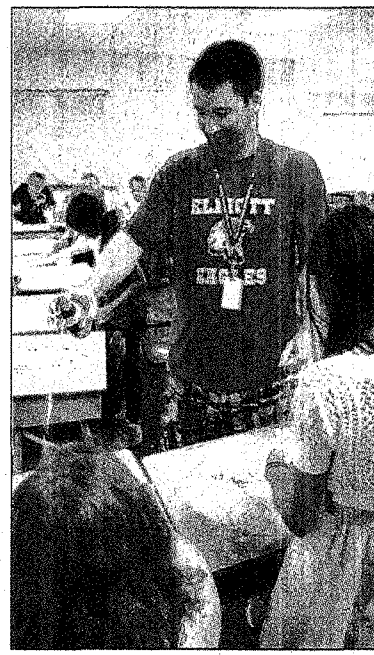
Elliott students lather up desks for year-end cleaning

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fourth-grade teacher Alan McGowan had a few rules for his class on the last day of school. Writing their initials on their desks in shaving cream, he advised them not to get it on themselves or he'd have to step in. "If they rub it in all the way, it disappears," he said as the aroma of the Barbasol shaving cream filled the room. "Or if it doesn't, we can use a sponge." While students thought playing with the shaving cream was fun, it served a purpose — cleaning a school year's worth of grime from the wooden desk

tops. It was one of the many things students at Elliott Elementary School in Westland did as the seconds ticked away to the end of the 2010-11 school year. While Kya Tyson was excited that she could "get it all over my hands and make a mess," Alexis Dennis in Roxana Bueter's fourth-grade class had her head down on her desk, lamenting the end of the school year. She's leaving Elliott for Adams Upper Elementary. "I'm sad because I'm leaving my teachers and my friends," she said. "It's been fun this year, I liked everything we did."

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Fourth-grade teacher Alan McGowan writes the initials of his students' name in shaving cream as part of a year-end desk cleaning tradition.

Trial ordered for man accused of setting fire

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been ordered bound over to stand trial on arson charges for a fire that destroyed an apartment following a party celebrating the end of the school year. Westland 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell rejected the defense's argument that Matthew Bernard Russo, 17, hadn't intended to set the fire at a unit in the Westwood Village apartments in the early hours of May 26. After Russo was arrested and allowed time to sober up, Westland police Sgt. Daniel Serrano said that he interviewed him about the fire. Initially, Russo said that his friend Dillon Vallance, 17, whose family was in the process of moving from the apartment, had started the fire. Before he interviewed Russo, Serrano said that he had already talked to Vallance and some of the other teens who attended the party. "I told him I knew what happened and this was his chance to give his version," said Serrano. In oral and written statements, Russo described being alone in the apartment, drinking beer and lighting a piece of paper. Russo said he would blow out the burning paper, then light it again. "He dropped it into a bin type container of books. It smoldered and he thought the smoke was cool," said Serrano. When he decided to put out the fire, Serrano said Russo told him he had dumped over the bin and tried

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Dine and donate benefits veterans memorial

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Enjoy a meal at the Westland Buffalo Wild Wings during June and July to help with the construction of a new veterans memorial in Central City Park. Just tell the server that you're there for the Westland Veterans Memorial and 20 percent of the bill be donated to help fund the new memorial. Some type of coupon for the fundraiser is expected to be ready at a later date. The

restaurant is located at 6677 N. Wayne Road just north of Hunter. "You can tell them verbally, this is very generous of them. Usually this (type of donation) would be for a day or a week," said Westland Council President James Godbout, who announced the fundraiser. As planned, the new Westland Veterans Memorial Garden would be constructed around the pond in Central City Park with 10 panels containing information on wars

fought by Americans, flags and brick pavers. The memorial would be constructed in phases with plans to have the first phase dedicated on Veterans Day 2012. Another upcoming fundraiser for the veterans association is their golf outing Saturday, Aug. 6, at Inkster Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$90 per person, including lunch, two drink tickets and dinner to be held with the awards presentation at

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Residents divided over lighting assessment increase

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents will have another chance to express their views on a proposed increase in street lighting assessment.

The City Council will consider adopting the street lighting special assessment roll at its Monday, June 20, meeting. Public comments will be taken at that meeting. The council has already heard from residents at a special meeting June 8.

Some people told the council they love their street lights, others complained their lights often don't work. And a few people called for the lights to be removed or shut off. The only thing that most of the 50 or so people at the public hearing on Westland's street

lighting assessment agreed on — they don't want to pay higher assessments.

"I definitely protest any increase in my taxes. We elected you — you work for us," said David Foltz, who lives on Avondale. "You're not going to spend your way out of this like Washington."

Providing the number of the light pole in his yard, Foltz called on the city to turn off the street light and let people be responsible for their own safety.

At a special meeting held at the Bailey Recreation Center, city officials listened to resident comments and questions for the better part of two hours. Each Westland property owner — residential and commercial — received a notice on the proposed

increase in costs for street lighting. That included property owners who don't have street lights and have a zero assessment.

The more than 100 street lighting special assessment districts were established as property was being developed. Some districts date back to the 1950s with the most recent established in 2005.

The special assessment charges hadn't been adjusted since 1991 with the average 3 percent annual rate increase from DTE Energy being subsidized from Metro Broadband funds and the general fund.

Based on the recommendation of the city auditors, the city proposed ending the subsidy of the street lighting costs — over \$500,000 in the current fiscal year — to make the

fund self-supporting.

Deerhurst Condominiums resident George Diaz was an exception at the public hearing — he supported paying for the street lighting.

"We had a major crime problem last year. We had to pay extra to have a security guard," said Diaz. "If the lights were off, it would be a security concern, even a matter of life and death. It's a \$5 per year increase for me. My property assessment has gone down and the taxes are down to offset this."

Other residents were facing much larger increases in their assessments. Some expressed opposition to the assessment increase citing tight finances, disability or living on a fixed income. Other residents wanted the assessments to be

charged more uniformly city-wide.

"I'm opposed to mine going from \$84 to \$134. There is a big disparity in costs," said Denise Bennett, who lives on Laramie. "Why are we not all being assessed the same, if we live in the city and drive on the roads?"

But as Assessing Director James Elrod told residents, the costs for the special assessments vary a great deal depending on the number of homes and lights within a district and the wide range of lighting types.

Responding to other questions, Elrod said schools, churches and municipal property have to pay for special assessments like lighting despite being exempt from property taxes.

Another complaint was that the council had adopted its 2011-12 fiscal year budget prior to the public hearing on the special assessment. Mayor William Wild said that the budget has to be presented by April 1 and if council members didn't approve the assessment increase, the budget would be adjusted accordingly.

"Unfortunately, this is one of the unpopular decisions you have to make as mayor," said Wild. "Some people will say they are nickel and diming us. I absolutely agree, but I know that this is the right decision."

Some cities are deciding to shut off street lights to save money but Wild said he thought that was a bad decision in terms of public safety.

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TRIAL

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to stamp the fire out with his feet. When that didn't work, he put an article of clothing over the fire which also failed to extinguish it.

At that point, Russo reported fleeing the apartment, shutting the door behind him, then going to look for Vallance, Serrano said.

Witnesses, residents of a

second apartment building, called police about a male was knocking on doors calling for someone named Dillon. The witnesses told police that the male had set fire to a bulletin board in the hallway of their building.

When he arrived to assist firefighters, Westland police Officer Cameron Sleep testified that the witnesses were able to point out Russo from the crowd of bystanders. Sleep said he spotted Russo running across a field to the building

where he lived, where he was eventually taken into custody.

A Livonia Churchill High School classmate and friend of Russo, Vallance, 17, testified that his family was in the process of moving out the apartment which was largely empty when he hosted the party.

About five teens were present, Vallance said, hanging out playing hacky sack, some drinking beer and smoking a synthetic marijuana product. Russo was alone in the apartment, he said, after the party

broke up.

"We all decided to go — one guy had school and they were my ride back home. Another guy left on his own — he had a car," said Vallance, who testified he had consumed five beers during the gathering. "Matt stayed to finish his 40 (ounce beer). He lived a couple of buildings over in the complex."

The fire in the apartment originated inside closet, where no ignition sources could be identified, Westland Fire Capt.

John Adams said.

"I eliminated all ignition sources, so it was probable that an open flame came into contact with paper," said Adams.

No one was injured in the fire which destroyed the first floor apartment, one of 12 apartments in the building.

Defense attorney William Ford argued that the required element of intent hadn't been shown by the testimony.

"He (Russo) clearly indicated it was an accident and he tried to put the fire out," said Ford.

"There are smoke detectors in the hallway. Lighting the fire (of the bulletin board) could be a way to alert people quickly."

Ordering Russo bound over for trial, McConnell said the defense argument was undermined by the fact that two fires were started within a short time frame.

Free on \$20,000/10 percent bond, Russo is scheduled for circuit court arraignment on June 30.

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VACANCY

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returned to the home he owns in Westland.

Shroat is employed by R.L. Polk & Company in Southfield as the senior director of business planning and analysis. Married, she has two children ages 6 and 4 and is active in the community.

Hannah is a franchise owner

of Clean Net USA. She has a bachelor of science degree in technology management and a master's degree in human resources and organizational development. She has six children, three of whom attend Wayne-Westland schools.

Palmer is retired from the S.P. Richards Co., where he was a buyer and customer service representative. He has been a resident of the school district for 34 years.

He has three grown children

who graduated from Wayne Memorial High School.

Barkley is an art and speech instructor at the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi where she teaches English fundamentals, college English and effective speaking.

Once selected, the new member will have to file an Acceptance of Office, Affidavit of Eligibility and take an oath of office.

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MEMORIAL

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Buffalo Wild Wings.

The veterans association are also hosting the upcoming visit by the Vietnam Moving Wall July 21-25 on the City Hall grounds.

The Westland Veterans Association is selling commemorative T-shirts at various businesses and from June

30 through July 4 during the Westland Summer Festival.

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

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


The overall length of the moving wall is 252.83 feet,

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

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THE LAST TIME

Parishioners prepare for closing of St. Bernardine of Siena Church

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four children confirmed and three of them married at St. Bernardine of Siena Catholic Church, Judy Canfield has a lot of good memories from her years as a parishioner at the Westland church which will hold its final Mass Sunday, June 26.

"It's sad but it's reality, life goes on," said Canfield, who joined the parish 39 years ago. "I haven't decided where (which church) I will transfer to. I'm not trying other churches until after St. Bernardine closes."

"I'm staying until after the last day," said Al Boglarsky, who was a parishioner for 41 years and expects he'll start attending nearby St. Damian Catholic Church. "I will miss the people. I know them all when I come here."

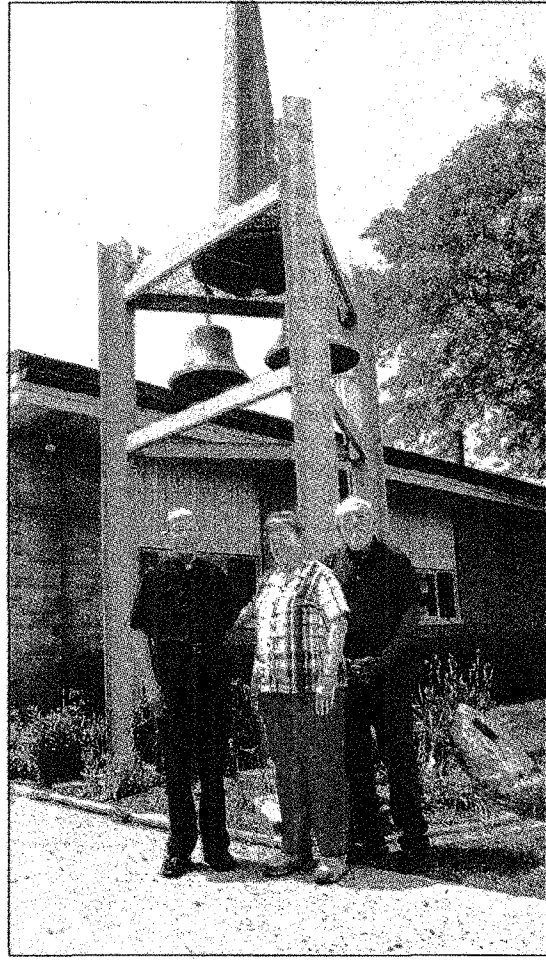
Canfield and Boglarsky recall the days when most of the parish members walked to services from the adjoining neighborhoods.

"Now just one or two walk," said Boglarsky.

"It's because we're so old," responded Canfield. "I'm half a mile away. So many times I walked with my family. It was the family spirit, it was like one big family."

The closing isn't unexpected. Located at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, the parish was founded in 1957 with the first Mass held at Hawthorne Valley. The church was completed in 1958 and at its peak had 750 families in the parish. Today, that number is about 260 families.

"We had a process called Together in Faith. The parish evaluated itself and looked into the future," said Canfield. "When our priest retired,



The Rev. Sal Briffa, pastor at St. Bernardine of Siena, (left), with long-time parishioners Judy Canfield and Al Boglarsky are preparing for the Westland church to close at the end of the month.

there would be no priest for us. So when he retired, we would close."

The Rev. Salvino Briffa, pastor at St. Bernardine for 10 years, is officially retiring June 30 although he spend a few months handling administrative duties for St. Damian and St. Theodore churches until they get new pastors.

"This is a very friendly parish — adaptable to changes in the church. The majority are regular church goers," said Briffa, a native of Malta who in March celebrated 40 years as a priest. "They are very faithful and ready to volunteer for any activities."

St. Bernardine had a lot

of social activities for parish members until the last few years, Canfield said, but as parishioners got older, younger members didn't step forward to take on volunteer duties.

A parish dinner set for Friday, June 24, at Joy Manor is sold out with 325 people expected to attend. The final Mass is set for 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26.

"I don't know if it (the closing) will be hard. We'll see friends no matter what church we move to," said Canfield. "At the new church, I will no longer volunteer. I will put my envelope in the collection."

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Churchill grad among U-M students visiting Africa

Jessica McClain of Westland, a 2009 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, will travel this month to Gabon, a French speaking nation in Central Africa.

McClain is one of 10 University of Michigan students participating in the Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates (GIEU).

Students will be involved in a variety of intercultural experiences and activities ranging from ethno-graphic observation-participation, to practical involvement in artistic activities and performances, workshops and semi-



Jessica McClain

nars with academics and artists, and guided visits into various historical and cultural sites. Participants will further explore Gabon's cultural vibrancy and build relationships with local communities through accommodations with host families in Libreville and villages surrounding Oyem city. The site leaders for this project are Mbala Nkanga, associate professor in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, and

Student Fellow Lucy DeLisa. McClain is a junior at Michigan, a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and a member of the Pompon team. Her coursework is concentrated in organizational studies, with a minor in French.

"I can't wait to try new foods, meet new people and experience life outside the U.S.," she said. "I am so thankful to be part of this project!"

On her return to the United States in July, McClain will add a stop to visit Paris for Bastille Day and London for the premiere of the latest Harry Potter movie.

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LPSI board to adopt tight \$146 million budget

BY KAREN SMITH
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The Livonia school board will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and tax rates for the 2011-12 school year at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday in the board office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

"There are no program reductions," said Superintendent Randy Liepa, adding class sizes, programs and transportation remain the same as this school year. "Two months ago I never would

have thought that would be the case."

The proposed budget, which administrators were still fine-tuning Friday, calls for \$141.7 million in revenues and \$146.2 million in expenditures, Director of Business Services Lisa Abbey said. It calls for using \$4.5 million of \$4.7 million in fund equity from this year's budget, which ends June 30.

Liepa said the budget is so tight that if a boiler blows, the district will go into deficit. This school year's budget, for

which the board is expected to adopt a final amendment Wednesday, was \$142.8 million in revenues and \$144.8 in expenditures. At the start of this school year, the board increased class sizes, reduced bus stops and increased sports fees.

Liepa and Abbey said one reason no programs were reduced for next school year is that the board has been working to secure \$5 million in cost savings and revenue enhancements, including negotiating with its seven employee groups.

"We worked a lot with our employees," Abbey said. "That's primarily the main thing." The board is expected to approve three tentative agreements Wednesday, including one with its teachers' union, the Livonia Education Association.

In addition, state funding will be higher than was originally projected. Livonia will receive an additional \$3 million more from the final State Aid Bill than administrators had thought.

Next year's budget was based on a foundation allowance of

\$8,219 per student; last year it was \$8,277, Abbey said.

The district expects to lose about 300 students from declining enrollment; 82 teachers received pink slips earlier this month, though as many as possible of those teachers will be called back, administrators said.

Liepa said the board will continue to look for cost savings and revenue enhancements throughout the school year.

The board will also set tax rates on Wednesday.

The sinking fund tax rate will remain the same at 1.12 mills. But the debt-fund tax rate will go from 1.99 to 2.20 mills, and the .51 hold harmless millage on homestead property will disappear because Livonia is no longer a hold-harmless district.

That means a resident having a home with a \$75,000 taxable value will pay \$22 less per year in overall school taxes, Abbey said. "That's a savings to our taxpayers."

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LAST DAY

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Classmate Erica Brannon put a different spin on it.

"I'm happy because I can hang out with my friends and play and there's no more school work," she said. "And I get to sleep in, like praise the Lord!"

All around the schools, youngsters were busy cleaning the outside and sometimes of the insides of their, working on memory books, answering such difficult questions as what was your favorite field trip or tracking down classmates and teachers to sign their yearbooks.

As part of the last day activities for her class, Bueter pulled out the markers and a large sheet of green paper that she put on the floor. She invited her students gather around it.

"I want you to write messages for next year's students," she told them. It didn't take but a few seconds,



Working the shaving cream into the tops of their desk are fourth-graders Stephanie Rogers (left) and Kya Tyson.

before students were shoulder to shoulder, writing notes for the incoming fourth-graders.

Nina Porcaro, a third-grader in Kristy Steffes's class, was filling in the squares in her memory book. Her favorite field trip was to the Jiffy Mix Factory, her favorite thing she liked about school included seeing her friends and her favorite subject math.

"I liked doing the fund projects at the end of the year and through the year," she added.

While students were excited about the last day of school, third-grade teacher Hilary Dixon wasn't quite so sure. Watching her students get anyone and everyone to sign their memory books and yearbooks, she admitted it was going to be sad when the school year ended.

"This is a hard year to leave," she said. "This is an amazing group of individuals who worked hard and exceeded my expectations. These are truly lovely children. This is my favorite grade."

By the time school was out, the hallways smelled of the shaving cream, and for students the last bell of the school year was the fire alarm. The school did one last fire drill to send students on their way.

"They have to go outside and be out there in their quite lines," said paraprofessional Mary Konopka. "We've been doing it the past few days, it gets them outside without all the chaos."

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Lawmaker earns accolades for helping W-W district

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



K. Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, may have stopped by the Wayne-Westland school board meeting Monday evening to talk politics, but he walked away with the "heartfelt thanks" of the school district.

"We're well of Mr. Heise's efforts in the school aid initiative and Wayne-Westland's language," said school Superintendent Greg Baracy. "He recognized our situation and went to work for us. I can't thank him enough for what he has done for Wayne-Westland."

Heise was instrumental in getting a portion of Wayne-Westland's equity funding returned to the district after it had been axed from the school aid budget by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"It's typical that they say it's for one year, that it's a one-year fix, but I take it to mean we have another shot at it next year," said Heise, whose 20th District includes the entire city of Wayne.

He was one of four

Republicans to vote against the entire school aid budget, telling board members that it was because of "the damage it was doing to all districts."

"The all-day kindergarten mandate will impact Plymouth-Canton and Northville Schools severely," he said. "Hopefully better days are ahead, and I can bring the money back to the district."

Heise added that lawmakers are busy with other educational reforms. The House has sent a package of four bills to the Senate that would reform teacher tenure laws.

"The consensus is that the current teacher tenure law isn't working well," he said. "Originally the idea was to get rid of teacher tenure, but I think a compromise will be worked out, but we need your input on this. I don't think anything will be done during the summer."

Heise added that he has yet to see the draft of the redistricting map and is unsure if Wayne will continue to be in his district. However, any changes are 1 1/2 years off, he said.

Baracy described Heise as "great listener." He met with him in February related to the equity funding Wayne-Westland receives. He said Heise sought out a lot of data about Wayne-Westland in his push to help the district.

"I can say without question he was there for us," said Baracy. "We understand why he voted no on the budget even though it included the Wayne-Westland language. We're just thankful for all his hard work."

"He truly is what a legislator is and should be," added school board President Skip Monit. "He worked for the people of Wayne-Westland and for the kids."

Baracy said that the district will have its legislators in at a later date to honor them for what they did.

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Family pleased with Orlewicz decision

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The family of the victim in the grisly November 2007 Canton murder that once drew headlines as a "thrill kill" thinks there might be a light at the end of a very long, very tiring tunnel.

And, for once, they think the light might not be attached to an oncoming train.

Kim and James Sorensen of Westland, who've lived with the nightmare of their son's murder for nearly four years, were delighted by Tuesday's Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township man convicted three years ago of killing their 26-year-old son, Daniel, is not entitled to a new trial.



Orlewicz

"We feel good about this," said James Sorensen, "We feel very gratified that the court found in favor of the prosecution. This has been

going on for over three years, so it is nice to know it's almost over."

The appellate court's decision reversed one made by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow, who ruled in December 2009 that Orlewicz's attorneys were correct in saying the convicted killer's rights were violated when original trial judge Annette Berry didn't allow psychiatric testimony in the original trial.

Morrow agreed, say-



FILE PHOTO

James and Kimberley Sorensen, parents of victim Daniel Sorensen, reacted to photos of the crime scene shown to the jury during the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted of killing their son.

ing Berry's decision denied Orlewicz — now serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole — his right to effective counsel by not allowing psychiatrists to testify. According to

Orlewicz's lawyers, psychiatrists would have told the jury about Orlewicz's mental condition at the time of the killing.

Orlewicz's appeals attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, has said psychiatrists would have testified the brain of a 17-year-old is not fully developed and therefore children that age are less culpable than adults.

"I'm very disappointed as a lawyer, and the family is very disappointed," Jacobs said of the appellate decision. "We believe strongly in these issues and will be taking them to the Michigan Supreme Court."

The Sorensens feel just as strongly about the psychiatric issues, calling the defense's contention about the development of a 17-year-old brain "scary and laughable."

"Should we therefore never

hold anyone under 17 responsible for their actions?" James Sorensen said.

Orlewicz's appeal didn't follow a normal track once it got to the Michigan Court of Appeals. A three-judge panel heard the original arguments back in September. But the panel was reduced to two members after Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Brian Zahra to the Michigan Supreme Court in January. The two remaining members couldn't agree on a decision.

"The other two were at log-gerheads," Jacobs said.

A new panel reviewed tapes of the original September arguments, then heard additional oral arguments June 8. The second panel published its opinion Tuesday. In rendering their opinion, judges said, in part, "(Morrow) erred in granting

defendant's new trial, and we reverse that grant."

"Defendant has not presented to us any errors or infringements of his rights that warrant reversal, and he waived his public trial issue," the panel ruled. "We therefore affirm defendant's convictions and sentences."

Jacobs was quick to say the fight isn't quite over. She will appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, probably by the end of July. That prospect is unpleasant to the Sorensens, but they feel confident in the outcome.

"We know there is still the Michigan Supreme Court, but I feel that's just a formality," James Sorensen said. "I just can't see them overturning the Appellate Court decision."

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Walk raises money for Hydrocephalus Association

More than 500 walkers representing local families, schools, corporations and organizations are expected to mobilize for the Hydrocephalus Association's Detroit WALK.

The event will take place Saturday, July 2, at the Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park in Westland. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. The money will support the HA's national goal to raise more than \$750,000 for critical hydrocephalus research and education.

"There's no cure for hydrocephalus and the current treatment was developed in the 1950s. We need to raise money for research to find a cure and improve treatment options," said Jennifer Bechard, who is chairperson for the local WALK. "Anyone can develop hydrocephalus at any age and it's more prevalent than most people think. It's time to find a cure."

Bechard has had 91 surgeries so far due to shunt complications as a result of Hydrocephalus. Her 91st surgery occurred as the ribbon was cut at the opening ceremonies at last year's WALK. More than 70 of them have occurred in just the last five years. Getting through the shock and the periods of uncertainty following every surgery would not have been possible without the support provided by the Hydrocephalus Association.

"We are very excited about our event," said Jenna Ellis, who is the other chairperson for the local WALK. "The WALK Logistics and Organizing Committee, which is responsible for the event's planning and execution, is currently seeking additional volunteers."

People interested in assisting can call Ellis at (734) 788-1077.

Last year the Hydrocephalus Association WALKs raised more than \$640,000 from 25 sites. This year fundraising is expected to top \$750,000. All Hydrocephalus Association WALKs are coordinated and run solely by volunteers with all of the proceeds used to eliminate the challenges of hydrocephalus by funding critical research and education.

Sponsors for the Hydrocephalus Association's Detroit WALK 2011 include: John E. Green Company, Detroit Medical Center, Sweet P's Organic Pet, Carlson Catering and Eastside Mario's.

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Check credentials on tax relief pro, don't ignore IRS notices

Q: Dear Rick: I hope you can help me with a tax issue. A few years ago, with my business tanking, I filed for bankruptcy. At the time I owed money on my back taxes and the IRS was notified. I was told that I still owed the IRS, however, I assumed that they knew that I had no money to pay my taxes. Over the last few years I have gotten notices from the IRS. I ignored them. As one of my friends said, they can't get blood from a rock. Recently, I got a new job and all of a sudden the IRS has started garnishing my wages. Can they do that? It has been suggested to me that I deal with the IRS. I see these commercials on TV about tax resolution companies and how people pay pennies on the dollar to solve their problem. I am thinking about hiring one of these companies. Do you think this



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

mean I don't recommend hiring a professional to help you resolve your issues with the IRS. I am not a fan of the companies that you see on TV. So many of them make fraudulent claims and in the long run, you lose more money. In this difficult economy, there are many people facing tax problems. At the same time, there has been an explosion in the number of companies advertising that they can resolve issues with the IRS. All you have to do is watch

makes sense? Which one would you recommend?

A: Yes the IRS can garnish your wages and no, I do not recommend the tax resolution companies that you see on TV. That doesn't

late-night TV and you see the commercials, all advertising how they can settle claims for pennies on the dollar. These commercials are no different than the real estate ads that we used to see depicting how to buy real estate with no money down and make millions. We all know that those ads aren't true and the same can be said about the ads you see in regards to tax relief. They make claims that they know just aren't true.

OVERSTATED RESULTS

We all know that when it comes to advertising, some puffing is allowed. However, there is a line crossed by too many tax relief companies. State and federal regulators have been bringing numerous actions against some of these companies. In fact, some of the companies that you hear advertised on TV have run into problems with regulators. Recently, American Tax Relief,

Tax Masters and Roni Deutch have all been charged with misrepresentation, one way or the other. In fact, because of claims brought by the state of California, the offices of Roni Deutch have filed for bankruptcy.

My advice is to avoid companies you see on TV and hire someone locally that can help resolve your issues.

It may be difficult to hire the right company to handle your issues. Obviously, you want to deal with a professional and someone who has a vast amount of experience in dealing with tax resolution issues. Just because a someone can file a tax return it does not mean he/she has the skills and knowledge to deal with tax resolutions.

Therefore when you hire someone, make sure that you check them out thoroughly and confirm that they have the proper credentials. For the average person it may be diffi-

cult to locate the right person. That is why getting referrals from family and friends, or other professionals, is helpful. You can also get referrals by contacting the local bar and/or CPA associations.

I wish I could tell you all the specific things to look for when hiring a tax resolution specialist, but I can't. Obviously, one major factor is how well you relate to the individual and how comfortable you feel in dealing with them. One thing I can say is beware of someone who is overly aggressive with a sales tactics or someone who asks for 100 percent of the fee upfront. Paying a retainer is common, however, paying 100 percent of the fee upfront is something I question.

One other issue to address is that over the last few years you ignored correspondences from the IRS. One of the worst things taxpayers can do is to ignore the IRS. Even

if you don't have the money to pay, don't ignore the IRS. Resolving tax issues with the IRS, although easier than it was a number of years ago, is still difficult. What makes it even more difficult is when taxpayers choose to ignore the IRS. I have found that taxpayers who are responsive to the IRS have a better opportunity to resolve issues favorably.

We have all seen and heard the ads claiming all we need to do is take a pill and we won't have to work out and can have washboard abs. Believe me, I wish that was true, however, I know it's not. When it comes to ads on TV and radio, we all have to recognize that if it sounds too good to be true, it's not. Good luck!

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AROUND WESTLAND

Wrestling camp

The Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 1-4 p.m. July 25-29 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to high school students. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 25. There will also be a Youth

Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-29 for youngsters in kindergarten through eighth-grade in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25.

Registration forms are available at www.glennwrestling.com. If you have any questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Scrapbooking

A Scrapbooking Day will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. The cost is \$5 per person.

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

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.

Butterfly lecture

Brenda Dzedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present a lecture on attracting butterflies to your garden at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the William P. Faust Public Library

of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

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

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe

environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

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

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 25
Details: The Wayne Garden Club will hold their annual garden walk - "Music in the Garden" - Saturday, June 25. Tickets, which cost \$10, will be on sale the morning of the event at the CVS store at the corner of Glenwood and Newburgh. All of the featured gardens are located in one neighborhood. Each of the garden visits will be accompanied by music.

Past Forward

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6
Location: Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Learn about Karma along with "Past Lives." Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess? Gayle Buchan, certified hypnoterapist, and Kristy Robinett, psychic medium, take you on a journey of your past lives. Open the book to your past and learn how to heal to move on with the future. Tickets are \$35 per person. Light Refreshments will be served.
Contact: Tickets are available at www.tangledwishes.com/events.

Grief Support

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lille, Suite A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

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

Class Reunion

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15
Details: Garden City High School



Wish You Were Here

Spencer and Verna Thompson of Garden City celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary by visiting their granddaughter Tracy and her husband, Major Chad Campfield, in Oahu, Hawaii. They posed with their Observer at Paradise Cove. They were also joined by daughter, Barbara Garton and Tracy's parents, Gary and Theresa Thompson. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason at a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

Summer School

Details: Kumon Centers are enrolling for their summer program. Parents of preschool to high school age students are invited to learn more about its summer enrichment program. Registration fees are waived for families who enroll now through July 15 in the math or reading program.

Contact: To find a local Kumon center, call (877) 586-6673 or go online to www.kumon.com

Car show

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, now through Sept. 29th
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Details: In addition to a variety of cars on display, there will be dinners will be served inside as well as grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

Fall Craft Show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

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

Support group

Time/date: 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland
Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is

sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.
Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

American Legion

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

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile

roads, Livonia

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

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

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

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

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

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

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

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

Westland Rotary

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

Writing Group

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne
Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.
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Applications must be submitted to the South Redford School District at the Jan Jacobs Administrative Office
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Vietnam wall taps into memories in Canton stop

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gail Zillich intended to marry John Belford after he returned from his U.S. Navy stint in Vietnam.

He never came home. She never married. More than four decades have passed, yet Zillich's memories of the man she loved hadn't faded as she stood Thursday evening in front of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in Canton's Heritage Park. She had seen his name on other Vietnam memorials, always with the same result.

"It still brings tears to my eyes," Zillich, an Ann Arbor resident, said, standing with her Canton friends, Monica McCluskey and Maureen Richter.

The longtime friends were among a large crowd that gathered for a solemn opening ceremony as the wall began a four-day stop here, a highlight of Canton's 20th Liberty Fest. The 6-foot wall stretched 288 feet across the northwest side of Heritage Park, a respectful distance from a cheerful festival crowd.

LOST LOVE

McCluskey wanted to see the name of 19-year-old Robert Bickel, one of seven young men from the Blessed Sacrament Church congregation in Rochester, N.Y., who died in Vietnam.

"He was my brother's friend," McCluskey said, recalling her days in Rochester. "He used to ride his bike over to our house. He lived on Raleigh Street."

Richter's memories of Vietnam had a better ending.

She had a brother who served in the war, "but he came home."

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall — a three-fifths, aluminum replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. — contains more than 58,200 names. One of several Vietnam memorials, it was brought on its first trip to Michigan by wall manager Greg Welsh of Florida after local veterans arranged the visit.

Ted Bird, a 61-year-old Minnesota man and former U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, often travels with the wall. He said it has a powerful effect on those who see it.

"It's like going to a cemetery," he said. "A lot of healing goes on when people see this wall."

PAINFUL HOMECOMING

Timothy Curtis, a 65-year-old Plymouth Township man and U.S. Army veteran, didn't know until he returned from Vietnam that his cousin, Clarence Chase, was there at the same time and had died seven days before turning 21.

"He was killed just a few days before I came home," Curtis said.

As Thursday evening's ceremony began, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Color Guard carried an assortment of flags, representing the branches of service, prisoners of war and the missing in action, among others, and placed them on star-shaped, white platforms. A quartet from Trinity Presbyterian Church of Plymouth led the crowd in singing the national anthem.

"It's our honor to host this most solemn of events," Jay Roberts, VVA Chapter 528 president, told the crowd. "We realize it's the only way left to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trudy Collins makes a rubbing of the name of James A. Gruezke, a friend of her husband, Al Collins, who, while serving in the Air Force, fought in Vietnam in 1964-65. Volunteer Sherry Lee helped them find the name.

thank these courageous men and women."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who served stateside in the U.S. Marines, honored those "who sacrificed for our freedom" as he addressed the crowd. He remembered his long-ago friend

Michael Blondin, a U.S. Army soldier who died in Vietnam after he had served as LaJoy's best man when LaJoy married his wife, Jean.

"He had a baby and was married," LaJoy said of Blondin.

Retired Canton Public Safety

Director John Santomauro, a decorated U.S. Marine platoon sergeant who received a Purple Heart during his 1967-68 combat stint in Vietnam, gave an eloquent speech as keynote speaker as some in the audience wiped tears from their eyes.

FEAR FACTOR

Santomauro recalled the noise and smell of combat — and the ambushes, the patrols, the hunger, the thirst, the fear. Yet he also remembered the camaraderie and friendship that has "carried us for the rest of our lives." "Who we are, and what we have learned about life, is the result of service in the war," Santomauro said, adding that the lessons of the battlefield cannot be taught in academic classrooms or daily life.

He concluded his address by saying those listed on the Vietnam wall "will always be part of us."

U.S. Army Vietnam veteran Cliff Tholen read a poem, simply titled *Names*, saying, "They won't be forgotten, enshrined

are they all, those 58,000 names on the wall."

His cousin John Spencer, a Canton Township employee and Army veteran who served in Vietnam, described the "tears and cheers" of troops as they climbed aboard aircraft that took them away from Vietnam.

"Those 58,000 names up here never got to experience that," Spencer said. "They came home in metal boxes."

As the ceremony closed, Wayne Byrum, the Canton Police Department chaplain, said he felt as though he stood on sacred ground near the wall and its names.

"They had lives like you and me," he said. "They had hopes. They had dreams."

Dreams. Just like Gail Zillich and John Belford had. Dreams of marrying. If only he had lived.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall also was open for visitation Friday and Saturday and remains on-site 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Sunday), when a closing ceremony is scheduled.

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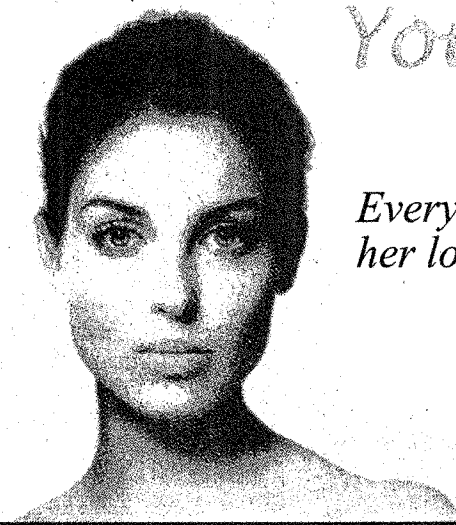
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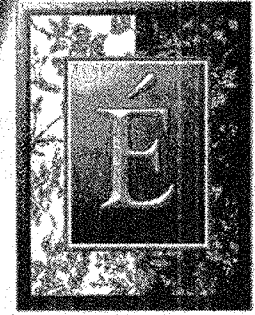


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Walk-off homer ends Ladywood's quest, 3-2



Stevensville Lakeshore players celebrate Hailey Thiebeault's game-winning eighth-inning homer as Ladywood catcher Alyssa Kashat walks back to the dugout.

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Stevensville Lakeshore wins

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

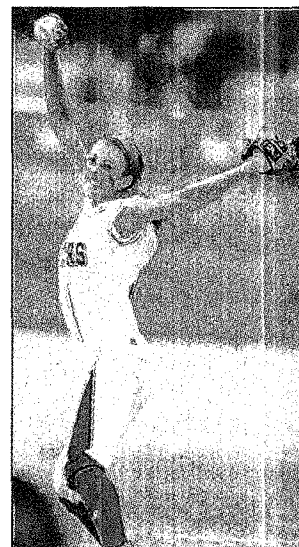
Livonia Ladywood's quest to return to the state softball championship final in Battle Creek went snap, crackle and pop with one swing of the bat in Friday's MHSAA Division 2 semi-final.

Stevensville Lakeshore freshman Hailey Thiebeault ripped a two-out pitch over the left field fence at Battle Creek's Bailey Park for a dramatic eighth-inning 3-2 victory.

The Lancers, gunning for their sixth state title in school history, improved to 33-7 overall with the victory, while Ladywood, a 2009 state finalist, bows out with a 38-4 record.

Thiebeault jumped on a two-ball, two-strike pitch from Ladywood junior ace Briana Combs for the walk-off homer.

"I was just thinking, 'I just need to hit the ball as hard as possible,'" said the ninth-grader. "I needed to get a base hit and get on base to help my team. When that pitch came in, it was... wow. That was



Livonia Ladywood junior ace Briana Combs was the hard-luck losing pitcher in Friday's 3-2 eighth-inning setback to Stevensville Lakeshore.

beyond amazing. In my head it's a play I think about."

It was a game with many twists and turns.

Combs proved to be resourceful, pitching out of jams in the second, third (bases loaded), fourth and

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

SIDELINES

Crusaders sign 2

Madonna University men's soccer coach Eric Scott announced the signing Wednesday of two more student-athletes for the 2011 season.

The Crusaders will be adding Nicholi LaRocca of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley and Ryan Williams of Auburn Hills Avondale.

LaRocca scored eight goals in just 10 games his senior year before sustaining a season-ending knee injury.

He led his Under-16 and U-19 teams to the John Tally Showcase Championship in Memphis, Tenn. in 2009 and again in 2011. He was named MVP during the 2009 title run.

"Nicholi has a commanding presence in the back and is an excellent ball winner," Scott said. "He's a competitive, mature and calm player and I expect big things from him during his career here."

Williams earned three soccer letters at Avondale while leading the Yellow Jackets to Oakland Activities Association titles in 2008 and 2009.

As a senior he earned All-OAA, All-County and All-State honors. He handed out 24 assists during his career and was a four-year honor roll student.

His club team, nationally-ranked Vardar, also captured a State Cup championship.

"Ryan brings a lot of versatility to our program," Scott said. "He is comfortable at every position and I saw him at three different spots during the recruiting process. He is a hard working player and brings a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the game. I am excited to see him grow as a leader in our program and on campus here at Madonna."

MU adds cagers

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emehiser announced the signing last week of South Lyon's Jordan Short to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Short was the Lions' MVP two straight seasons along with earning All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association and All-Area honors.

"Jordan's character, work ethic and approach to the game make him a valuable addition to our team," Emehiser said. "His defensive ability and ability to make those around him better will help to solidify our backcourt for the coming year."

Rams triumph

It rained from the first pitch to the final out, but that couldn't put a damper on the Michigan Rams' 7-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory Wednesday over Chief Pontiac at Bicentennial Park.

The 20-and-under Rams, who improved to 7-2, got a combined two-hitter from pitchers Alex Pierse and Colin Gerish.

Pierse, the winning pitcher, allowed no runs on two hits and fanned eight during his three-inning stint.

Gerish worked the final four innings, allowed both runs (one earned) on no hits. He struck out three and walked five.

Losing pitcher John Williamson gave up all seven runs on seven hits and five walks in 4.2 innings for 22-and-under Chief Pontiac, which slipped to 2-9 in league play.

John DiLaura went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Rams' nine-hit attack.

Pat Lancaster and Jeff Sorenson each contributed two RBI, while Miles Sorise and Evan Piechota also knocked in runs.

GIRLS SOCCER

Win over Lamphere puts Blazers in state finals

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This Livonia Ladywood soccer team will venture where no other in the school's history has gone before – the state championship final.

The Blazers made it a reality Wednesday night with a 2-1 triumph over Madison Heights Lamphere in the Division 2 state semifinal at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

What awaits in the final – which began noon Saturday in Williamston – is 22-0-1 Plainwell, which survived a 3-2 overtime win over DeWitt in the other Final Four match.

The Blazers, 17-3-6 overall and a state semifinalist a year ago, advanced by scoring a pair of goals early in the second half during a 53-second span to subdue the Rams.

Junior Kelly Capoccia scored off a deflection just 1:52 into the second half and freshman Emily Huddleston's laser drive from 22 yards out less than

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a minute later stunned Lamphere for a 2-0 lead.

"It was an incredible start to the half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker. "The first one goes in. It was a little bit of a lucky goal, but at the same time, you put yourselves in some good spots and good things happen. The second one was one of the best shots I've seen in awhile. That kid (Huddleston) can flat-out hit a soccer ball."

The two quick goals put Lamphere (15-6-1) on its heels.

"When we got behind you can tell

they (Ladywood) had experience – they've been here," Lamphere coach Skip Muhktar said. "They were good. They're the best team in the state. Hands-down they're the best team in the state. You could see that when they got here. They were focused and ready to play. They were ready all day. You could tell their coaches did a good job getting them ready and focused for the game."

With 10 minutes to go in the first half, Shingledecker made a strategic change on the fly.

"We talked about some adjustments we wanted to make at halftime and how we wanted to press them a little bit," he said. "The girls responded well. These girls are very coachable. We go over a lot of scenarios in practice and how to make changes and it showed. We can stay organized in multiple formations."

Muhktar also felt the effects of the switch in Ladywood's tactics.

"They attacked with more players in the second half than they did in the

first half," he said. "They just ran with more players up-top and it killed us defensively."

"It's hard. All season we really haven't been battle-tested like this. And to be down by two goals all season – this quick... and now we're trailing and working hard to get back."

Ladywood also beat Lamphere 2-1 earlier this season during a regular season match.

"We played a certain way against them the first time and we had a lot of success," Shingledecker said. "He (Muhktar) made some adjustments and I think his team played better this time than the first game that we played against them. He obviously had them very well prepared. We sat in a little bit early to feel things out and then we realized we could probably commit another player up top and it seemed to change the game."

Lamphere tried to make things interesting when senior Juanita

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WHAC honors Moore for sports info work

For the second consecutive year Madonna University's Patrick Moore has been named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Sports Information Director of the Year.

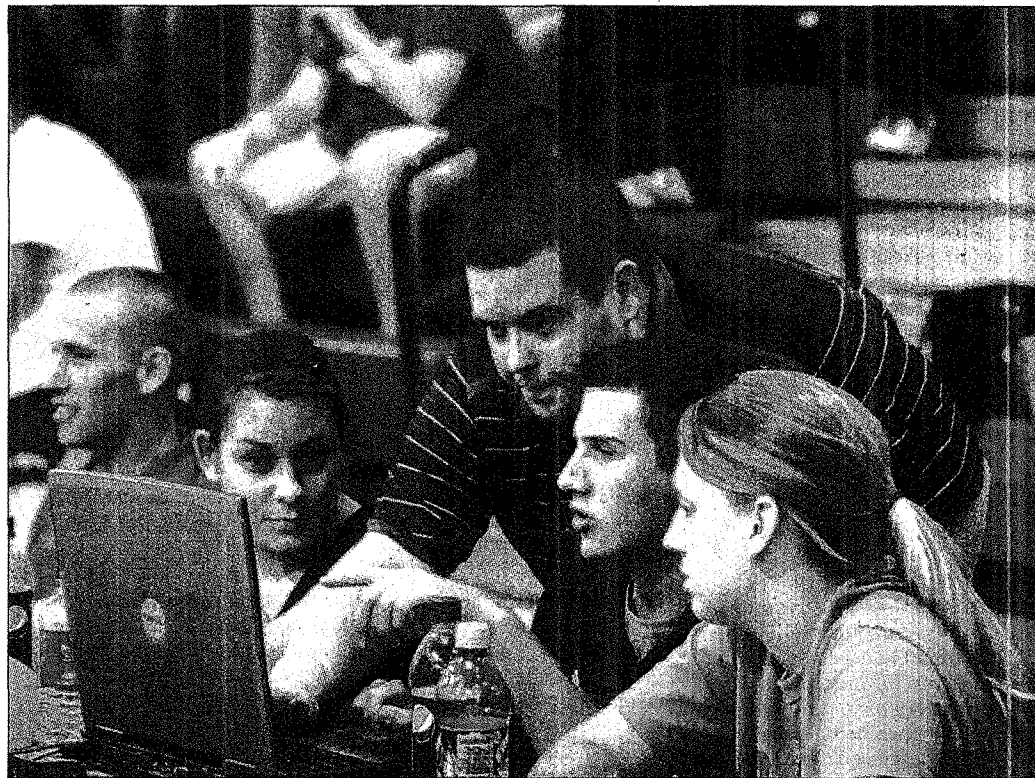
Moore just completed his fourth year in the MU athletic department having graduated from his alma mater in 2003 with a B.A. in Journalism and Public Relations. He spent the previous four years on the staff at the University of Detroit Mercy.

As the primary contact for MU's 11 varsity sports, Moore oversees all communications for the athletics department including media guides, game programs, special events, camp brochures, media personnel, and the Madonna Crusaders website www.madonnacrusaders.com.

Nearly 20 of his publications have earned top-10

rankings from National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and College of Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) contests. He also maintains membership in the National College Baseball Writers Association and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Outside of his day-to-day duties, Moore is active on numerous committees. He is a member of Madonna's Hall of Fame committee, sits on the school's Directors Council, and is leading the charge to update the look of the school's Crusader mascot. At the national level, Moore is a member of the NAIA National Player of the Week selection committee, and serves on the NAIA-SIDA Statistics Committee to review stat procedures and milestones. In addition, he is a national publication contest



MADONNA UNIVERSITY | PHOTO

Madonna University's Patrick Moore oversees 11 sports as the school's Sports Information Director.

coordinator for CoSIDA.

"Patrick is as reliable as can be found," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "He is dedicated to Madonna's coaches and student-athletes

and always has their best interest at heart."

This year, Moore successfully promoted Karie Altman (volleyball) as only the third CoSIDA Academic All-

American in school history.

He also spearheaded the publicity campaign when Jess Irwin (softball) broke the NAIA's career strikeout record.

Run, throw, jump - All-Observer team does it all so well

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Adam Clay, Jr., Franklin: The junior broke a 41-year-old school record with a toss of 55 feet, 7 inches at the Ypsilanti Relays.

Clay also went undefeated in dual meets and was Livonia City and Kensington Conference champion. He qualified for the state finals with a regional runner-up toss of 55-0.5 and placed ninth at the Division 1 state meet (52-5). "He consistently threw over 50 feet all season," coach Pat Koelzer said. "Adam was one of our most improved athletes this season. He exceeded expectations early on with his record-breaking throw, then consistently put up points for us. Adam would be the first to say he expected more from himself at the state meet, but he will use his experience as a motivator for an even better senior year."

Jon Aneed, sr., Stevenson: The senior saved his best for last placing fifth in the Division 1 state meet with a personal best toss of 54-4.

Aneed also placed first in the KLA Association, second in the City and Kensington Conference, and was third in the regional.

"Jon finished off his high school career throwing four of six of his best throws ever at the state meet," coach Scott Shaw said. "Jon is very competitive and competes well in pressure situations. Over the last four years he and coach Tim Gabel have worked well together, and it was nice to see it pay off at the state meet."

Tom Norris, sr., Farmington: Norris was one of Farmington's leading throwers throughout his career and was a state qualifier this year in the discus. He had an area-best throw of 139-10. Norris was second in the OAA Red Division (135-10) and the West Bloomfield regional (139-4).

"Tom has been a key member of the track and field team all four years," coach Kim Sturm said. "He, along with his fellow throwers, has helped to score many points toward winning four city, three league and one regional championship the team has accomplished. He has been league champion several times in both the shot put and discus. This year was his strongest year and concluded with a top-10 finish in the state in the discus."

Ben Spreitzer, sr., Canton: Another versatile and talented senior co-captain for Canton, Spreitzer earned DI All-State honors in the high jump, finishing seventh (6-5). But that wasn't his best performance, having reached the 6-6 mark during the season.

Spreitzer, who was second in team scoring, was first at the regional, second at the Steeb Meet of Champions. He also was a force in other events, running the 110 high hurdles in 15.4 seconds, the 300 intermediate hurdles in 39.9 and as part of the 1,600-meter relay team that earned second-team All-Observer honors.

"Ben Spreitzer was a four-year man for us and he improved each and every year," Richardson said. "He comes from a great family, his older brother ran for us for four years."

"Ben is going to Michigan State and we hope that maybe he'll even continue his athletic career there."

James Vincent-Taylor, sr., Farmington: The senior standout was a two-time state qualifier in the long jump. He moved up three places this year in the Division 1 finals and finished third. Vincent-Taylor also is one of the area's best sprinters, and he anchored the sprint relay teams. He is the OAA Red champ in the 100 and the runner-up in the 200.

"James has had a wonderful season and career in track and field at Farmington High School," coach Charles Bridges said. "James' season had two major highlights, breaking Olympic gold medalist Warren 'Rex' Cawley's long jump record from 1959 with a leap of 22-11 and earning first-team, all-state honors in the long jump."

Nick Alaniva, sr., Canton: Alaniva was the Chiefs' leading scorer with an outstanding season capped by earning Division 1 All-State in the pole vault with a third-place mark of 15 feet, one inch.

That set a school and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record. Alaniva's versatility was another plus, with excellent showings in the regional and conference meets and the Steeb Meet of Champions.

"Nick Alaniva is a prime example of a guy who is willing to work harder than he has to because he wants to be so good," coach Bob Richardson said. "He was just the model athlete and he led by example."

"He deserved all the accolades he earned this year with the school record and the PCEP record."

Alaniva will continue his track career at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Shammah Carter, sr., N. Farmington: Carter ran an area-best time of 14.6 and is a repeat member of the all-area first team in the 110 hurdles. He is the OAA White Division and West Bloomfield regional champion. He is a two-

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Shot put: 1. (tie) Adam Clay, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Jon Aneed, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. DeOndre Hogan, Sr., Livonia Clarenceville.

Discus: 1. Tom Norris, Sr., Farmington; 2. Courtney Drew, Sr., North Farmington; 3. Conner Ferguson, Jr., Farmington.

High Jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer, Sr., Canton; 2. Tre Goynes, Jr., Redford Union; 3. Anthony Ward, Sr., Farmington.

Long jump: 1. James Vincent-Taylor, Sr., Farmington; 2. Kyle Carter, Sr., Farmington Harrison; 3. Thomas Crawford, Jr., Salem.

Pole vault: 1. Nick Alaniva, Sr., Canton; 2. Carl Rayford, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Andy Bihn, Sr., Plymouth.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Shammah Carter, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Zach Musial, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. (tie) Kelly Maxwell, Sr., Westland John Glenn; Micah Kempf, Sr., Lutheran Westland.

300 hurdles: 1. (tie) D'Marco Mills, Sr., Farmington; Jose Amado, Jr., Salem; 3. Darius Davis, Sr., Farmington.

100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones, Jr., Canton; 2. William Askew II, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Stefon Anthony, Sr., John Glenn.

200 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly, Jr., Clarenceville; 2. Jason Ervin, Jr., North Farmington; 3. Eric Wilson, Jr., Redford Thurston.

400 dash: 1. Dan Martin, Sr., Salem; 2. Kevin Buford, Jr., Canton; 3. Francis Mensah, Sr., Redford Union.

800 run: 1. Matt Williams, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Dave Koponen, Sr., Franklin; 3. Adam Chludzinski, Sr., Stevenson.

1,600 run: 1. Thomas Windle, Sr., Churchill; 2. Joe Urso, Sr., Stevenson; 3. Drew Lindman, Soph., Farmington.

3,200 run: 1. (tie) Austin Jones, Sr., Franklin; Derek Gielarowski, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Joe Porcari, Sr., Plymouth.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

400 relay: 1. North Farmington (Sr. Shammah Carter, Fr. Chauncey Bridges, Jr. Chad Bridges, Jr. Jason Ervin), 2. Farmington (Sr. Darius Davis, Jr. Shawn-Michael Fields, Sr. James Vincent-Taylor, Sr. Anthony Ward), 3. Canton (Jr. Kevin Buford, Sr. Nick Alaniva, Jr. Demetre Lopez, Jr. Ryan Jones).

800 relay: 1. Farmington (Sr. Darius Davis, Jr. Wale Edu, Sr. Anthony Ward, Sr. D'Marco Mills, Sr. James Vincent-Taylor), 2. Stevenson (Jr. Kenning Britchford, Sr. Adam Duncan, Sr. Matt Williams, Soph. Zaid Shareef), 3. Franklin (Fr. Alex Perelli, Sr. Jay Woolfork, Soph. Brett Gutowski, Sr. Ryan Hurt).

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Sr. Pat Smith, Soph. Zaid Shareef, Sr. Adam Chludzinski, Sr. Matt Williams), 2. Canton (Jr. Matt Schacht, Sr. Sapan Patel, Sr. Ben Spreitzer, Jr. Kevin Buford), 3. Salem (Sr. Dan Adsit, Jr. Tom Crawford, Jr. Chase Minshew, Sr. Dan Martin).

3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Sr. Adam Chludzinski, Sr. Joe Urso, Soph. Zaid Shareef, Sr. Matt Williams), 2. Plymouth (Sr. Stephen Balaze, Fr. Max Rogowski, Jr. Derek Gielarowski, Sr. Joe Porcari), 3. Farmington (Sr. Cody Larsen, Soph. Drew Lindman, Jr. Nimantha Herath, Sr. Kevin Pitt).

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Kim Sturm & Charles Bridges, Farmington.

time state qualifier and was the Oakland County runner-up. Carter will compete for U-D Mercy next year.

"Shammah was an excellent four-year track member," coach Jeff Simpson said. "He led our team in points three consecutive years (114 this year and more than 350 in his career). He's a solid 110 hurdler and really came on in the 300 the last two years. He was a very important relay runner and just a great competitor on the track. He worked hard and did a fine job for us."

D'Marco Mills, sr., Farmington: Mills was the West Bloomfield regional champion and OAA Red Division runner-up in the 300 hurdles. He ran his best time of 39.9 at the regional. He was second and third in the 110 hurdles at the division and regional meets, respectively. Mills also was a key member of Farmington's relay teams.

"D'Marco had his best season in 2011, setting the school record in the 300 hurdles and qualifying for the state meet," coach Bridges said. "D'Marco showed progress all season in the 300 hurdles and was a key member of the FHS league and regional championship teams."

Jose Amado, jr., Salem: Motivated after his sophomore season to take the next step to consistent excellence, Amado joined the Michigan Accelerators last off-season.

For Jose, nicknamed Joe, his hard work helped earn plenty of major accomplishments in 2011 — capped by qualifying for the DI state meet in both hurdles events. He won the 110 hurdles at the regionals with a time of 15.30 and ran 39.90 in the 300 hurdles.

"Salem has not had a double state qualifier in the hurdles since at least the late 1990s so this was quite an accomplishment for Joe," coach Kyle Meteyer said. "Joe has his sights set on 2012, and we expect great things from him next season."

Amado was KLA champion in the 300 hurdles and DI regional winner in the 110s.

Ryan Jones, jr., Canton: The senior speedster was the third-leading scorer for Canton, earning DI All-State honors in the 100 dash with a sixth-place time of 10.8 seconds — a shade off his personal best for the year (10.5).



Adam Clay Franklin



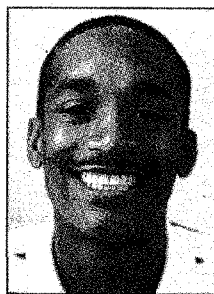
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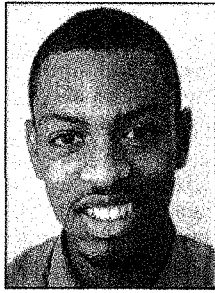
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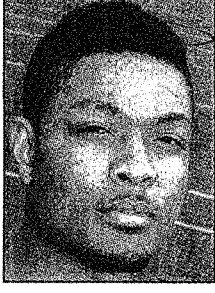
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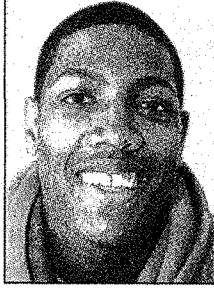
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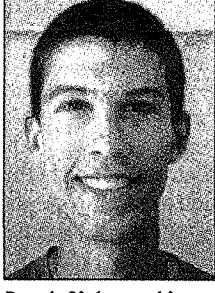
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Wale Edu Farmington



Anthony Ward Farmington



Pat Smith Stevenson



Zaid Shareef Stevenson



Adam Chludzinski Stevenson



Joe Urso Stevenson



Coaches Kim Sturm and Charles Bridges

Jones, who will be a team co-captain in 2012, finished first in the 100 at regional and KLA meet as well as collecting second-place finishes in other open and relay events at the conference, Steeb Meet of Champions and Observerland Relays.

He was part of the 400-meter relay team that tied Canton's school record (43.3).

"Ryan Jones worked extremely hard this year when he realized how good he can really be," Richardson said. "He was elected as a captain for next year and I know he's going to be one of our leaders."

Besides his stellar work with the track and field team, Jones is an

outstanding football player who in March finished first out of more than 600 athletes at the Michigan Preps Football Combine.

Kassius Kelly, jr., Clarenceville: The junior placed fourth in the Division 3 state finals in the 100 and posted the area's second best time in the 200 (22.1).

Kelly, undefeated in dual meets, was the Observerland Relays individual champion in the 100 and posted a season-best 10.7. He was also Livonia City champion in both events.

Kelly was the New Haven regional champion in both the 100 (10.91) and 200 (22.37). He also placed third at the Oakland County meet in both dashes.



North Farmington senior Shammah Carter is a two-time, all-area, first-team selection in the high hurdles.

Kelly anchored the Trojans to a first at the regional in the 4 x 200 relay and second in the 4 x 200 relay.

"Kassius had a wonderful junior year and will be back in 2012 to lead our team to future championships," coach Brady Gustafson said.

Dan Martin, sr., Salem: A scoring machine in several events, Martin was an All-Stater in the 400 with his fourth-place time of 48.96 seconds.

According to Meteyer, that time surpassed any of the runners in the other seven divisions (D1-4 in the lower peninsula; D1-3 in the upper).

"There's something great to be said about having the fourth fastest 400 runner in the state," Meteyer said. "Dan worked hard for four years, never let senioritis get the best of him, and qualified for the state meet five times in his career."

Martin holds Salem and PCEP records in the 400, 800 and with the 1,600-meter relay. He also is Salem's record-holder in the 200.

"We've had one state champion, Bob Pittaway in discus, but Dan is the most versatile and broadly successful athlete we've had," Meteyer said. "There's nobody else that I'm aware of in our history who could go into a meet and win any event from the 100 to the mile."

Martin will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he will run the 400 and 800.

Matt Williams, sr., Stevenson: The senior, bound for Eastern Michigan University, finished ninth in the Division 1 state finals with a personal and area best clocking of 1:55.1 in the 800.

Williams was also KLA Association, regional and Livonia City champion, along with being a runner-up in the Kensington Conference meet.

"Matt had a very good senior season," Shaw said. "Matt works very hard year-round and is always asking how to get better."

"At the state meet he also ran in three relays, two of which were before the 800, which he just missed placing by 100ths of a second. He is a very versatile runner who can run anything from the 200 up to the 1,600 and be competitive."

Thomas Windle, sr., Churchill: The senior captain was a state qualifier in the 1,600 run and posted the area's top time (4:27.6).

Windle was also runner-up in the 1,600 and added a third in the 3,200 at the Kensington Conference meet.

He earned a spot in the state meet by placing runner-up in the regional (4:31.83).

In 2010, Windle was a state qualifier in the 3,200 where he earned Chargers Distance Runner of the Year honors. His best time in that event this spring was 10:03.3.

"Thomas has been an inspiration and source of motivation for all of our young athletes," coach Rick Austin said of the Fred Price Team MVP honoree. "As a team captain he lead by example both in the classroom and on the track. He hails from an outstanding family of athletes. I will miss him dearly and I'm excited to see him develop at the next level where he'll run track and cross country at Adrian College."

Austin Jones, sr., Franklin: The senior tri-captain was Division 1 regional champion with a time of 9:58.7 and was also a two-time Livonia City champion.

Jones was a consistent point scorer in the 1,600 and 3,200 relay for the Patriots as well.

"Austin was one of the hardest workers on the team these last four years," Koelzer said. "He is also a smart racer and displayed this ability in his City and regional 3,200 races. Unfortunately he was unable to run at the state meet due to an injury. His heart and work ethic will be missed. He will continue his running career at Albion University."

Derek Gielarowski, jr., Plymouth: It might have been a bit of an off-year for the Wildcats, but not Gielarowski.

He was second on the team in total points and qualified for the DI state meet in the 3,200 run where he placed 18th out of 36 runners.

His best time of the season in the two-miler was 9:58.5.

"Derek can run everything from the 400 to the 3,200," coach Jon Mikosz said. "He's the type of guy who, if you ask him to run something, just jumps on the track and

gets it done."

Gielarowski also was part of the 3,200 relay team that went to state for the fifth consecutive season.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

400, North Farmington (Shammah Carter, Chauncey Bridges, Chad Bridges, Jason Ervin): Chad Bridges joined the relay team with Shammah Carter, Chauncey Bridges and Jason Ervin late in the year, and the Raiders produced an area-best of 43 seconds flat at the state meet after converting the FAT time. If that holds up, it will be a school record, eclipsing the 1986 hand-held time of 43.13.

"They ran a good time in the county meet and put it all together at the state meet," coach Simpson said. "We didn't put it together until the last three weeks. We couldn't do it in dual meets, because we needed Chad in the 400."

"When it came to the bigger meets, we said: 'OK, you want a shot at it; we'll go for it.' They qualified at the regional because everybody ran the 4x2 and was warmed up when they got to the 4x1. They had one shot at it and did a great job."

800, Farmington (Wale Edu, Darius Davis, Anthony Ward, D'Marco Mills, James Vincent-Taylor): The Falcons ran their best times at the end of the season, going under 1:30 twice in the final week. Farmington was third in the regional (but met the additional qualifying standard) and OAA Red meets.

"Normally, a relay team would be made up of four members, but this season's all-area team has five members," coach Bridges said. "The team of Edu, Ward, Mills and Vincent-Taylor ran 1:29.7 at the Ambrose Relays. Four days later at the state meet, the team of Davis, Ward, Mills and Vincent-Taylor ran 1:29.8. This relay is an example of the depth the Farmington boys had in winning league and regional titles during the 2011 season."

1,600, Stevenson (Pat Smith, Zaid Shareef, Adam Chludzinski, Matt Williams): This quartet earned first-place finishes at the Livonia City, Kensington Conference and regional meets. Stevenson's best time of the season was 3:25.7.

"It was a combination of five guys that ran this race most of the season because of injuries," Shaw said. "Matt Garon ran for Pat Smith when he was injured at the KLA meet. Then again, for Adam Chludzinski at the state finals when Adam was injured. Overall they had a good season. Again, a number of our distance guys showing their versatility was what made this team successful."

3,200, Stevenson (Adam Chludzinski, Joe Urso, Zaid Shareef, Matt Williams): This foursome ran a school-record time of 7:56.1 en route to a first-place finish at the regional.

Stevenson went on to post a sixth-place finish at the Division 1 state finals. The Spartans also were Livonia City and Kensington Conference champions.

"At the state meet Jacob Colley ran for Adam Chludzinski, who had a foot injury, and did a great job," Shaw said. "They still ran under eight minutes."

"The success this group is from the hard work they have put in over the last couple of seasons. Coach Chris Inch has done a very good job with the distance runners and it showed with how well these guys ran."

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Kim Sturm and Charles Bridges, Farmington: The Falcons had another outstanding season, and the Farmington co-coaches have received this honor for the second straight season. The Falcons won the OAA Red Division championship in their first year at the highest level, and they also won a Division 1 regional and an eighth consecutive city championship.

"It's a credit to the kids and our entire coaching staff, which is Greg Smith, Mike Harfoot, Jeremy Auer and Kirsten Alan," Bridges said. "We're blessed in that we have good coaches who cover all areas."

"We've got two good throwing coaches, a really solid middle- and long-distance coach in Jeremy, a good jump and hurdles coach in Mike, and Kirsten works with the sprinters really well. That helps us to have a real balanced team."

"Ultimately, the kids work hard and they want to be successful. We're nothing without them."

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK BESTS

SHOT PUT
 Adam Clay (Franklin) 55-7
 Jon Aneed (Stevenson) 54-4
 DeOndre Hogan (Clarenceville) 52-11
 Blake Padgett (Churchill) 51-0.5
 Devin Ryles (Thurston) 50-11
 Jay Woolfork (Franklin) 50-7.75
 Conner Ferguson (Farmington) 49-9
 Tom Norris (Farmington) 49-1
 Courtney Drew (N. Farmington) 48-4.25
 Alex Marsh (Canton) 45-1.5

DISCUS
 Tom Norris (Farmington) 148-4
 Courtney Drew (N. Farmington) 143-8
 Conner Ferguson (Farmington) 141-2
 Ryan Hall (Churchill) 138-8
 Jon Aneed (Stevenson) 138-0
 Ben Poirier (Canton) 134-5
 Jay Woolfork (Franklin) 132-7
 Paulin Chateau (Churchill) 131-10
 Justin Shelton (N. Farmington) 128-6
 Ainsworth Orr (John Glenn) 128-6

HIGH JUMP
 Benjamin Spreitzer (Canton) 6-6
 Tre Goynes (Redford Union) 6-4
 Anthony Ward (Farmington) 6-2
 Matt Whelan (Farmington) 6-0
 Anthony Johnson (John Glenn) 6-0
 Quinn Culbertson (Harrison) 6-0
 Carlos Eubanks (Harrison) 6-0
 Matt Schacht (Canton) 6-0
 Andy Hill (Farmington) 5-11
 Zach Smilo (Canton) 5-11

LONG JUMP
 James Vincent-Taylor (Farm.) 22-11
 Nick Alaniva (Canton) 22-2.5
 Kyle Carter (Harrison) 21-4.5
 Thomas Crawford (Salem) 21-4
 Eric Wilson (Thurston) 21-1
 Zach Musial (Luth. Westland) 20-9.25
 Nick Podulka (Stevenson) 20-6.5
 Thomas Crawford (Salem) 20-6
 Devin Funchess (Harrison) 20-1.75
 Tyler Kus (N. Farmington) 20-1.25

POLE VAULT
 Nicholas Alaniva (Canton) 15-1
 Carl Rayford (Churchill) 14-3
 Andy Bihn (Plymouth) 13-6
 Andrew Willmer (Salem) 13-0
 Chadd Chisholm (Franklin) 12-5
 Kevin Lapinski (Harrison) 12-4
 Alex Rytarsky (Churchill) 12-4
 Mitchell Moore (Stevenson) 12-1
 Brenton Zuzo (Plymouth) 11-10
 Ari Peppas (Stevenson) 11-4

110-METER HURDLES
 Shammah Carter (N. Farmington) 14.6

Zach Musial (Lutheran Westland) 15.1
 D'Marco Mills (Farmington) 15.2
 Jose Amado (Salem) 15.3
 Kelly Maxwell (John Glenn) 15.3
 Micah Kempf (Lutheran Westland) 15.3
 Matt Craven (Farmington) 15.4
 Darius Davis (Farmington) 15.4
 Benjamin Spreitzer (Canton) 15.4
 Tom Brokaw (Franklin) 15.8
 Dion Walker (Salem) 15.8

300-METER HURDLES
 D'Marco Mills (Farmington) 39.9
 Benjamin Spreitzer (Canton) 39.9
 Jose Amado (Salem) 39.9
 Shammah Carter (N. Farmington) 40.1
 Darius Davis (Farmington) 40.7
 Jacob Fairbairn (Lutheran Westland) 40.9
 Doug Deykes (Plymouth) 41.3
 Rico Cole (John Glenn) 41.8
 Joe Mims (Stevenson) 42.3
 Terrell Gray (Thurston) 43.1
 Jeremy Kozler (Stevenson) 43.1

100-METER DASH
 Ryan Jones (Canton) 10.5
 James Vincent-Taylor (Farm.) 10.7
 Kassius Kelly (Clarenceville) 10.7
 Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 10.9
 Dan Martin (Salem) 11.1
 William Askew II (Plymouth) 11.1
 Stefon Anthony (John Glenn) 11.2
 Marcus Lane (Redford Union) 11.2
 Frank Okolo (Salem) 11.2
 Trey Parker (Harrison) 11.3
 Josh Hall (Redford Union) 11.3

200-METER DASH
 James Vincent-Taylor (Farm.) 22.0
 Kassius Kelly (Clarenceville) 22.1
 Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 22.2
 Dan Martin (Salem) 22.2
 William Askew II (Plymouth) 22.3
 Kevin Buford (Canton) 22.7
 Eric Wilson (Thurston) 22.9
 Thomas Crawford (Salem) 22.9
 Derrick Mosham (Luth. Westland) 23.0
 Jay Woolfork (Franklin) 23.0

400-METER DASH
 Dan Martin (Salem) 48.3
 Kevin Buford (Canton) 50.0
 Francis Mensah (Redford Union) 50.7
 Carlos Eubanks (Harrison) 51.2
 Anthony Rutledge (Farmington) 51.5
 Chad Bridges (N. Farmington) 51.6
 William Askew II (Plymouth) 51.8
 Lucas Bunting (Plymouth) 51.9
 Anthony Ward (Farmington) 52.0
 Louis Jaquet (N. Farmington) 52.1

800-METER RUN
 Matt Williams (Stevenson) 1:55.1
 Dan Martin Salem 1:56.8
 Dave Koponen (Franklin) 1:59.3
 Adam Chludzinski (Stevenson) 1:59.6
 Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 2:00.4
 Ryan Wise (Churchill) 2:01.9
 Tyler Winingham (Canton) 2:02.5
 Francis Mensah (Red. Union) 2:03.0
 Shean Krolicki (Canton) 2:03.3
 Zach Carruthers (N. Farmington) 2:03.4

1,600-METER RUN
 Thomas Windle (Churchill) 4:27.6
 Joe Urso (Stevenson) 4:31.2
 Drew Lindman (Farmington) 4:32.0
 Kevin Pitt (Farmington) 4:32.4
 David Hong (Farmington) 4:35.0
 Adam Chludzinski (Stevenson) 4:35.8
 Zach Carruthers (N. Farmington) 4:37.0
 Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 4:38.7
 Jake Colley (Stevenson) 4:38.3
 Austin Jones (Franklin) 4:41.7

3,200-METER RUN
 Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 9:58.5
 Austin Jones (Franklin) 9:58.7
 Thomas Windle (Churchill) 10:03.3
 Joe Porcari (Plymouth) 10:10.1
 Stephen Fenech (Stevenson) 10:11.6
 Joe Urso (Stevenson) 10:12.9
 David Hong (Farmington) 10:13.0
 Drew Lindman (Farmington) 10:15.3
 Bradon Conley (Canton) 10:23.4
 Zac VandenToorn (Red. Union) 10:28.6

400-METER RELAY
 North Farmington 43.0
 Farmington 43.1
 Canton 43.3
 Redford Union 43.4
 Farmington Harrison 43.8

800-METER RELAY
 Farmington 1:29.7
 Livonia Stevenson 1:30.8
 Livonia Franklin 1:31.4
 North Farmington 1:31.7
 Canton 1:32.4

1,600-METER RELAY
 Livonia Stevenson 3:25.7
 Canton 3:25.9
 Salem 3:26.4
 Farmington 3:28.2
 Farmington Harrison 3:30.6

3,200-METER RELAY
 Livonia Stevenson 7:56.1
 Plymouth 8:07.5
 Farmington 8:15.2
 Livonia Churchill 8:23.0
 Livonia Franklin 8:26.8

SOFTBALL

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seventh innings (bases loaded again).

The defending Division 2 state champs, however, got on the board in the bottom of the fifth when Thiebeault got things started by getting hit by a pitch for the second straight at-bat.

Alex Forsythe followed with a bunt single, which Combs came up limping on the play after being spiked by a teammate while trying to field the ball.

Heather Gusse followed with another successful bunt single to load the bases and clean-up batter Maggie Hildebrand drilled a line shot to right field to bring home the game's first two runs.

Combs, however, got out of the fifth-inning pickle by retiring the next three batters with runners on second and third.

"She got spiked in the Achilles," Ladywood Scott Combs said of his daughter, the pitcher. "It was bleeding, but what are you going to do? She's got to go through it and get it through."

Hildebrand, meanwhile, handcuffed the Blazers on one hit, an infield single by Celeste Fidge, through the first five innings.

But in the top of the sixth, Ladywood came alive offensively as senior Jenny Rohn singled with one-out to start a two-run rally.

Combs followed with a sacrifice bunt that was misplayed by the Lakeshore first baseman and Fidge came through with a 2-run double scoring Rohn and courtesy runner Kristen Eisterhold to make it 2-2.

That's when Lakeshore coach Denny Dock decided to make a pitching change, bringing in Megan Hiler in favor of Hildebrand.

And the freshman reliever came through by getting the final two outs of the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, Gusse tripled with one out and Hildebrand was intentionally walked. Kelly Vigansky also walked with two outs, setting the stage for an epic battle

between Combs and slap hitter Kim Murphy, who fouled off several pitches before lining out to Rohn at shortstop.

"We didn't field the bunt a couple times," Scott Combs said. "I thought that was going to burn us a lot. You've got 2-2 (count) and you've got the slap hitter up - you've just got to keep throwing the same pitch because she really wasn't doing anything with it. It was going to be a battle until somebody was going either dink one or strike her out."

In the top of the eighth, Fidge collected her third hit of the day, a single, but was left stranded when Carli SanMillan struck out.

In the bottom of the eighth, Combs got the first two outs, but Thiebeault came through with the game-winning homer on a towering drive that carried over the 3-foot high left field fence.

"We said, 'Maybe we should just walk her' because the first girl isn't going to hit anything," Combs said. "She (Thiebeault) took the inside plate away I thought two times before. She was kind of doing it with her upper body over the plate. I didn't want to go inside and give them a baserunner because when they're home team (Lakeshore) they can steal and do anything they want."

"It makes a huge difference when you get into extra innings and you're not home team. Every pitch can be like that, so you're playing on borrowed time. It's tough. Really, it comes down to do you really wish you'd won the coin flip because you always get that last at-bat."

It was Thiebeault's school-record eighth homer of the season.

"We thought maybe she (Combs) would throw a fat one," Lakeshore coach Denny Dock said. "That's what I was thinking and she put it in the middle of the plate. That's a pretty good swing, I'd say. That's probably something you dream about, and once in awhile it comes through. It's probably the most dramatic we've had."

"Their team is a very, very good team (Ladywood). And they make you play defense a little different with their bunt skills. You have to defend in a little different way than you normally do. You have to watch were you break from because they'll push the ball by you."

Meanwhile, Scott Combs said he felt like his team was continually climbing out of a hole the entire game.

"I knew from fifth inning on, when you're not the home team, every time you don't score you have to get them out twice," he said. "And that's what kills you. You've got three outs and they have six. That's the difference. It's fun to play as the home team when it's extra innings."

Briana Combs allowed nine hits, walked three and hit three batters in 7.2 innings. She struck out six in taking the loss.

Hildebrand pitched the first 5.1 innings, allowing both runs on three hits. She struck out five and walked none.

Hiler, the winning pitcher, was effective over the final 2.2 innings, allowing two hits and fanning four.

"Megan (Hiler) came in and threw the heck out of it," said Dock, who is gunning for his sixth state title Saturday against Milan, which also advanced with a 4-0 win over Saginaw Swan Valley.

"Maggie (Hildebrand), the big hit to get us the first two runs. Gusse (the shortstop) made an ESPN play in the first inning, a highlight play."

Meanwhile, it was bitter finish for the Blazers, who can only hope they can return to Battle Creek again and exorcise some 2011 demons.

"We have one senior (Jenny Rohn)," Scott Combs said. "You feel bad for her. That's the primary thing. The other kids have something to look forward to. But the senior is gone and loses a lot of friendships. You can't say anything. It's not one pitch or one play. It's all through the game."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Elks Soccer Shoot

The annual Elks Soccer Shoot will be at Monday, June 27 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

There is no entry fee. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the event at 6 p.m.

Age divisions for boys and girls (determined as of Aug. 1, 2011) include: 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

For more information, call Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

Wayne needs coaches

Wayne Memorial High School is accepting applications for girls varsity volleyball coach and boys varsity cross country coach for the fall season, along with a boys varsity track coach for the spring season (2011-12).

Interested applicants should contact Greg Ambrose at (734) 419-2201; or e-mail ambroseg@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

Youth soccer tryouts

Plymouth F.C. United is staging 2011-12 season tryouts for boys and girls ages 7-13 on Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21, at the soccer fields behind the Visteon/ACH Plan, 14492 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

For age specific tryout times and to pre-register, visit www.plymouthunited.com.

Youth soccer academy

Plymouth United F.C. is launching a new academy program for under-8 players.

The Academy is competitively priced and designed to help players and their parents make the transition from recreational soccer to select soccer.

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Stevenson hockey

Livonia Stevenson will begin its summer hockey program from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, July 11 for incoming ninth grades and goalies at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

An informational parent meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11 at Edgar Arena.

Skating and workouts will follow Monday through Friday, July 11-15, July 18-22; and Monday-Tuesday, July 25-26, at both Edgar Arena and the high school.

The cost per skate is \$10 for 1-hour skates and scrimmages, \$15 for 90 minutes; and \$5 for goalie half-hour sessions.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia-publicschools.org.

Road Runner Classic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org.

BLAZERS

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Manriquez scored on a nifty pass that beat a pair of Ladywood defenders with only 3:03 remaining.

But the Rams simply ran out of time and couldn't get off another shot on Ladywood keeper Madeline Reed, who made three saves on the night.

Her best stop came with 13:55 left in the first half on a shot by Kelsey Madigan.

"We'll be them next year," Muhktar said of the Blazers.

"We'll be bringing back expe-

rience, eleven girls that are experienced that played in the Final Four. That's them (Ladywood) next year."

Meanwhile, Shingledecker, now in his fourth season, is grateful for the opportunity to play for the school's first-ever state title in soccer.

"A lot of hard work has gone into building this program," he said. "I put in a lot of time. My staff puts a lot of time in the kids put a lot of time in. It's exciting for us."

"I've got a lot of good mentors like Rick Larson (Schoolcraft College men's coach) and Rich Block (JV

coach), and my parents were coaches. Across the board, I'm well prepared for some of these situations because of the people I've been around and attached myself to."

"Rich has been around 20 years coaching high school. He's the reason I'm in coaching. I haven't been down this path, but I've always leaned in these guys. Rick Larson is another one. These guys have won state titles and Rich has been in a state final (with the Lutheran Westland boys)."

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

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 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@wowway.com; or call (734) 776-1716.

MYAA Football Champs

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

Catholic Youth Organization coaches from St. Edith, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Michael, Our Lady of Good Counsel will be joined by Livonia Junior Athletic League,

Northville youth, local high school and Popp's QB Tutor to instruct all positions.

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

Stevenson boys hoops

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

The fee is \$80. The cost is \$75 (with no shirt through the first day of camp).

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

Skyshark pole vault

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

The cost is \$160 (includes T-shirt). For more information, call Churchill pole vault and jumps coach Vern Williams at (734) 732-0840; or e-mail skysharkathletics@yahoo.com.

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Teen camp will focus on fitness, nutrition and overall health

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Biggest Loser contestant Ron Morelli knows what it is like to watch the self-esteem of overweight kids grow as their bodies shrink. He is passionate about his Morelli Health, Fitness and Nutrition Camp, which will be offered for the second time this summer. But, he does not promise a quick fix for kids with weight problems and he does not say it will be an easy seven weeks.

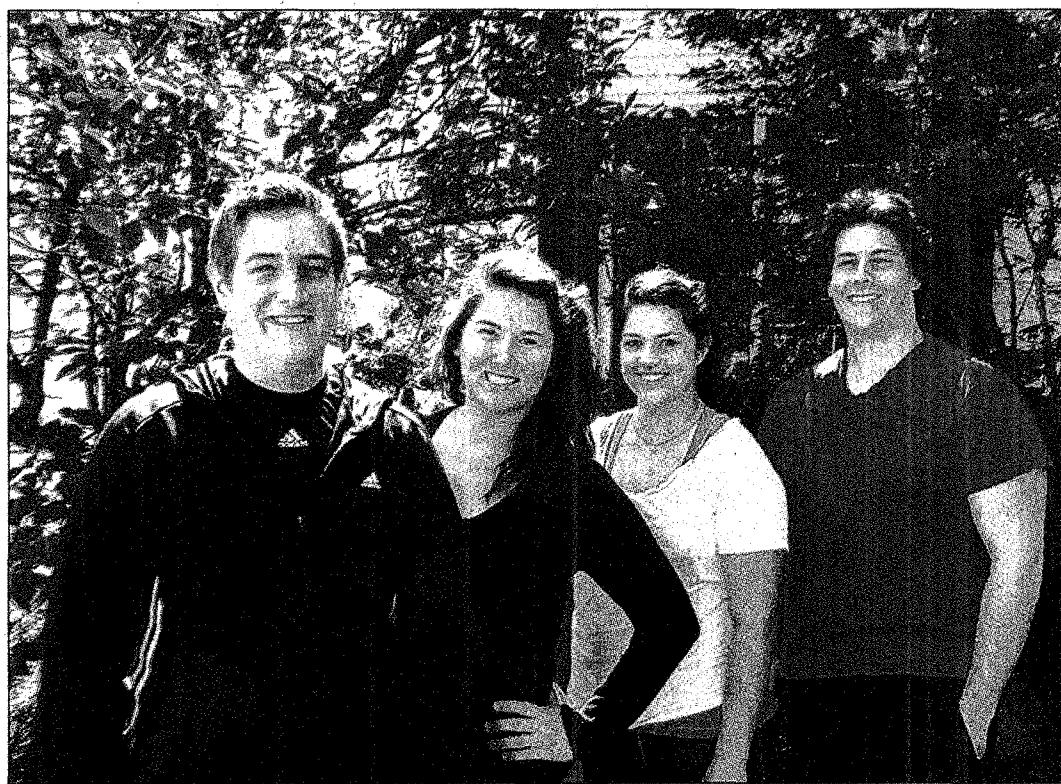
In fact, he promises a challenging daily work-out session and a lot of hard work.

Morelli also does not want kids to participate unless they really want to be part of the program.

"I really demand that the kids want to do it," Morelli said, adding that a participant last year was so committed to the program she paid her own tuition.

For those who agree to those conditions, the results can be phenomenal not only in appearances, but more importantly in how they think about themselves.

Five days a week from June 27- Aug. 12, kids, 12-18, will learn about what to eat, how to prepare it, and the exercises they need to unveil a new body. The camp has 15-20 spots, and will be held at South Lyon High School at a \$1,500 fee for each youngster. Providence Park Hospital



Max Morelli (from left), Christiana Garretson, Karoline Kinjorski and Mike Morelli, who have all lost significant weight, will be the trainers at the Morelli summer camp for overweight teens.

of Novi, a partner in the program, has offered grants to offset tuition costs for people who qualify.

Participants will cook their own food for the day and will clean-up after themselves. Each will receive a nutritional evaluation and a daily calorie count based on age, sex, height and weight. Every meal has just the right amount of whole grains, protein, fruit and vegetables.

"We prove they can cook for themselves and be

full eating good, healthy things," Morelli said.

Providence Park also will give participants access to nutritionists and dieticians. Other partners are Anytime Fitness of South Lyon and the South Lyon Recreation Authority.

The young people will work-out five to six hours daily.

"All the kids need are their physicals before they start," Morelli said. "Last year at the end they were doing 10 miles a day and 2,000 steps up and down

the bleachers at the school."

The result was that they lost an average of 10.6 percent of their body weight and most have been able to keep it off.

FAMILY FITNESS

One star pupil last year, Karoline Kinjorski, has been asked back this year to be a trainer. She lost 30 pounds during the camp and a total of 55 pounds since last August. Her mom, dad and brother are healthier from using the tips she brought back.

MORELLI HEALTH, FITNESS AND NUTRITION CAMP

- **When:** Five days a week, June 27- Aug. 12
- **Who's eligible:** Kids, 12-18
- **Where:** South Lyon High School
- **Cost:** \$1,500; Providence Park Hospital of Novi, a partner in the program, has offered grants to offset tuition costs for people who qualify.
- **More info:** Contact SLARA at (248) 437-8105 or e-mail Ron Morelli at rvmorelli@yahoo.com

"I want to bring the experience of having gone through it and finally having success," Kinjorski said. "I know how it feels. It's hard going through middle school and high school and having low self-esteem."

Morelli's youngest son, Max, who recently lost 55 pounds while learning weight loss and fitness tools at Biggest Loser Restart at Fitness Ridge in Utah, will join Kinjorski at the camp.

"I want to give these kids a chance to live a long, healthy life," said Max, who has lost 200 pounds total in two years.

Mike, Morelli's other son and partner on *Biggest Loser's* season seven in 2009, will work at the camp on a part-time basis. Michael was 388 pounds and lost 200 pounds on the show. Max, who also was featured on *Biggest Loser*, was more than 430 pounds 20 months ago and is now 220 pounds.

Mike said participants in the Morelli camp last year gained self-confidence and lost weight.

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"The commitment is everyday," Morelli noted. "It isn't easy — it's hard. We try to show by doing. We have kids who have gained the weight back, but they know how to lose it if they want to."

Register for camp through the South Lyon Parks and Recreation or e-mail Ron Morelli at rvmorelli@yahoo.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Hospital benefit

The Event on Main and its Family Festival of Hope will offer free live music, games, sidewalk art, face painting and more, starting at 3 p.m. June 23 between William and Liberty Streets in downtown Ann Arbor. Main Street restaurants and stores will join in the celebration and expand onto the street to show their support for the new Mott Hospital. Former U-M hockey team captain and current NHL Colorado Avalanche defenseman Matt Hunwick will be at the festival to sign autographs. Event on Main is a three-year endeavor, now in its second year, to raise \$1 million to support the construction of the new University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital. Last year, the event raised \$400,000. All proceeds from Event on Main and Family Festival of Hope — which also includes a private ticketed event at Mainstreet Ventures restaurants — support the Ronald McDonald House and the new C.S. Mott Children's

Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital. Tickets for the private event are \$450. For more information or to buy tickets and support the hospitals, visit www.eventonmain.org.

Flag football benefit

Michigan Youth Flag Football teams will compete in the "The Play for a Heart Charity Flag Football Festival" from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at Catalpa Oaks Park, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. This free tournament will conclude the organization's month-long fundraising campaign for the American Heart Association. Teams aim to raise \$20,000. Approximately 600 children, ages 5-12, from the Lombardi, Shula, Madden, and Landry teams will play in the tournament, representing the top 16 fundraising teams from Northville, Woodhaven, Livonia, Utica, Waterford, Canton, Westland, Lake Orion, Huron Valley, Shelby Township, and Fraser. For more information, go to www.michiganyouthflagfootball.com or call (248) 454-9700. To make a donation, go to flagfootballforheart.blogspot.com.

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

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

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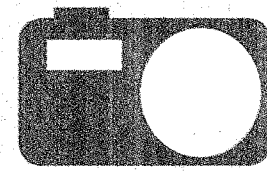


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Plymouth man dedicates his gardening to God

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Hausman took on a full-time job when he retired from Ford Motor Company 10 years ago.

He doesn't punch a clock, but he keeps meticulous records of his time, effort and results. He puts in about 40 hours weekly and when he's not in the rustic-looking "manger's office" you'll find him working in the field.

That's a real field, a big backyard that Hausman has tamed into flower beds, a vegetable garden, a mini-orchard, lawn and landscaping studded with antique farm implements and garden art.

"It's a full time job, but it's not a job. It's a full time labor of love," said Hausman, wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the name and motto of the six-acre site in Plymouth that he and his wife, Mary Beth, call home.

"I'm sure I spend 40 hours a week gardening, 40 hours a week enjoying the outside."

Ticket-holders to Trailwood Garden Club's "Flowers are Forever" walk will get a chance to see the results of his hard work on Tuesday, June 28. The Hausman property is one of five gardens featured during the annual event.

RUSTY, OLD

When the couple moved to "Weather Kissed" 23 years ago from a smaller lot in Plymouth, Hausman struggled to find the right name for their new home. The former owner

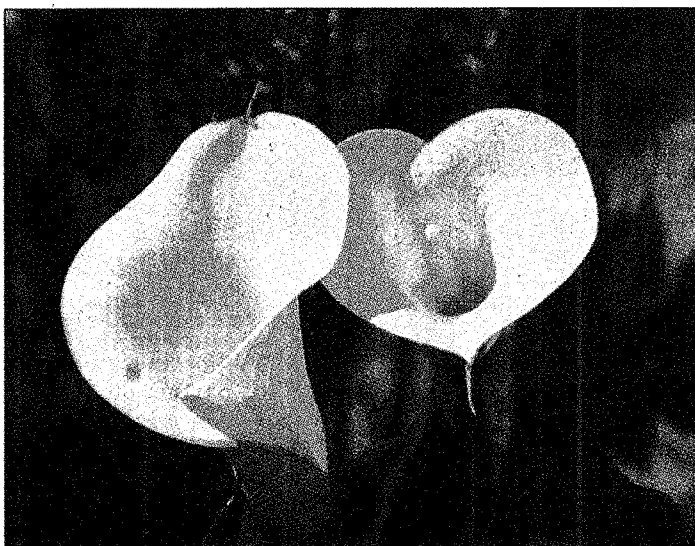
GARDEN WALK

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28

Details: Presented by the Trailwood Garden Club, the walk features five gardens in the Plymouth area. Strollers are not permitted in gardens. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Tickets: \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk; buy them from Saxton's Garden Center, 587 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth. Tickets for children are half off. Little gardeners carried in arms are free.

Contact: Darlene Rinke at (734) 459-7499 or Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625



Calla Lilies grow in front of Gary and Mary Beth Hausman's home.

had dubbed it "Shadowlawn" and painted the name on a rock near the estate's driveway.

"I hated that name because it reminded me of a cemetery. I said, 'we've got to come up with a better name.'"

He found it in a mail order catalogue description of a weather-kissed bench.

"When you look around here things are weather-kissed and I like things that have an aged look to them," he explained. "I try to stay away from putting in anything new, like a garden accessory. I like it to look like it's old. In fact, old and rusty is what I really enjoy."

Even Weather Kissed's



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Gary Hausman looks over his Canadian roses.

motto is old. Hausman wears an abbreviation — A.M.D.G. — of the Latin phrase "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam" on his shirt. Also the motto of the Society of Jesus Catholic religious order, the phrase means "to the greater glory of God." "Weather Kissed is dedicated to the glory of God. If someone comes and says 'I'd like to see your garden. Absolutely, I want to show it off because it's what I'm doing for the greater glory of God.'"

Hausman has opened the garden gate to visitors in the past, including the Canton Garden Club's walk in 2009. He'll be on hand for the Trailwood event, ready to share 40 years' worth of gardening experience and to answer questions about any

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Found items turn Livonia garden into artful sanctuary

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Sue Poster and Terry Poster's backyard is in bloom with bowling balls.

Glittery strands of beads hang from tree limbs near a trellis and greenery sprouts from old toy trucks, an empty suitcase, and a wagon.

"I have a lot of tchotchkes in the yard and things that mean a lot to me. I pick up found objects," said Sue Poster, who moved from a larger lot in Northville to a postage stamped yard in Livonia six years ago.

The backyard had "nothing but grass" when the couple moved in. Poster, who has attended garden walks in the past, vowed to create a memorable space that also reduced the amount of time her husband would spend behind a lawn mower.

Visitors on the annual Livonia Greenmead Garden Walk will get a chance to see the result when they browse the backyard, a certified wild-life habitat, on Saturday, June 25. The Posters' property is among five gardens featured

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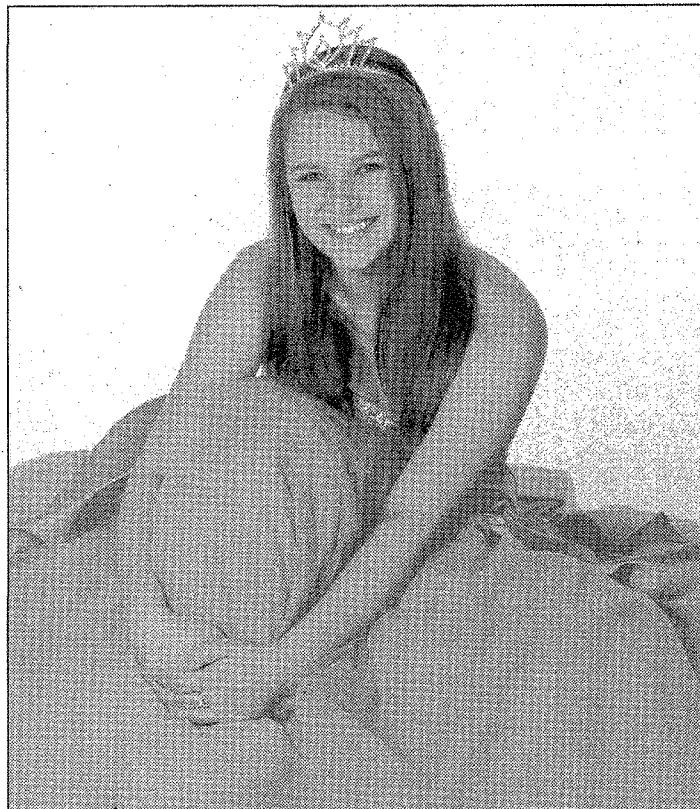
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Martina Sopko will represent Michigan at the Junior National Sweetheart competition next month in Miami, Fla.

Teen strives for national sweetheart title

Martina Sopko, 13, recently won the title Miss Michigan Junior National Sweetheart 2011 in a competition presented by the Americans National Teenager Scholarship Organization. She'll represent Michigan next month at a national competition in Miami, Fla.

Martina is an eighth-grade student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia. She previously attended Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

Martina recently won the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, was selected as a member of the Holmes Club for Academic Excellence, is a long-standing member of the honor roll at her school and was acceptance to participate in the Inspiration Engineering Project sponsored by Cooper's Automotive.

This fall Martina will attend

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Stevenson High School where she has been invited into the Advanced Placement English Program and will be a member of the freshman Sideline Cheer Squad.

Martina enjoys cheer, gymnastics,

pageantry, playing the guitar, shopping, acting, modeling, reading, writing, and assisting with her parents' real estate business.

She's also active in sports, including basketball, softball, soccer, swimming, volleyball and ice skating.

Martina is passionate about preventing bullying in all its forms — cyber, verbal or physical.

"It breaks my heart to read the stories of teen suicides caused by bullying," Martina stated. "All it takes is one person to make a difference. Just one. How hard is it really to just tell your buddies to knock it off? If you are afraid of being turned on and being made fun of by your friends, maybe your so-called 'friends' aren't really friends at all."

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The usual causes of neck muscle pain are physical strain or emotional tension. Doctors will start their evaluation by an inquiry of how long the patient spends in front of a computer or had experienced an accident that resulted in a whip lash injury. The physician will ask about personal events that may have left the patient feeling that the weight of the world had fallen on their shoulders.

While most neck pain comes from a muscle source, the neck vertebrae can cause a problem. Most often, the pain radiates down the arms, rather than staying focused in the neck area.

Treatment of neck pain follows from the cause. For a neck injury the first line treatment is cervical traction. The patient places his or her head in a special sling while a counterweight of 30-35 lbs applies a pull that opposes the contraction of the neck muscles.

Neck pain from tension may respond when the doctor discusses the cause with the patient. Anti-anxiety drugs such as Valium may help, muscle relaxants do not. If the doctor believes the neck vertebrae are the source of pain, then imaging of the spine with x-rays, CT or MRI is in order.

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on the tour. Poster, a pastry chef at The Suburban Collection in Novi, gardens organically, which is one requirement of backyard habitat certification.

"We love homegrown organic vegetables. They taste good. My grandson loves to make pickles, so we have to grow cukes," she said. "In Northville we had just a few tomatoes and herbs."

She turned an old dog run into a "children's garden" where she grows broccoli, squash, pumpkin, garlic, horseradish, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and celery in Livonia.

Vines sprout from a tire that was used as a swing, but now rests on its side.

"I have my son's old Tonka trucks that I use as planters and a little wagon with flowers in it," said Poster, who describes her mix of flowers and family artifacts as "a memory garden." It includes an old milk bucket, with an intact label, that came from her great-grandmother's farm.

TRASH TO ART

She also turns found objects into garden art and planters. Two of the eight bowling balls that decorate plant stands in flower beds and line the driveway alongside sunflowers were rescued from the trash at a garage sale.

"One I glued jewelry to. One I painted. My grandchildren and I covered one with foreign coins that I had picked up at an auction."

Poster said she keeps her gardening "casual" and tries to make the area stress-free as she works. When a family of skunks took up residence under a shed a few years ago, she simply played rap music "24-7" to drive them out. It worked. The skunks "have never come back."



A decorated planter box shows off pink impatiens. It's one of three that sit on the steps of a ladder decorating a garden bed in Sue-Poster's Livonia backyard.

PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

LIVONIA GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

What: The 22nd annual walk features five gardens at private homes, along with gardens at historic Greenmead.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25

Details: In addition to the gardens, artists from Visual Arts Association of Livonia will be on hand demonstrating their work

Tickets: \$9 before the walk, available at all Livonia libraries and the Greenmead gift shop; \$10 the day of the walk, available at Hill House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile, and Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.



Sue Poster dug the pond in her Livonia backyard and added a liner, rock edge, water and fish.

She collected rocks for the edge, made a homemade filter and waterfall, added water, plants and fish.

Poster suggests that garden walk participants take their cameras along to record ideas for their own garden.

"That's what I did all those years — take an idea from this one and that one. Then I tried to make it my own."

Dishwasher problem still hot

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

Following my recent column on why the glasses appear all fogged up in dishwashers, I received an e-mail from Donald which made a lot of sense to me.

Remember that I said I was going to North Dakota and South Dakota and those states did not have the phosphate ban imposed on them. I did purchase two large boxes of Cascade dishwasher detergent which said nothing different on them from what you purchase in Michigan.

Donald's e-mail says: "I just got around to reading your article about phosphate-free detergents. About a year ago, when the formula change was first announced, I did a little research on the topic. After looking at the Cascade Web site and several other sources, I concluded that the formula change was universal throughout the country. It's probably not realistic to think that manufacturers would market different products in different states. Many large retailers maintain distribution centers that serve multiple states. I can't imagine them stocking different products for different states, especially with the Feds nipping at their ankles and probably looking for ways to make states comply. I found Lemishine on Amazon and intend to give it a try. Keep up the good work!"

Well Donald, when I received your e-mail I told myself, this guy is way ahead of me. But regardless, I put the old detergent away and we immediately began to use the stuff I purchased in South Dakota. I figured that if it's the same it won't be long before the glasses get all foggy

again. It's been three weeks now and the problem still is not happening. It appears that the dishwasher detergent sold in the other states where the phosphate is not banned is still containing phosphates. I thought your studies made a whole lot of sense but it appears that the manufacturers are going to the trouble of shipping different detergents to individual states. I think my glasses are living proof of that fact and I will soon interview a lady representing a soap company. I will get to the final conclusion one way or another.

Summarize: Phosphate is banned in 16 states. It's no longer a part of dishwasher detergent. As a result, glasses come clean but are foggy. To resolve this problem, add a teaspoon of Lemi Shine mixed into the detergent. Problem solved. Lemi Shine is becoming available in many stores.

Additional Tips: Always run the hot water faucet up to maximum temperature before turning on your dishwasher. Use no more than 8 level teaspoons of powdered detergent in your soap containers if you are on city water and only 1 teaspoon if you have a water softener. Do not store your box of detergent under the kitchen sink, the most humid area in the home. Eventually it will ruin the detergent and make it hard to dissolve in the water. Keep the inside clean by giving it a Tang Breakfast Drink treatment once or twice a year. Turn it on for five to seven minutes, shut it off, open the door and deposit at least 12 ounces of the Tang right into the water in the bottom of the dishwasher. It's the best cleaner you can buy and greatly enhances the operation and smell of your dishwasher.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.rr.com

Author to cook, also sign books

Darla P. Jaros, author of *The Kitchen Assistant: Time and Money Saving Tips in the Kitchen*, will teach a cooking workshop for children, age 5-12, Tuesday-Wednesday, June 21-22 in Livonia.

Both workshops start at 11 a.m. The session on Tuesday will be held at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road and the Wednesday event will be at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile.

Jaros is a single mom from Waterford who collected recipes and helpful kitchen tips for more than 30 years, combining her tried-and-true basic principles of cooking into a cookbook. She uses fresh ingredients and a handful of useful guidelines to cook quick-and-easy meals on a tight budget.

In her book, Jaros teaches readers which staple items to always keep handy, how to make a meal for the entire

family when the cupboards seem bare, and the multiple uses of spices, as well as a weight-management plan.

At her library presentations, she'll teach youngsters to make the macaroni and cheese recipe from her book

Participants must be pre-registered to attend Jaros' presentation. Call (734) 421-6600 for the Alfred Noble Library and (248) 893-4010 for the Carl Sandburg Library.

PLYMOUTH
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of the numerous plant beds that, like Weather Kissed, are named.

EDIBLE GARDEN

The vegetable garden, which also includes raspberries and strawberries, shares a fenced-in area with the "Southwest Perennial Bed," "Southeast Perennial Bed" and "North Perennial Bed." A building, dubbed "Plant Manager's Office" anchors a corner of the plot and houses tools and garden supplies. "Apple Tree Island," a planting bed featuring an apple tree, sits between the fire pit circle and a row of fruit trees that include cherry, apple, nectarine pear and apricot. "Tubby" and "Pudgy" are the tanks used to collect rain water.

"I do a lot of conservation and recycling," he said.

That's evident on Hausman's "Americana Islands," which sport the old lawn equipment that he found on the property. He

mulched the site and turned the rusting antiques into garden art.

In the front yard, prickly pear cactus grows alongside perennials in the "Split-Rail Fence" bed and roses of all kinds deliver fragrance and color on the expansive lawn. Hausman is past president and past show chairman of the Huron Valley Rose Society.

He keeps a month-by-month gardening calendar in a binder, noting names of plants, when and where they were planted, fertilizer dates and amounts, transplants and blooming times.

"I do keep extensive records. I have an outdoor history of Weather Kissed which starts from the day we moved in. Anything that happened outside I tried to capture. Every plant I've ever planted or transplanted is in those records. I do it because I like to do it."

He said the history will serve as a legacy for his two grown sons and their families.

"I think it's fantastic."

MORE GARDENS

• Redford Township Beautification Commission Garden Walk - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 9. Tickets are \$5, available at the Redford District Library; the Clerk's office in the Township Hall; Leisure Services at the Redford Community Center; the Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile; Township Hardware, 25880 Five Mile; and at each of the gardens. For information on each garden go www.redfordtp.com. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations. Participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. A total of nine gardens will feature a variety of container gardens, perennials, raised beds, vegetable gardens, garden ponds with waterfall, and basically good upscale gardening.

• Country Garden Club of Northville - 18th annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Tickets are \$10, available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville. On walk day, tickets also will be available at Mill Race Village; (248) 348-3263.

• The Southfield Parks and Garden Club - 5th annual Southfield Garden Walk, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26, starting at the Bussey Center, 19080 12 Mile, Southfield. Tickets are \$10, available in advance or on walk day. For more information call Jon Adams at (248) 356-2281 or Kenson Silver at (248) 569-4286.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at **1-800-331-3530** for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

www.ssdfighter.com

Face of a Father

Whether peach fuzz or stubborn grey, there is no greater face than the face of a father.

Submit your favorite photo of your father

If selected, your father will win Emagine Theatre Movie Passes for 4 and an Ultimate Shaving Kit barbershop-quality grooming products from The Real Shaving Company which includes:

- **Self Heating Face Mask** - a "hot towel" treatment just like from the barber!! Featuring skin-soothing Vitamin E, zinc oxide and tea tree leaf, this mineral clay mask warms, softens, and lifts facial hair for a better shave.
- **Daily Facial Scrub** - formulated with ground walnut shell, this gentle scrub unblocks pores, removing dead skin cells and blackheads, for a closer shave and less irritation.
- **Shave Cream** - this double-concentrated cream provides an extra smooth shave with natural almond and coconut oils that soften and smooth skin and help prevent razor dragging and burns.
- **Skin Soothing Balm** - this easily absorbed moisturizer includes natural aloe vera, healing comfrey and anti-inflammatory tea tree oil to help condition skin and reduce discomfort and irritation.

All submissions must be received by June 24th

Email photo to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. Send as an attachment JPEG format ONLY. Include your name, your father's name, hometown, contact information, and why this is your favorite photo.

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Belleville High School

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

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1954
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

Class of 1971

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

Dearborn Heights Robichaud

Class of 1961

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

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet6@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweat shirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313)

532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcbalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

Class of 1971

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

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1971
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Iwa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

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

Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

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

Detroit Northwestern

Class of 1971

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnshs40th71@yahoo.com

Farmington High School

Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per

person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcbalnet or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1986

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

Garden City West

Class of 1981

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.

Inkster Cherry Hill

All classes

The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
June 27, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on June 27, 2011 at 6:25 p.m. regarding the revised proposed FY 2011/2012 Budget and 5-year capital Improvement Plan.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2011, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2012.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: 13.8403 mills for general operating purposes; 0.8200 mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; and 2.2396 mills for judgment debt. The total millage levy shall be 16.8999 mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the city.

SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries for the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget document:

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
General Property Taxes	8,501,932	Mayor & Council	33,309
Business Licenses/Permits	21,000	21st District Court	654,329
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	14,000	City Administration/Personnel	278,874
State Shared Revenues	3,251,092	Clerk-Treasurer	702,536
Grants - Local Units	1,299,035	General Services	3,839,021
Charges for Services	1,122,480	Police	4,506,342
Fines and Forfeits	581,000	Fire	2,077,111
Miscellaneous Revenue	635,000	Department of Public Services	1,138,204
Contributions/Public Enterprises	273,000	Parks and Recreation	1,670,197
Contributions/Other Funds	178,967	Boards & Commissions	44,822
		Debt Service	932,761
TOTAL REVENUES:	15,877,506	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	15,877,506

MAJOR STREET FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,123,215	Expenditures	2,889,569
Interest on Investments	12,742		
Federal Grants			
State Grants			
Use of Fund Balance	1,753,612		
TOTAL REVENUES:	2,889,569	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	2,889,569

LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	432,647	Expenditures	1,190,000
Transfer in from Major Streets	280,804		
METRO Act Revenue	75,000		
Interest on Investments	4,140		
Use of Fund Balance	804,409		
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,597,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,597,000

STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	425,000	Expenditures	425,000
Interest on Investments			
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	425,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	425,000

911 FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	162,000	Expenditures	32,100
Interest on Investments	100	Transfer to General Fund	130,000
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	162,100	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	162,100

CABLE FRANCHISE P.E.G. FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Cable Company PEG	89,050	Expenditures	89,050
Fees			
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	89,050	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	89,050

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
County Grant Transfers	182,000	Salaries	
Housing Rehabilitation Funding		Housing Rehabilitation	60,000
		ADA Compliance	62,800
		Public Service Activities	28,800
		Administration	15,200
		Planning/Facility Improvements	15,200
TOTAL REVENUES:	182,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	182,000

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Transfers from Other Funds	80,139	Personnel	70,363
Permits/Inspections Fees	90,000	Operating/Services	2,335
Planning/Zoning Fees	168,380	Capital Outlay	
Rental Inspection Fees	59,000	Professional/Technical Services	324,821
TOTAL REVENUES:	397,519	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	397,519

POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Confiscations	9,300	Expenditures	9,500
Interest on Investments	200		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	9,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	9,500

HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Repayments of Loans	17,000	Housing Rehabilitation	17,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	17,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	17,000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Transfers from General Fund	30,000	Expenditures	30,200
Interest on Investments	200		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	30,200	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	30,200

WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Water/Sewer Revenue	7,812,565	Water Distribution	2,160,812
Other Revenue	1,023,732	Sewage Disposal	5,789,648
Decrease Retained Earnings	2,481,765	Personnel/Administration	3,367,602
TOTAL REVENUES:	11,318,062	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	11,318,062

RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	1,415,000	Expenditures	1,415,000
Interest on Investments			
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,415,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,415,000

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Incremental Property Tax Revenue	430,000	Development Projects	237,673
Use of Fund Balance	478,716	Administration	468,563
Interest on Investments	1,200	Debt Service	239,180
Misc Revenue	35,500		
TOTAL REVENUES:	945,416	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	945,416

LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Transfers in from General Fund	54,500	Personnel	
Fees and Fines		Operating/Services	
Grants and Aid	5,500	Professional/Technical Services	60,000
Interest on Investments		Capital Outlay	
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	60,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	60,000

REVENUES - ALL FUNDS: \$35,414,922.00 EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS: \$35,414,922.00

SECTION 3: TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS - AUTHORITY OF CITY MANAGER: APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL.

Pursuant to Section 19(2) of the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, being Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended, and in accordance with Section 6.09(D) of the Garden City Charter, the City Manager, as the chief administrative officer of the city, is hereby authorized to transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among the programs within a department, office, or agency at any time during the fiscal year without approval of the City Council. Upon written request by the City Manager, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another.

MILESTONES

COOPER ARRIVES

Cooper Julian Brown was born June 2, 2011, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

Proud parents are David and Darcell Brown of Royal Oak. Grandparents are Frank and Linda Sutika of Farmington Hills, Loretta and Manny Brown of Birmingham and Sandy Brown of Holbrook, Pa.

Great-grandparents are Mamo Sutika of Linden, Ivory Kinder of Farmington Hills and Kelly Holden of Arizona.



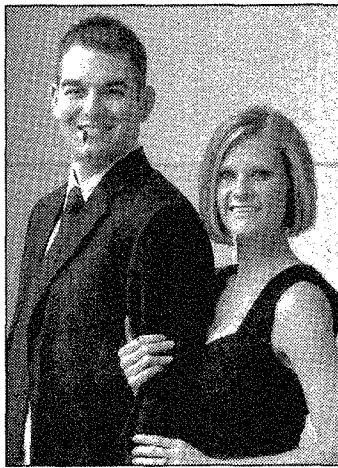
Cooper Julian Brown

SEPTEMBER WEDDING

Kristen Lyn Hutchins and Steven Charles Mostrom announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ann and Richard Hutchins of Livonia, graduated in 2004 from Livonia Stevenson High School, in 2008 from Hope College and in 2011 from Grand Valley State University graduate school with a master's degree in public administration in health care. She is a certified athletic trainer.

Her fiancé, son of Cathy and David Mostrom of Sturgis, graduated in 2004 from Centerville High School and in 2008 from Hope College. He is employed as a manager for Verizon.



Hutchins-Mostrom

A September 2011 wedding is planned at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. A reception will follow at the Colony Club in Detroit.

Rescuers save pups, offer vaccinations

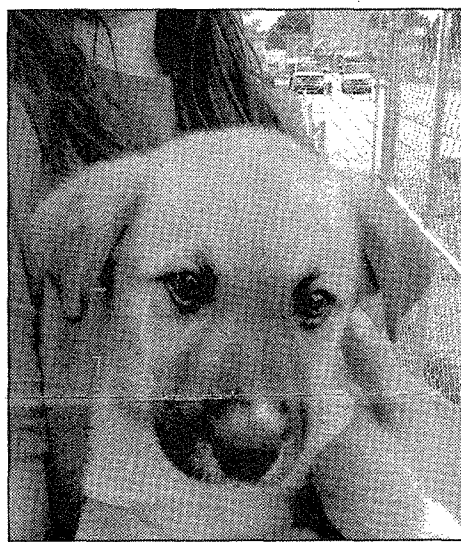
SURVIVORS

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue of Westland rescued four dogs last weekend from "horrible situations" in Detroit, according to Sandra Mezza, founder.

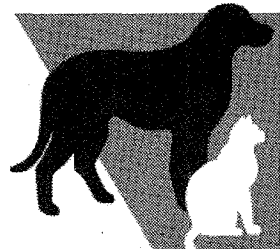
Two puppies survived. An adult dog and five-week-old puppy died.

"The two survivors are very sick and full of ticks, but we think they will make it," Mezza wrote in an e-mail. She said ticks were removed and "the puppies seemed to be feeling better and even wagged their tails."

The organization fosters the adoptable dogs that it rescues. To become a foster parent with Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, e-mail to info@gaarmichigan.org or attend its weekly adoption event, 1-4 p.m. every Saturday, at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.



A Guardian Angel Animal Rescue volunteer holds a pup rescued last weekend in Detroit.



PET PROJECTS

LOW-COST VACCINATION

Livonia-based Tail Waggers 1990 will offer distemper, rabies and bordetella vaccinations from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Premier Pet, 31215 Southfield Road, in Beverly Hills. Cost is \$12 each or \$30 for all three. No appointment is necessary, although Tail Waggers requests RSVP to vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com or (734) 560-4660. Microchipping also will be available.

PAWS FOR LIFE BENEFIT

Designer Resale Boutique will celebrate its new location at 175 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale with a summer fashion show. The parade of fashions — with a Miami Heat theme — will benefit Paws for Life, a nonprofit animal rescue. A few of the organization's adoptable animals will strut along the catwalk with models. The show will include restyled, resale and vintage items.

Tickets are \$5 with all profits going to Paws for Life. The event will include the raffle of a Tiffany necklace and other new and vintage items.

"My own animals are rescues so I know how important it is to find a good home for animals," said Amy Keely, owner of Designer Resale Boutique.

RSVP on the store's Facebook page or call (248) 840-2569.

GARDEN & NATURE

Perennial Exchange

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

English Gardens

Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.

Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

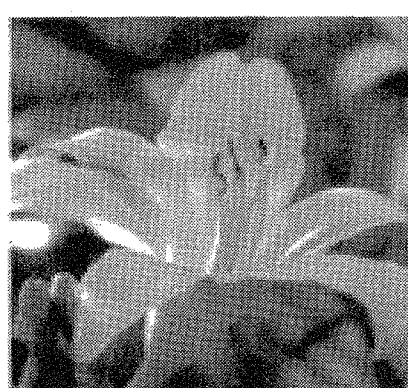
Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.

Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.

What kinds of plants do best in the shade? Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

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



BROWN, LINDA ANN

Of Sterling Heights, May 31, 2011; Age 48. Beloved daughter of Shirley. Dear sister of Allen Brown and Susan Ballard. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586) 777-0555



BROWN, ROBERTA KEGAN

Passed away June 11, 2011, in Dearborn. She was 90 years old. Mrs. Brown was born September 18, 1920 in Holyoke, MA, the daughter of Edith and Frank Kegan. She lived in Lockport, NY and Springfield, MA until moving to Bloomfield, NJ at age 9. She received her BA from Brown University in Providence, RI in 1941 and worked for Prudential Insurance in Newark, NJ after graduation. She married the late Edward C. Brown, also of Bloomfield, NJ, in 1945 and lived in Oceanside, CA where her husband was stationed with the Coast Guard during WWII. After the war, she and her husband lived in NJ while her husband completed his BA at Rutgers and his MBA at NYU. In 1950, her husband joined Ford Motor Company in Buffalo, NY, and after several moves, she and her family settled in Bloomfield Hills in 1961. She and her husband stayed in Bloomfield Hills until 2007 when they moved to Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing bridge, golfing and traveling with her husband. After her husband's retirement in 1983, she and her husband spent the winters at their condo in Boca Raton, FL until moving to Dearborn. Mrs. Brown is survived by her daughter, Valaree, of Prospect Heights, IL, son Karl (Mary) of Bloomfield Hills, and grandchildren Eric (Lauren) of Washington, D.C., Rachel of Washington, D.C., and Kelly (Bradley) Ferrara of Shelby Twp. A private committal service will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

DAVIS, CRIS A.

Of Sterling Heights, June 4, 2011; Age 50. Beloved Father of Jacquelyn, Jacob and Cris Jr. Son of Bill and the late Marcie. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954



HUNTER JR., GORDON

Died June 13, 2011 with his wife and daughters at his side. He is survived by Catherine, his loving, devoted wife of 53 years, his daughters Judy Hunter (Jim Faulk) and Cindy Hunter (Rick Nieman), and four grandchildren of whom he was so proud, Stevie Faulk, C.J. Faulk, Matt Nieman, and Molly Nieman. His first born daughter, Heidi, preceded him in death two years ago. Mr. Hunter was born and raised in New Jersey, attended college, and served on the US Air Force baseball team and in the reserves. He moved to Michigan in 1958 with Catherine where they raised their daughters. He retired from the Fireman's Fund American Insurance Company. He was active in the local community, serving as PTA president and on various boards at his church, to name a few. After he retired he stayed busy volunteering — at the Detroit Zoo, the Fisher Theatre, and the Detroit Opera Theatre. He volunteered for "Fish for Livonia", and most notably, with the American Red Cross, where he was once named "Volunteer of the Year." Mr. Hunter loved sports, especially golf. This, coupled with pride in his Scottish heritage, led him to a highlight in his life: attending the 1990 British Open at St. Andrews. He and Catherine shared a wonderful, and full, life together that included simple pleasures: travelling, eating out with friends, and quiet evenings at home. He had a great sense of humor, and his light-hearted, positive attitude was endearing to all. He is remembered by his family and friends as steady, constant and kind, a gentleman, and a gentle man. A service to honor his life will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 11 am at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or Mt. Hope Church. Share a memory at: www.rgrgharris.com

JONES JR., RAYMOND

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

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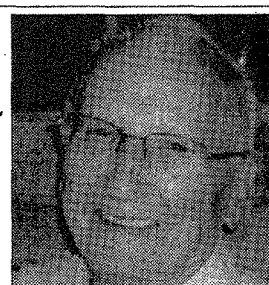
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LASKEY, CAROL JOAN

Age 74, June 15, 2011, long time resident of Livonia, in Atlanta, Georgia, of complications of dementia. Wife of James T. Laskey for 52 years. Loving mother of Michael (Harbor Springs), James J. (Atlanta), Thomas (Traverse City) and Susan (Atlanta). Grandmother to eleven. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Childrens Tumor Foundation, 95 Pine St., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10005-1703. Cremation has taken place. No local service has been scheduled.



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



STEENCKEN (COUSINS), FRANCES J.

Of Orionville 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; granda 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 8 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 was held 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

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



MCGREGOR, JOYCE ANNE

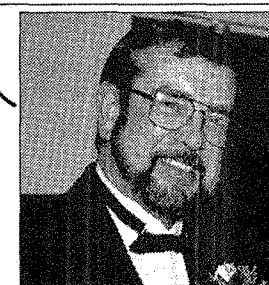
November 29, 1949 - June 12, 2011

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 and then selecting the Life Stories page.



SEGEDI, JOHN VINCENT "Cookie"

Was born and raised in the coal mining town of Ellsworth, Pennsylvania. Growing up as one of 13 children, he had a strong passion for football. In 1951 he won the "Number One Quarterback" award for all of southwest Pennsylvania. After serving as a cook in the Korean War, he moved to Detroit and attended the Toledo Meat Cutting School. He met his wife of 54 years, Patricia, and they married on July 27, 1957. John worked as an executive head chef at Tam-O-Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield for 25 years. He then turned to his entrepreneurial side and for the past 32 years he has owned the local family business, Szegedi's Catering. There, he has had the privilege of working side by side daily with his wife, sons, and grandson. John was a generous man with a big heart. He was a local philanthropist, donating time, food, and money to many local needs. His charitable efforts extended worldwide as he sponsored multiple missions in Africa. John was a member of Dearborn Divine Child Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Known by his family as "Uncle Cookie", he never found a cookie he didn't like. All of his life, John was passionate about sports, history, and music. Dad/Grandpa always made everyone feel special. He is preceded in death by his son Michael Francis Segedi and is survived by his wife Patricia; his children, Cindy (Richard) Tyzo, John (Joyce), Steve (Susan), Paul (Lisa) and Tricia (Mark) Yost; as well as 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Saturday 5-9 pm and Sunday 1-9pm with an evening service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (Between Ford Rd. & Chery Hill), Instate Monday, 9am until 9:30am Mass at Divine Child Church, 1055 N. Silvery Lane at Wilson in Dearborn. The Family has set up "The John Segedi Memorial Fund" through The Children's Foundation at Children's Hospital of Detroit so his legacy will live on.



TERVO, ARTHUR C.

Age 68, of Plymouth passed away Saturday June 11th, 2011. Loving husband of 37 years to Carol. Beloved father of Kimberly Pawlusiak, Audrey (Clarence) Bringe, Marsha Tervo. Beloved grandfather of Lauren Pawlusiak, Alexis Pawlusiak, Zachary Sarkody, and Megan Bringe. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Helen Tervo. Art Tervo was proud to have served his country in the United States Air Force. He enjoyed his career as a self employed mechanical contractor. Cherished moments were time spent with his family and friends. He was a member of St. Kenneth's Church. Memorial service will be held Saturday June 18th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Livonia Hospice.



VAN CAMP, DOROTHY L.

Age 92, June 15, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Philip for 54 years. Loving mother of Kennard (Linda), Pamela Ellison, Harlan, Richard (Joanne), Dallas (Susan), Gregory, Dorothy (Aaron) Clarke, and Geoffrey (Mary) Van Camp. Cherished grandmother of 21, great-grandmother of 12. Funeral Tuesday 11 AM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Visitation Monday 2-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army of Eastern Michigan, Southfield. www.thayer-rock.com

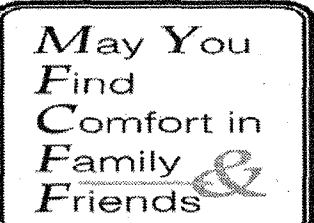
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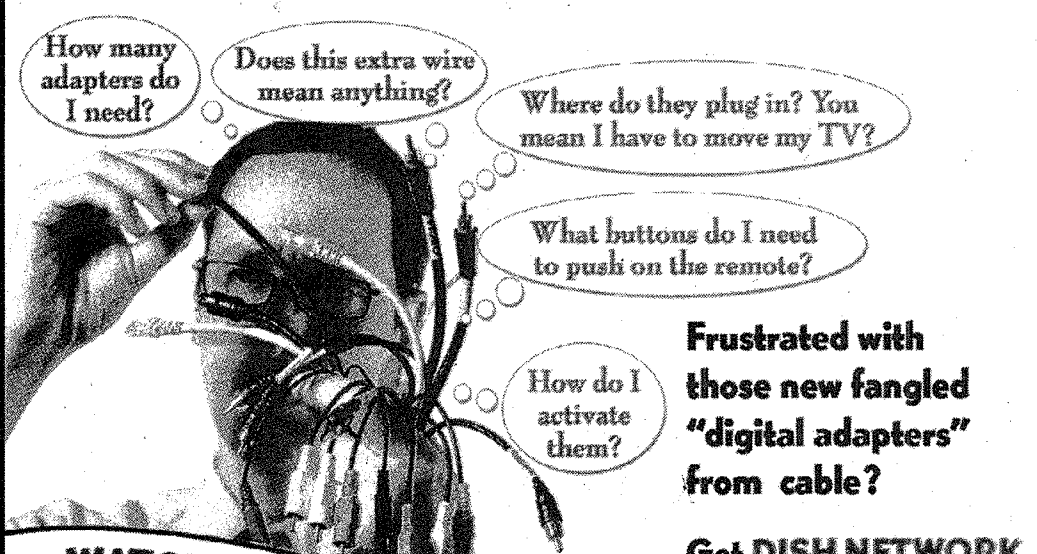
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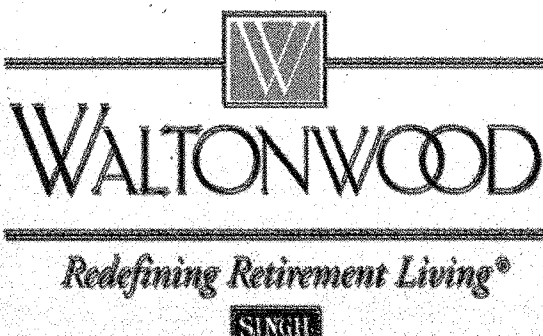
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