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Westland city offices, including the 18th District Court and the Recycling Center, will be closed on Good Friday, April 6. Garbage and recycling pickup will not be affected.

The Historical Museum will be closed on Saturday, April 7; the Westland Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8, and the Bailey Recreation Center will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Residents protest proposed location of new city hall

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

In a literal case of not in my back yard, residents from Newberry Estates Subdivision appeared before the Westland council Monday to object to a proposal under discussion to construct a new city hall north of their homes near the William P. Faust Library.

"We never heard about this development. I was told by (Westland Planning and Building

Director) Bruce Thompson that the property wasn't zoned for residential, just the library," said Newberry Estates resident Bill Campbell. "Probably 150 homes will be affected by this. Don't build City Hall there, please."

Campbell commented that the homeowners association had already been contacted by an attorney and implied he would organize a recall effort against the elected officials, if the project moves forward.

"I don't want to do it. People

can call me. I would like to start our own committee," said Campbell.

The property in question — nine acres behind the library — is owned by the city and is actually zoned R-5, single family residential like the library site. It has undeveloped land with trees around the perimeter but a paved parking area near the center and a pavilion used for concerts.

The council has looked at the property as the site of the new

city hall for several reasons including the ability to fund the project with recaptured property taxes through the Tax Increment Financing Authority without requiring additional taxes.

Constructed about six years, Newberry Estates Subdivision is located south of the library west of Central City Parkway and north of Ford. A commercial strip center, including Kroger, is located immediately south of the

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Marshmallow Drops

Wayne County Parks and the Westland Civitan Club are sponsoring the annual Marshmallow Drop at 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, at the Nankin Mills area on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Thousands of marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter for youngsters to pick up and turn in for a prize. Regardless of how many marshmallows are collected, each child will receive one treat. There will be three separate age groups — 4 years and younger, 5-7 years and 8 years and older.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 33rd annual Marshmallow Drop 10 a.m. to noon Friday, April 6, at the Anderson ball field in Goudy Park, on Howe south of Annapolis.

The first drop will be at 10 a.m. for walking toddlers to age 4 and children with a disability. The second drop will be for children age 5-7 and the third drop for child ages 8-10.



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Brandon Tomblin and attorney Robert Mullen in Judge Ron Lowe's courtroom.

Second judge out of sex case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A second judge from 35th District Court in Plymouth has recused himself from a case involving former Wayne-Westland school teacher Brandon Lee Tomblin, a Canton man jailed on criminal charges following accusations of inappropriate behavior toward a 16-

year-old boy.

Judge Ronald Lowe refused to hear testimony Monday as Tomblin, 26, appeared in court for what has become a twice-delayed preliminary examination on one count of child sexually abusive activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two

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City's TIFA citizens council to get more members

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Local residents will have additional representation on a body reviewing project plans for the city's Tax Increment Financing Authority.

Council members voted to add expand the TIFA Development Area Citizens Council from nine to 11 members Monday, after residents living near the possible site of a new city hall complained they hadn't had known about the council and hadn't had an opportunity to serve.

A proposal to build a new city on city-owned property west of the William P. Faust Public Library was discussed at an earlier council study session and wasn't actually on the Monday meeting agenda. However, the council was appointing members to the citizens council, which is needed to review an amended plan that could include the City Hall project and allow funding of the project through recaptured property tax dollars in the TIFA District.

"I live adjacent to the library. How can I participate if you haven't already chosen a the board?" said Mack Nathan, who lives on Newberry Estates Drive. "There should be several people with homes at the back of the library on it. I walk my dogs back there and that will be eliminated."

A second Newberry

Estates resident, Robert Kleffman, also said that he wanted to participate on the citizens council and questioned the process for finding the members.

The nine residents offered to council for appointment to the citizens council included eight members who were appointed a year ago as the TIFA looked into alternatives for replacing City Hall. That effort didn't move forward as expected, said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale. As the need arose again, Fodale said the current members were contacted and asked if they were interested in being appointed again.

The appointed members are Diana Dallavecchia, Linda Potter, Barbara Barski, Mary Murphy, James Murphy, Judy Bianchi, Lisa Eggers, Bud O'Leary and Pola O'Leary. State law requires that members of the citizens council live within the boundaries of the TIFA district.

In his motion amendment, Councilman Bill Johnson wanted Nathan and Kleffman, whose names weren't specifically mentioned, appointed to the citizens council.

Council President James Godbout supported a suggestion from Mayor William Wild that residents interested in serving on the citizens

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Veteran starts writing group for fellow vets

By LeAnne Rogers
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Veteran and poet Mark Durfee is looking for other veterans to join a monthly creative writing group that will focus on their experiences in combat and at home.

Collectively, veterans keep a lot bottled up, Durfee said. "The idea is to be a bottle opener and let some of that steam

out," said Durfee, 58, who served in the U.S. Navy 1972-75.

A poet since he was a teen, Durfee said he realizes participating in a writing group has its own set of challenges which is hampering the number of veterans signing up for the free program.

"A lot of getting a crowd is getting over that in-born fear of talking in front of a group — public speaking.

It's really necessary to talk about what you have written," said Durfee, who has published three books of poetry. "People are really shy about letting strangers hear about their writing."

A retired master auto mechanic, Durfee said he has worked with many writers, primarily on a one-on-one basis. He has also run open mic nights, currently every other month in Ferndale.

For the veterans writing group, Durfee said he'd like participants to bring a piece of writing — a short story or poetry — to be discussed.

"Something to look at through my eyes. I'll analyze their word choices, the structure and syntax," he said.

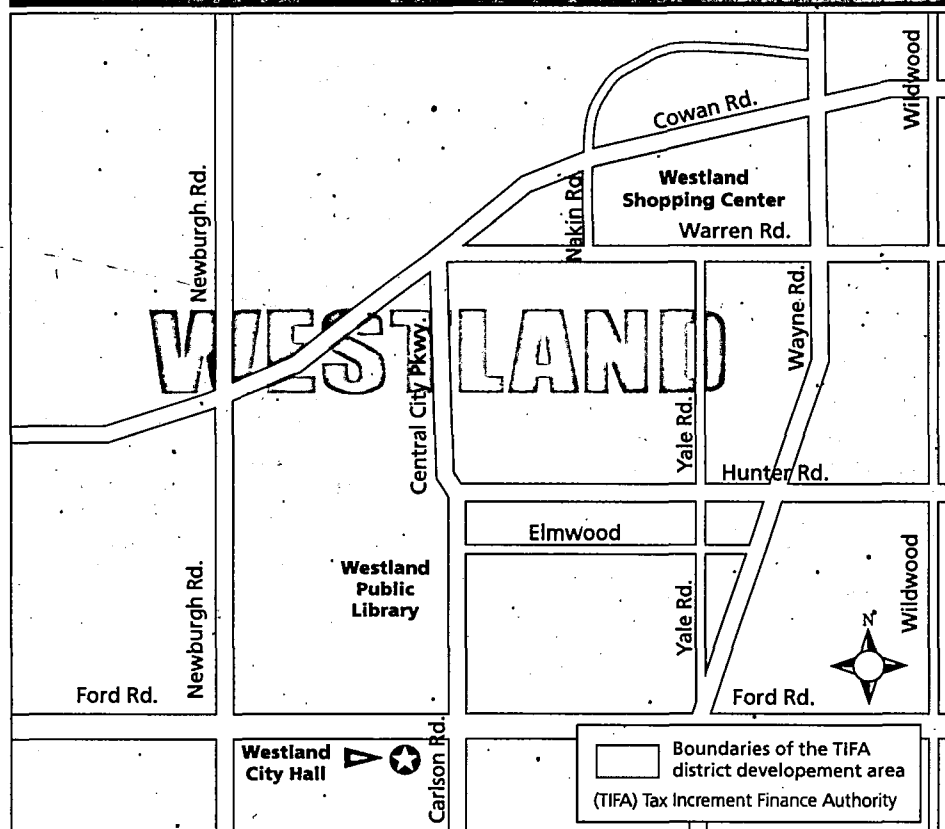
No previous writing experience is required and the program is being offered at no charge by

Westland's William P. Faust Library. The next session is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. Participants can register by calling (734) 326-6123.

"Everything is free. If nothing else, they can enjoy a free water and steal a pen from the library," said Durfee.

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Westland TIFA District



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council send a letter of interest to his office or to Fodale.

"I agree with adding two people but both (Nathan and Kleffman) are Newberry Estates residents," said Councilman Michael Kehrer, adding residents on nearby Dowling may also be interested in serving.

Council members agreed to expand the citizens council to 11 members, with the two added spots to be filled at the April 16 council meeting. An amendment to appoint Nathan and Kleffman failed on a split vote.

"We need to do our due diligence with letters of interest or applications. It's only fair to

use the same process as our boards and commissions," said Councilman Adam Hammons. "There may be more people at home who are interested. I have no issue with adding two people."

The TIFA Board had handled the construction of the library more than 15 years ago, Wild said.

"It's the jewel in the crown of our city, we were able to finance the nicest library in the area," he said. "Twenty years ago, we were criticized as one of the biggest cities in the area, if not the nation, without a library. It was a solution. We have a problem with City Hall and we can't just hope it goes away."

When the TIFA has a project, property tax revenues are captured and used for funding. Keh-

rer noted that when there isn't a project, Westland would receive only about 30 cents out of each dollar collected with the balance refunded to other taxing jurisdictions.

Unlike the current City Hall location, the city-owned property behind the library is part of the TIFA District. Earlier concepts studied included possible relocation to a commercial site within the TIFA district, which includes the Westland Shopping Center, and rebuilding on the current Ford Road site.

"By what has been presented to me, the library site is the best. It is too expensive on this (Ford Road) site. This site is no good," said Kehrer.

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CITY HALL

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subdivision.

After moving his physical therapy business to Westland, Robert Kleffman said that he and his wife had rented for two years and were looking for a home in Canton until deciding to buy in Newberry Estates.

"I was assured by the builder that the woods would not be taken out, I paid extra for a view of the woods," said Kleffman. "I chose to invest in Westland. I have been loyal to Westland. I would ask you to be loyal to me."

Noting the money invested in his backyard patio to allow him

to enjoy the woods and drops in his property value, Kleffman said the city should look at other vacant property for a city hall.

Other residents called on the council to preserve the wooded area behind their homes and expressed concerns that the development would bring additional traffic to their neighborhood.

Some speakers urged the council to consider placing a new city hall on the current building site on Ford near Central City Parkway.

The council hasn't voted on any plans to construct a new city hall at this point — the issue wasn't even on the council agenda.

"There has been a lot of talk on City Hall. I'm excited that at the end of the day, not one person is saying we've got to save the building," said Mayor William Wild. "We all know the serious problems with the building."

Those problems include mold and air quality issues, persistent basement flooding due to the high water table and a sink hole that is developing along the east building foundation, said Wild.

"Where it will go is secondary. It may end up at the library property. This is our City Hall and we have got to deal with it," said Wild.

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Brandon Tomblin is led back to the lockup after his preliminary hearing was delayed for a second time.

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counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children.

"I know the defendant," Lowe said. "He worked at a chiropractic office I was going to."

In recusing himself, Lowe alluded to Tomblin's family ties to 35th District Judge Michael Gerou.

Gerou's brother, Thomas Gerou, is Tomblin's stepfather and also runs a Canton chiropractic office.

Judge Gerou already had recused himself from the case when Tomblin initially appeared in his courtroom on March 16, publicly acknowledging that his sister-in-law is Tomblin's mother.

By following Gerou in recusing himself, Lowe said it's important to guard against any appearances that Tomblin might be treated differently than another defendant facing a similar situation.

"If we don't comply with that procedure,

then it leads to a taint," Lowe said, adding later, "We've got to be squeaky clean on this one."

Lowe said he could have proceeded Monday if Tomblin had intended to merely waive his preliminary exam — a decision that automatically sends a case to Wayne County Circuit Court for disposition. However, Lowe withdrew from the case after learning that testimony was going to be heard.

Lowe, meanwhile, tossed the case to the only remaining 35th District judge, James Plakas, and set the preliminary exam for May 4. However, Lowe said he wouldn't be surprised if Plakas also recuses himself.

If that happens, Tomblin's case likely would be sent to another district court.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of the charges out of Canton. Outside Gerou's courtroom on March 16, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Brian Surma declined to comment

on other potential charges against Tomblin.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said Tomblin had partial teaching assignments at Wayne Memorial High School, where he taught vocal music, and at Franklin Middle School, St. Michael Lutheran School and Hicks Elementary School.

Tomblin remains jailed with a \$75,000/10 percent bond, meaning he could be released with \$7,500. His family hasn't posted the bond, but Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has said that, even if Tomblin is released, he would be placed under house arrest with an electronic tether.

Charges out of Canton arose after Miller said a mother contacted authorities alleging "inappropriate behavior" toward her 16-year-old son.

Baracy has said Tomblin resigned and severed his ties to the Wayne-Westland school district.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Garage sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is holding a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be a \$2 bag sale at 4 p.m. All large items also will sell for \$2 at bag sale.

For more information, call Mae Bray at (734) 722-8209.

Open House

St. Damian Catholic School in Westland is holding an open house 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. St. Damian offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and half and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information, call (734) 427-1680 or go online to www.stdamian.com.

Anniversary auction

St. Mary Parish in Wayne is celebrating its 150th anniversary with an auction, "A Night on the Town," at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Parish

Activity Center, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

There will be a silent auction, live auction, raffles, music and more. The cost is \$25 per adult (age 21 and older) and includes strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages.

Pre-registration is necessary and can be completed by calling the parish office at (734) 721-8745 or visit the website, www.stmarywayne.org, and clicking on the Auction Gavel for forms and more information.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information, visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call (734) 722-3660.

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Annual dinner benefits club's shooting sports

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For the last three years, the Western Wayne County Conservation Association has hosted a sellout Friends of the NRA dinner and auction in May at its Plymouth Township clubhouse.

This year organizers have decided to move it a few miles down the road to the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center to let more people attend.

"We're trying to increase the size and raise more money for the kids, it's only four miles from the club," said Robert Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "The first three years we sold out at 160 for the dinner. By moving it to Fox Hills we can run it up to 300."

The banquet, which will be held Thursday, May 17, will raise money for the NRA Foundation. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the foundation while the remaining 50 percent will stay in Michigan to support boys', girls' and Women on Target shooting sports programs and range development.

The evening includes dinner, games, auctions, drawings and door prizes. Doors open at 5 p.m. to preview prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m.

Limited edition firearms, custom knives, FNRA limited edition commissioned art, spe-



The Western Wayne County Conservation Association had a large group of women turnout for its Women on Target program which helps women learn shooting skills in a safe environment.

cial ladies' merchandise and many items created for the event will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Special raffle ticket packages also will be available.

Dinner tickets are priced at \$40 each and attendees are automatically entered in a drawing to win a .22 rifle with their dinner ticket purchase. Those who purchase dinner tickets by April 30 will be entered in a special early bird drawing.

There also are several packages available, including the \$100 Big Shooter that includes \$160 in raffle tickets and a ticket for a special drawing for "the Big Bang Handgun," along with \$200 Super Shooter with \$400 in raffle tickets and three tickets for the gun drawing. People who purchase either of the shooter packages by April 30 will get a second package free. Sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 also are available.

"We created the special ladies table for the female shooters and guests with

things that would be of interest to the girls," said Haviland. "We created the early bird to raise more money and increase raffle ticket sales. It's all about raising money for the kids and the ladies, and we think that's the right way to go."

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in Westland and moved to its current location — 80 acres of land on Napier Road in Plymouth Township — in 1965. Haviland has been a member the club since the early 1990s, but has belonged to other conservation clubs since he was 19 years old.

Its members hail from such Wayne County communities as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford to as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

"We currently have 850 members, our numbers are coming back," said Haviland. "At one point, we had 1,350 mem-

bers and dropped to 750. We're working our way back up."

The club has been able to get FNRA grants to support its programs. It applied last year and received three, totaling more than \$10,000. The money came in handy, supporting junior shotgun and rifle programs and a Women on Target program which has seen participation increase to the point where the club is offering two classes this year.

"We've modified the fees and rules to make the WWCCA member friendly," Haviland said. "We're offering new programs and increasing our junior and ladies programs."

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, contact Nancy Garneau at (734) 259-3341 or the WWCCA at (734) 453-9843. Tickets also can be ordered online at www.friendsofnra.org/Events. Click on Michigan.

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Police look for suspect in home invasion

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland police are continuing to investigate an incident in which an elderly woman opened her front door to would-be robber Saturday afternoon.

"He had a mask on and we have no concrete description of the suspect. We think he's a white male," said Westland Police Lt. Michael Match. "One of the neighbors might have seen the suspect fleeing in a vehicle. We're following up, it might be unrelated."

The 73-year-old woman told police that just before 4 p.m. that she heard "someone fiddling" at the front door of her home in the 32000 block of Anita in the area of Merriman and Joy, possibly placing a flier on the storm door or kids playing around.

After the third or fourth time hearing the noise, the woman told police she got up and looked out the window but didn't see anything. About five minutes later, she said she heard a light knock on the door.

The storm door is usually locked, the woman told police, but for some reason she hadn't locked it that day. When she opened the entry door, she said the suspect pushed his way in.

"He got past the lady into the house. She was knocked down. There was a bit of a struggle," said Match.

The two wrestled around on the living room floor. The woman told police that the intruder kept telling her to lay on her stomach and that he didn't want to shoot her. The man never showed a gun but implied he was armed, the woman said.

After struggling with the suspect, the woman said

she was forced onto her stomach. The suspect headed to the rear bedrooms of the home, at which point the woman was able to flee the home.

The woman went to a neighbor's home to get help, Match said. Police responded, including a canine officer to track the suspect, but the suspect was gone.

Officers talked to the victim at Garden City Hospital where she had been transported by Westland Fire Rescue. The woman was treated for bumps to her head and bruising, mostly to her arms and wrist.

The incident appears to be an attempted home invasion. Although the suspect made it into the home, Match said that, at this time, nothing has been reported stolen.

"We're not sure if this was random. We're following up different ideas and finding out who knew the victim. This is very unusual, especially in this area. It's usually very quiet," said Match.

The victim told police she thought the suspect was a white male 5-foot-10 to 6-foot tall with a medium build. He was wearing a maroon/wine colored short jacket. Based on the way the suspect moved, the woman said she thought the suspect was in his 20s. The suspect may have been driving a small older medium blue Chevy or Ford in decent condition.

Anyone with information is asked to call Westland Police at (734) 722-9600.

"We'd rather have people give us information and it turn out to be nothing, than not tell us and it is something," said Match.

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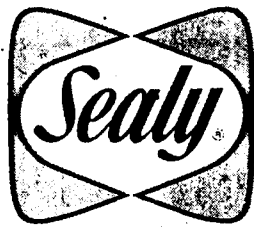
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Good news: Stoneflies found in Rouge Concrete Channel

One of the most altered portions of the Rouge River has revealed some very sensitive insects this spring. On Sunday March 11, Friends of the Rouge member Darin O'Brien was out looking for birds along the concrete channel of the Rouge River in Dearborn when he noticed dozens of small winged insects. On closer examination, he identified them as adult stoneflies, a type of insect that requires clean, highly oxygenated water. O'Brien reported the stoneflies to Friends of the Rouge who confirmed the finding and verified them as adult early black stoneflies (Taeniopteryx).

The finding is significant because this stretch of river once ran thick with sewage and other pollutants. It has no meanders, in-stream habitat or riparian vegetation since it was straightened and encased in concrete for flood control in 1978 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The world's largest combined sewer overflow discharges though it and is now controlled by a basin that went online in 1999.

Friends of the Rouge volunteers search for stoneflies every January as part of a long-term monitoring program. Most stoneflies are found in headwaters tributaries of the Lower and Middle Rouge in the Northville/Plymouth/Canton area. Up until two years ago, no stoneflies had been found in the main branch of the Rouge River that starts in Rochester Hills. Wayne County found one of the sensitive insects in the river just south of Eight



The discovery of an adult stonefly in the Rouge Concrete Channel is an indication of the health of the river.

Mile Road in Detroit in 2010.

Friends of the Rouge will continue to look for stoneflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 21. Volunteers are still needed. Interested volunteers must pre-register by Friday, April 6. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the state and Rouge communities. The Spring Bug Hunt is

part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area.

ReLeaf Michigan holds tree, bush sale

Time is running out to order bare root trees and shrubs for planting from ReLeaf Michigan.

A nonprofit tree education, and planting organization, ReLeaf Michigan carefully selects hardy, bare-root trees and shrubs and sells them to the public for reasonable rates. The tree sale is a fundraiser that encourages the public to plant trees while bringing in much-needed revenue to support ReLeaf Michigan's ongoing tree planting and educational programs.

Because the trees are specially chosen for Michigan's specific planting zones and are able to prosper in both rural and urban areas, the tree and shrub sale helps to reverse Michigan's loss of tens of thousands of trees due to the emerald ash borer, storms and old age.

ReLeaf Michigan is a state wide non-profit tree organization that has been working with community groups throughout the state for the past 23 years to plant trees on public property. More than 25,000 trees have been planted in partnership with nearly 350 community organizations.

Tree and Shrub orders must be placed by Monday, April 9. Online ordering is available at www.releafmichigan.org.

The selection includes:

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ry, Honeycrisp Apple and Toba Hawthorn.

- Specialty trees 4 to 6 feet bare root, \$50 each. Pick from Blue Beech, Royal Frost Birch, Snow Mountain Cherry and Regal Prince Oak.

- Shrubs 1 to 2 feet, bare root, \$18 each, three or more \$15 each. Pick from American Hazelnut, Butterfly Bush "Pink Delight" and "Black Knight," Tinkerbelle Lilac, Summer Wine Ninebark, Patriot Rose, Pink Diamond Hydrangea, Red Twigged Dogwood, Vernal Witch Hazel, Alfredo Compact Cranberry Bush and Snowball Viburnum.

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To order, go to www.releafmichigan.org or to get an order form by email. Call (800) 642-7353 or send an e-mail to info@releafmichigan.org. Check, money orders, or credit cards accepted.

The pickup date and location is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 28, at Handy Park, 26650 Capitol Ave., Redford Township.

ReLeaf Michigan Inc. is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to educate the public on the value of trees and the need to properly select, plant and maintain them. ReLeaf Michigan works with community groups on local tree planting projects and by providing informational material and presentations.

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Resident reports two bicycles taken

Break-in

A resident in the 7200 block of North Newburgh told police that she returned home April 1 to find the rear breezeway window had been smashed. Two bicycles valued at \$200 each - a red and black 20-inch razor and a blue Tony Hawk 20-inch bicycle - were reported stolen.

The breezeway door was open when the woman returned home. She told police the door leading into the house

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was also open and a kitchen drawer was open. One of her children might have left the drawer open, she said.

A neighbor told police that he had been sleeping earlier in the day when two males wearing hoodies knocked on the door. The pair asked for him when his wife and young son answered but left when they

were told he was sleeping. It was unclear if the visit was related to the home invasion.

Larceny from a vehicle

Four tires and chrome rims, valued at \$800, were reported stolen from a 2012 Ford Flex parked at North Brothers Ford, 33300 Ford, March 31. The items had last been seen when the business closed the night before. The vehicle was

parked in an unfenced storage area on the west side of Farmington Road.

The manager told police that wheel thefts have become an ongoing problem at the business.

Larceny from a vehicle

Police were called to an apartment in the 6700 block of Lakeview Boulevard in the Landings Apartments ear-

ly April 1. A couple told police that just before 2:30 a.m.

the wife looked outside and noticed the dome light was on in their 2000 Chevy Malibu.

The husband told police he went out to check on the car and found the driver's window broken. A stereo, along with sub woofers and an amp from the trunk, were reported missing. Damage to the dashboard was also reported.

By LeAnne Rogers

Copper plumbing found stolen from home

Stolen pipes

A thief who broke in to a home in the 6700 block of Deering sometime before noon March 28 circumvented the dead bolts on the doors to gain entry and steal 200 feet of copper plumbing from the basement ceiling.

A 60-year-old Canton man reported that he found the damage when

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he came to check on the vacant home that he is renovating. The thief removed an outer basement window, and then broke an inner window to gain entry. The ceiling tiles and the frames which held them were also damaged.

Break-in

A witness said that he observed a man try to break into a home in the 1000 block of Gilman about 5 p.m. April 2. He called the police and said that

there was a burglary in progress.

He reported that the black man about 18-20 years old, who was wearing all black, used a crowbar to break a window but didn't gain entry. He thought that when the suspect saw him, he walked slowly to the front of that residence and got into a green and brown Chevrolet that was parked in the driveway.

The suspect then drove northbound on Gilman.

The police called the Department of Public Services to board up the window.

Break-in

A Garden City man in the 29000 block of Kathryn reported that someone broke into his home about 9 p.m. March 31.

The suspect broke into the back kitchen window. Once inside the home, the suspect stole a laptop computer and iPod that were on the kitchen counter nearby. The police found

no search activity inside the home.

Suspended license

The police arrested an Inkster driver after they checked him out because he had an expired license plate and a suspended license at Cherry Hill and Harrison about 3:15 p.m. April 1.

They also found that he had a warrant out of Allen Park.

The police arrested a 25-year-old Garden City woman April 2 when they learned that she had a suspended license.

They observed her make an illegal left turn from a driveway on the east side of the Kmart store at 29600 Ford.

She also had two traffic warrants out of 21st District Court in Garden City.

The police released her after they projected that she would have medical problems, if detained, because she recently underwent a cesarean section.

The police arrested a Detroit driver at Harrison and Rush April 3 because he had a suspended license and never acquired a Michigan driver's license.

They also found a marijuana roach on the driver's floorboard of the vehicle. He told police that he had been looking for that roach all day.

Fraud

A man who lives in the 30000 block of Marquette reported March 29 that someone made three fraudulent charges on his checking account March 28. The charges totaled almost \$1,900 and were drawn from his TCF Bank checking account. Two charges were to an individual in Austin, Texas, and the third charge was to Red Driving School Internet with no location given.

The police gave the resident information about identity theft.

A Garden City resident came to the Garden City Hall at 10 a.m. April 2 to

report identity theft.

She said that she was informed by the fraud division of Discover card that someone tried to apply for a card in her name.

The caller said that a man was on the line trying to set this up as she spoke. He was trying to use her name and Social Security number.

The applicant completed the fraudulent application online using a fictitious name as the second person on the card. The suspect used a Courville Street address in Detroit where the victim doesn't reside.

Stolen car

Someone stole a 1991 Mercury Cougar April 1 in the 29000 block of Rosslyn.

A Garden City man said that the car, valued at \$3,000, was parked outside of his home. The police found no signs of forced entry where the car had been parked.

The owner reported that the vehicle was in poor

condition with rust on the front and back wheels, a gas tank cap which doesn't close and a driver's seat belt that doesn't latch.

Suspended license

The police arrested a Garden City man about 8 p.m. March 30 in the area of Henry Ruff and Sheridan for driving with a revoked license and no proof of insurance.

The police officer observed that the license plate on the car the man was driving actually belonged on another car. The man said that he placed this license plate on this car because the other car wasn't running.

The police arrested a Garden City woman driving a moped about 9 p.m. March 29 after they learned that she had a suspended license. She had driven on Brandt from Cambridge, going the wrong way down a one-way street.

By Sue Buck

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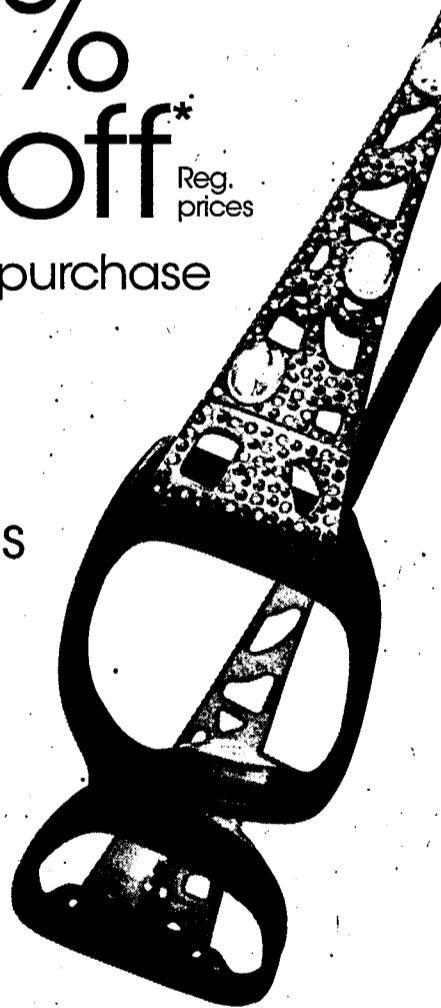
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Upcoming Events

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 11

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner served promptly at 6 p.m. at Corsi's. Cost is \$14 and includes the buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only - exact amount). Stay for cards, games, and conversation in a safe and friendly setting until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins or late comers as they cannot accommodate for seating or meals without reservations. Respond by April 4. Call again to cancel.

Contact: For reservations, call Cookie at (248) 357-2183, Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Carol at (248) 946-0300.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

Details: Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to cleanup, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

Contact: Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662.

BOOK SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 20-21

Location: Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George St., at the corner of Fenton, across from the Dearborn Heights City Hall, three blocks west of Telegraph and two blocks north of Ford Road

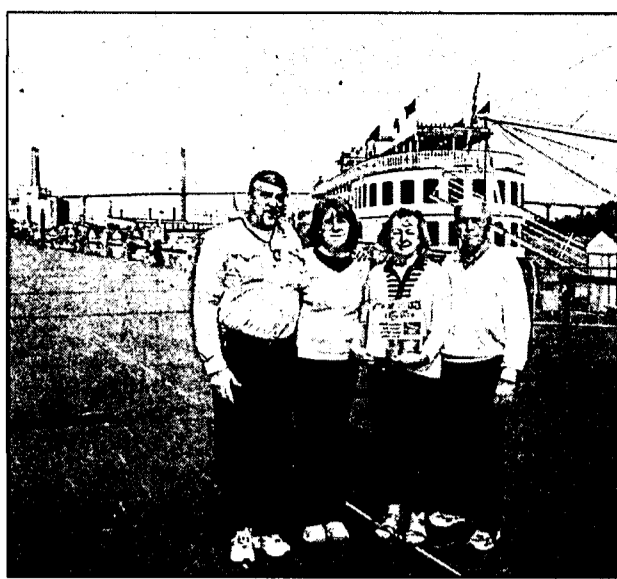
Details: The Friends of the Dearborn Heights Libraries are holding its 2012 Spring Book Sale Thursday-Saturday, April 19-21. Thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, hardcover and paperback, video tapes, CDs, and DVDs are available. All proceeds are to support programs at Caroline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. Libraries.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share



Wish you were here

Paul and Kathy Hain of Livonia, left, recently met up with two former Livonia residents in Savannah, Ga., Val Vandersloot, former Livonia councilwoman and city clerk, and her husband, Donald Vandersloot, former court magistrate in Westland. The Vandersloots attended a state Rotary Club convention in Hilton Head Island, S.C., and traveled some 27 miles to Savannah to meet for three days of historical sightseeing and fine dining. This picture was taken March 7 outside their hotel on River Street in the historic area of the city. The paddle-wheel ferry in the background commutes across the Savannah River.

problems and concerns. **Contact:** Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way. **Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way. **Contact:** Helen Street at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by

Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way. **Contact:** Helen Street at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, 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.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

WRITING GROUP

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheprey@yahoo.com

TOASTMASTERS

Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or

Curt at (734) 525-8445.

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.earthangelstour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older. **Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

TOPS M128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

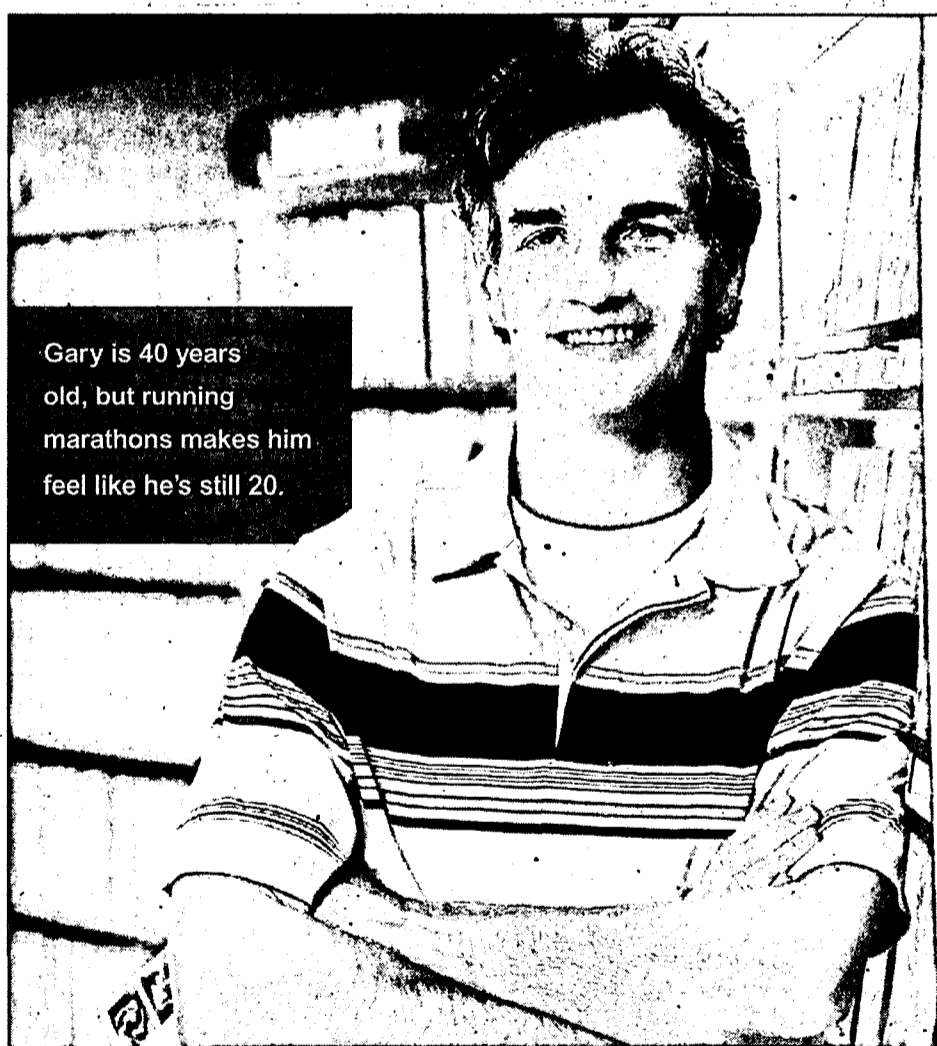
CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079



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Boys of winter

Local friends get a taste of Big Leagues during Tigers Fantasy Camp

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Mike Harrison and John Morin will be among the big crowd that gathers at Comerica Park today to celebrate the annual rite of passage of Opening Day and the start of another season of Detroit Tigers baseball.

They will have a little different perspective, though. Both men have worn the Tigers uniform themselves. Well, kind of.

They are both veterans of the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp, which takes place each winter in Lakeland, Fla. — the Tigers' Spring Training home. In fact, you might even call them fantasy camp addicts. Both have participated in the camp five times (four times together), and would recommend it to any true baseball lover, especially fanatic Tigers loyalists.

"If you breathe and sleep Tigers baseball, this is for you," said Harrison, a 54-year-old Salem Township resident. "Anyone that loves Tigers baseball will simply love fantasy camp." The best part of the camp, in addition to playing on actual Major League fields, is the intimacy participants get with some of their heroes. For example, at this year's camp, Harrison and Morin got the chance to meet Lou Whitaker and Alan Trammell (the theme to camp was "Salute to Alan Trammell"), as well as several other members of the famed 1984 squad that won the World Series. Fantasy campers don't play against the old vets, but they get baseball instruction from them — and even get to share a brew from time to time.

Morin, 63, of Green Oak Township, recalls with great enthusiasm his time spent with Dave Bergman, a largely overshadowed, vital player from the 1984 team. Morin said the two had a couple "pops" in the team lounge and talked about the '84 team, baseball and just life in general.

"I think the Tigers camp, even more so than some of the camps for the other teams, is unique because of the closeness with former players. You are able to get pretty close with them, ask them questions and pick their brains. You really



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Harrison (left) and John Morin have plenty of photos and memorabilia — including their own baseball cards — from their five years participating in Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp.

do become friends," said Morin, a retired Wayne-Westland Schools teacher.

Both Harrison and Morin, who met each other when they volunteered with the South Lyon Junior League, are big fans of the 1968 world championship team that featured Cash, Lolich, Kaline and so many others legendary names in Tigers lore. Another member of that team was Jim Price, current Tigers broadcaster who founded the fantasy camp, who was one of their coaches during camp.

While both Harrison and Morin played baseball in their youth (though neither claims they were any good), you don't need any special baseball talent to join in the fun. You just need the money. The fantasy camp costs about \$3,500. It's open to anyone — men and women — at least 21 years of age — though the majority are like Harrison and Morin, middle aged men with a passion for baseball. The average age is about 54. Campers get uniforms, jackets and even have the option of getting their own personal baseball cards featuring them donning the same 'Old English D' worn by some of their heroes.

The camp lasts one week, and takes place in January. At this year's camp, there were six

teams with about 15-16 players each. The teams play two games per day, and even have a play-offs. It can get competitive. Most of the games and practices take place at Joker Marchant Stadium, where the Tigers play their spring training games. One of the more special events during the camp, however, is a game under the lights at nearby Henley Field, where the Tigers used to hold their spring training. It's

the same field where the likes of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and so many other baseball legends once competed against one another. And their presence is still felt by Morin, each time he plays there.

"When I'm out there, I'm thinking Hank Greenberg played here. Ty Cobb played here. Babe Ruth even played here when the Yankees visited. You just say to yourself, 'Wow, I'm playing on the same field as



John Morin (left) and Mike Harrison stand near the infield at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla., during the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp back in January.

those guys.' It's pretty special," Morin said.

Another perk is the chance to take batting practice at Comerica Park before camp even starts.

Harrison, a GM employee and former Westland resident, said once you attend your first fantasy camp, you're hooked.

"I see myself doing this for as many years as I'm physically able," he said, noting he and Morin will definitely be there again come January.

What better place for a Michigander to spend

a week in the middle of winter? But this is almost summer, and, like all those other Tigers fans they will be surrounded by today, both men are very excited to watch this year's team and are optimistic about their chances.

"I think they're gonna do really well. I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to watching this team play. They have a real shot this year," said Morin.

Amen. Bless you, boys!

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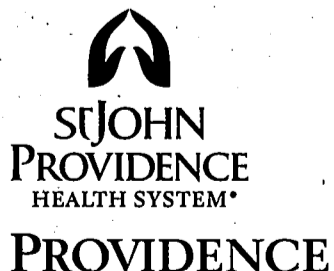
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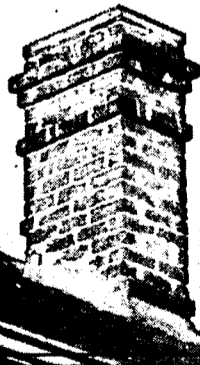


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ON 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk



Mike Savich, owner of Mr. Mike's Grill, is knocking down walls to expand the popular restaurant.

Mr. Mike's: Good food in a comfortable setting

In 2008, Mike Savich opened Mr. Mike's Grill in Westland with his two sons across from the Westland post office.

Savich worked in and owned numerous restaurant businesses, such as Wayne Café and Mike's Coney Island in the past and has been involved in the restaurant business all his life. Looking for an opportunity to open a casual family dining restaurant that served home cooked food at moderate prices, he was familiar with this general area and chose Westland for the restaurant's location.

Located in a brand new shopping center he developed, the décor is modern with high ceilings and earth tones invoking a warm comfortable environment. There are a number of large screen TV's to occupy customers' time between courses and to catch breaking news during dinner.

One remarkable thing is the extensive number of choices on the menu, which is seven pages. American appetites reflect a melting pot of the various ethnic groups that have assimilated into the country and culture and include food from various parts of the world.

Guests can enjoy Italian chicken Parmesan, Polish perogi and stuffed cabbage, Greek OPA flaming cheese and Mexican and southern BBQ. There are a



Adding to the appeal of Mr. Mike's Grill are employees Vanessa Panizzoli, Daniel Smyser, Joye Clenney and Charles Riggs.

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large number of salads, wraps, pitas and burgers. Breakfast also is not the typical bacon and egg. Mr. Mike's serves 16 different varieties of omelettes, biscuits and

gravy and recently added homemade crepes with a choice of fillings.

Then there is a seafood section with salmon, cod, perch, shrimp and even catfish. Over the course of a week they serve more than 15 different homemade soups. When you total up, they feature two soup du jour's a day.

Mike's Grill is starting an exciting expansion project by removing a wall and adding 4000 square feet of space to provide for expanded seating and give them room for private parties and a new breakfast buffet.

One thing is for sure, you'll always find something to satisfy your craving at Mr. Mike's.

Groupon losing credibility with poor deals

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

A few months ago, I used this column to recommend Groupon and a host of other online deal sites as a way for consumers to save money. Consider this a retraction.

Lately I've been noticing Groupons (group online discounts for dinners, activities, getaways and more) that are markups disguised as deals.



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

It started in January, when an alleged deal for a recumbent bike showed up in my suggested deals. The bike was said to be deeply discounted, but a quick Google search showed the exercise equipment could be found cheaper on Amazon.com, with shipping included.

A similar misleading Groupon appeared in March, when a Schwinn recumbent bike said to be \$499, was being sold for \$235. Groupon.com said the bike was 53-percent discounted in bold numbers, but the bike retails online for about \$300, not \$499 like Groupon said.

And then there was that pesky fine print — an extra \$39 for shipping. For those keeping score at home, that made the bike \$26 less than anywhere else, but nowhere near a 53-percent discount.

Recumbent bikes aren't the only misleading Groupons. Today alone, I was able to find a number of alleged deals, for trips and goods that weren't really a good deal.

The next was a five-piece dining room set said to retail for \$760 being listed for \$349. One problem — this recommended deal is for the exact dining room table I own, and it cost me about \$280 with shipping from Overstock.com.

Marking up prices before sales to make products look more attractive is nothing new, but Groupon.com is centered around the idea of negotiating better deals for savvy consumers.

Under the "How it Works" section at Groupon.com, these magical deals are said to be possible because "Groupon negotiates huge discounts — usually 50-90 percent off — with popular businesses."

It appears Groupon may need some new negotiators.

Maybe I'm being too harsh; those awesome Groupon negotiators do appear to have one redeeming quality and that's getting deals on hotels and vacation packages.

Many of the Groupon getaways are cheaper than any other online vacation booking agent, but not by much. With Groupon, an online shopper can save \$10-\$20 per night on a hotel or resort.

To do so, one has to purchase a hotel voucher using two third parties because Groupon works with Expedia to secure hotel and vacation packages for its Groupon Getaway deals. Then customers have to call the hotel and book the room using their voucher that they bought from an intermediary on behalf of another intermediary.

With all of the time and effort, it might just be easier to call the hotel directly.

One more caveat on the Groupon getaways: The Groupon negotiators were unable to negotiate long lists of blackout dates and other restrictions. In many cases, the Groupon getaway deals are only available for a short amount of time — like a week — and are located outside of peak travel time.

So if your alleged deal is for a hotel room in Niagara Falls, it is likely in the colder months. If your alleged deal is in, say, Florida, it is probably during hurricane season.

Again, all Groupon deals aren't bad. There are still plenty of discounts on local establishments that can save you money. There are however, many Groupons that aren't really deals. A little research and online window shopping can help you determine which daily deals are what they appear.

And if you are a deal site junkie, you will be happy to know another deal site has popped up. Google recently released a beta version (beta is a fancy tech word for test) of Google Offers — the Internet search giant's rival to Groupon. Of course, a little searching has already shown Google Offers has some of the same drawbacks as Groupon, especially where vacations and hotel deals are concerned.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Premier award

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Garden City, Allstate exclusive agency owner Paula Schembri of Schembri Insurance & Financial Services has been designated an Allstate Premier Service Agent for 2012. Bestowed upon less than one-third of Allstate's agency force, this designation is presented to Schembri for her commitment to putting the customer at the center of her agen-

cy's work.

The Premier Service Agency designation is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have consistently demonstrated excellence in delivering an accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer experience, and in achieving outstanding business results.

Schembri Insurance & Financial Services is at 29207 Ford Road in Garden City.

WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

The spring season is ushering in a variety of events at the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

At the top of the list is the chamber's 50th anniversary gala planned for Friday, April 20, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The festivities begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by family-style dinner with chicken cordon bleu and roast beef at 7 p.m., and entertainment by Steve King and the Dittillies from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets — \$40 per person and \$320 for a table of eight — are available at the chamber office, 36900 Ford Road. Busi-

nesses interested in being sponsors have until April 6 to sign up. Call the chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

• For chamber members who have trouble getting out of work to attend the midday events or head home after work, the chamber is holding its monthly Coffee Connection 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at EmbroidMe, 35253 Warren Road.

Coffee Connection is an informal gathering that doesn't require an RSVP, no need to sign in when you get there. Just bring plenty of business cards, make a few connections and head on to work. It's a great way to meet other busy business owners

and still get some work done.

• The Five Star Business Group - the Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Redford and Dearborn Heights chambers - will be knocking the pins down with a bowling get-together 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 Inkster Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland.

The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door for bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. RSVP to the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 or by e-mail at westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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Maria Madonna prefers a purple dauber to mark numbers on her paper specials at the weekly Friendship Center bingo.

That's a good bingo

Weekly games benefit Westland Friendship Center

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Pat Barr, Barry Rossi and Elaine Burg looked like they were waiting to give a lecture, sitting together at a table in front of the crowd.

But they weren't there to teach, they were there as bingo "officials," there to keep track of the action at the Westland senior Friendship Center's weekly bingo game. Held on Tuesdays, players start arriving at noon and the number calling starts at 1 p.m.

"We're considered a small bingo, we've had as many as 60 people, but it's usually around 48," said Barr. "The payoff varies, it depends on the number of people."

Not a strictly seniors' bingo — even though bingo and volunteering are good for the brain, according to Barr — anyone 18 years and older can try their hand at winning one of the games played on the hard cards, available at six for \$1, specials, a progressive jackpot and pull tabs that are similar to a paper slot machine for \$1.

Barr has been helping with the bingo for about eight years. She was asked to do it — "I have some accounting background" — and recruited Rossi and Burg to help. The weekly bingo games last about three hours and the money raised helps buy for things for the center.

"I enjoy the people and the camaraderie," said Barr.

She asked Barr to help because he's very good with math. He keeps track of the numbers and payouts. Burg is the cashier, or "money bags," according to Barr.

"There's not too many people good with the forms, Bob is," she said.

Rossi has experience with bingo. It was one



Donna Elwart and Lil Halaberda are among regulars at the center's Tuesday bingo games.



There's no doubt about who got a bingo. Barbara McQuiston has a sign to announce her good fortune.

nine regular ones. After three regular games, it's time for a special like Crazy L or Around the Free played followed by two covers. The final special is the jackpot game.

There's also a dash of royalty to the play. The first man or woman who gets bingo by themselves is crowned king or queen and each time the number they won on is called they get \$1. The number carries over to the next bingo day until another player becomes king or queen.

Weather and the availability of SMART bus service can have an impact on the games, "but if people come in, we'll play," said Barr.

of several games of chance he delved into while in college.

"I played it when I was younger, that's how I put myself through college," he said. "The race track, whatever, that was how I paid my tuition."

The first time Barr tried her hand at bingo was "years and years ago."

"I earned enough to pay for a cruise, that was funny, I was in international waters," she said.

To keep the games interesting, they have a lucky number each week. It's the first number called. Each time it's called, \$1 is added to the lucky number pot. If a player wins a bingo with the lucky number, he or she gets the pot. If no one does, the pot rolls over to the next week.

The games includes

"We've had some problems with SMART, I'd really like to see Nankin Transit get into this," she said, adding that "we've gotten at least six new people."

Volunteers like Pat Watson help the bingo "officials." Calling out winning bingo numbers or just calling out numbers. Watson day started off counting money. She moved on to calling out the numbers and finally keeping track of the numbers called.

"Calling is the hardest, it's your entire concentration and God for-



Volunteer Pat Watson takes a turn calling numbers, a job she's said takes "your entire concentration."

bid you call the wrong number," she said.

"The volunteers provide a friendly environment," said Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum. "It's a perfect way to spend an afternoon."

The Friendship Cen-

ter is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road. For more information on activities and services available at the center, call (734) 722-7628.

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Ninety-three-year old Josephine Mosiej is the group's oldest player. She fills her table with her selection of good luck charms.

OUR VIEWS

Take the pledge

Ask teens to be safe, responsible on spring break

By week's end, scores of young people will be headed south for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It's their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and dad.

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of the their health, safety and well-being, or turn into a nightmare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send teens off with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - that they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

Some have, some haven't. In 2006, Westland teen Jeremy Peer was involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident in Panama City, Florida. Testimony at his trial indicated he drank beer and several shots of alcohol prior to the accident. He was convicted of leaving the scene of an accident involving death and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury, and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The sentence was overturned on appeal and returned to circuit court because the judge had not ordered a pre-sentence investigation of the then 18-year-old's background prior to sentencing. That was done, but the judge stuck by her original sentence, and Peer remains in prison. He won't be eligible for release until he serves just over 10 years in prison.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is the worth the risk. While "the phrase 'what happens on spring break stays on spring break' can imply that it is OK - even expected - to engage in risky behaviors that would not normally consider in daily life," teens should take healthy behaviors on vacation with them.

It may seem like a cool idea, but the CDC says skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you just have to have one, consider a temporary tattoo. It costs a lot less and is a lot safer.

It also may seem like a cool idea to drink alcohol, and if you do, do it responsibly. If you're a female, watch your drink. Don't let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a "date rape" drug in it. And never accept a drink from a stranger no matter how cute he looks.

Practice the buddy system. It worked great in elementary school and can work just as good on spring break. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don't leave with someone other than your buddies. Don't leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea at the time. Always err on the side of caution and trust your instincts.

And never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully trust.

Parents, before your teens head out the door for spring ask your teens to take the spring break pledge to make safe and responsible decisions. The pledge can be found online at www.SafeSpringBreak.org. The pledge asks spring breakers to consider their personal boundaries in regards to the five potential follies - travel, alcohol, drugs, sex and crime.

Teens, make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you plan to spend your spring break?

We asked this question at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City.



"I think I might be able to go camping, but I haven't thought it all out yet."

Benjamin Beauchamp



"I might go to my cousin's or I might hang out with my mom."

Cheyenne Garrett



"I'm going to grandma's on Saturday and we always have games and look for eggs."

Maya Kreiner



"I'll probably go to the movies to see that chimpanzee movie and probably go see my grandma. She lives in California and only comes here once a year."

Dennis Gibson

LETTERS

Discrimination against women

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That's why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women. By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined "religious or moral objection" to it. This open-ended invitation to cut back on preventative health care services would turn back the clock for women and for American society.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that public institutions, including schools and hospitals

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that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. Institutions that serve the public at large should not impose their own views but should respect the conscientious decisions of each individual.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventive health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is dis-

crimination based on sex, and it's wrong.

Angela E. Ryan and Paula Bowman, co-presidents
League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

Questions for McCotter

I keep hearing our politicians say that the American people want Congress to get rid of entitlements. I wonder how they know what we want.

Congressman McCotter gets 18 constituent weeks a year to talk to us and discuss his votes. He has not had one town hall meeting since he was elected in 2010. I have called his three offices and been told that he is busy and has nothing scheduled. I know he voted to make Medicare a voucher system. I want more information about how changing Medicare is going to affect me. I want to know if the voucher will rise with inflation or will it rise with medical costs? What I'm looking for are facts about his votes. It is in the interest of both Republicans and Democrats to expect our elected officials to speak to us and answer our questions on a regular basis. Otherwise, the 18 weeks that Congress is not in session is just vacation time.

Terry Cannon
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Speculators drive up gas prices

By Sen. Carl Levin
Guest Columnist

Once again, oil prices are spiking, threatening our economic recovery and causing real hardship for American families and businesses. The price of a barrel of oil is up nearly 30 percent since early October.

Unfortunately, that's nothing new. For years now, the commodity markets have taken the American people on an expensive and damaging roller coaster ride with rapidly changing prices for crude oil.



Carl Levin

At the start of 2007, oil cost about \$50 a barrel. By July of 2008, oil prices had shot to nearly \$150 per barrel and then, by the end of the year, crashed to \$35. In the beginning of 2011, oil prices took off again, climbing to over \$110 a barrel in May. By October, the price fell to \$75 a barrel, a drop of more than 30 percent over four months. Now, 3 1/2 months later, oil prices are back up.

One of the major factors driving these high prices isn't getting enough attention: excessive speculation in the commodity markets. Investigations by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations have shown how the activities of speculators - those who don't produce or use oil, but who bet on oil price changes - have overwhelmed normal supply and demand factors and pushed up

prices at the expense of consumers and American business.

In 2006, the subcommittee released a report that found that billions of dollars in trading by speculators in the crude oil market was responsible for an estimated \$20 out of the then \$70 cost for a barrel of oil that year - and a corresponding rise in the price at the gas pump. Since then, even more speculators have entered the commodity markets. Today they bet billions of dollars on oil prices every day.

Oil markets exist to enable producers of oil and users of oil to do business. But at a November hearing before my subcommittee, the chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Gary Gensler, testified that 80 percent or more of oil trades are now made by speculators. In February, *Forbes* magazine, citing a recent report by Goldman Sachs, reported that oil speculation adds 56 cents to the price of each gallon of gas bought at the pump.

Before speculators flooded the markets, oil prices were determined by fundamental market forces of supply and demand. When supplies were tight and demand high, prices went up. In contrast, when supplies were ample and demand low, prices went down. Nowadays, that relationship is largely absent. There is no shortage in the supply of oil globally, and the United States is producing more oil than it has in a decade. Last year, the United States actually exported more gasoline and other petroleum products than we imported. At the same time, U.S. demand for fuel actually sank.

Under normal economic condi-

tions, rising production and lower demand should mean lower prices. Instead, prices are more volatile than ever. One key reason is that speculators are playing too large a role in the oil market. If we are to get a handle on oil prices, we have to curb excessive speculation.

Congress has already taken the first steps. In July 2010, we told federal regulators to establish rules to prevent speculators from dominating markets and distorting prices. Last year, the regulators rolled out the new rules. They are not as tough as they should be, but the real problem is that they are not yet fully in force. That means this important new tool lies dormant. One big roadblock is that the financial industry has filed a lawsuit to stop it from taking effect.

In the meantime, Congress should acknowledge that speculation is helping to drive up gas prices. We should urge federal regulators to exercise emergency authority, without waiting any longer, to clamp down on excessive speculation in the oil markets.

Congress should also ask more of the president's task force on commodity speculation. A year ago, Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and I sent a letter asking President Obama to convene a task force to investigate and combat excessive oil speculation. While the attorney general did convene a task force, it focused on criminal cases instead of the broader problem of commodity traders driving up gas prices.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Don't confuse gambling with real investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Last week, I did something that I haven't done in years — I bought a lottery ticket. Like millions of Americans, I thought, why not? I put a few dollars down and Friday night I watched the results. As expected, just like you, I lost. No big deal, the fantasy of winning the \$640 million was well worth the few dollars that I

spent. However, one thing I didn't do was think of it as an investment. People sometimes confuse gambling with investing. They think just because there is a chance to make money, that must mean it's an investment — it is not. In fact, buying a lottery ticket isn't even gambling because with gambling you have to have at least a fair chance to win. We know when we buy a lottery ticket, there is no realistic chance of winning. The problem many people have is that they don't know the difference between gambling and investing. It would be easy if when you purchase a stock, you call it an investment. But

when you put money down on the blackjack table, it's gambling. While putting money on a blackjack table is clearly gambling, depending upon how you use it, the stock market can be an investment or a gamble. For example, if someone buys a stock based upon a tip or a hunch, that is gambling. On the other hand, if someone decides to buy a stock or a mutual fund after doing research, and because it fits into their overall portfolio and strategy, they are making an investment. The gambler and the investor may be buying the same product, but the reason they are buying it is what distinguishes between an investor and a gambler. Gamblers are thinking

short term. They are looking to get in and out of investments in a relatively short period of time. An investor is generally looking longer term and is not looking at making a "killing," but rather they are focused on how their entire portfolio is performing. Is there anything wrong with gambling? No. However, you shouldn't fool yourself into thinking that just because you're buying a stock or a mutual fund it means you are investing. I've always considered gambling a form of entertainment. When I put \$10 down on the blackjack table, I assume that I will lose it. On the other hand, when I put \$10 in an investment, I expect a return on that investment.

The reason so many Americans lose when it comes to investments is that they have the gambler's mentality. Gamblers look short term and focus on how they can double their money over a short period of time. Investors also want to double their money, but they realize that it's not going to happen overnight. It will take a considerable length of time. Both gamblers and investors recognize that they can lose money. That is a fact of life. However, one of the major differences is that when you lose money on the blackjack table, there is no hope of recovering that loss without putting more money down. When you take a

loss on a stock or a mutual fund, like many people did in 2007 and 2008, with patience and discipline, that investment can come back without adding new money. A loss can turn into a gain. There is a time and a place for gambling and a time and a place for investing. When it comes to saving for your retirement, or a child's college education, that is the time for investing, not gambling. Good luck!

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Sweet sale



DAVID L. MALHALAB/M NEWS SERVICE

Eleanor Orlikowski of Westland and Louise Sielski show off some of the delicious home baked items that were sold at the Palm Sunday bake sale at Our Lady of Grace Church in Dearborn Heights. Many parishioners spent hours baking cakes, pies, bread and cookies that were shared with family and friends. Our Lady of Grace has combined with St. Sabina to form a joint parish and share services.

Bowl-A-Thon helps summer camp for kids

A Bowl-A-Thon will be held Sunday, April 29, at Westland Bowl to help raise the money needed to provide a one-week summer camp experience for abused and neglected children.

The April 29 fund-raising event will help raise public awareness and financial support for Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC) held July 29 to Aug. 3 at a camp near Fenton, sponsored locally by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly church.

The \$20 per person charge for the Bowl-A-Thon includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. Check-in will be at 1:30 p.m. and bowling will begin at 2 p.m. There also will be a silent auction room, door prizes and other opportunities to receive a prize.

Royal Family Kids, Inc. is a concentrated program of recreation, education and affirmation to aid in the process of healing the emotional scars of childhood abuse experienced by children involved in the foster care system in Wayne County. Royal Family Kids, Inc. has a proven

track record with more than 155 camps scheduled for 2012. More than 80 volunteer staff members from throughout metropolitan Detroit will spend a week to help provide a positive, life-changing summer camp experience for some 48 children ages 7-11. The camp is provided at no cost for the campers who are selected to attend the camp by Wayne County Department of Human Services.

The camp budget is met through fundraisers, such as the bowl-a-thon and from contributions made by local businesses, from grants, and from other donors who share a concern for this population of children.

Northville Christian Assembly and Detroit First Church of the Nazarene are both a recognized 501c3 organization so any contributions made to RFKC are tax-deductible.

Westland Bowl is at 5940 N. Wayne Road between Ford and Warren Road. For more information about the Bowl-A-Thon, contact co-director Bethann Parker at parkette@sbcglobal.net.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Team Checkmate

Garden City Relay for Life Team Checkmate is holding a bottle drive Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, at Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road.

The collection will be done on the grassy area between city hall and the police station. All proceeds will go to the Garden City Relay for Life which will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, at the Garden City Middle School track on Radcliff south of Ford Road.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-District 9, has set her office hours, beginning this month, in the communities of Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford Township.

Webb's office hours will be:

- At 10 a.m. the second Monday of each month in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

- At 10 a.m. the third Monday of each month in Dearborn Heights at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson.

- At 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

There will be no office hours held on May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The spring office hours are scheduled to provide constituents the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with Webb. She also will hold evening hours by appointment only for residents unable to attend daytime gatherings. Call (313) 224-0930 to reserve a time. Her summer hours also will be by appointment.

Cancer auction

The Garden City Loyal Order of the Moose and Women of the Moose are inviting the community to join them for their 10th annual Cancer Auction 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford, Garden City.

The event is honor of members who have lost their battle with cancer and those who continue to fight. Proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Admission is \$1.

Items also are being sought for the auction. People and businesses with donations can contact Kim Dowidait at (734) 564-5777.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation 2012 is holding a Greektown Casino bus trip fundraiser 4:45-11 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes a \$20 casino voucher.

Meet in the Garden City High School parking lot.

Reserve a seat by April 18 by calling Cindy Wertz at (734) 776-8907 or by e-mail at

Cindilu430@yahoo.com.

Mothers lunch

The American Legion Post 396 Auxiliary in Garden City would like to honor area Gold Star and Blue Star mothers.

If you are the mother of an active duty military service member or a mother who has lost a child that was serving in active military service, you're invited to a luncheon 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the post on Middlebelt, south of Warren Road; Garden City. This is an opportunity to meet other mothers and find that you are not alone.

For reservations, contact Gail Truesdell at (734) 895-9046 or by e-mail at rtgardencity@yahoo.com or Pat Squires at (734) 748-0514 or by e-mail at csquires2sell@aol.com. Reservations are needed by no later than April 19.

Glass Slipper

Operation Glass Slipper is looking for donations to help girls in need attend the prom.

The group is currently accepting dresses, accessories (shoes, purses, jewelry, etc.) and any monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff.

For more information, contact Dee Lilla at deelilla@yahoo.com or at (313) 999-7769 or Michele Bosen at kmmbosen@aol.com or at (734) 578-7563.

Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.

Open House

Garden City Co-op Preschool is holding an open house 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 16.

Garden City Co-Op Preschool is one of the oldest cooperative preschools in Michigan. It was established in 1955 under the guidelines of the Greater Detroit Cooperative Nursery Council and the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries. Their goal was to create a quality preschool environment for their children, with direct parental involvement. The preschool offers classes for children 18 months to four years of age.

Parents can visit the school and see what it has to offer. Garden City Co-op Preschool is at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 261-2838 or go online to www.gardencitycoop-preschool.org.

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SPORTS

Spartan effort

Stevenson boots rival Chargers, 3-0

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was only the girls soccer opener for Livonia Stevenson, but the host Spartans hope it's just the beginning of many shining moments to come during the 2012 season.

Stevenson scored three times during the final 31 minutes Monday night to subdue Livonia Churchill and earn a 3-0 triumph.

"Overall it was a good start," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Any time you can beat your rival and keep a zero on your side of the scoreboard — and get the season started with a win — it's a good night."

Stevenson's first goal, which proved to be the game-winner, came with 30:19 minute left in the second half on a play initiated by senior Dayna Stevens and completed on a low volley off the foot of senior forward Katie Reamer. (Senior

midfielder Emily Chrzasz got credit for the assist).

And just 3:04, Stevens set up junior midfielder Allie Corp for Stevenson's second goal.

Sophomore midfielder Nicole Zuckerman then completed the scoring with an unassisted tally with only 1:06 left.

"We have speed in dangerous spots," Grodzicki said. "What is nice is that I have four or five girls battling for those attacking spots. They're all capable of starting on any given night. They all have different strengths, so we can just come at you in waves. We don't have to save anything. We can just keep emptying the bench and it's a good problem to have."

Churchill, which already had two games under its belt, slipped to 0-2-1 with the setback.

"We started strong and it really went

Please see STEVENSON, B3



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Stevenson's Kim Griffith (middle) gets sandwiched between Churchill players Erin Emmanuel (left) and Rachel Blackney (right) during Monday's clash.

Freier wins state vault

Livonian Erin Freier, a Churchill High senior, captured the Level 10 vault title with a score of 9.875 at the USA Gymnastics Michigan State Championships held last weekend in East Lansing.

Freier trains out of Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. in Plymouth and is headed for the University of Arkansas on a full-ride scholarship.

She also placed sixth on beam (9.375) and was eighth in the all-around (37.650). Her other scores included a 9.35 on the uneven bars and a 9.05 on floor exercise.

Freier, who carries a 3.866 grade point average, has been a five-time state all-around champ and has captured one at least one event in each of her 10 years competing in the state meet.

PREP BASEBALL

CC answers Stevenson's late bid, 7-6

A late Livonia Stevenson comeback bid fell short Tuesday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central held on for a 7-6 baseball victory.

David Pulzo went 3-for-4 with an RBI and Evan Chavis added two hits and two RBI as the Shamrocks improved to 2-3 overall.

Mark Gossett also homered for the Shamrocks, who scored five runs off Stevenson ace Chris McDonald during the first three innings.

CC led 5-2 through six innings before the Spartans (3-1) scored four times in the top of the sixth to take a 6-5 advantage.

But CC scored twice in the bottom half of the six to pin the loss on Stevenson reliever Nick Lagerstrom, who gave up one run on two hits in his only inning of work.

Stevenson, out-hit 12-7, got two RBI from Travis Harvey and one each from Austin Stevens and Mike Kanitra.

Dominic Etue, who pitched the final 1.1 innings of scoreless relief, got the victory. Starter Bill Clark went the first 4.1 innings.

STEVENSON 6, U-D JESUIT 3: Travis Harvey and Mike Kanitra each knocked in pair of runs Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (3-0) halted the six-game winning streak by the University of Detroit Jesuit (6-1).

Please see BASEBALL, B3

MU's Saarela one-hits foe



PATRICK MOORE

Madonna University's Aaron Saarela threw a one-hitter Saturday against Lourdes (Ohio) College.

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Aaron Saarela's fastball was way too quick and way too nasty for Lourdes (Ohio) University's hitters Saturday afternoon in the second game of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header played at Ilitch Ballpark.

The Madonna University redshirt sophomore left-hander was dealing from the get-go as he no-hit the Gray Wolves for 6.2 innings before Jake Conklin blooped an opposite-field single into left field to nick the masterpiece.

Saarela regrouped quickly following Conklin's hit, inducing the next batter, Mark Oehlers, to hit into a game-ending line-out, sealing the Crusaders' emphatic 16-0 victory.

The hosts swept the four-game weekend set from Lourdes to improve to 25-12 overall and 9-3 in the WHAC. Lourdes tumbled to 6-25 and 1-9, respectively.

Fueled by a high-80s fastball, Saarela was brilliant all afternoon, striking out nine. He was effectively wild, walking three and hitting a trio of Gray Wolves.

Saarela was within one strike of becoming the first Madon-

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DeLuca takes MIAA honor

Adrian College junior outfielder Andrew DeLuca (Westland John Glenn) was named Position Player of the Week in baseball by Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (through April 1).

DeLuca sported an .800 batting average (8-for-10) and an on-base percentage of .846 (11-for-13) in leading the Bulldogs to a four-game sweep of MIAA rival Alma.

He went 3-for-4 in a 7-3 series-opening win over the Scots and 3-for-3 in a 4-0 in the opening game of Sunday's double-header.

DeLuca, who is being honored as Position Player of the Week for the first time in his career, had two triples and a double among his hits, scored four runs and stole two bases for the series.

Scott earns track salute

Adrian College sophomore Seneca Scott (Livonia Franklin) was named Women's Track Athlete of the Week by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Scott captured the 100-meter hurdles at the Defiance (Ohio) Yellow Jacket Open with a personal best time of 14.96, tops in the MIAA so far this season and ninth-best in NCAA Division III.

Senior men's golf meeting

Registration and a business meeting for the 2012 Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Farmington and Five Mile roads.

The LSMGA is open to men 59 and older, regardless of residency. The \$25 cost includes award banquet, lunch and gift.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served. For more information, call Tony Amadori at (734) 261-4718 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

Lions entice, but Shaw remains a Titan



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Clarenceville football standout Tim Shaw re-signed for three seasons Monday with the Tennessee Titans.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Tim Shaw flirted with wearing the Honolulu Blue and Silver, but the Livonia Clarenceville High grad will wear similar colors as a Tennessee Titan.

The free agent special teams standout and linebacker confirmed Monday morning that he signed a three-year contract and stay with his current NFL club in Nashville.

Shaw, who appeared in all 16 Tennessee games last season and tied for the team lead with 15 special teams tackles, had visited the Detroit Lions' facilities in Allen Park prior to making mission trips last month to Costa Rica and Haiti.

Ironically, Shaw's best game as a pro came during the 2009 regular season finale in Detroit at Ford Field when he notched a career-high eight special teams tackles for Chicago (the most by a Bears' player since 2004).

"It was so tempting," Shaw

said of Detroit. "Probably the only place that would tempt me away from Tennessee. Just all the things coming with being in my hometown and just a lot of good things the Lions have going on ... being close to family and just a lot of opportunities I think that were there for me at home."

But the former Penn State standout decided to stay in Nashville where he has development relationships in the community.

"At the end of the day it really just wasn't the right fit for me and the right thing to do," said Shaw, who has logged 64 NFL games in five seasons. "I really love Tennessee and I love where I'm at. And I love where this team is going. It was very enticing to come home, but I really knew I was supposed to stay here in Tennessee."

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound Shaw was a fifth-round draft pick (164th overall) in 2007 by the Carolina

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GIRLS TRACK CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Pat Daugherty, fifth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: first place (Division I regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational); second (KLAAs South and conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Mahogany Miller (second-team All-Area), Dayna Esper.
Leading returnees: Bethany Pilat, Sr., distance (second-team All-Area, 1,600); Leah Heinzelman, Sr. sprints (first-team All-Area, 400 relay); Molly Jarvis, Jr., hurdles (first-team All-Area, 400 relay); third-team 300 hurdles; Sinclair McDonnell, Sr., high jump (second-team All-Area); Demi Crossman, Jr., sprints (first team All-Area, 400 relay); Kerigan Riley, Jr., distance; Emily Norscia, Jr., discus (third-team All-Area); Megan Ling, Sr., shot put-discus; Ashley Cochran, Jr., high jump-sprints; Michelle Azar, Jr., middle distance; Amanda Fox, Soph., pole vault; Julia Szuba, Jr., middle distance; Allison Murray, Sr., throws; Sydney Anderson, Jr., middle distance (third-team All-Area, 800); Elyssa Hofman, Jr., sprints; Vivien Okechukwu, Sr., distance; Megan McFarlane, Soph., distance.
Promising newcomers: AnnMarie Lumetta, Fr., sprints; Natalie Spala, Fr., hurdles; Kourtney Strong, Fr., sprints; Hannah Pummill, Fr., throws; Oksana Glover, Fr., sprints; Cecilie Hansen, Sr., sprints-long jump; Juliet Hope, Fr., sprints-high jump.
Daugherty's 2012 outlook: "This season we will be relying on our three 4 year varsity seniors (Heinzelman, Pilat and McDonnell) to lead us. We have a very strong junior class and several returning sophomores that will help out in the scoring. Our strengths will be our mid-distance, distance runners and our sprinters. We have most of our scoring returning this spring and are looking forward to a competitive season. We always have our seniors set the team goals and like the past four years they expect to compete for the conference and regional titles. We have had a few changes to our coaching staff with Vern Williams moving to EMU and adding Jordan McClellan (pole vault) and Becky Barnes (sprints and long jump) joining our staff."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Livonia Stevenson senior Alex Kitz broke the school record in the pole vault by clearing 11 feet, 3 inches in Tuesday's dual meet against host Salem at Centennial Educational Park.

Koessler, Jr., high jump; Brooke Kuchka, Jr., distance; Julia Capeneka, Sr., distance; Sam Laurentius, Sr., distance; Kelly Glynn, Jr., distance; Ana Swies, Sr., throws.
Promising newcomers: Hayley, Knochel, Fr., sprints; Anna Lectka, Fr., sprints-long jump; Emily Chapski, Fr., distance; Grace Albrecht, Fr., hurdles; Oly Nwankwo, Fr., throws; Sam Ellis, Fr., pole vault; Nicole Sokolowski, Fr., pole vault; Rachel Collins, Fr., high jump; Nicole Zolynsky, Fr., distance.
Graham's 2012 outlook: "We are not very deep, but the quality of girls that we have in our returning veterans along with a very good group of incoming freshman. I am very excited to see what they have. If we stay healthy, we will have a lot of opportunities to have success in several events within the season heading into regionals."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: James Fitzgerald, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: first (KLAAs South); third (Division I regional); fourth (conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Aubrie Scott (second-team All-Area), E'Aijsha Guster (third-team All-Area); Andrea Gordon-McClain, Audra Flores, Jenn Drum.
Leading returnees: Kirsten Smith, Jr., 100 hurdles (second-team All-Area, state qualifier); Taelour Phillips (WJG), 4-10 hurdles; Joslyn Massey, Sr., high jump-sprints; Stephany Brown, Sr., 400-800 (third-team All-Area, 800 relay state qualifier); Kayla Jones, Jr., long jump-sprints (third-team All-Area, 800 relay state qualifier); Rheana Allen, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area, 800 relay state qualifier); Chanelle Wright, Sr., shot put-discus (regional champion); Casey Butler, Jr., distance.
Promising newcomers: Kayla Hall, Fr., pole vault-middle distance; Shekinah Johnson, Fr., sprints; Barb Messis, Fr., distance-middle distance; Caroline Michalak, Fr., pole vault-200-400; Kierra Jordan, Jr., throws-400.
Fitzgerald's 2012 outlook: "We have a nice group of girls out this year in which several of them were key components to our success last season. We lost a couple key sprinters and field event athletes, but we hope to fill those gaps and be very competitive this spring. We have a nice freshman class that should be able to contribute right away. However, I believe our success will depend on how hard we work in practice and the leadership of our seniors."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Tiffany James, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (KLAAs South); 11th (conference); 12th (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Carmen Steen, Meah Long, Destini Woodall.
Leading returnees: Ta'Nia Lewis, Sr. (captain), sprints-hurdles; Bailey Hart, Jr. (captain), throws; Danielle Robbins, Soph., sprints; Honia Williams, Soph., sprints; Emma O'Connell, Jr. (captain), Gema Lopez, Jr., distance; Michelle James, Soph., throws; Shevon Scott, Jr., sprints.
Promising newcomers: Quay Nichols, Fr., throws-sprints; Krischelle Lewis, Soph., sprints-jumps; Asha Lewis, Jr., sprints-jumps; China Wellons, Fr., sprints; Tierra King, Fr., sprints; Shanice Hemingway, Sr., sprints-hurdles; Markeeta Millinec, Soph., sprints; Allaishia Williams, Soph., sprints; Kim Foster, Jr., sprints-jumps; Karissa Johnson, Fr., distance; Kayle Bazan, Soph., distance; Dymon Taylor, Jr., throws; Saleaha Davis, Jr., throws.
James' 2012 outlook: "Last year we competed very hard and came close to having several girls qualify for 'states.'"

We lost three of four members of both 400 and 800 relay teams. However, I have 22 girls this year, and of those 22, we have 14 sprinters, four throwers and four distance runners. So, there is a lot of room for coach Hansen and myself to play around with a lot of the lineups this season. The coaching staff is very excited about the youth as well as the leadership displayed from our returnees this year. This could very well be a breakout season if everyone stays focus on the task at hand and believe in themselves, one another, and the coaching staff. The sky is the limit if this team can accomplish this task."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Gary Radomski, first year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (division); sixth (Division 2 regional and league).
Notable losses to graduation: Teresa Wojnarowski (first-team All-Area); Megan Vitale (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Alexandra Darr, Sr., distance; Kimberly Solak, Jr., 400-long jump; Amy Lewandowski, Jr., shot put; Sarah Wojnarowski, Jr., 200-discus; Kit Taylor, Jr., 800-1,600-300 hurdles; Krystyan Kitlinski, Soph., throws; Pilar Furlong, Soph., hurdles-sprints; Sinead Cox, Soph., 800-1,600; Megan Talty, Soph., 800-3,200.
Promising newcomers: Maria Bloom, Jr., sprints; Hannah Pereira, Jr., sprints-jumps; Courtney Mercier, Jr., sprints; Hannah Grove, Fr., sprints-hurdles-jumps.
Radomski's 2012 outlook: "This year's team is very young and inexperienced with great enthusiasm. The newcomers and freshmen will contribute a great deal this year. We are in a building year but fortunate to have the one senior Alexandra Darr who the girls look up to for leadership. The juniors are working hard and building the team with the sophomores and freshmen. It is a wonderful experience to see the team all focused on each other. Amy Lewandowski, who missed out from the 'state' last year is working overtime to get there this year and her goal is to knock her sister record off the Ladywood track record board in shot put. Sarah Wojnarowski is also working to knock her sister off in the discus. I am truly excited about this team and believe if the continue their work ethic as they have the past three weeks they and the coaches will be very happy and we will have a great year. Our one loss is Calla Tigani (sophomore), who went to Catholic League last year in long jump is in a back brace until May and will not be able to compete this year, but is out every day and helping coaches and girls in any way she can to be a part of this team."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Mike Unger, fourth year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
Last year's finish: first (MIAC and Division 4 regional champions, 16-0 duals; Warrior Invitational champs).
Notable losses to graduation: Alyssa Shirkey, Jacqui Schwartz, Sarah Maynard.
Leading returnees: Amanda Terranella, Sr., hurdles (regional and conference champion); Jess Rice, Sr., 800 (regional and conference champion); Janine Erickson, Jr., throws; Alissa Flury, Jr., hurdles-pole vault-sprints; Erin Hardin, Jr., distance; Leah Refenes, Soph., throws.
Promising newcomers: Aleijah Mollenhauer, Sr., throws; Elizabeth Matthews, Soph., hurdles; Claire Gordon, Fr., hurdles; Allison Johnson, Fr., hurdles.
Unger's 2012 outlook: "With 19 of the 25 girls on the team never having participated in high school track and field, and 14 being freshmen, we are obviously very, very short on experience. We hope to repeat as conference champions, but some of the freshmen are going to have to step up and contribute. It is going to take awhile to determine what events fit the freshman the best and hopefully they can help cover all of the events."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Brady Gustafson, eighth year.
League affiliation: Independent.
Last year's finish: second (Division 3 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Evangelia Daniels.
Leading returnees: Micah Willingham, Soph. (jumps-hurdles); Kamaaria Sanders, Soph. (sprints); Kayla Dumas, Soph. (sprints); Mya Banks, Soph. (sprints); Tangela Dooley, Soph. (sprints); Melani Kieling, Jr. (distance); Emily Jasmser, Sr. (throws).
Promising newcomers: Ayanna Buckley, Soph. (sprints); Alexis Johnson, Soph. (throws); LeLandra O'Neal, Jr. (throws); Ashley Murphy, Jr. (hurdles); Tristyn Bean, Soph. (middle distance); Sarah Curvin, Fr. (distance).
Gustafson's 2012 outlook: "We were 4-5 in dual meets last year and all of them were freshman. Alexis Johnson will help us out with our throwing, she's over 30 feet right now. Our sprinters are going to be very, very good, and they're all sophomores. Our girls are very young. We don't have a lot in the distance, but we have a solid, young group of sprinters. We've already broken the 4 x 200 record (1:55.2)."

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PATRIOT RELAYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

March 31 at Livonia Franklin Girls Team Standings: 1. Salem, 112.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 111; 3. Livonia Franklin, 107; 4. Garden City, 45; 5. Redford Union, 33; 6. Wayne Memorial, 26; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 6; 8. Redford Thurston, 5.
FINAL RELAY RESULTS
Pole vault: 1. Franklin (Dorton, McKinley, Moore), 21 feet, 6 inches; 2. Salem, 21-0; 3. Garden City, 9-6.
High jump: 1. Franklin (O'Brien, Wickens, McKinley), 12-9; 2. Salem, 12-6; 3. Stevenson, 12-3.
Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Jed, Kitz, Lectka), 43-9.25; 2. Franklin, 41.5.5; 3. Salem, 38-0.5.
Shot put: 1. Stevenson (Nwankwo, Billingsley, Petipas), 88-1; 2. Salem, 85-1.5; 3. Franklin, 79-7.
Discus: 1. Stevenson (Muzzin, Branton, Batshon), 280-10; 2. Salem, 232-11; 3. Garden City, 222-3.
1,600-meter (team) run: 1. Gallagher (LS), 5:41.7; 2. Kuchka (LS), 5:51.48; 3. Lopez (Salem), 5:56.06.
Shuttle hurdle: 1. Franklin (O'Brien, Osborne, Wickens, Anagnostopoulos), 1:16.89; 2. Salem, 1:18.11; 3. Redford Union, 1:19.48.
3,200: 1. Salem (Lopez, Binsfield, Kayulich, Beltran), 10:26.29; 2. Stevenson, 10:43.55; 3. Franklin, 11:23.96.
400: 1. Franklin (Agnew, Thomas, Wilson, White), 52.9; 2. Redford Union, 55.44; 3. Salem, 55.7.
Sprint medley: 1. Franklin (O'Brien, Agnew, White, Johnson), 2:02.65; 2. Salem, 2:04.0; 3. Wayne, 2:05.48.
Distance medley: 1. Salem (Binsfield, Beltran, Lopez, Kayulich), 12:45.67; 2. Stevenson, 13:47.79; 3. Franklin, 14:54.76.
800: 1. Stevenson (Timberlake, Brewer, Freed, Jed), 1:54.31; 2. Franklin, 1:56.83; 3. Wayne, 1:58.33.
Co-ed 400: 1. Franklin (Chinavare, Girvan, Modes, McGaughey), 51.47; 2. Stevenson, 52.16; 3. Garden City, 52.98.
Throwers 400: 1. Salem, 1:02.92; 2. Franklin, 1:05.05; 3. Stevenson, 1:05.87.
1,600: 1. Salem (Beltran, Tripp, Binsfield, Kayulich), 4:21.74; 2. Stevenson, 4:26.41; 3. Garden City, 4:39.3.

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 89 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 48

April 3 at John Glenn
Shot put: 1. Megan Ling (LC), 30 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 29-11.25; 3. Allison Murray (LC), 27-11.5.
Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 111-11; 2. Wright (WJG), 92-10; 3. Ling (LC), 91-4.
High jump: 1. Sinclair McDonnell (LC), 5-4; 2. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-2; 3. Taelour Phillips (WJG), 4-10.
Long jump: 1. Massey (WJG), 15-5; 2. Kayla Jones (WJG), 14-7; 3. Ballinger (WJG), 13-1.
Pole vault: 1. Amanda Fox (LC), 7-6; 2. Caroline Michalak (WJG), 7-0; 3. Courtney MacQuarrie (WJG), 6-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), no time available; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.6; 3. Phillips (WJG), NTA.
300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC), 47.5; 2. Smith (WJG), 48.4; 3. Natalie Spala (LC), 1:04.0.
100 dash: 1. Jones (WJG), 12.7; 2. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), NTA; 3. Elyssa Hofman (LC), 12.8.
200: 1. Jones (WJG), 26.7; 2. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.6; 3. Hofman (LC), 27.7.
400: 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:01.4; 2. Johnson (WJG), 1:03.4; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.0.
800: 1. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:34.9; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:35.1; 3. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:36.7.
1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:37.7; 2. Riley (LC), 5:37.9; 3. Azar (LC), 5:45.4.
3,200: 1. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 13:10.8; 2. Megan McFarlane (LC), 13:14.7; 3. Kirsten Gilley (LC), 14:16.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Heinzelman, Jarvis, Hofman), 50.96; 2. John Glenn, NTA; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Heinzelman, Anderson, Jarvis, Hofman), 1:48.7; 2. John Glenn, 1:49.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Heinzelman, McDonnell, Szuba), 4:17.3; 2. John Glenn, 4:19.7; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Riley, Oke-

chukwu, Pilat, McFarlane), 11:03.4; 2. John Glenn, 11:51.2.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 115 WAYNE MEMORIAL 22
April 3 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Bailey Hart (WM), 32 feet, 11 inches; 2. Quay Nichols (WM), 32-10; 3. Ashley Gruden (LF), 31-11.
Discus: 1. Gruden (LF), 81-6.5; 2. Tasha McKinley (LF), 80-9.5; 3. Jamie Mondella (LF), 75-0.5.
High jump: 1. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-7; 2. Andrea Wickens (LF), 4-6; 3. Sheila McKinley (LF), 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-1.75; 2. Ajane Craig (LF), 14-11.5; 3. Breianna Gutowski (LF), 14-4.
Pole vault: 1. Mallory Dorton (LF), 7-6; 2. S. McKinley (LF), 7-6; 3. Naomi Rodgers (LF), 6-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Ta'Nia Lewis (WM), 17.7; 2. O'Brien (LF), 18.4; 3. Maddie Osborn (LF), 18.9.
300 hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 51.9; 2. Lewis (WM), 58.3; 3. Natalie Desautel (LF), 58.6.
100 dash: 1. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.2; 2. Bryah Muzzin (LF), 13.3; 3. Madison Agnew (LF), 13.4.
200: 1. Agnew (LF), 27.5; 2. Thomas (LF), 28.3; 3. Honia Williams (WM), 28.3.
400: 1. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:04.4; 2. Jada Johnson (LF), 1:07.2; 3. Sydney Trapp (LF), 1:12.0.
800: 1. CC Shoemaker (LF), 2:51.5; 2. Katelyn Kovach (LF), 2:52.6; 3. Jane Modes (LF), 2:58.3.
1,600: 1. Kovach (LF), 6:07.5; 2. Anna Snider (LF), 6:15.5; 3. Tina Otter (LF), 6:32.1.
3,200: 1. Snider (LF), 13:27.5; 2. Tiffany Lambie (LF), 13:51.4; 3. Otter (LF), 14:22.2.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Agnew, Thomas, Michelle Wilson, White), 53.2; 2. Wayne, 56.7; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Agnew, Thomas, Wilson, White), 1:53.9; 2. Wayne, 1:54.2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (O'Brien, Johnson, Kovach, Trapp), 4:40.7; 2. Wayne, 4:55.1; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Shoemaker, Lambie, J. Modes, Brooke Hall), 11:45.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

SALEM 77.5 LIVONIA STEVENSON 59.5

April 3 at Salem
Shot put: 1. Falzon (Salem), 32 feet; 2. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 30-0; 3. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 29-11.5.
Discus: 1. Dana Blankenship (Salem), 102-4; 2. Kayla Branton (LS), 98-0; 3. Sarah Muzzin (LS), 92-6.
High jump: 1. Morgan Tilley (Salem), 4-7; 3. (tie) Karlie Gallagher (LS), 4-0.
Long jump: 1. Wilson (Salem), 15-6.5; 2. Alex Kitz (LS), 15-1.5; 3. Brianna Jed (LS), 14-5.5.
Pole vault: 1. Kitz (LS), 11-3 (school record).
100-meter hurdles: 1. Sarah Martin (Salem), 18.0; 2. Marissa Boren (LS), 19.2.
300 hurdles: 1. Kelly Whalen (Salem), 53.4; 2. Erica Burgess (LS), 54.8.
100 dash: 1. Brianna Jed (LS), 13.1.
200: 1. Nancy Krutty (Salem), 28.1.
400: 1. Adrianna Beltran (Salem), 1:01.8; 2. Alison Timberlake (LS), 1:03.1; 3. Amy Freed (LS), 1:06.7.
800: 1. Beltran (Salem), 2:28.6; 2. Gallagher (LS), 2:29.0; 3. Brenna Gabrielson (LS), 2:32.6.
1,600: 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 5:30.7; 2. Gallagher (LS), 5:38.5; 3. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 5:43.7.
3,200: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 12:00.0; 2. Kuchka (LS), no time available; 3. Jackie Deacon (Salem), NTA.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Kendall Ash, Burgess, Brandi Jed, Brianna Jed), 1:53.1; 2. Salem, 1:56.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Freed, Timberlake, Brewer, Gabrielson), 4:26.4; 2. Salem, 4:44.2; **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem, 10:18.7; 2. Stevenson, 10:30.3.
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central.



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Churchill's Kerigan Riley (right) passes the baton off to teammate Vivien Okechukwu during Tuesday's dual meet triumph at Westland John Glenn.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PATRIOT RELAYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

March 31 at Livonia Franklin Boys Team Standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 132 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 86; 3. Garden City, 67; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 52; 5. Redford Thurston, 42; 6. Wayne Memorial, 37; 7. Redford Union, 29.
FINAL RELAY RESULTS
Pole vault: 1. Garden City (Hinkel, Wisniewski, Conroy), 26 feet, 6 inches (fewer misses); 2. Franklin, 26-6; 3. Crestwood, 25-6.
High jump: 1. Stevenson (Pendergast, Kelly, Falzon), 15-6; 2. Franklin, 10-3; 3. Crestwood, 10-0.
Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Pocalujka, Wilson, Wilkinson), 56-5.5; 2. Thurston, 55.5.25; 3. Franklin, 53-8.25.
Shot put: 1. Stevenson (Pocalujka, Tabor, Murray), 114-3; 2. Thurston, 112.0; 3. Garden City, 109-8.
Discus: 1. Stevenson (Pocalujka, Murray, Tabor), 318-4; 2. Franklin, 279-4; 3. Garden City, 272-2.
1,600-meter (team) run: 1. Fenech (LS), 4:42.86; 2. Colley (LS), 4:46.0; 3. Adris (DHG), 4:51.06.
Shuttle hurdles: 1. Stevenson (Mims, Kozler, Podulka, Falzon), 1:06.62; 2. Franklin, 1:10.16; 3. Garden City, 1:14.25.
3,200: 1. Stevenson (Paulus, Sopko, Werthman, Lambert), 8:47.91; 2. Franklin,

High jump:

1. Chad Evans (LC), 5-10; 2. Mike Sollars (WJG), 5-8; 3. Micah Orr (WJG), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. Aaron Kerr (LC), 17-8; 2. Jahmon Maton (LC), 16-11; 3. Josh Koehler (WJG), 16-9.
Pole vault: 1. Jake Hage (LC), 11-0; 2. Stephen Fedak (LC), 10-6; 3. Jewell Jones (WJG), 9-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16.1; 2. Zach Zolotowski (LC), 16.2; 3. Milton Ricketts (WJG), 18.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Zolotowski (LC), 43.93; 2. Johnny Shatter (LC), 45.18; 3. Kalyan Massemberry (WJG), 45.53.
100 dash: 1. Jason Flournoy (WJG), 11.38; 2. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.7; 3. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 11.83.
200: 1. Flournoy (WJG), 24.05; 2. Johnson (LC), 24.17; 3. Darius Lambert (LC), 24.46.
400: 1. Jones (WJG), 55.25; 2. Eric Mershman (WJG), 55.25; 3. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 55.25.
800: 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:03.69; 2. Robert Howard (LC), 2:10.6; 3. George Bowles (LC), 2:12.79.
1,600: 1. Wise (LC), 4:42.2; 2. Ben Yates (LC), 4:46.23; 3. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:49.7.
3,200: 1. Yates (LC), 10:28.04; 2. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:30.12; 3. Andrew Malin (LC), 10:31.16.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Johnson, Kerr,

Lambert, Maton), 46.2; 2. John Glenn,

46.44; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Beeman, James Williams, Flournoy, Leon Crawford), 1:36.03; 2. Churchill (Wise, Michael Barta, Howard, Bowles), 3:42.88; 2. John Glenn, 3:55.52; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Wise, Howard, Yates, Bowles), 8:33.24; 2. John Glenn, 8:40.15.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 93.66 WAYNE MEMORIAL 42.33
April 3 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Dimitrus Renfrore (WM), 40 feet, 5 inches; 2. Tony Vella (LF), 38-1; 3. Nick Williams (WM), 37-8.
Discus: 1. Renfrore (WM), 105-5; 2. Jacob Turner (WM), 98-0; 3. Asa Hattar (LF), 89-5.5.
High jump: 1. Daizon Martin (WM), 5-8; 2. Tom Brokaw (LF), 5-4; 3. (tie) Dauan Walker (WM), Hunter Sterling (LF), Charlie Roth (LF), 5-2 each.
Long jump: 1. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-9.5; 2. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-1; 3. Jon Girvan (LF), 18-0.
Pole vault: 1. Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 10-0; 2. Damon Currier (LF), 8-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Brokaw (LF), 16.01; 2. Matt Mastrofino (LF), 19.04; 3. Brian Riedy (LF), 20.52.

300 hurdles:

1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42.11; 2. Richie Wiecezorek (LF), 48.9; 3. Riedy (LF), 51.05.
100 dash: 1. Willard Harris (WM), 11.42; 2. Andrew McGaughey (LF), 11.58; 3. Bickham (LF), 11.7.
200: 1. McGaughey (LF), 23.39; 2. Crechiolo (LF), 23.72; 3. Harris (WM), 23.96.
400: 1. Quinon Davis (WM), 54.47; 2. Gutowski (LF), 55.85; 3. Bickham (LF), 56.33.
800: 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 2:10.9; 2. Daniel Malcolm (WM), 2:16.26; 3. Mike Elrod (LF), 2:20.13.
1,600: 1. Jones (LF), 4:46.63; 2. Danny Koponen (LF), 4:51.6; 3. Malcolm (WM), 5:01.76.
3,200: 1. Ross Cecil (LF), 10:45.15; 2. Malcolm (WM), 11:07.29; 3. Koponen (LF), 11:22.4.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Joe McRobb, Alex Perelli, Jake Pinard, McGaughey), 44.53; 2. Wayne, 46.72; **800 relay:** 1. Wayne (Davis, Joe Gatton, George Kirkpatrick, Harris), 1:38.46; 2. Franklin, 1:41.02; **1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (Crechiolo, Gutowski, Bickham, McGaughey), 3:46.79; 2. Wayne, 3:52.99; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Mike Witt, Mike Gorman, Crechiolo, Cecil), 9:35.92; 2. Wayne, 9:53.35.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

Ladywood rolls in tourney; defense stars in Mercy win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood proved to be dominant team Saturday winning all three games handily in its own invitational tournament hosted by Madonna University.

The Blazers defeated Trenton (7-0), Riverview (7-0) and Madison Heights Lamphere (7-2) to improve to 5-0 overall on the season.

Lamphere (2-2) downed Riverview, 3-0, and Trenton, 2-1, to finish second overall, while third-place Trenton (3-2) defeated last place Riverview (1-4) for its only victory, 1-0.

Ladywood boasted four all-tournament picks led by senior midfielder Paige Brennan (six assists), senior forward Kelly Capoccia (four goals, four assists), junior forwards Dominique Sarnecky (four goals, two assists) and DeYana Walker (five goals, three assists).

The Blazers enjoyed wide shot margin totals over Trenton (17-1), Riverview (46-0) and Lamphere (17-6) en route to the title.

"We were extremely sharp from the very first minute today," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We were unselfish in our attack and did a fantastic job getting everyone involved. We're excited about the quality minutes we are getting from our bench."

Also getting into the scoring act for the Blazers was Emily Huddleston (two goals, two assists); Erin Cronyn (two goals, one assist); Abby Pelon (two goals); Bren-

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na Wright (one goal); Shelby Walsh (one goal); Catherine Garber, Sara Even and Liz Danger (one assist each).

Whitney Bauriedl and Even shared time in goal for the Blazers as the pair combined on the two shutouts.

Other all-tourney picks included from Lamphere included junior defender Chelsea Thompson, junior midfielder Alexis Hilliard, junior midfielder Bri Smith and junior forward Kelsey Madigan.

Trenton's junior defender Megan Benoist and junior forward Natalie Reghetti also made the team along with senior goalkeeper Meaghan Bonadies of Riverview.

LADYWOOD 1, MERCY 0: Jenna Urso scored her first goal of the year off a cross from DeYana Walker in the 23rd minute to give Livonia Ladywood (6-0, 2-0) a Catholic League Central Division win at Farmington Hills Mercy (1-2, 0-1).

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made two saves to post her second shutout of the year, while Monica Mackie had five stops for the Marlins.

"This was a huge league win for us on the road against a good Mercy team," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Mercy is as good defensively as any team we will see this season. I thought the field conditions made it tough for us to connect passes and do the things we are accustomed to doing. I was very pleased with the

play of our two center backs Lauren Wandzel and Catherine Garber."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, HARPER WOODS 0: Senior Taylor Wiemer, along with freshmen Allie Lange and Sabrina Morrison, each tallied a goal and assist Monday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0-1) blanked the Pioneers (0-2) in a non-conference match.

Junior Angela Morrison and freshman Michelle Greening rounded out the goal scorers for the Warriors, who led 3-0 at half-time.

Angela Morrison (first half) and freshman Sadie Schlitz (second half) combined for the shutout in goal.

"The team showed improvement from the last game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaefer said.

GARDEN CITY 2, FRANKLIN 0: A pair of first-half goals carried the Cougars (2-0) to the non-conference win Monday against host Livonia Franklin (1-1-1).

Garden City's Becky Beveridge scored what proved to be the game-winner off a corner kick with 18:55 remaining in the first half.

Justice Dean added an insurance goal four minutes later on a penalty kick.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made eight saves in the loss.

"We did not mark the girl on the corner kick," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. "This is a team (Garden City) that we'll see in our district. They made a statement and we did not respond."

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Panthers where he played 14 games his rookie year. He's also had stints with Jacksonville (three games in 2008), Chicago (15 games) and the past two seasons in Tennessee (32 games).

"It took longer to negotiate," Shaw said. "Just the whole process of free agency ... but at the end of the day I also knew I've gotten to this point in my career and I needed to explore the options and really see what was out there for me. It was well worth the process."

"It definitely wasn't money and it definitely wasn't a feeling. It was a combination of things. What I've established here and the comfort level — as far as the respect — and the things was starting to feel here, and being in the position of captain ... just the lead-

ership role I was going to have, and the direction we were going for sure ... the way coach (Mike) Munchak has things going and I really want to play for him ...

"It was just kind of the whole deal."

At Clarenceville, Shaw established state records for career touchdowns (134) and single-season TDs as a senior (51) while amassing 7,800 career yards. During his senior year (2001), Shaw helped the Trojans reach the MHSAA Division 5 state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

He was also a letter winner in basketball and track and captured the MHSAA Division 3 state 100-meter dash as a junior.

Shaw then played in 46 games and started 32 as a running back, middle linebacker, outside linebacker and defensive end at Penn State under the late Joe Paterno.

Born in Exeter, England, Shaw was an Academic All-America and Academic All-Big Ten selection for the Nittany Lions and owns a degree in management at Penn State.

Last year, the Titans finished 9-7, but missed the NFL playoffs.

"This is definitely the place, for me in this point of my in my career," Shaw said. "I really like what the Titans have for the future and the guys on the team. I want to be a part of that ... a special thing we have going here."

"God only knows if I'll play more linebacker. At this point in my career I just want to win and do whatever I can. I still feel like I'm getting better and better. It's fun. As far as linebacker — I know I can play it. I'm willing to step in at any point when the team needs me."

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Harvey homered, while Mike Vomastek also knocked in run as the Spartans won despite being out-hit 10-7.

Winning pitcher Jake Semak worked the first five innings, scattering eight hits and three walks while allowing two runs. He gave way to reliever Nick Lagerstrom, who gave up one run on two hits and one walk over the final two innings.

The two Stevenson hurlers combined for eight strikeouts.

Mike O'Sullivan went 3-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Liam Teeven also added two hits and an RBI for the Cubs (6-1).

Losing pitcher Michael Reid gave up three runs on four walks in one-third of an inning.

STEVENSON 10-8, WOODHAVEN 0-7: Pete Michalak knocked in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh Saturday as host Livonia Stevenson (2-0) completed its season-opening double-header baseball sweep of Brownstown Woodhaven (1-2).

The Spartans trailed 6-0 after the first inning in the nightcap of the twin-bill before scoring four in the bottom of the first, and one each in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh innings.

Mike Kanitra threw four strong innings of middle relief and Austin Stevens shut down Wood-

haven (1-2) with a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

Stevens also went 2-for-3 with three RBI and two stolen bases, while Chris McDonald went 2-for-2.

Also knocking in runs were Jake Semak (two), Brandon Jurczyszyn and Michalak.

Brad Connochie went 2-for-3 for Woodhaven.

In the opener, McDonald threw five strong innings allowing just one hit and two walks in a mercy-rule victory. The senior right-hander struck out five.

Travis Harvey went 2-for-3 and scored twice, while Josh DeYonker also added two hits with an RBI.

Matt Hunt and Cody Coleman each added two RBI.

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well," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

"Actually the first 20 minutes we controlled the tempo and kept the ball really where we wanted it."

"But then I think we lost gas, I think we lost our legs. I don't think we're fit and we're really dealing with a lot of injuries. We maybe haven't trained enough and a lot of things showed. It's early in the season still and a long way to go, but I think fatigue and lack of fitness was the biggest factor."

Grodzicki made an adjustment late in the first half to keep the ball away from Churchill's junior midfielder Rachel Blackney to open up its attack.

"We were a little bit nervous coming into it," Grodzicki said. "We have enough new players this year where first-game jitters were expected. I knew that we were going to make some mistakes. I prepared the girls to mentally let them know that mistakes are going

to made. We were fortunate in the first half that we made very few in our backline. And when we did, we were able to clean them up for each other."

"And a lot of the mistakes we made in the first 40 minutes were in the final third (of the field). We were putting ourselves in good goal scoring opportunities, but we just didn't have that finishing touch."

The Spartans received solid goalkeeping from sophomore Rylee Jason, who played the first 73 minutes before giving way to freshman Kristen Trybus.

Jason made a sliding save with 17:15 in the first half on point-blank shot by Churchill senior forward Lisa McMullen.

Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Ashley Elliott was solid throughout the game as well, while Hebestreit also singled out the play of sophomore defender Rachel Tomassi, McMullen and Blackney.

"They (Stevenson) seemed to be stuck in a little more than we were," Hebestreit said. "I didn't see a change in my team's

mentality after went we down 1-0, and certainly when we went down 2-0. There was no extra kind of boost or push. No one was leading the charge ... just a bunch of people disconnected actually. I wasn't happy about that, but I think a lot of it falls on the fact that it's a strange season and we're not fit with the breaks — this and that — but we'll get there."

Stevenson, coming off a 6-10-2 campaign, will bank on a mixture of youth and veteran leadership this season.

"We need them to develop quickly," Grodzicki said. "We have good experience on this team. I have a freshman and sophomore battling in the goal. I have a freshman and sophomore as my two center backs that started tonight. So we're young in some spots that youth isn't a good thing to have. We a little green in dangerous spots, but we'll learn quickly. They in there because they're in there and they're capable."

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Churchill nets second in tournament

Livonia Churchill captured a pair of singles titles en route to a runner-up team finish in Saturday's News Herald Invitational girls tennis tournament hosted by Trenton.

Grosse Ile led the eight-team field with 25 points followed by Churchill and the host Trojans with 20 points apiece.

Garnering singles crowns for the Chargers were senior Quincy Bani (No. 2 flight) and junior Mara Karageozian (No. 4).

Senior Nicole Kruse added a third at No. 1 singles.

In doubles, Churchill's Allison Hill and Kim McClain finished second to Grosse Ile, while Claire Rose and Erin Strayhorn (No. 2) along with Maggie Trinka and Lexi Fata (No. 4) added thirds.

Pats runner-up

Sophomore Carolyn McCullen took top honors at No. 1 singles as Livonia Franklin scored 15 points to pick up the second-place trophy in Saturday's Pinckney Tournament.

The host Pirates captured the team title with 24 points with Ypsilan-

ti Lincoln and South Lyon East placing third and fourth, respectively.

McCullen dominated by taking 24-of-26 games on the day in three different eight-game pro sets.

Earning second place finishes in doubles for the Patriots were Sarah God-sinski and Laura Corp at No. 2, along with Naomi Hedeon and Sarah Wright at No. 4.

Adjanée Anderson, Madison Eisenhower and Sam Voss also combined for two points at No. 5.

Sisters Jamie and Kayla Buchanczenko added point at No. 1 doubles.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 PLYMOUTH 4

April 2 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Nicole Kruse (LC) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Quincy Bani (LC) def. Keerthi Chakuri, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Kriti Duraiswamy, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Sarah Gamble, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Kirti Fata-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Erin Mackenzie-Marlowe Susselman, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Lauren Chipman-Sarah Dillon (P) def. Sneha Patil-Becky Snyder, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Carly Curvin-Lindsay Dean (P) def. Claire Rose-Erin Strayhorn, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Ellie Anderson-Callie Kiethler (P) def. Allison Hill-Kelly Snyder, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 5:** Nisha Gopal-Nisha Patel (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata, 6-3, 6-4.

Churchill's dual match record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 2 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Janani Shanmuga (C) defeated Stephanie Tomlin, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; **No. 2:** Hanna Ferree (C) def. Lil Reid, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 3:** Hayley Cook (C) def. Janae' Strickland, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Maddison Johnson (C) def. Destiny Bullock, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (C) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour (C) def. Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt, 6-0 6-0; **No. 4:** Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (C) def. Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (C) def. Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar, 6-2, 6-0.

Wayne's dual match record: 2-2 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South Division.

SOUTH LYON EAST 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

March 29 at S.L. East

No. 1 singles: Julie Wilder (SLE) defeated Sara Aulidge, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Erin Blackledge (SLE) def. Shaina Jones, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Colleen Ferda (SLE) def. Montana Graszak, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Abbey Fielding-Sam Raney (SLE) def. Natasha Hawkins-Ashley Ilonze, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Rosemary Hryla-Leah Nonins (SLE) def. Tiana Grafton-Jasmine Ivey, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Mary Hansen-Laura Marple (SLE) def. Briana Stewart-Victoria Silva, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Molly Youngs-Kate McIntyre (SLE) def. Mylesha Hines-Tara Watts, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Megan Schaffer-Megan Renehan (SLE) def. Donaj Castro-Ann Koulou, 6-0, 6-0.

Glenn's dual match record: 0-1 overall.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 8 LINCOLN PARK 1

March 29 at Lincoln Park

No. 1 singles: Stephanie Tomlin (WM) defeated Jaime Krupinski, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Janae' Strickland (WM) def. Vianna DeLeon, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Destiny Bullock (WM) def. Hanna Beck, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Vanessa Bishop (LP) def. Kendelle Hood, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan (WM) def. Ashley Lattman-Kayla Korte, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson (WM) def. Rita Galindo-Karen Leon, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kar Burton-Michelle Hunt (WM) def. Megan Logan-Desiree Warren, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera (WM) def. Ashley Reynolds-Jill Sturgeon, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 5:** Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar (WM) def. Lenore Gibson-Neomi Taylor, 6-2, 6-1.

Wayne's dual match record: 2-1 overall.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 5 BELLEVILLE 4

March 28 at Belleville

No. 1 singles: Joelle Laginica (B) defeated Stephanie Tomlin, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 2:** Lil Reid (WM) def. Anna Colson, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 3:** Janae' Strickland (WM) def. Robin Seay, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 4:** Destiny Bullock (WM) def. Andria Boss, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Kaylin Counti-Ashley Carey (B) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 2:** Eri Iwa-Sydney Bagley (B) def. Amija Freeman-Jennifer Tyson, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Nicole Anderson-Andriann Merritt (B) def. Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera (WM) def. Kelsey Long-Becky Heck, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 5:** Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar (WM) def. Sam Mull-Sarah Watson, 6-4, 6-2.

Wayne's dual match record: 1-1 overall.

GARDEN CITY 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2

March 27 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Vanessa Hardrick (GC) defeated Stephanie Tomlin (WM), 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Nhu Do (GC) def. Lil Reid, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Whitney Hall (GC) def. Janae' Strickland, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Destiny Bullock (WM) def. Ashley Gemeund, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Sarah Holt-Jessica Kleiber (GC) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Kaylin Girard-Jordan Wilson (GC) def. Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Jennifer Byk-Liz Wilz (GC) def. Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera (WM) def. Jessica Liske-Sarah Salter, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 5:** B. Squilletts-D. Haimllari (GC) def. Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar, 7-5, 6-4.

Wayne's dual match record: 0-1 overall.

PREP BASEBALL

Solid opener

Churchill hurlers silence Garden City bats

Livonia Churchill opened the 2012 baseball season in impressive fashion Tuesday with a 5-0 victory over visiting Garden City.

Winning pitcher Brent Ochodnicky, a senior left-hander, allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out seven in five innings of work.

Reliever Mike Rybinski then pitched two scoreless innings to close the door as he allowed just one hit and one walk.

Derek Jakubowski went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored, while Ochodnicky helped his own cause with a pair of doubles in three trips to the plate.

John Szymanski also singled twice for the Chargers, who scored one in the second, one in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Zak Kmet, who got the start for Garden City (2-3), took the loss.

In five innings, Kmet gave up four hits, walked two and struck out seven before giving way to reliever Brad King.

JOHN GLENN 5, CRANBROOK 2: Brandon Smeltzer was the winning pitcher and Zach Quinn knocked in a pair of runs to propel Westland John Glenn (1-2) to a non-conference win Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Jeff Kennedy also added an RBI sacrifice fly and Smeltzer doubled for the victorious Rockets.

CRESTWOOD 6, FRANKLIN 0: Benjamin Sniezek pitched a complete-game three-hitter Tuesday as host Dearborn Heights Crestwood (2-2) stopped Livonia Franklin (4-1) in a non-league encounter.

Sniezek, who worked all seven innings, struck out eight and walked only two.

The Chargers scored twice in the first and added four more in the fourth off Franklin starter Justin Forrestall as Tarik Turfe delivered a 2-run single and Tanner Doumont chipped in with an RBI single.

Forrestall was charged with five earned runs on five hits. Alex DeYonker pitched 2.2 scoreless innings in relief.

DeYonker, Kevin Nison and Kyle Madden collected the lone hits for the Patriots.

WAYNE 10, SOUTH LAKE 7: Jacob Lefler went 3-for-5, including a 3-run triple and five RBI, to power Wayne Memorial (3-1) to a victory Monday over visiting St. Clair Shores South Lake (0-1).

Winning pitcher Tyler Harnos worked the first four innings, allowing one run on one hit and one walk. He struck out four before giving way to middle reliever Tom Briggs, who gave up six runs on three hits and six walks while fanning four.

South Lake scored five times in the seventh to cut the margin to three and had the tying run at the plate before Tyler McCurry came on to get the final out on a strikeout.

McCurry also collected two hits and scored a run.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 11, SUMMIT 1: Winning pitcher Taurrek Fikes gave up just one hit — an infield single in the third — to propel Lutheran High Westland (1-0) past Romulus Summit Academy (0-1) in the season opener for both teams.

Fikes struck out seven and walked four in the five-inning mercy. He also had an RBI double, walked twice and scored two runs.

"Fikes pitched well," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

"He went through a rough patch in the four after getting the first two outs only to see a guy reach on an error and extend the inning. That will be something he will have to work on as the year progresses."

Nick Flanery also knocked in three runs, while Thomas Winterstein added two RBI. Mark Mika and Aaron Rosin contributed one RBI apiece.

"For a first game, I'll take it," Wade said. "We did a lot of good things and were able to learn a lot about the game and ourselves a bit."

FRANKLIN 14-13, THURSTON 4-0: On Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (4-0) cruised to a pair of victories against Redford Thurston (1-2).

Joe Barczuk went 2-for-3 and knocked in three runs as Franklin took the opener, 14-4, in six innings.

Winning pitcher Kyle Madden went the first five innings allowing two earned runs on six hits and five walks. He struck out seven before giving way to Kevin Nison.

Robert Shelton went 2-for-2 and scored twice for the Eagles, who committed five errors.

Thurston starter Mark Ruelle, who gave up eight runs in 1.1 innings, took the loss.

In the nightcap, Nison went 3-for-3 and scored three runs and Barczuk went 2-for-3 with two RBI in a 13-0 victory for the Patriots.

Adam Carver and Kyle Curtis each added two RBI, while Kyle Riley also knocked in a run and scored twice.

Barczuk, the winning pitcher, worked all five innings allowing just three hits and one walk while fanning six.

Thurston starter Damin Harris lasted three innings and took the loss.

Blazers' Birney scores seven in win

Senior Kylie Birney's seven goals catapulted Livonia Ladywood to a 12-11 Catholic League girls lacrosse victory Tuesday night over visiting Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Blazers, who improved to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the league, got five saves from junior

goalie Stephanie Mackley. Mercy (0-2, 0-1) got four goals from Maddy McClain and three from Ally Schrader.

Marlins goalie Mimi-Norwood made seven saves. On Monday, Birney tallied six goals and senior Emma Ellswood chipped in with three goals and

one assist as Ladywood rolled to a 19-9 win at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. Mackley made five saves for the Blazers.

Julie Pieciak scored three goals for the Irish, who slipped to 0-4 overall. NDP goalies Micaela Tremblay and Makin McInerney combined for eight saves.

SAARELA

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na pitcher since 2009 to toss a no-hitter.

"My fastball was my best pitch," Saarela said. "I was locating it very well."

A native of Commerce, Saarela said he's never pitched a no-hitter in college or high school, but he's come close.

"I've had a few two-hitters, and I pitched a no-hitter in a summer-league game once," he said. "I probably started thinking about throwing one in the fourth or fifth inning.

Toward the end of the game, my teammates weren't talking to me, which is baseball etiquette. You never mess with somebody throwing a no-hitter."

Saarela whiffed the first batter he faced in the seventh, but walked the next two.

"I had two strikes on both the guys I walked, so I was one pitch away twice," he said. "I just

couldn't make the pitch I needed at the right time."

The defensive play of the game came in the fourth when MU third baseman Spencer Sarel snared a foul ball just before crashing into the Crusaders' dugout.

Saarela, who improved to 3-4 with his first complete game of the season, said it's a rush being a part of a deep and talented Madonna pitching staff.

"We have guys on this staff who don't pitch in conference, but they could be aces on some of these other teams," he said.

Madonna's half of the line score looked like a string of Mega Millions lottery numbers. After bolting to a 4-0 lead after three frames, the Crusaders put up a 3-6-3 line in the fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, to put the game away.

Dan Harder, who on Monday was named the WHAC Player of the Week, and Donny Holland both had four-hit games. Steve Pelletier knocked in four runs — three on a fifth-inning home run — and Matthew Cook went 2-for-2 with three RBI.

MU captured Saturday's opener, 11-1, thanks in large part to a five-run fourth.

Jeremy Gooding improved to 3-4 for the winners as he yielding just three hits and three walks over six innings while striking out seven. The only run

Gooding gave up was unearned.

Westland John Glenn alum Robert Fraser was stellar in relief as he scattered just one hit and two walks over the final two frames.

Offensively, the Crusaders were paced by Pelletier, Cook and Harder, who combined for seven RBI. Harder was the lone Crusader with two hits.

On Sunday, MU swept the Gray Wolves, 14-3 and 7-0. Cook scattered seven hits and two walks — while not allowing an earned run in six innings — to earn the game-one win. Leading 1-0, MU erupted for eight runs in the fourth before slamming the door shut on Lourdes with a five-run sixth.

Alex Charles — one of six MU players to collect two hits — knocked in four runs. MU out-hit Lourdes, 15-7.

Starter Josh Deeg and Randall Stempel handcuffed the Gray Wolves in Sunday's night-cap as they combined on a four-hitter. Deeg struck out seven in six innings while Stempel fanned two of the three batters he faced in the seventh.

Logan Curtis and Harder both registered three RBI for the Crusaders. Harder rocked his seventh home run of the season in the sixth.

MU returns to action Thursday when it hosts Concordia University in a double-header.

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Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Worship, communion and the "Silent Praise" sign team on Friday; worship, music and "Silent Praise" sign team on Sunday

Contact: (734) 326-7000; www.newlifegardencity.org

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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Contact: pastor Roger at (313) 682-7491

EGGSTRÁVAGANZA

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty, Northville

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Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

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Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhope-center.net

April

AUCTION

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Contact: auction@stmary-wayne.org

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Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

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Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 8

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ALLEN, DONALD C.

Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Doris. Loving father of Sharon L. (Kenneth) Snodgrass, Patrick R. (Lynne) Allen, Rebecca M. (David) Blossom, Dr. Sybil A. Allen, Jennifer Jo Allen, Jeffrey J. (Kim) Allen, and Sara K. (John) Grivas. Dear grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 4. Donald leaves behind many other friends and family. A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday April 9th at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan) Livonia, 1pm to 3pm with the funeral service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Hospice, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Please share your memories at Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



McLONE,

ROSEMARY (MILLER)

Passed away March 30, 2012. Rosemary was born November 8, 1922 in Farmersburg, Indiana and was raised in Flint. She married Joseph McLone in 1939 and began what was to become a large family. They and their seven children moved to Grand Blanc in 1955. From the 1940's through the 50's, she was a telemarketer. In the late 50's and early 60's she was in sales for the Musical Tent. The highlight of her career was escorting movie star, John Ireland and Broadway and television star, Molly Goldberg on touring trips of Flint and GM facilities. She later worked outside the home selling furniture for Ross and Manny's People Furniture stores. She was named a "First Lady in Business" in the Flint area in 1975 and became the first female furniture store manager for People's. She managed the Clarkston store until she retired and moved to Florida in 1979. She returned to Michigan in 1998 and most recently resided in Plymouth. If there is one word to describe her, it is "determined". A trait that led to her personal success and longevity and one which she has passed on to her children. Surviving are 6 daughters and 1 son: Rosemary Wilson, Ann Arbor; Marcia (Joe) Sayles, Plymouth; Dr. Joanne Sherman Price, Fenton; Susan McLone, Arcadia, Ca; Joseph McLone, Ottawa Lake; Margaret McLone, Grand Blanc; and Catherine Amorose, Davison; fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph on April 16, 1999. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton, Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson officiating. Mrs. McLone will lie in state at the church at 1 p.m. Interment at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. The family will also receive friends Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. A Vigil Service will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.hillfh.com



LEWIS, CHELLA ABBOT

Age 86, March 30, 2012. Loving mother of Diane (Dan) Costlow, Don (Pam), John, Mary (Steven) Kaercher, Mark and Jane (Bruce) Riddle. Dear sister of James (her twin) and Jessie Abbot. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Chella is Retired from the Detroit Public Schools and the City of Livonia. A Funeral Service for Chella was held Monday, April 2 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to Send International or the Alzheimers Assoc. Please share a memory of Chella at: www.rgharris.com

MURRAY,

SHIRLEY MYNATT

Age 85, April 3, 2012. Lifelong resident of Farmington. Beloved wife of the late Orbie Mynatt and the late Robert Murray. Loving mother of Sue (Francis) Zelinko and Bill (Donna) Mynatt. Cherished grandmother of Brian (Carol) Mynatt, Jeff (Stacy) Mynatt, Jennifer Zelinko and the late Aaron Zelinko. Great-grandmother of Natalie Mae Mynatt. Dear sister of Frank (Marie) Barber and the late Tom (Helen) Barber. Also survived by many special nieces and nephews as well as good friends. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. Funeral service Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Leukemia Foundation.

OLDAKER,

ELIZABETH (BETTY)

Age 86, beloved wife of the late Floyd Oldaker. Loving mother of Roseann (Jim) Ludwig, Gary (Maryanne) Smink and the late Keith William Smink. Dear grandmother of 3. Great grandmother of 5. She had 4 brothers and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial service Thursday April 5th at 11:00 am at St. Raphael Catholic Church 31530 Beechwood, Garden City 48135. Family suggests donations be made to the church or to the American Heart Association.



WARD, (NEE: WHITE) HELEN BLANCHE

Of Farmington Hills and formerly of Livonia & Novi. Cherished Wife of the late Robert G. for over 65 years. Loving Mother of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Miner of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandma of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Julia, and Great-Grandma of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Helen was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Dorothy White and her brother Jack White. Helen will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI with her husband Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of St. John's Hospital and Hospice and the great many family and friends for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Helen's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.



PASCOE, DEBRA ANN

Age 54 of Canton, MI: April 1, 2012. Loving wife of Thomas E. Dearest mother of Thomas L. Dear sister of Mary Carlson, Ella Fuhrman, Donna Borg, Tammy Lang and the late Buddy Lowenstein. Survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm, and Thursday from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Funeral Services Thursday 4:00 pm at R. J. Nixon Funeral Home 2544 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte (734) 284-1600. Online obituary at www.nixonfuneralhome.com



TUPAJ, LOTTIE

Age 88. Beloved Wife of the late Stanley. Dear Mother to Tom of Colorado, Patricia Robak, Laurie (Kerry) Banka, Gary (Teresa) of Virginia, and Carol (Jim) Sheehan. Much loved grandma of 7. Dearest Sister of Walter Macek and the late Helen Roland and Sophie Gacek. Famously known for her "Lottie Tupaj Cakes" with her secret buttercream frosting. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Friday 3-9pm with 7pm Rosary. Funeral Service Saturday at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. Livonia. In-State 9:30am Service 10:00am. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



WELDON, PAULA

March 30, 2012. Loving wife of Winfred. Mother of Michael (Kate) Rogula and Michelle (Mark) Waranoski and Win's children, Stephen Weldon, Gregory (Anita) Weldon, Thomas J. Weldon, Mark (Jill) Weldon, Victoria Weldon and Lisa (Dave) Mobus. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Dr. Monday, April 2nd at 11:00 am. Visitation was Sunday at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families or Charity of your choice. www.howepeterson.com

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Ready, set, go!

Youngsters scramble for eggs at local hunts

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Nine hundred bags of candy, thousands of eggs and the Easter Bunny await youngsters Saturday, April 7 at Rotary Park in Livonia.

The annual egg hunt, sponsored by Livonia Rotary Club, Livonia Parks and Recreation and Busch's Fresh Food Market in Livonia, will start at noon, with registration from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet youngsters and pose for photos.

"The kids get so excited and antsy," said Amy Walker, recreation supervisor. "The hunt itself doesn't take that long. Once you say 'go' it isn't long. But it's fair. Everyone gets the same bag of candy at the end."

Last year, organizers counted more than 500 registrations but figured at least 800 egg-hunters actually showed up for the free event, which is aimed at children, age 10 and under.

Rotary Club members gather a week before the hunt to bag candies and pitch in on site with crowd control and egg distribution. Busch's Fresh Food donates hot chocolate and doughnuts.

"Every egg hunt is different, but the way we run ours is that we use the same eggs every year. We separate the kids by age divisions," Walker said. "We flag off sections (by age) and put the eggs out. It's a time-sensitive way



of doing things but it seems to work."

Children trade in their collected eggs for candy.

"If you promise a reward at the end, kids will pick up anything," Walker said, adding that participants manage to find and retrieve all scattered eggs every year.

Here's a sampling of other local hunts:

• Egg-hunters will meet both Smokey Bear and the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 7 at Maybury State Park in Northville. The action starts at 11 a.m. on the soccer field at the park, 20145 Beck. Friends of Maybury State Park and the Department of Natural Resources co-sponsor the free event, which will include games and

other activities in the Concession Building. Admission to the park is a \$10 annual recreation pass, which can be purchased at the park; (248) 349-8390

• Collect eggs and see Farmer Brown and The Barnyard Express animal show at "The Great Egg Hunt," Saturday, April 7 at Maple Beach in Kensington

Metropark, off I-96 near Milford. Animal shows start at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with egg hunting at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for photos, too. Bring your own camera and arrive early. Cost is \$3 per child, payable at the event. Admission to the park is \$5 or \$25 for an annual permit; (248) 685-1561

• If you prefer marshmallows to eggs, head to Nankin Mills in Westland. The annual Marshmallow Drop starts at 11 a.m. Friday, April 6 when a helicopter distributes more than 20,000 marshmallows over the park, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Kids trade their finds for a prize; (734) 261-1990

• Don't forget to bring used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 7 at Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. The Plymouth Lions Club sponsors the event and will have collection boxes on hand. Monetary donations will be accepted, too. Youngsters will bring their own baskets to search for thousands of candy-filled eggs. The Easter Bunny will be on hand and hunting will be conducted by age group.

• Redford Township is still registering youngsters for its annual Bunny Brunch that will include refreshments, crafts and the Easter Bunny. The emphasis will be on spring at the event, which runs 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Redford Community Center. Tickets are \$6 per person — free for age 2 and under — and must be purchased before the event. They're available at the Leisure Services Department inside the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. The Redford Jaycees egg hunt starts after the brunch in nearby Handy Park. The annual event is free and open to all.

GET OUT!

Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 13
Location: In the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Unique, edgy paper dress creations made of entirely recycled materials by artist Matt Richmond. Richmond's materials vary from plastic Kroger bags to Target holiday wrapping paper. The exhibit also features a wide array of fashion images by various photographers, starring Richmond's designs

Contact: (248) 473-1856

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19

Location: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Spring exhibit and sale; free admission.

Contact: (248) 473-1800

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: April 6-21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists kicks off with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Time/Date: Artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6; exhibit runs

through April

Location: 118 W. Main St. in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

Contact: (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.com

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential

Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

Benefit

C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6
Location: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

Details: J. Cole, 2012 Grammy-nominee for Best New Artist performs a high-energy hip hop show to benefit C.S. Mott

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Women's show brings fashion, food, crafts to Novi

Five dresses from Princess Diana's wardrobe will be on display during the Michigan International Women's Show, Thursday-Sunday, May 3-6 at Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi.

"Showgoers will see a replica of Princess Diana's wedding gown as they enter the show and the gown she wore dancing with John Travolta at a White House state dinner in the exhibit," stated Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "The display has photographs and video covering a retrospective of her life as princess, mother, fashion icon and humanitarian."

Guests will get a chance to meet Maureen Dunkel who purchased the five authentic gowns before Princess Di's death.

Other activities at the show will include:

- A craft area designed for beginners to experienced crafters with more than 50 exhibits, make-take demonstrations, craft and hobby indus-



Dresses worn by Princess Di will be on display next month at the Michigan International Women's Show in Novi.

try experts, door prizes and workshops covering

sewing, knitting, beading, needlework, scrap-

booking, paper crafts, home décor and other hobbies. Expert crafters teaching new techniques will include wire crafter Julianna Hudgins; The Crafty Chica Kathy Canomurillo; Pattiewack Pattie Wilkinson; Super Simple Crafts Terri Oullette; and Cool2Craft Network founder Tiffany Windsor.

- Women will learn to balance it all at the "Balance Your Life" pavilion exhibits and Balance Your Life Stage educational workshops. They'll feature such topics as wellness, fashion, skincare, leisure, cancer research and more. Kristy Villa, host of *The Balancing Act* on Lifetime Television will be on hand.

- Author of *Eat Cheap but Eat Well*, celebrity chef and actor Charles Mattocks will explain how to shop for and prepare healthy and delicious meals without breaking the bank. Cookbook author Lisa Shively will share quick cooking techniques and classic favorite recipes from

her southern cooking and children cookbooks prepared with normal ingredients and simple directions. Henry Ford West Bloomfield hospital's chefs will demonstrate gourmet nutritious food recipes designed to help with diabetes, cancer and menopause.

- Ice cream sampling and makeovers will be available at the Kroger Experience exhibit along with free health screenings for blood pressure and glucose.

- Josh Elledge of SavingsAngel.com will teach how to cut a grocery bill in half.

- Macy's beauty experts will offer Spring make-up trends and helpful cosmetic tips.

- Author, relationship therapist and professor Terri Orbuch, "The Love Doctor," will present "Finding Love Again" with six simple steps to a new and happy relationship.

- The Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday

with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. The American Heart Association will display The Red Dress Tour and present the "Go Red For Women" fashion show featuring local survivors. Additional fashion shows include swimwear designer Carol Wior "Swimsuits Slim Secrets" with tips to enhance and maximize any woman's figure and tricks to hide flaws and new spring style collections. Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will have a bargain boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale.

The 17th annual Michigan International Women's Show will run 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 3, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 5 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. May 6. Admission is \$10; youth 6-12 pay \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$9 online; www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.

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Children's Hospital. Tickets are \$25-\$50

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.michiganmusicmatters.com/tix

VISTA MARIA

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 6

Location: BlackFinn, 530 S. Main, in downtown Royal Oak

Details: "A Night for Women Empowerment," will benefit Vista Maria. A minimum \$10 per person donation includes music by DJ Rob Spencer, emcee Sean Willey, a photo booth from Shutterbooth, raffles and \$4 drinks

Contact: (248) 582-9460

Comedy

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile,

Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays; open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: JR Brow, through April 7; Mike Smith, April 11-14; Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Jay Black, April 5-7; Craig Shoemaker, April 12-14; Paul Mercurio, April 19-21; John Caparulo, April 26-28

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats," "Dogma," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform

live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25, and \$20

Contact: www.thecrofoot.com or www.redfordtheatre.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity

Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

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LANCE LUCE AND COLLEEN MUENCH

On stage and screen

Alexa Roberts (Royal Oak), Kristen Zublick (Royal Oak) and Randi Hamilton (Ferndale) are three Irish lasses named "Kate," waving their tickets before boarding the ship in the Stagecrafters' production of "Titanic — The Musical," April 13-May 6 at the Baldwin Theatre, located on Washington, south of Fourth in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$18 and \$20, available by calling (248) 541-6430 or visiting www.stagecrafters.com. The 3-D movie version of "Titanic," the 1997 James Cameron film, sailed into theaters on Wednesday, April 4. See it at the AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia; Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton, the Emagine Entertainment Novi, 44424 W. 12 Mile, Novi; and MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Wine tasting, jazz set for art event

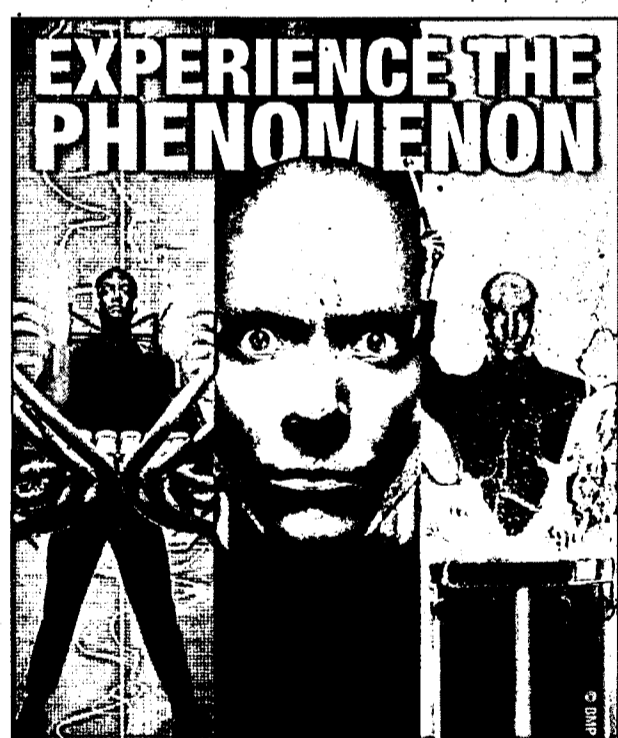
The Farmington Art Foundation will offer more than 200 pieces of art for sale during "Art After Dark," the annual wine, jazz and art event, 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Bella Vino Fine Wine and Spirits will present the wine tasting that will feature a variety of the store's finest wines, along with a chance to learn about each wine from the experts. A prize raffle will be held for those who order wine that evening and an array of foods from a variety of area restaur-

rants will top off the evening.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Buy them online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or by phone at (248) 473-1848. Tickets also are available at the Costick Center or at the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, 33425 Grand River Ave., Suite 101, Farmington.

Dress is your choice, from casual to dressy. The event is for age 21 and older. For more information on "Art After Dark" and other upcoming events, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856.




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Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

POLKA BOOSTERS

Time/Date: Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights
Details: Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by Squeezebox Band with Mollie and Ted Lange and Bobbie Earl
Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7; and "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Joyful Noise," \$3
Coming up: "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15; "One For the Money," 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22; "Secret World of Arrietty," 7 p.m. Friday, April 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; "Albert Nobbs," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6; "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

Thursday classics: "Pride of the Yankees," April 5; "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave Calendine, tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under
Coming up: James Cagney double feature includes "The Public Enemy" and Angels with Dirty Faces, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28; tickets \$5
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

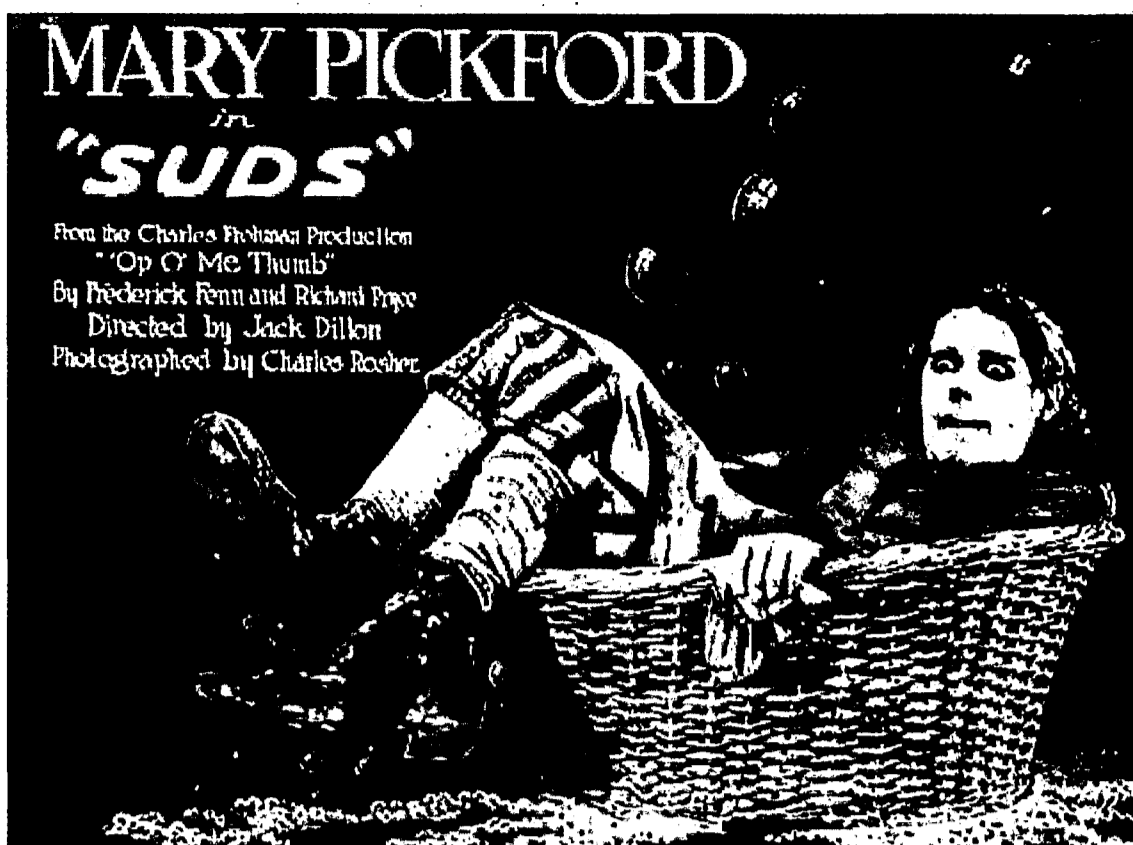
Exhibits: "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art" includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9
Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Antique Appraisal: Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries will appraise antique furniture, art and small items by appointment only, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. No jewelry will be appraised. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item; written evaluations will cost \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call (734) 455-8940 or sign up at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/dumouchelle-evaluation-clinic.html>.
Contact: (734) 455-8940



The Redford Theatre presents this silent film, with live organ accompaniment, on Saturday, April 21.



Mia Heard (left) plays the Scarecrow, Gabrielle Kosiba is the Wicked Witch and Lauren Kelly plays Dorothy in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.



"Wetlands" by Gayle S. Sanchirico, is among the art on display by Ann Arbor Women Artists April 6-21 at Northville Art House.



Bob Stillman plays a tribute concert to John Denver and Dan Fogelberg April 13 at the Village Theater in Canton

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; exhibit runs through May 6
Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s
Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Peggy Seeger, April 5; Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, April 6; Seth Glier and Stolen Silver, April 7; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, April 9; Mississippi Heat, April 10; Galant tu perds ton temps, April 12; Mr. B's Piano Celebration, April 14-15; Shape Note Singing, April 15; The Tannahill Weavers, April 16; Good Old War and The Belle Brigade, April 17; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 18; Anais Mitchell and Cuddle Magic, April 19; Loudon Wainwright III, April 20; The Elders, April 21; James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Dougie MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herring, April 29
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth

Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michigan-phil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village-theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

Contact: (734) 454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia; Benefit concert on April 20 is at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Chris Trapper, April 13; Grievous Angel, April 14; Trinity House Benefit Concert featuring Jill Jack and Mary Seelhorst, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal and the Potter's Field, April 20; Tracy Kash Thomas Trio, April 21; The Choir featuring Derri Daugherty and Steve Hindalong, April 22; Wayward Roots with Adam Plomaritas, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Bob Stillman plays the music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth

Contact: (734) 394-5460; www.cantonvillagetheater.org

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform songs and scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, such as "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Rinafore." Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Something different

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Exhibit: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit runs through June 17 and includes 108 photographs chosen from more than 40,000 entries by aspiring amateurs and established professional photographers; free with Zoo admission

Contact: (248) 541-5717

STORY SLAM

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Details: The Moth GrandSLAM Championship features winners from the last 10 Michigan StorySLAMS in a battle of wits and words; tickets \$16 available at www.themoth.org

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Theater

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" features more than 170 children in two casts. Tickets are \$10; children 3 and under are admitted without charge
Contact: (877) 785-7763; <https://recreg.fhgove.com>

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 3 p.m. April 22 and 29

Location: 33445 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Neil Simon's "Rumors," tickets, \$12

Contact: (734) 751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 13-14

Location: Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: "Romeo and Juliet" with tickets available at the campus bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596. Cost is \$12

Contact: The college theater department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

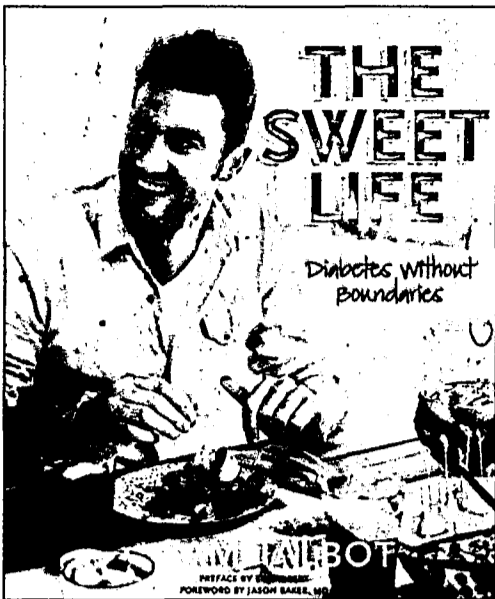
Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 2 p.m. April 21-22, 28-29

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: "Into the Woods," a Stephen Sondheim musical fairy tale; tickets are \$15-\$18

Contact: (734) 394-5300; www.spotlightplayersmi.org

Pear Perfection



SARAH KEHOE

Chef Sam Talbot's new cookbook offers recipes that diabetics and nondiabetics alike can enjoy.

For the more than 25 million Americans living with diabetes, food choices are critical to maintaining their health.

Chef Sam Talbot, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 12 years old, understands those challenges. But with his new cookbook he proves that diabetics don't have to sacrifice flavor in order to follow a healthy eating plan.

Talbot is the executive chef at the Surf Lodge in Montauk, N.Y., and earned national recognition as the runner-up in Season 2 of Bravo's hit TV show *Top Chef*. In his new book, *The Sweet Life: Diabetes without Boundaries*, he shares how diabetes has affected — but has not compromised — his life and career, and offers 75 fresh, all-natural recipes that can be enjoyed by both diabetics and non-diabetics.

Cooking to manage diabetes

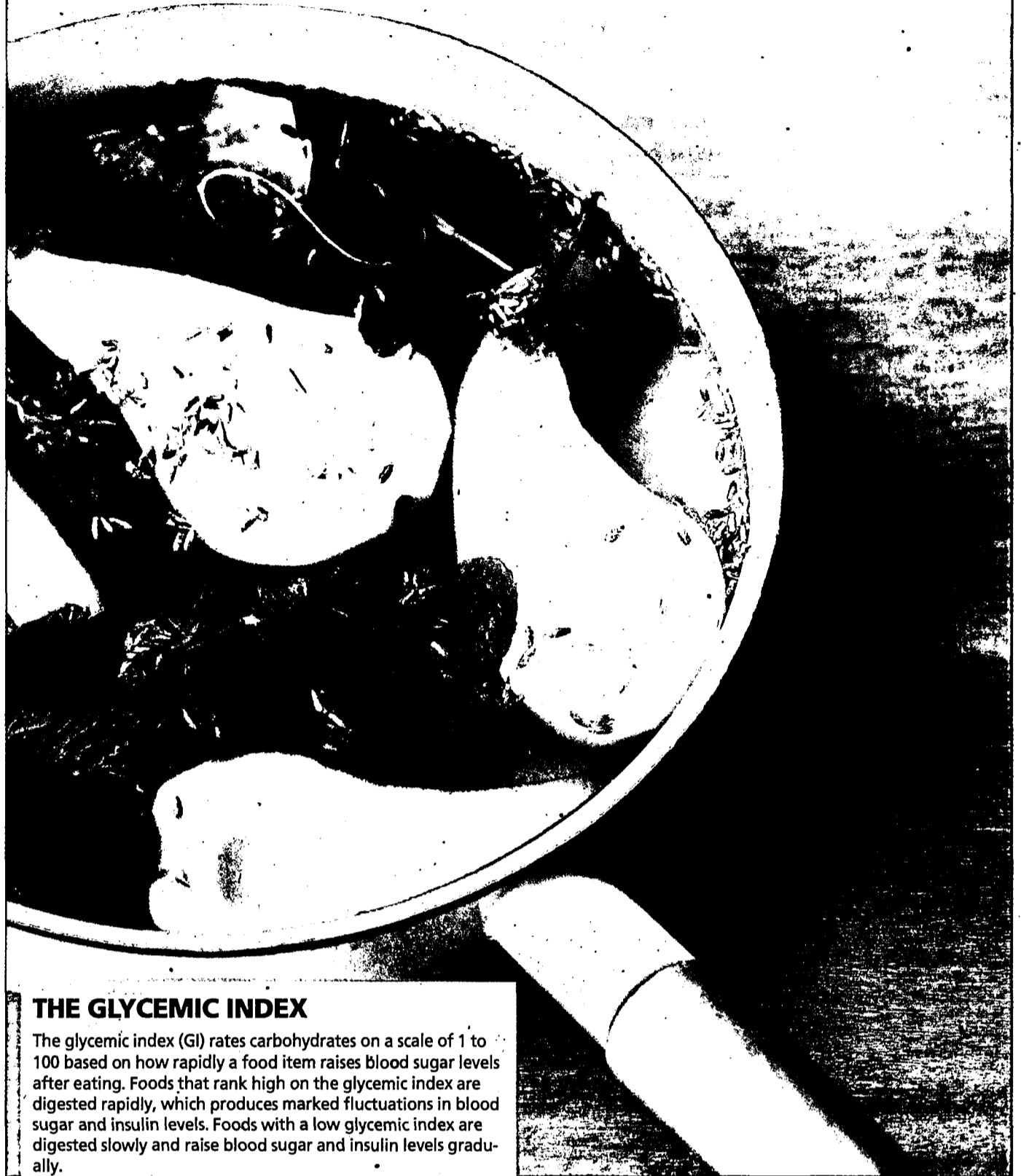
Doctors recommend that people with diabetes follow a healthy, well balanced diet that includes plenty of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables and carbohydrates that rank lower on the glycemic index (GI). One medium pear provides 24 percent of your day's fiber, and 10 percent of your day's vitamin C — for only 100 calories.

"Pears are one of my favorite fruits to use in recipes," says Talbot. "They are a low GI fruit, they're high in fiber, and the flavor of a ripe pear is just out of this world. They are incredibly versatile in sweet and savory recipes in all types of world cuisines. They can be part of any meal of the day."

There are ten different varieties of USA Pears, each with its own color, flavor and texture. More than 80 percent of the fresh pears grown in the U.S. are from the Pacific Northwest states of Washington and Oregon. USA Pears are in season from early fall through early summer.

Ripeness is the key to enjoying pears at their sweetest and juiciest. To judge a pear's ripeness, USA Pear growers advise you to "check the neck." Press the neck, or stem end, of the pear. If it yields to gentle pressure, it's ripe, sweet and juicy. If it feels firm, simply leave the pear at room temperature to ripen within a few days. Don't refrigerate your pears unless you want to slow their ripening.

Celebrate spring with three recipes from www.usapears.org. Two other recipes here are from Talbot's book, and showcase the fresh, sweet flavor of Anjou and Bosc pears. For more information, visit www.SamTalbot.com, and for additional pear recipes visit www.usapears.org.



TARA DONNE

THE GLYCEMIC INDEX

The glycemic index (GI) rates carbohydrates on a scale of 1 to 100 based on how rapidly a food item raises blood sugar levels after eating. Foods that rank high on the glycemic index are digested rapidly, which produces marked fluctuations in blood sugar and insulin levels. Foods with a low glycemic index are digested slowly and raise blood sugar and insulin levels gradually.

Source: University of Sydney Glycemic Index Group, Human Nutrition Unit, School of Molecular Biosciences.

Lavender Poached Pears

Lavender Poached Pears

From Chef Sam Talbot
Makes 4 servings

- 2 large ripe pears, such as Bosc or Anjou, slightly firm to the touch
- 3 tablespoons granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon dried lavender
- 2 blossoms dried hibiscus
- 1 chamomile tea bag
- ½ cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves

Peel, halve and core pears using a melon baller to scoop out seeds.

In large pot, combine 3 cups water, sweetener, lavender, hibiscus, chamomile tea and mint. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low. Add pears and simmer until you can easily pierce pears with the tip of a knife, about 20 minutes.

To serve, transfer pear halves to 4 individual bowls and ladle some of the cooking liquid over the top.

Per Serving: 72 calories, 1 g protein, 19 g carbohydrates, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g fiber, 2 mg sodium

Yogurt with Pear and Coconut

From Chef Sam Talbot
Makes 4 servings

- Juice of 1 lemon
- ½ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup Grape-Nuts or granola cereal
- 1 tablespoon granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 ripe pears, such as Anjou or Bosc, slightly firm to the touch
- 3 cups 2 percent plain Greek yogurt

In medium bowl, combine lemon juice, coconut, graham cracker crumbs, cereal, sweetener and cinnamon.

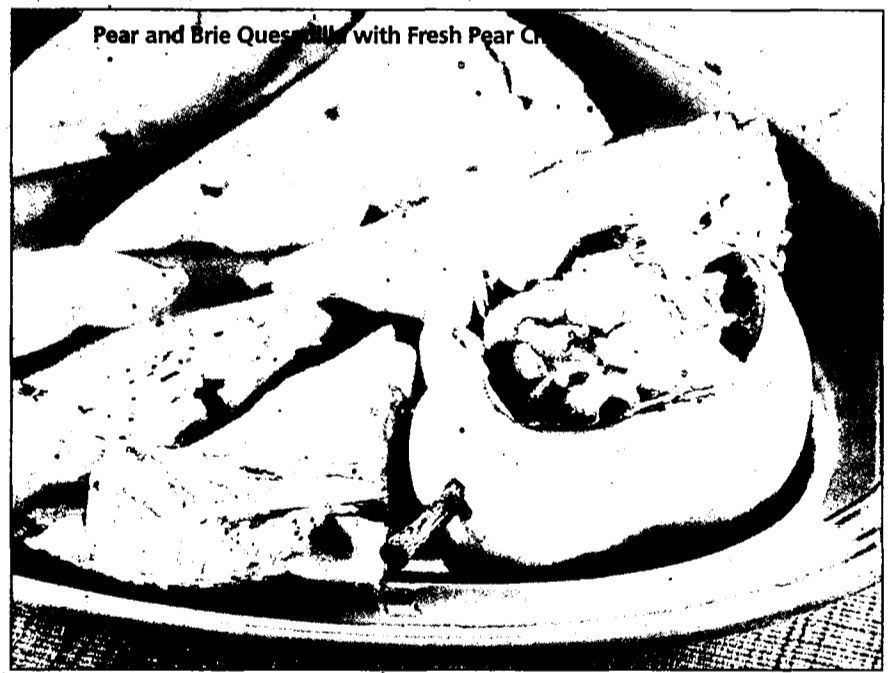
Peel, core and finely chop pears. Spoon yogurt into 4 bowls and top with fruit and coconut mixture, or sprinkle directly onto each individual container of yogurt.

Note: This recipe can do double duty as a dessert if you serve it up parfait style. Spoon 1/8 of the pears into the bottom of each of 4 bowls or parfait glasses. Add 1/8 of the cereal mixture, then ½ cup of yogurt. Repeat with the remaining pears, cereal mixture, and yogurt.

Per Serving: 265 calories, 15 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 8 g total fat (6 g saturated), 8 mg cholesterol, 6 g fiber, 157 mg sodium



Yogurt with Pear and Coconut



Pear and Brie Quesadilla with Fresh Pear Chutney

From usapears.org
Serves 6 as an appetizer

- Pear Chutney:
 - ¼ cup dry white wine
 - ½-inch wedge of red onion, sliced thin
 - 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
 - 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
 - 1 Bartlett USA Pear, peeled, cored, and cut into 1-inch chunks
 - 2 tablespoons of water, or more if needed.
- Red pepper flakes

- Quesadilla:
 - 1 12-inch flour tortilla
 - ½ of an Anjou USA Pear, cored and cut into ¼-inch slices
 - 6 ¼-inch slices of Brie cheese
 - 2 tablespoons shredded mozzarella cheese

For chutney: Place all ingredients in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until pear is crisp-tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. You may add water if liquid completely evaporates before pear is cooked. Transfer mixture to a blender or food processor and add water. Pulse quickly, just until chopped together as a chunky mixture, with ¼-inch chunks of pear, onion, and pepper. Add more water if necessary to achieve the consistency you desire. Place pear mixture in a bowl, and stir in pepper flakes to taste. Let chutney cool completely before serving. Chutney can be stored in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 3 days.

For quesadilla: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Lay tortilla on a flat surface. Spread pear slices across half of the tortilla. Lay Brie across the top of the pear slices. Sprinkle mozzarella over the Brie. Fold other half of the tortilla over the pear and cheese mixture. Transfer tortilla to a lightly greased or parchment-lined cookie sheet and bake until cheese melts and bubbles, about 3-5 minutes. Remove tortilla from oven, cool slightly, and cut into 6 wedges. Serve on a plate or platter with a small bowl of chutney on the side.

Soyfoods help families step up healthy eating

If you're looking for ways to make meal times healthier while still keeping your family happy, why not try soyfoods? April is National Soyfoods Month and the perfect time to try these great tasting and great for you foods.

Packed with high quality protein, soyfoods are an excellent option to keep your family energized and satisfied all day long. Besides being delicious, you'll enjoy fewer calories, less saturated fat, and low to no cholesterol.

Luckily, incorporating soyfoods into your daily diet is easy. The Soyfoods Association recommends a simple way to start is to serve soyfoods alongside traditional foods. From snacks like whole soy nutrition bars, soy yogurts, or soy milk smoothies, to great meals like Parmesan mustard soy burgers, tofu hummus wraps, and shelled edamame salads, the options are endless. Have fun experimenting to see which products and recipes work best for your family.

Soyfoods 101

With companies offering discounts all month long, finding delicious soyfoods at affordable prices will be easier than ever before. Get familiar with where soyfoods are stocked in your grocery store and you'll be sure to find a bargain.

• Soy milk: Soy milk comes in two forms; one can be found in the refrigerated section and the shelf-stable soy milk can be found in the health food section, the

cereal aisle, or near other shelf-stable beverages.

• Soy Yogurt: Soy yogurt is generally found alongside traditional dairy yogurts and is offered in similar flavors and sizes as well.

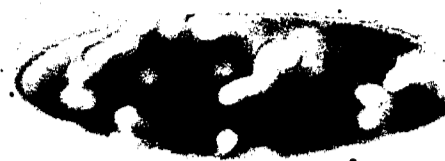
• Tofu: Firm, silken-style, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu can be found in the refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.

• Meat Alternatives: Veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.

• Whole Soy Nutrition Bars: You can find these protein packed bars in the health and energy bar section of the store.

This recipe for a Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing is full of healthy vegetables, edamame and lean, flavorful beef. It's topped with a tangy ginger soy dressing that will make it a family favorite in no time.

For easy ways to add soy to your diet, information about National Soyfoods Month, and more delicious recipes to help you step up your family's healthy eating, visit www.soyfoodsmonth.org.



Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing

From United Soybean Board

Ginger Soy Dressing:
 ½ cup soybean oil (often labeled 'vegetable oil')
 ¼ cup rice vinegar
 ¼ cup water
 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
 ¼ cup fresh green onion, chopped
 1 ½ teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

Beef Salad:
 8 cups baby salad greens
 1 cup shredded carrots
 1 cup frozen edamame (shelled), cooked according to package directions
 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
 1 pound flat iron or flank steak, grilled and sliced
 ½ cup ginger soy dressing, divided

Place all dressing ingredients in food processor or blender. Process until smooth; cover and refrigerate. Combine greens, carrots, edamame and tomatoes in large bowl. Drizzle with ¼ cup dressing; toss lightly. Divide onto 4 serving plates; top with sliced beef and remaining dressing.

Nutrition information for 2 tablespoons of Ginger Soy Dressing: 130 calories, 0g protein, 1g carbohydrate, 0g fiber, 14g fat, 2g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 0mg cholesterol, 150mg sodium

Per serving of 2 tablespoons of Beef Salad: 420 calories, 37g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 5g fiber, 24g fat, 5g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 55mg cholesterol, 290mg sodium



Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing

Veggie Taco Salad

From MorningStar Farms
 Makes 4 servings

2 cups MorningStar-Farms Meal Starters Grillers Recipe Crumbles™
 ¼ cup salsa
 5 cups shredded lettuce
 1 cup corn kernels
 1 cup black beans
 ¼ cup sliced green onions
 ¼ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
 2 tablespoons sliced ripe olives
 2 tablespoons fat free sour cream

In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray cook MorningStar Farms Grillers Burger-Style Veggie Recipe Crumbles and salsa over medium heat about 5 minutes or until heated through, stirring frequently. In large bowl toss together lettuce, corn and black beans. Arrange on 4 serving plates. Top with Crumbles mixture. Sprinkle with green onions, cheese and olives. Spoon dollops of sour cream on top.

Nutrition Information: calories 180, total fat 4 g, sodium 600 mg, total carbohydrates 26 g, fiber 8 g, protein 14 g

Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

3 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
 2 cups vegetable shortening or margarine
 4 large eggs
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 1 cup soy flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoon baking soda
 2 tablespoon vanilla soymilk
 2 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups roasted soynuts, coarsely chopped
 4 cups semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat shortening and sugar in a large bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in baking soda, salt and soy flour. Add all-purpose flour gradually along with soymilk and vanilla. Stir in soynuts and chocolate morsels. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute and remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Bar cookie version: Prepare dough as above. Spread into two greased 15- by 10-inch jelly-roll pans. Bake in preheated 375°F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on



Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

wire rack before cutting. Cut into 36 bars. Nutrition facts per bar will be double one drop cookie. **Nutrition information per 1 cookie serving size:** 83 calories, 4 g fat (0.05 g sat fat), 1 g protein (0.75 g soy protein), 10 g carbohydrate, 73 mg sodium, 6 mg cholesterol, 0.5 g dietary fiber.

Cinnamon Rolls with Cinnamon Tofu Frosting

From Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee
 Makes 16 rolls

Cinnamon Rolls:
 3 cups unbleached white flour
 1 cup soy flour
 2 tablespoons wheat gluten
 4 teaspoons (2 packages) active dry yeast
 1 ¼ tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 4 ounces firm tofu
 1 ½ cups warm water
 ½ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
 1 cup raisins
 Cinnamon
 Cooking spray

Cinnamon Tofu Frosting:
 ¼ cup (about 2 ounce) firm tofu
 2 tablespoons margarine
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 3 tablespoons vanilla soymilk
 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon

2 cups powdered sugar or more as needed
Cinnamon Roll directions:

Stir together both flours, gluten, yeast, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a small bowl, mash tofu with a fork and whisk together with water. A few small lumps are okay. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in water/tofu mixture. Stir together quickly to mix. Combine ingredients well with spoon or fork so that all of the flour is moistened. Place dough on counter very lightly dusted with flour and knead five times. Transfer to a plastic container or bowl with a tight fitting lid and enough room for rising. Refrigerate overnight. (You can let dough rise the traditional way at room temperature. Simply place in large bowl and cover with a towel. It may take several hours for proper rising).

In the morning, lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. On a very lightly floured surface, roll half of the dough into a 10 ½ inch square. Sprinkle with half of the brown sugar and raisins, leaving a margin of ½ inch along the edges. Then sprinkle with cinnamon – as much or little as desired. Starting with the near edge, roll up tightly, then pinch along the far edge to secure the roll. Repeat with the second half of the dough and filling ingredients. With seam side down, slice each roll into 8 equal pieces. Place on prepared baking sheet with spiral side up. For single rolls, place about 3 inches apart on baking sheet; for pull-apart rolls, place about ½ inch apart. Cover with a cloth and set aside to rise in a warm place about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°F and bake about 20 minutes, until golden brown on edges and bottom. Transfer rolls to a cooling rack and cool before frosting.

Frosting directions:

In a medium bowl, mix tofu, margarine, soymilk and vanilla with electric mixer. Add cinnamon and half the powdered sugar slowly and mix well. Add remaining sugar and mix until good spreading consistency. Add more powdered sugar if necessary.

Nutrition information per roll without icing: 187 calories, 7 g protein, 35 g carbohydrate, 2 g fat (0.3 g sat fat), 141 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

Nutrition information per roll with icing: 264 calories, 8 g protein, 50 g carbohydrate, 3.5 g fat (0.6 g sat fat), 160 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

— Family Features

CITY BITES

Tea and hats

PLYMOUTH — Got a crazy hat? Wear it to the Plymouth Historical Museum's Mad Hatter Tea, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener, will present "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," the museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea will be served, along with delicacies from Fancy Food Catering. Tickets are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6. Ticket prices go up \$5 after that date. Buy tickets

at the museum or on its website at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html using PayPal. For more information call (734) 455-8940.

VegFest

NOVI — Buy advance tickets for VegFest 2012 and you'll save \$3 off the regular admission price. VegFest, a vegetarian tasting and expo presented by VegMichigan, will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Advance tickets are available until noon, Wednesday, April 25 online at vegmichigan.org.

General admission is \$10 at the door or \$7 in advance; students pay \$5 at the door or \$3 in advance. VegMichigan members and children, 5 and under, are admitted free of charge. Speakers this year include Wayne Paccelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States; John Salley, vegan, entertainer and athlete; Dr. Richard Oppenlander, author and researcher; Dr. Joel Kahn, Wayne State School of Medicine; Jim Corcoran, co-founder of VegMichigan; and Kerrie Saunders, author and coordinator of Michigan's Engine 2 Firefighter Challenge. The

event will include food tastings, food demonstrations and exhibitors.

Gluten-free

FARMINGTON HILLS — Get the low-down on gluten-free foods at Tri-County Celiac Support Group's annual Gluten-free Food Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Farmington First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Gluten-free product vendors and stores that carry gluten-free foods will be on hand. Admission is \$10; free for Support Group members.

Wine tasting

LIVONIA — Winemaker Alberto Erbrice from Verona, Italy will be on hand to sign bottles at a meet and greet strolling event, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Guests will have a chance to taste the entire portfolio which includes Amarone, Valpolicella superiore, Ripasso superiore, Vigneto Panvinio, and Soave Superiore. Wines will be available for signing and purchase. They'll be paired with a variety of Italian meats and cheeses. Cost is \$25 per person. Wine Club members pay \$20. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations.

BBB: Beware of timeshare scams

It is a common scenario. Someone receives a mailer or e-mail offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all he or she has to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once the victim is there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

Often, the offer is legitimate, if unwanted. Other times, the offer is a scam meant to bilk honest people of thousands of dollars. Such scams have prevailed for decades, and most savvy consumers are wise to them.

So, the con artists have changed their game, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege that companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

Corpus Christi resident Thurman Huddleston complained to BBB after wiring more than \$10,000 to a Dallas company promising to sell him a timeshare in Mexico.

"The people were good," he said. "I really beat myself up, because I should have known better. It just sounded like a viable thing."

Huddleston said when he first got the call, he researched the company online and did not find any red flags. When the company asked him for a payment to cover the closing costs, he did not hesitate. He wired the money, leaving no trace for law enforcement to follow later.

Then they came back and asked for more money to cover the annual property taxes.

"So that sounded a little fishy, but I figured they probably won't (let me buy a unit without paying taxes)," he said. "That should have been the last red flag, but once you've got that much money in it, it's hard to walk away."

Soon after, the company he was dealing with became impossible to contact. Huddleston suspects the timeshare never existed to begin with.

Now that people are more



aware of scams like the one Huddleston fell for, scammers have started targeting victims that might not be as diligent: current timeshare owners.

The FTC cracked down on telemarketers claiming to have buyers lined up, then disappearing with the thousands of dollars owners paid to cover fake closing costs or as a deposit that would be later refunded.

The FBI reported a similar scam, with a con artist contacting the victim by phone or e-mail and promising to sell the victim's timeshare in a short time, often between 60 and 90 days. The scammers asked for hundreds to thousands of dollars to cover anything from closing costs to listing fees.

Sometimes, according to the FBI's warning, the victims are then contacted a second time — this time by someone claiming to be from a recovery company. The scammer, who may be connected with the original resale company, tells the victim that he can recover the lost money for a fee.

Once again, the scammers disappear after the victim pays.

Huddleston said that though he lost thousands to the con artists who contacted him, and he feels like a dupe for falling for the scam, he is just happy to have learned his lesson.

"I didn't get too angry over it. I hated to lose the money, but I learned a lot," he said. "The next time somebody calls, I've graduated from that class."

When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the following tips:

- Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.
- Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare, make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing.
- Start with trust. Visit www.bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.
- Never wire cash. Credit

cards offer a certain amount of fraud protection that you cannot get if you use a wire service. Walk away from any deal that requires you to pay cash or wire money, especially to locations in other countries.

• Get it in writing. Ask the salesman for all information in writing, including all fees, timing and ways the seller plans to advertise the unit.

• Check the license. Ask for licensing information for the seller's agents, and check that information with the Real Estate Commission. Only deal with licensed brokers and ask for references.

• If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Be wary of any seller who promises a big selling price or quick turnaround. High-pressure tactics are always a red flag.

• Know where to turn. Before selling your timeshare, read the FTC's advice on selling a timeshare and report any scams to BBB or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

To check the reliability of a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

Irate plaintiff may have case

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We believe that our developer knowingly sold condominium units to individuals who presented a high risk of foreclosure and abandonment of their homes, provided them with financing, and really didn't give a true story of the nature of our neighborhood. Is there anything we can do against our developer?

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued against



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the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability and the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, now something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations.

Q: Can you give me any ideas with respect to what it is like to purchase property in Lima, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands, which I hear are extremely beautiful?

A: Lima is a big city where there are a number of high rise apartments that are newly constructed which, like in most South American cities, are highly expensive. The Galapagos Islands are restricted to residents who are born in the Galapagos Islands, so your opportunity to live there and/or possibly develop parts of it is extremely limited because it is a National Park with many restrictions to preserve the habitat.

Peru has a better exchange rate than Brazil and Argentina, as it relates to the American dollar, so your opportunities for investment are greater in terms of getting the benefit of your dollars' worth.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 19-22, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7320 Admiralty Dr	\$150,000
2376 Arcadia Dr	\$66,000
41697 Bedford Dr	\$45,000
4111 Berkeley Ave	\$82,000
6322 Clarendon Dr	\$176,000
41978 Coventry Way	\$130,000
6062 Fairborn Dr	\$335,000
7120 Foxridge Dr	\$198,000
50156 Grant St	\$241,000

48298 Greenwich Ln	\$228,000
49918 Hancock St	\$315,000
50140 Jackson Ln	\$190,000
44223 Richmond Ct	\$197,000
626 Sandalwood Ct	\$317,000
2839 Siever Dr	\$201,000
GARDEN CITY	
31255 Marquette St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
11307 Brookfield St	\$126,000
17300 Brookview Dr	\$180,000
12020 Cavell St	\$30,000
19513 Gary Ln	\$270,000
9402 Gillman St	\$88,000
18230 Gillman St	\$42,000
9930 Harrison St	\$125,000
33920 La Moynie St	\$150,000
17500 Lathers St	\$33,000
36062 Lyndon St	\$175,000

29726 Mason St	\$105,000
18525 Millburn St	\$125,000
10040 Seltzer St	\$65,000
36329 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000
32131 Wyoming St	\$90,000
NORTHVILLE	
19644 Aqueduct Ct	\$65,000
17681 Crestbrook Dr	\$575,000
101 Hampton Ct	\$198,000
18938 Heather Ridge Dr	\$535,000
16049 Pine Valley Dr	\$466,000
42549 Ravina Ln	\$227,000
PLYMOUTH	
42023 Brentwood Dr	\$127,000
12420 Concord Ct	\$215,000
40609 Newport Dr	\$72,000
1075 Sutherland St	\$81,000
REDFORD	
9921 Arnold	\$40,000

15127 Aubrey	\$18,000
15102 Fox	\$92,000
26550 Kendall Ct	\$49,000
9282 Louis	\$69,000
9640 Mercedes	\$45,000
14301 Mercedes	\$49,000
26911 Santa Maria	\$99,000
9147 Sioux	\$52,000
19397 Woodworth	\$20,000
WESTLAND	
1700 Ackley Ave	\$28,000
8589 Cardwell St	\$101,000
32228 Melton St	\$57,000
8132 Perrin Ave	\$85,000
6649 Quail Run Cir	\$71,000
7812 Rivergate Dr	\$67,000
1565 S Marie St	\$67,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of December 12-16, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18625 Devonshire St	\$310,000
32471 Madison St	\$130,000
31699 Southview St	\$232,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1116 Buckingham Ave	\$299,000
1085 Chapin Ave	\$477,000
1028 Chester St	\$315,000
232 Pilgrim Ave	\$513,000
1792 Pine St	\$444,000
400 Southfield Rd Unit 9	\$175,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

1687 S Hill Blvd	\$115,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1665 Dell Rose Dr	\$280,000
1736 Hamilton Dr	\$200,000
2905 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$98,000
984 Waddington St	\$790,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4646 Benstein Rd	\$81,000
3826 Ranya Dr	\$228,000
3613 Sleeth Ct	\$158,000
5988 Strawberry Cir	\$342,000
FARMINGTON	
23941 Whittaker Dr	\$178,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21413 Archwood Cir	\$120,000
28226 Bellcrest St	\$160,000
37280 Chelsea St	\$241,000
28415 Inkster Rd	\$125,000
30024 W 12 Mile Rd	\$29,000
32311 W Wayburn St	\$102,000

MILFORD	
2347 Carriage Way	\$211,000
1758 Hilltop Dr	\$390,000
NOVI	
30732 Ardmore Ct	\$63,000
30736 Ardmore Ct	\$75,000
22539 Cranbrooke Dr	\$68,000
26250 Fieldstone Dr	\$255,000
22480 Havergale St	\$329,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$122,000
24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$311,000
22756 Renford St	\$50,000
25810 Shoreline Dr	\$800,000
27531 Sloan St	\$218,000
25350 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
25428 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
26991 Victoria Rd	\$250,000
50577 W 10 Mile Rd	\$120,000
SOUTH LYON	
51959 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000

27911 Woodstream Dr	\$425,000
28050 Brentwood St	\$25,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28631 Castlegate Dr	\$152,000
19394 Coral Gables St	\$22,000
20018 Covington Pkwy	\$75,000
28066 Glasgow St	\$45,000
20955 Harvard Rd	\$80,000
28482 Marshall St	\$8,000
28482 Marshall St	\$7,000
28995 San Carlos St	\$135,000
28468 Selkirk St	\$67,000
22940 Shevington Dr	\$146,000
30228 Southfield Rd # A166	\$25,000
WHITE LAKE	
8847 Arlington St	\$74,000
9245 Little Farm St	\$94,000
8045 Wildwood Ln	\$233,000
8100 Wildwood Ln	\$211,000

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