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A second plant fundraiser — this time hanging baskets — will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, in time for Mothers Day.

Coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, April 9, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and concerns.

The local coffee hour takes place the second Monday of each month. Residents who have any comments or concerns can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours Monday, April 9, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Last chance

Time is running out to submit a special memory for our "A Salute To Women," which will appear in Thursday, May 3, *Hometown Life Woman*, a special section delivered monthly to *Observer* subscribers.

Tell us about a special memory you have or of your grandmother (in 50 words or less, if possible). Share your favorite memory and photograph (jpeg format attached to the e-mail). E-mail your photo and special memory to Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Be sure to include your first and last name and identify your grandmother with a first and last name, too. Be sure to tell us where you live and provide a daytime phone number where you can be reached. Then look for your photo and/or memory in the May edition of *Hometown Life Woman*.

Deadline to submit memories and photos is Friday, April 13.

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Mayor rolls out balanced budget for 2012-13

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

In his annual budget presentation Wednesday, Westland Mayor William Wild offered a two-year balanced budget that reflects a 9.5 percent drop in property values and a resulting \$2.4 million revenue loss.

"With the deficits that had been projected, we're pretty proud of what we have presented," said Wild, noting deficits of \$23.7 million and \$36.9 million had been projected for 2012-13 and 2013-14 during 2009 strategic planning sessions.

"We will not lose any union jobs, there will be

more firefighters and police officers on the street," said Wild. "We're trying not to pound our chests too much for cutting the deficits. It took a lot of sweat and tears. We sat down with the unions and asked them to come to the plate."

By the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year, Wild said it

is projected the city will have added \$100,000 to its fund balance.

"There will be no use of the proceeds from the Taylor Towers refinancings — we'll be back to talk about that soon," said Wild. "It feels very good that we will not have to ask for millage."

The budget proposal,

which council would consider adopting annually, includes 2 percent and 3 percent raises for employees, who three years ago agreed to concessions, including putting off scheduled pay increases.

"We have covered those

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Gage Simmons didn't need any directions. He went right for the marshmallow after they were dropped.

Family double dips with marshmallow drops

Jackie Spence is a pro when it comes to marshmallow drops.

The Westland resident has been taking her children to the granddaddy of such events in Wayne for years and then heading over to Hines Park to enjoy the Wayne County Parks event.

"I've been coming every year since my kids were little," said Spence. "I've been doing it since my daughter was little. That's 19 years."

Spence has a plan. With the Wayne Parks and Recreation Marshmallow Drop held at 10 a.m. in Attwood Park, she hits it first and then heads for the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park for the county's drop.

"We leave there and come here every year," said Spence, who was caught with a pocketful of marshmallows collected by her son, 4-year-old Julon Boyce, who was enjoying the drops with his cousin in Jayred Zuber, also of Westland. Joining her was her daughter, Jackie.

Spence estimates the crowd at Attwood Park was larger than last year which might be a reflection on the Good Neighbor agreement the City of Westland has with the City of Wayne when it comes to Parks and Recreation services.

But then again, it could have been the beautiful spring weather that brought out crowds for both events.

Be sure to check out



Nadia Aburouman has her hands filled with marshmallows following the drop.

the story and photo package on the Wayne County Parks 27th annual Marshmallow Drop

will appear in the Thursday, April 12, issue of the *Observer*.

By Sue Mason

Council gives nod for proposed recreation merger

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland residents would swim, use workout equipment, take fitness classes and other recreational activities at the Wayne Community Center under a proposal to close the Bailey Recreation Center June 30.

That is part of the larger proposal to have Wayne Parks and Recreation operate recreation programs for Westland. The council reached a consensus to proceed with developing a required intergovernmental agreement with

Wayne for the merger.

Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski and Deputy Director Margaret Martin are both retiring. Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams would head Westland's parks and recreation department also.

Over the past five years, the city has lost an average \$800,000 annually in operating the Bailey Center, including the outdoor swimming pool. The city estimates about \$100,000 would be needed to take care of cur-

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Ex-bookkeeper gets diversion in embezzlement case

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton woman will avoid having a criminal record on a charge of embezzling from St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland, if she completes paying restitution within the next 120 days.

On Wednesday, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Chylinski allowed Kathleen Galoch, 63, to enter a diversion program. The former parish bookkeeper has repaid about a third of the \$13,169 she was charged with stealing.

"People are furious. About 16 of us went to court. We were so surprised we could have fallen out of our seats," said parishioner Loretta LaBerge.

Galoch was charged with embezzling only a fraction of the \$143,000 reported missing from the parish where she had been employed since 1986 to handle bookkeeping and other administrative duties until being laid off early in 2011.

When interviewed as part of the investigation, police said the Rev. Gary Michalik, who had been

the St. Theodore parish priest, reported authorizing the bulk of the spending by Galoch. The audit prepared by the Archdiocese of Detroit showed checks written to pay mobile home rental fees, utilities and other expenses for Galoch's adult son, James E. Galoch, and wages for her husband, James J. Galoch. Both men had done maintenance-type work at the parish. Personal bills were also paid for Galoch's former daughter-in-law, Shannon, who still works for the parish.

Parishioners aren't happy that Galoch isn't being held criminally responsible or repaying more of the missing funds, said LaBerge.

"I want to know if the archdiocese insurer will go after her for the money and the IRS (over tax irregularities)," said LaBerge. "I put a call into the priest who will be our new pastor July 1. I think it's imperative for him to call a town hall meeting within two weeks. People will react to this by withholding their money."

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Built in the late 1970s, The Bailey Recreation Center and its outdoor pool are slated to close for good at the end of June and recreational services taken over by the City of Wayne.



The outdoor basketball court and the Concrete Jungle Skatepark, both adjacent to the Bailey Center, attract people in good weather.

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rent boiler problems and exterior facade issues would cost \$20,000

"The Bailey Center has been a part of the community for many years. It is costing a lot of money to operate it," said Mayor William Wild. "This is not something we take lightly. We need to make a business decision. It is pretty stark. We lost \$4 million in the last four years. As the budget gets smaller, we can't put money into the center."

At the same time, Wild said Wayne has a new recreation center with not only the room to accommodate Westland residents but the

need for more users to help fund their facility. For the past year, Westland residents have been treated as residents at the Wayne Recreation Center under the Good Neighbor program.

"We know that we are not in a position to build a new recreation center. Nowhere in southeast Michigan will there be these types of parks and recreation," said Wild. "Overnight, our residents will have access to all these amenities. If a Westland resident never wants to use the services, there will be no cost to them."

Wayne city officials, including Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager Robert English, attended in support of an inter-governmental agreement for parks and recreation,

along with an agreement that would move the communities toward a merger of their fire departments.

As part of the Bailey Center closing, Kosowski said he is working with the facility users to get their programs relocated. The Wayne facility doesn't have a gym, so he said he has contacted Wayne-Westland Community Schools which will allow non-profits free gym use on weekdays and charges an hourly rate for use on weekends.

"I know it's not strictly dollars — a lot of it is who uses it, we wouldn't do this unless we had a plan," said Wild. "There will be access to the new center. We'll sit down with each group that uses to Bailey Center and

find an alternative for them."

The city needed to do more exploring of other options for the pool and Bailey Center, said Councilwoman Christine Bryant.

"It's not just the money, it's in the middle of our municipal complex and next to a new park," she said, noting the Bailey complex was adjacent to the newer H2O Zone spray park. "Maybe the (athletic) leagues would increase their fees. We need to explore this more and promote the Bailey Center."

With the operating losses, Councilman Dewey Reeves said the council needed to act based on their fiduciary responsibilities.

Likewise, Council President James Godbout said the council had to take the emotion of deciding whether to close the Bailey Center and pool.

"I can't support losing \$800,000 a year. If we kept it open this year, then we will have the same discussion next year and the year after that," said Godbout. "We're pouring good

money down a sink hole and we don't have that luxury any more. The main role of the council is to be good financial stewards of the city. I don't know if you can say that if you approve keeping the Bailey Center open."

Like Bryant, Councilman Bill Johnson was concerned about what would happen to a closed Bailey Center but he agreed that was an issue separate from whether to proceed with the merger.

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raises that were put off in the contracts, we have met all of our obligations," said Wild. "We hope we are through the worst of it (economically). If not, we can sit down with the unions and look them in the eye."

Two major changes include proposals to consolidate Westland's Parks and Recreation Department with the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and beginnings of a merger of the two fire departments. Both programs are aimed in part at helping the cities qualify for funding under the state Econom-

ic Vitality Incentive Program.

Other changes in the budget include:

- Four vacant positions that will not be filled at 18th District Court along with a \$500,000 decrease in projected revenues.
- An additional half-time position for the Clerk's Office.
- Hiring a full-service company to provide city assessing services for a savings of \$30,000.
- A proposed civilian police service aid program aimed at getting more officers on the road. One dispatching position would be eliminated — it was vacant after a retirement.
- For the first time, the Westland Youth Assistance Program is entirely

grant funded and receiving no city funds.

- The William Faust Library Board budget includes laying off 10 employees and reducing the library hours to 40 hours per week. Wild said the council would meet with the board to discuss their budget.
 - Wild proposed pay grade level increases for Deputy Mayor Jade Smith and Information Technology Director Dan Bourdeau, citing increased job responsibilities. He noted that the number of directors has been reduced from 21 to 15 since 2008 along with the elimination of three deputy director positions. The total savings was set at over \$3.5 million.
- American Federation of

State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602 Secretary Debbie Richardson wasn't happy that employees had to learn their department was closing on the Internet, specifically the Assessing Department. While the employee won't be laid off, she will have to bump into a position in another department.

"You could have handled it in a more professional, courteous manner," said Richardson. Now that the budget overview has been presented, the council will start scheduling study sessions to review individual department budgets.

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James D. Rockrohr of Westland has been named to the fall Dean's List for the first semester of 2011-2012 academic year at Concordia University Wisconsin. To be eligible for the honor, he had achieve a minimum 3.50 grade point average. Rockrohr is a senior, majoring in history.

Mallorie Gregg of Westland recently received a four-year bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University in Midland.

Named to the Dean's List for superior academic achievement during either the spring/summer and or fall 2011 semesters at Madonna University in Livonia were Lauren M. Lang, Barbara Santana-Merlo, Benjamin Matigian, Xiaoning Shi, Daniel Mahoney, Danielle Nelson, Jagvir Kaur, Mary K. Ross, Matthew B. Peters, Randy J. Lorenzetti, Robin McCollum, Sara Dempsey-Latham, Sheryl (Sherry) Maironis, Allison Franz, Allison Grace Brown, Rana Ammari and Cheryl Lynn Ziegler.

T. C. Sample of Westland was a member of a novice team from Northwood University Mock Trial Teams that competed in a recent regional tournament in Joliet, Ill.

The team worked together to win several team ballots while also helping one NU student earn a perfect ranking score as both a prosecution and defense attorney. As a result, Matt Williams of Livonia earned the highest attorney award given at the Joliet, tournament.

Sample is a freshman at Northwood University in Midland.

Shutterbugs

Students snap photos for mall's 'Eyes of a Child'

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

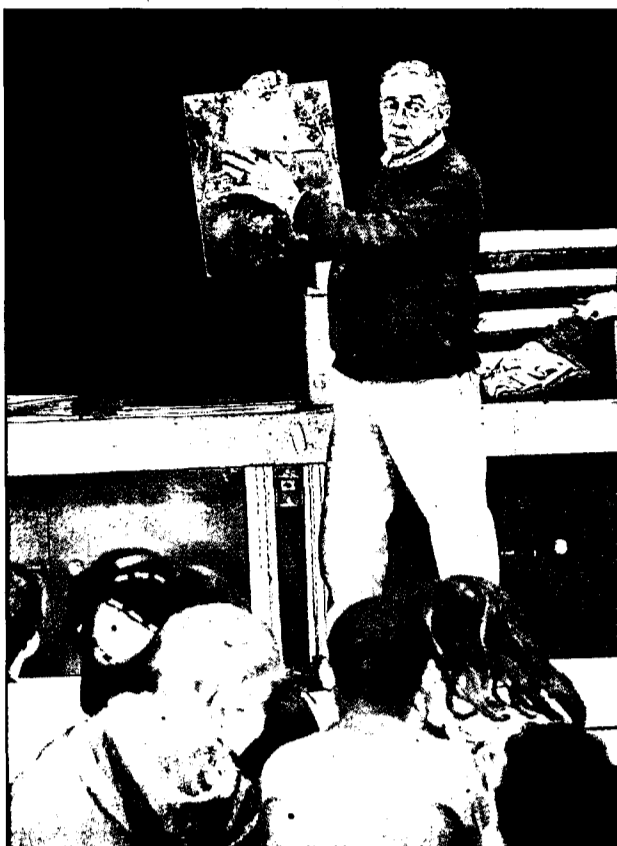
Youngsters at three Westland and Livonia elementary schools will show people what the world looks like through their eyes as part of a photography lesson with renowned photographer Monte Nagler.

Armed with disposable cameras, 120 third- and fourth-grade students from Wayne-Westland's Edison Elementary School and Grant and Hayes Elementaries in the Livonia Public Schools are taking photographs, the best of which will be put on display in a "Through the Eyes of a Child" art show at Westland Shopping Center in May.

"Monte has traveled the world taking pictures to show people the world," Patrick Derrig, marketing director of Westland Shopping Center, told students at Edison School. "He's the best at what he does. He came to your school to teach you the art of photography."

Nagler also visited Hayes and Grant Schools on Thursday where 60 youngsters were given bags that included the disposable camera and a picture frame, provided by Parkside Credit Union. He was at Edison on Friday where 60 students were given cameras.

The students have two weeks to take their photographs before returning them to their respec-



Nagler shows students how to position the subject away from the center of a photograph.

raphers should communicate the feelings they have inside through their work, and that was the message he delivered to his young audience.

"You have to hit the button 27 times," Nagler said. "You can do what you want. Think of yourself as an artist, an artist with a camera. You have over two weeks to do this, take your time, do a couple a day. There's so many good things that if you take all your photographs at once and you see something the next day, you won't be able to shoot it."

Each student was provided with a sheet that included eight points to taking good photographs, and Nagler spent time explaining such fine points as getting in close, keeping the photograph simple, placing the subject away from the center of the photograph and using a detail to lead the eye into the photograph.

Famed Photographer Monte Nagler uses his own work to show Edison students what they need to do to take good pictures for the "Through the Eyes of a Child" exhibit.

tive schools on April 16. The film will be processed by the mall, and Nagler will look at all of the 3,240 photographs, selecting the best one for each student. Those 120 photographs will be turned into 8- by 10-inch framed prints that will be displayed at the "Through the Eyes of a Child" exhibit.

"Everyone is a winner, everyone gets their photo in the exhibit," said Nagler. "There are 27 pictures in the camera and you have 27 chances

to take a picture, but it's very important, you have to take the photograph. Don't give it to a friend or a parent. You have to do it."

Nagler has won numerous awards for his photography. The Farmington Hills resident is a noted writer, lecturer and teacher of photography who began photographing seriously after studying with famed photographer Ansel Adams. A member of the CameraCraftsmen of America, he believes photog-

He encouraged them to take "some people pictures, always check the backgrounds," and even consider doing a self-portrait by holding the camera in front of them or photographing their shadow on a sunny day. He also warned them that their cameras aren't waterproof and not to "take them in the bathtub."

The students also will be given a 4- by 6-inch card to write an explanation of the photograph that will be in the exhibit.

"One of the best parts of this is the kids write in their own handwriting what the picture is about," said Derrig. "It's pretty amazing to see what they write."

"What's cool about kids is they have a lot of imagination and they put it to use when they take pictures," Derrig added.

The students and their families will be invited to the mall to see the exhibit which will be set up in the East Court. They'll be treated to pizza and pop and be individually recognized for their work and receive a custom certificate from Nagler.

"We want to see what you see," said Derrig. "I'm so excited for you," said Edison Principal Sandy Kingston. "You're learning from a professional your first time out. I'm really excited to see what you see. It should be a lot of fun."

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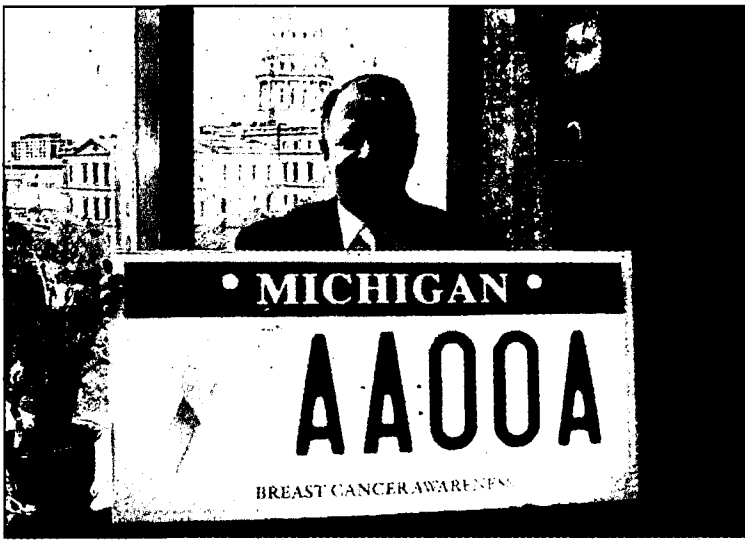
Anderson seeks support for 'Pink Ribbon' plates

A western Wayne County lawmaker has taken to the Internet to rally support for the creation a "Pink Ribbon" license plate in Michigan.

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has issued a video statement, asking Michigan citizens to share their stories via e-mail or mail of how breast and cervical cancer have affected their lives.

The stories will be used as part of an effort to encourage action on bi-partisan legislation he introduced to create a "Pink Ribbon" license plate. Anderson intends to deliver the letters and e-mails to his colleagues in the Senate on Mother's Day.

"It is past time to take action on this legislation," said Anderson. "To help



State Sen. Glenn Anderson shows off the "Pink Ribbon" license plate he wants his fellow lawmakers to approve.

encourage my colleagues to give the pink plate bill a vote,

I am asking Michigan residents to get involved. My

hope is that through their stories, we can convince other members of the Senate to take action on this legislation, which would provide funding for breast and cervical cancer screening without costing the state of Michigan a cent."

The legislation, which was co-sponsored by every member of the 38-member State Senate, has sat without action since May 2011. Funds raised by the license plate would help prevent breast and cervical cancer by helping low-income women afford screening and treatment and would serve as a statewide reminder for cancer patients and survivors that they are not alone.

All of the startup costs for creating the license plate have been raised by Ander-

son through private donations, meaning there would be no impact on the state budget for creating the plate.

"This shouldn't be a political issue," Anderson said. "We could pass this legislation and start saving lives. We will send a message by sharing the stories of Michigan citizens who have directly experienced these devastating diseases that the time to pass this legislation has come."

To view the video, visit www.MIPinkPlate.com. Letters should be mailed to State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. E-mails should include "Pink Plate Story" in the subject line, and should be sent to SenatorAnderson@Senate.Michigan.Gov.

Wayne-Westland accepting schools of choice applications

Wayne-Westland Community School District will be accepting applications from non-resident families for Intra-County Schools of Choice under Section 105 of the Michigan Department of Education for all of the elementary schools grades - (kindergarten through fourth-grade - for the

2012-2013 school year. Students must be residents of Wayne County.

Applications will be accepted between April 27 and Aug. 24 at the district's Administrative Offices at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

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link under "Resources." There also are Frequently Asked Questions and their Answers on the same page.

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Cook eKitchen stirs love of cooking in young chefs

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

Taima Ezzeddine could be the next Paula Deen, Rachel Ray or Martha Stewart.

At just 9 years old, the foodie is a whiz in the kitchen.

From scrumptious Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites to rich and savory Spinach Stuffed Shells, she's perfectly at ease cooking all by herself.

And, her mother, Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine is fine with that, too.

This pint-sized chef has all the tools she needs, right on her computer screen, as she watches cooking videos — by kids for kids — on Cook eKitchen, a new program offered by Health Alliance Plan.

"This is something that I trust — I have no reservations," said her mom.

Taima, who collects cookbooks and loves to try new recipes — just like her mom — started out with the no-bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites.

"They were so good and easy to make. I love peanut butter cups and these were just as good, only healthier," said Taima. "The best part was that they were no-bake. They were a little time-consuming to make, but so totally worth it."

Colleen said they discovered Cook eKitchen after tuning in to the many healthy programs offered by HAP. She took advantage of HAP's partnership with Weight Watchers about five years ago, for example, and the results were nothing short of awesome.

"I got down to a healthy (body mass



DeAnté Lipscombe, 13, of Farmington Hills, is quite good at making cheese quesadillas by following the recipe and how-to video on the Cook eKitchen website.



Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine, of Farmington, and her 9-year-old daughter Taima Ezzeddine, show off some brownies Taima made through the Cook eKitchen online program.

index) and it just changed my life," she said.

The Cook eKitchen reinforces her family's quest for healthy meals

and instills healthy habits in her three children.

"I'm just so grateful to HAP," she said. "They have great partnerships and they're always

offering free opportunities to learn."

Her family was among the first to try out the Cook eKitchen. Colleen, a busy mother who

home schools her children, and also teaches public speaking at Wayne State University, quickly realized that the Cook eKitchen could be a time-saver for her.

"It's easy to get in the habit to plan and prepare meals for your family, but this allows you to get your children involved," she said. "You're giving them such a great skill. It can make a parent's life easier."

Her son Hassan, 7, also enjoys cooking.

"He made pancakes this morning," said Colleen. "My husband is always cooking, and he would always watch his father cook."

Young chefs

Another family, the Lipscombes of Farmington Hills, are making good use of Cook eKitchen.

DeAndre Lipscombe, who is HAP's vice president of community outreach, introduced his three sons, DeAndre II, 16, DeAnté, 13, and DeMarius, 11, to it.

"I love that the website is very easy to navigate," he said. "It is colorful and kid-friendly. My sons, especially my 13-year-old DeAnté, love the videos. DeAnté wants to be a chef and watches the Food Network all the time. Cook eKitchen has been a great way for him to find recipes that are quick and easy make. He loves watching the videos of the chefs preparing the food. I also like that all of the recipes include nutrition information, so it's never a secret what you or your kids are eating."

His sons love to make the cheese quesadillas and the cinnamon muf-

fins.

He also recognizes that Cook eKitchen can help kids make healthy food choices.

"Cook eKitchen is a great resource for working parents who want to make sure that their preteens and teenagers are eating healthy when they are not around to encourage them to make healthy choices," he said. "In my family, the junk or processed food that is quick and easy to prepare was always the first choice for my sons. Cook eKitchen provides a nice balance for my family between food choices that are nutritious, fun to make and will not leave my sons feeling like they are missing out on their favorite snacks."

Healthy focus

HAP encourages families with children ages 8-14 to take advantage of Cook eKitchen's educational and entertaining content to help them cultivate healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.

"Childhood obesity is threatening the health and well-being of our communities, and we're excited to introduce this wonderful, engaging resource to our youngest community members," said Terri Kachadurian, director, worksite health and wellness programs.

Cook eKitchen is not only for HAP members, it's free and available to anyone at hap.org/cookekitchen. Launched just over one month ago, the site already has nearly 11,000 page views and more than 1,580 unique visitors.

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STAND takes a stand for right choices

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

There was muscle in the message.

The STAND Strength Team arrived Wednesday, April 4, for a free program open to the community and Morningstar Church in Garden City.

STAND is a national and international non-profit organization standing before thousands of people yearly.

They go into public and private schools, prisons, churches and concerts, using feats of strength to illustrate a powerful message.

"STAND is the most spectacular assembly program in the nation, promoting anti-bullying, anti-violence, anti-drugs, anti-alcohol, anti-peer pressure, respecting others, academic excellence and making the right choices," according to Monica Duncan, wife of the Rev. Earl Duncan of Morningstar Church.

She called the program "amazing."

"The STAND team was



Bryan "Ironman" Dorsey of the STAND Strength Team surprises participants Lia Watkins and Joseph Menchaca by lifting them off the floor and slowly twirling them around. Dorsey, a two-time "Mr. Michigan" bodybuilding champion (97-99), uses his faith and strength to impress children to believe in Jesus Christ and themselves.



John Evans, Darick Molisee, Mike Davis, Lia Watkins and Marijane Greenleaf anxiously wait for the STAND Strength Team to autograph the free poster that they received as part of the program.

comprised of four world class athletes — Shrek, Iron Man, Bam Bam and Bulldog," she said. "They proclaimed the gospel in their feats of strength. They demonstrated ripping of phone books and also asked participants from the audience, Nick Hubb and Doug Cary, to try the feat alongside of them. They took an iron

bar and bent it into a U shape. Iron Man did this and told the kids the reason he picked that letter was because it was all about You."

The athletes blew up and exploded hot water bottles and lifted 300-pound logs over their heads.

"They encouraged everyone in the audi-

ence to make right choices, to say no to bullying, no to drugs, no to alcohol, and to be the better person," Duncan said. "They also tore a license plate in half with their bare hands. They lifted two of the kids from the audience on an iron bar and gave them a ride in the air on it. They encouraged kids to listen to

their parents, teachers and pastors."

She called it a positive message and they delivered an invitation to anyone who wanted to receive Jesus Christ as their savior.

"At the conclusion, they met every person and signed an autographed poster," Duncan said. "They also had merchandise for sale, T-shirts, dog tags. They gave away souvenirs of the performance, ripped phone books and bro-

ken bats. They did break an official professional league baseball bat."

The room was filled with excitement and they promoted and encouraged the kids to cheer them on with applause and yelling.

"It was really an excellent performance and many came to know Jesus and made choices for positive behavior," Duncan said.

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Westland Library holding World Book Night event

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host an event as part of World Book Night 2012, the nationwide celebration of the reading, recommending and giving of books.

For the first time in the U.S., World Book Night 2012 will take place on April 23, UNESCO's International Day of the Book and Shakespeare's birthday.

World Book Night is

a publishing industry-wide initiative launched in 2011 and will see one million free books given away by readers to other members of the public across the U.S., UK, Ireland and Germany.

Members of the public were invited to be one of the 20,000 book-givers. Those selected will be readers who enjoy recommending a book they love to other readers.

They also will be encouraged to pass the books on to those who may be reluctant readers or who are part of communities with less access to books, bookshops and libraries.

In total, 480,000 books will be distributed by givers. The remaining 520,000 will be distributed directly to prisons, libraries, hospitals and other places where books are not readily avail-

able, through World Book Night's charitable partners. For more information, visit www.worldbooknight.org

Residents will have the opportunity to take part in a special event at the William P. Faust Public Library on Monday, April 16. The event will form part of a nationwide celebration of books and reading.

The public is invited to stop by for some light

refreshments and find out how to be involved in future World Book Night book giveaways. Registered current year givers will pick up their books that night.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for those who love books to reach out and share a book with someone who may not be a regular reader," said Library Associate Claire Mueller. "And the neatest thing about it, is that it's

all free."

Authors are foregoing royalties to make book nights possible, and American book publishers, the American Booksellers Association, Barnes & Noble, the American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers, Ingram Book Company, UPS and a dozen printers and binders have paid for the production and shipping.



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District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. April 9
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Anderson and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc for a monthly district coffee hour. Ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

Friends of the Library Meeting: 2 p.m. April 10
 The Friends of the

Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fund-raising activities for the library. They meet at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday

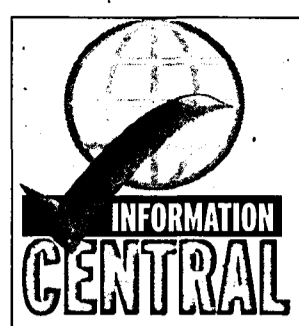
of each month.

Trigger Point Therapy: 7 p.m. April 10

If you are like 75 percent of the general population, you experience some form of stress every day. Too much stress can cause physical problems that can lead to more serious complications. Trigger Point Therapy offers a safe and natural solution to relieving stress-related problems. Dr. Brian Brackney, a member of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals, will help you learn how to identify your trigger points, how to locate trigger points on any person and how to relieve trigger points easily and quickly. Hear how the relationship between stress and trigger points affects your health. This is the last of a four-part health series, "Looking Out for Your Health." Sign up online or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

Adventures in the Grand Canyon: 7 p.m. April 11

Bill Craig, Holliday Nature Preserve Association president, will share his hiking and rafting experiences in Grand Canyon National Park. He has floated down the Colorado River for 13 days, and hiked both solo and with friends. His slideshow presentation will give you a sample of the sights and situations below the rim. This presentation is for those thinking about taking a trip or just interested in



the scenery and stories. Please bring any stories you have about your own adventures in the Grand Canyon.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 p.m. April 11

The Library Board meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in one of the library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

eReader Support Group: 6-8 p.m.

Do you have an eReader? Want to learn more about it? Drop in the second Thursday of each month to meet with other eReader users, share your eReader expertise or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device.

It's Here; Open Mic: 7 p.m. April 12

Poets, songwriters, bands, dancers and more are welcome. We have a friendly group who enjoy entertainers of all kinds and all levels. Tonight's OM emceed by two-time Detroit Blues Champ John Latini.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. April 13

Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run through May 18 (no class April 20 and 27). Students with children are welcome.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. April 13

Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award nominees and winners from March through May. Tonight's movie is *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, "espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6." (imdb.com) Rated R (with scenes of brutal violence). Snacks and refreshments served. Trivia and prizes. Door opens at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

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

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Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers one-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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One is probably larger than the other. If you're a woman, you'll have four times as many foot problems as a man. And with spring in swing, now's the time to take stock of your feet, according to Dr. Zachary Lemon, an Internal Medicine physician at Garden City Hospital.

"Our feet take a beating, so it's vital to pay attention to them every day,"

said Lemon. "Most of our problems come from ill-fitting shoes and spending too much time on our feet."

Left unchecked, seemingly minor ills can lead to bigger health issues.

"To maintain foot fitness, start with socks that breathe," he said. "Cotton may be a better choice because it wicks away moisture and doesn't trap heat. Thick, wool socks may not be suitable for most people. Got some new argyles? Dr. Lemon recommends washing, then wearing, to eliminate common additives or excess dyes that may irritate your skin."

Today, self-serve shoe stores are everywhere, Lemon recommends that people always stand and measure both feet. Make sure there's about one-

half inch between the big toe and the end of the shoe. The heel shouldn't slide up and down when a person walks, and the upper portion should be a soft, bendable material to match the shape of your foot.

Avoid narrow, tight-fitting shoes and high heels. Look for soles that won't slip, and scuff up the bottoms of dress or leather-soled shoes for better traction. Always choose thick soles for walking on hard surfaces. For a perfect shoe, Dr. Lemon suggests one that will distribute all your weight equally.

"Buy a shoe that has good cushion under the heel so when you step down it absorbs your weight and the impact," he said. Otherwise, shock waves travel from the

heel and ankle up to the knee and hip. Over time, these repeated blows might cause upper joint pain. Ideally, a shoe should be flexible enough to support the arch and still allow enough movement for you to bend your toes.

Today, people can buy athletic shoes that promise to make you fit. Lemon thinks they may have value.

"If you wear them during a workout, it's the equivalent of walking on tip toe," he said. "There's no heel support, so you tense up your calf muscles while you walk."

Are you a senior citizen or a baby-boomer? Your feet are wider and longer, and the natural padding under your heel and forefoot has thinned. Your arches have gotten flat-

ter, which stiffens your feet and ankles. Consider new footwear every six months or so to accommodate these changes.

When shoes don't fit, you may be in hot water. Corns and calluses result when bony parts of the feet rub against wing tips or work boots. Special pads and some over-the-counter medicines may help relieve your symptoms. If you have diabetes or circulation problems, see your doctor.

Bunions tend to run in families. Pads or shoes cut wide at the toes and instep (middle part of the foot) may help. If pain persists, check with a podiatrist. You may need surgery.

Regular nail care is also important. Trim the white, dead material, but don't get too aggressive.

"The pink area has blood vessels and it's sensitive to pain," said Lemon.

To avoid ingrown toenails, cut straight across so the corner of the nail is visible above the skin.

Foot odor usually comes from excessive moisture and heat. Absorbent powders may eliminate the smell. Let your feet get some fresh air during the day; kick off your shoes for a few moments or try thinner socks.

Some manufacturers even offer breathable footwear. But if your feet suddenly become red or you experience pain, talk to a healthcare professional immediately.

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Don't ignore any 1099 forms even in case of bankruptcy

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: Last year was very difficult for me financially. I ended up filing for bankruptcy. I just got done doing my 2011 tax return. I used the free IRS service that you mentioned in your column. My problem is that it turns out that I owe more money to the IRS than I made. I received a number of 1099Cs for the debts that were wiped out during my bankruptcy. I'm not sure what I should do. I don't have the money to pay the taxes. My friends have told me don't file the return, ignore it and wait until the IRS contacts me. I need help. What should I do? I am desperate.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

exceptions where forgiveness of debt is not taxable. The first major exception deals with forgiveness of debt on a mortgage. During the financial crisis, Congress passed legislation that forgave most people of that tax liability. Another exception deals with debts that were discharged during a bankruptcy proceeding. The third major exception deals with individuals who can show that at the time the debt was discharged, their liabilities exceeded their assets. In all of these cases, by completing IRS Form 982 you avoid any tax liability.

As I've mentioned many times, the IRS website offers a wealth of information. If you need a copy of Form 982, visit the IRS' website (irs.gov). For fur-

ther information, IRS Publication 4681 could be of assistance to you.

Under no circumstances should you ignore a 1099C. Remember, the IRS is also given a copy that will match the copy from the issuer, with your tax return. If that number doesn't appear on your tax return, there are going to be issues. You don't want any issues with the IRS.

There have been all sorts of stories of people who

have been issued 1099Cs in error. If you have received a 1099C and it is not correct, contact the issuer to see if they will issue an amended 1099C. If not, you'll have to attach Form 982 or an explanation, to your tax return. Again, under no circumstances should you ever ignore a 1099C or, in fact, any 1099.

If you're in a situation where you've completed your return and legit-

imately owe money, but you cannot afford it, under no circumstances should you not file the return. The IRS has all sorts of installment plans. The problem with not filing your return is that not only will you be assessed with interest, but also penalties.

My experience in dealing with the IRS is that if you have a problem, it is much better to contact them and deal with them up front, as opposed to

avoiding them. People who avoid the IRS will have lots of sleepless nights and eventually they will get that dreaded letter. Then it will be more difficult and certainly more expensive.

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A: Don't worry. There's no reason to be desperate. Even though you received a 1099C and you have to report the amount, it's not subject to tax. Complete IRS Form 982 and attach that with your tax return. In addition, when you complete that form, you need to check box 1A (discharge of indebtedness in a title 11 case). I know you did not file Chapter 11 bankruptcy, however, that is the box you need to check. In addition, you need to complete line 2 on that form.

Something that always fools individuals is the tax liability when a debt is forgiven. When you have debt forgiven such as a charge card, that amount is taxable. In the past, most banks and credit card companies never issued 1099 forms, now they do. I just saw a recent report from the IRS that said over six million 1099Cs were issued this year alone. In 2010, the number was four million.

However, just because you receive a 1099C does not mean it is taxable income. There are a few

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It was a 'weird winter' indeed, says local weather man

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

Everyone called it a "weird winter," followed by a freakishly warm and early start to spring.

They were certainly right. Temperature records were broken, flowers and trees bloomed more than a month early and southeast Michigan had already experienced four tornadoes before spring even got started.

While most people didn't complain about the string of days in March that brought summer-like temps in the 80s, their brows would furrow as to the "why."

Paul Gross of Farmington Hills, a WDIV-Channel 4 meteorologist, confirms southeast Michigan had unusual weather through the winter and early spring — a phenomenon that has occurred all over the world.

"We (meteorologists from around the globe) are all talking about this," he said. "They're experiencing this kind of warmth in their countries, too."

Gross, who recently attended an international weather forum in Geneva, Switzerland, sat down with the secretary general of the World Meteorological Organization, Michel Jarraud, to discuss the global warming trend. Gross learned that the La Niña years, which are the cooler years, are getting warmer.



Channel 4 Meteorologist Paul Gross, of Farmington Hills, confirms we've had a strange winter and an even more unusual early spring.

"It was very striking information to me," said Gross.

This past winter was supposed to be a cooler winter, with average to a bit above-average snowfall, due to the La Niña pattern in the Pacific.

It was a mild winter, indeed, but the pre-spring and first days of spring were record-breaking.

Southeast Michigan had 10 consecutive 70-degree days from March 14-23, breaking the previous record of nine days in

April of 1886.

"We broke the record that was set back in 1886, that's how unusual this warmth was," said Gross.

But, the 80-degree days really grabbed the attention of everyone.

March 20-22 were all in the 80s, breaking the record that was set in 2007. The warmest March day ever recorded was Thursday, March 22, when it hit 86 degrees.

"The weather affects everybody. My job is to try to take out some of the surprises that we



The dogwoods and other trees have bloomed about five weeks early this year, but it brings an early decor to downtown Farmington.

saw with the heat wave," said Gross. "We saw that coming, but, on the other hand, the entire warm winter was a surprise to all us meteorologists."

So, what happened?

The La Niña pattern normally brings cooler weather down from the north, but this past winter, it was locked in northern Canada by the North Atlantic Oscillation, which, for some reason, remained in a positive phase for most of the winter.

"What caused the North Atlantic Oscillation to remain positive? The answer to that is, I have no idea," said Gross.

He said the warming climate trend did not cause the heat wave, but it may have intensified and prolonged it, he said. "One of the widely accepted and agreed upon theories of climate change is that we will see

more heat extremes and fewer cold extremes," he said.

Gross studied the Detroit area's record high and low temperatures in the 1990s and from 2000 to 2010.

"In the 1990s, the record highs outnumbered the record lows by a 3-1 margin," said Gross. "From 2000 to 2010, the record highs outnumbered the record lows by 6-1. That is a clear signal, showing a warm forcing on our climate."

Gross acknowledges that global warming is a debatable topic between scientists and politicians, but, he said there's a consensus among those who study it.

"Ninety-seven percent of the world's climate scientists now agree the proximate cause of this warming is human activity," said Gross.

Common concerns

Some of the common questions or concerns among local citizens, following the "weird winter" and warm, early spring, are the spring storm season, a hot summer, the health of Michigan's crops and the Great Lakes lake levels.

Many people think because it was a mild winter, we're in store for an unusually hot summer.

Not true, said Gross. "There is no correlation between the type of winter we have and the type of summer we have," he said.

"And, for those who believe in the Farmers Almanac predictions, he has a few words about that, too.

"The Farmers Almanac is a comic book," he said. "If you really believe there's a way to forecast specific days a year in advance, don't you think we'd be doing it by now?"

He said long-range models do not currently show distinct trends that indicate extreme temps for this summer.

In terms of spring storms, it all depends on the jet stream.

"If you have an early warmup, that can lend itself to severe weather periods, as we've seen already," he said.

In southeast Michigan, the record for tornadoes in March is 10, set back in 1950.

"We had four in a two-day period," he said of this year's activities so far.

Lake levels, given the minimal amount of snow over the winter, are a concern of many, but Gross noted that we had record rainfall in November, which makes up for the lack of snowfall.

The warm weather led to the early blooming of flowers and trees, which was a problem when we experienced a hard frost. Gross noted that the more hardy plants and flowers survived. He said there could be an impact on Michigan's cherry crops, for example.

Other implications of the warm winter and early spring are pests and allergies. He said there could be an increase in the number of ticks, mosquitoes and other bugs because the mild winter may have prevented the annual freeze kill.

Allergy season has started early for many people, as well — a full month early.

However, there's an upside to the winter, we've had, Gross added.

"The increased sunshine this winter is what made people feel so much better," he said. "The 2011-12 winter will go down in the books as a nice respite for a lot of people, except for skiers."

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GC's AFJROTC team competes in second level of Academic Bowl

The Garden City High School Air Force JROTC Academic team of Amber Ainsworth, Anthony Gonzalez, Brandon Hunter, Jacob Noel, Bailey Roark, and Andrew Wasson has been chosen to compete in Level II of the AFJROTC Academic Bowl.

Winners of this round will advance to the final championship competition and earn an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. This event is sponsored by the Air Force JROTC and conducted by College Options Foundation.

The Garden City High School AFJROTC academic team competed against more than 200 teams from around the world to advance to Level II in an online competition, Zero Hour Threat. Level II began Feb. 1 and concluded on Feb. 15.

One of the main goals of the AFJROTC Academic Bowl is to prepare students for state exit/graduation exams as well as college entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT. In each level of the competition, the fast-paced event tests their knowledge using SAT/ACT-type questions in the areas of JROTC curriculum, English, math and science.

Sixteen academic teams from Level II will advance to the 2012 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl Championship in Washington, D.C., on the campus of George Mason University, June 22-26.

The winner of the Air Force JROTC Academic Championship will compete against the winners



Air Force JROTC students from three high schools were at Garden City High School recently for the first ever Michigan Unit Conference.

of the Army JROTC and Navy JROTC Academic Bowls in the newly established JROTC Tri-Service Academic Bowl Championship.

The JROTC Academic Bowl is a nationally recognized academic competition created exclusively for AFJROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate leadership and academic abilities.

College Options Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, col-

lege exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's 1.1 million JROTC cadets worldwide.

The Garden City AFJROTC also recently hosted Michigan AFJROTC Unit Conference.

In addition to Garden City High School, units from Livonia Churchill, Anchor Bay High School and Ben O'Davis Aerospace High schools participated. This project was created by Cadet Col. Jordan Thrun, a senior at Garden City High School.

Schools come together at a unit conference to exchange many things, like ideas on what to do, how their unit operates and what they do for community service. The cadets did ice

breaker games to get to know each other and participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the school. They also participated in discussions, focusing on such topics as cadet promotions, community service and fund-raising. They also made cards for the troops. One of the students that attended the conference wrote in a card, "We thank you every day for sacrificing your life every day to protect us."

The cadets played "What Am I?" and then went into the AFJROTC room for a lecture about judging others. They also learned some things that they could do to make the community better and their unit better.

This was the first time that an AFJROTC Unit Conference was held in the state of Michigan.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Charity bowl

The Garden City Lions Club is holding a bowling benefit 6-11 p.m. Saturday May 19, at Town & Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games of 9 pin no tap, pizza, pop, raffles and shoe rental.

For more information please contact Cindy at (313) 407-0239, Larry at (734) 660-0920, Terry at (734) 686-8786 or Vicky at (734) 502-7951. Call now to reserve your team of four or come by yourself and they will team you up. Either way it's a night of fun entertainment.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School Classes of 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 are holding a combined reunion Saturday, Sept. 22, and organizers are looking for former classmates. That's the easiest part. The hardest part is finding those old classmates.

Information can be found or posted on the Facebook reunion page, Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012. It also can be e-mailed to the Reunion Committee - Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A. Gilligan at lee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com and Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

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.gardencitycoopreschool.org.

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.



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Bentley sweethearts marry after 48 long years

"I met him on a Monday and my heart stood still
Da do ron-ron-ron, da do ron-ron
Somebody told me that his name was Bill
Da do ron-ron-ron, da do ron-ron"

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Those lyrics from the 1963 song *Da Doo Ron Ron* by the Crystals will play Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, former site of Bentley High School, as Claudine (Buck) Lamson walks down the aisle to wed her high school sweetheart, Bill Laslett, after 48 long years.

The lyrics aptly describe the first time Lamson, from the Bentley class of '65, laid eyes on Bill, from the class of 1964.

"It was in 1962 in the summer," Lamson said. "My best friend lived right next door to his grandmother. I was at her house, he came out the door, and I said, 'Who's that?' and she said, 'Oh, that's Bill,' and I said, 'I want to go meet him.'"

The best friend, Nancy (Buchanan) Mantay, introduced the pair, and they instantly became boyfriend-girlfriend. "We liked each other right away," Lamson said.

"And when I walked her home

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron

I knew what she was thinking when she caught my eye

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron"

But Lamson's father didn't like the idea of his oldest child, then just 14, dating at such a young age. So he only allowed them to see each other at Bentley High School,



Bill Laslett, Bentley High Class of 1964, found his high school sweetheart, Claudine (Buck) Lamson, Class of 1965, on classmates.com. The two will marry Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, site of the former Bentley High School.

where Lamson started as a sophomore and Laslett continued as a junior that fall, and sometimes at Lamson's house when Laslett helped her dad work on his cars.

Her father did let her to go to the junior prom with Laslett because his grandmother drove them.

The two broke up at the end of her sophomore and his junior years after Lamson's father found out that Laslett lived next-door to Nancy, and they had been seeing each other without his knowledge.

"I wasn't allowed to go there anymore," Lamson said. "I was silly, and I didn't know he really loved me because I was only 15, and he was a greaser. He was a James Dean little greaser; he was too proud to say, 'Don't break up with me.'"

Laslett graduated and joined the Navy. Lamson wrote in his yearbook, "To the sweetest guy I've ever known. I hope you stay that way, and always remember me, Claudine."

And he did. After a 20-year marriage that ended in divorce and three long-term relationships that didn't work out, Laslett saw Lamson's name on Classmates.com in January 2011 and contacted her through the website.

"I must have been looking for her," he said, explaining why he has not remarried until now. Lamson had been widowed twice and divorced once. She was wintering in Arizona with her fourth husband, but the relationship was rocky and Lamson was unhappy. Laslett was living in Red-

ford. They communicated by e-mail and phone until spring 2011 when Laslett decided to return to her home in Luzerne, Mich., near Grayling, to see if things would work out with Laslett.

Lamson and Laslett met again for the first time since 1964 on April 14, 2011, on Hines Drive in Livonia, where they used to go necking on double dates with Nancy's older brother and his girlfriend in his 1956 Ford without Lamson's parents knowing.

"I got out of my car and he got out of his truck, and he kissed me and that was it. We both knew this was it; it was meant to be."

The magic was still there, Laslett said, of the brown-eyed girl who stole his heart in 1962.

"Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron"



Claudine (Buck) Lamson said part of what attracted her to Bill Laslett in 1962 was that he was a James Dean-style greaser.

doo ron ron
She looked so quiet but my oh my

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron
Yes she caught my eye"

and a poodle skirt. Her sons, Gene and Ken Djenberg, will walk her down the aisle wearing blue jeans and T-shirts with cigarettes rolled in their sleeves as the song *Da Doo Ron Ron* plays.

Laslett is going to wear a white sports coat with a pink carnation. He will take his place to wait for her as the 1957 Marty Robbins song *A White Sport Coat (and a Pink Carnation)* plays.

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Rescuers give 'Freeway' second chance

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

"Freeway" blinked his eyes in the bright sun outside the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Southfield. If he was a bit overwhelmed by all the people gathered around to admire him, he certainly didn't show it. And after all he had been through, a few pats on the head might be welcome.

Freeway's story must have started long before Tom Salwoski of Milford and his son, Gage, discovered him running down the Lodge in Detroit, but that's where the story picks up.

"I remember it was at mile marker 12," Salwoski said. It was the Saturday of the Autorama Show in February, and Salwoski, who owns a tattoo studio, was headed there for a promotion event with a radio station. Salwoski was in the left lane when, all of a sudden, cars in front of him started breaking and the swerving out of that lane.

"Finally, the very last car swerved (out of the lane), and there was Freeway, running right down the left lane of the Lodge," he said. Salwoski was not about to abandon Freeway. "I literally followed him for about four miles. I put my flashers on ... I got a lot of hand gestures (from other drivers)."

A rescuer
Meanwhile, Salwoski called 9-1-1 to let them know what was going on. He said he didn't want to place Freeway in his car, since it was loaded with equipment for the Autorama and because he didn't know what to expect from the dog in terms of temperament. Then, "of all the hundreds



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Tom Salwoski and his son Gage, 8, enjoy the company of Freeway, so named after Salwoski found the dog running down the Lodge. The dog suffered a bullet hole in his neck.

of cars driving by," Sue Rudolph, a staff member from Almost Home, was also headed south on the Lodge when she saw Salwoski and the dog. Maybe the dog would have been better named "Miracle." They put Freeway in the back of the Rudolph's car, who took him to the shelter. Veterinary staff soon realized that Freeway

was seriously injured. And the miracles started piling up. It turns out Freeway had been shot through and through his trachea. There was no bullet or fragments for police to examine, said Gail Montgomery, founder of the no-kill animal shelter. The Michigan Humane Society is offering a reward for information on the incident, but Southfield Police have no

leads. "Now you wouldn't even know he had a bullet hole on his neck," Salwoski said. But the story gets even more amazing. Remember that Freeway was running down the Lodge, making it a surprise when the staff learned that the dog's hip was broken. Animals try to hide their injuries, said Leonard Schwartz of West



Lisa McVeigh holds one of two basset hounds as she sits in the Almost Home Shelter office.

Bloomfield, who also was admiring Freeway. Schwartz said that hiding an injury is a defense response of an animal. "He is walking really well now, though we are trying to get him to run a little more," Salwoski said.

Freeway lifted his head, giving Salwoski and Gage both a string of wet kisses.

"The first time, I put out my hand and he sniffed it and licked me," Gage said in amazement. Shelter staff describe the dog as sweet and affectionate.

The Salwoskis fostered Freeway, and then as soon as Freeway was eligible, they adopted him for good.

Montgomery estimates that it cost "several thousand" dollars for Freeway's surgery. Meanwhile another dog, Eli, was recovering from surgery in the waiting room at the shelter.

What it boils down to

is the need for money to keep the shelter operating with eight full- and part-time employees, and to pay for animal medical care and food. So the shelter is having a fundraiser, Pooch-a-Palooza, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Gunnar Mettala Park, 645 Mettala Drive, Wixom. Admission is \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. The event will include animals up for adoption, vendors, kids activities, Zumba, refreshments, air brush tattoos and prizes.

"Times are really hard," Montgomery said, weariness creeping into her voice. Sometimes, people abandoning their homes due to foreclosure have left their pets tied up and alone.

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Churchill routs second WWAC foe

10-0 mercy win over Redford Union

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's baseball team finished off a two-day, pre-spring break "WWAC Attack" on Wednesday when it upended visiting Redford Union, 10-0, in a mercy rule-shortened five-inning contest.

RU is a member of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference — just like Garden City, which fell to the Chargers 24 hours earlier.

Churchill senior pitcher Tyler Keeter was in control from the opening frame as he gave up just two hits and one walk while striking out eight Panthers in a complete-game effort.

"Tyler pitched really well today," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He had a good off-season — he worked really

hard — and it showed today."

RU hung tough for a while, trailing just 1-0 after two innings. Starting pitcher Jon Evans managed to keep the Chargers off balance with his arsenal of off-speed pitches.

However, the hosts tallied three runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to put the wraps on their second win in two starts.

The Panthers, who were playing in their third game in three days, fell to 0-3.

"These first three games were part of an evaluation process for the team," first-year RU coach Damon Ellis said. "We're still trying kids out at different positions and seeing who wants to compete."

"We have a young team and we opened against three tough

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Churchill's Brent Ochodnicki (8) slides safely into home plate during a third inning uprising in Wednesday's 10-0 win over Redford Union.

ED WRIGHT

WHAC lauds MU golfer

Madonna University senior Vince Carango (Lawton) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Golfer of the Week (ending April 2) after runner-up medalist honors at the Purple and White Invitational held March 30-31 at Foxfire Golf Club in Lockbourne, Ohio.

Carango fired a 2-under par 70 in round one before carding an even-par 72 for a 142 total.

Malone's Nate Tarter took medalist honors with a 69-71-140.

Earlier in the week, Carango finished 16th at Thrill at the Hill in French Lick, Ind.

Carango led the Crusaders to a second place finish, 18 strokes behind Malone University (Ohio) in the Purple & White hosted by Capital University (Ohio).

Junior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) finished tied for sixth with a 75-77-152 as MU carded a team total of 311.

Other MU scorers included Nick Sears, tied for 16th (76-80-156); Erik Taurence, tied for 22nd (77-82-159); and Nick Corbeil, tied for 22nd (76-83-159).

Krug makes NHL debut, scores point

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Not a bad way to start your National Hockey League career.

Livonia native Torey Krug racked up his first NHL point Thursday night when he drew a third-period assist to help the Boston Bruins defeat the host Ottawa Senators, 3-1.

The 5-foot-9, 180-pound defenseman from Michigan State, wearing jersey number 47, logged 15 minutes and 57 seconds on the ice including 2:09 on the power play and 0:46 on the penalty kill.

Milan Lucic's 26th goal of the season came on a snap shot was set up by David Krejci and Krug at the 15:37 mark of the final period.

The game featured two Livonia players squaring off as Senators right winger Erik Condra, a former Notre Dame standout, got off four shots while logging 12 minutes and 15 seconds of ice time.

The 25-year-old Condra has played in 80 games for the Senators this season, scoring eight goals and adding 16 assists. The 6-foot, 190-pound winger has a plus-10 rating.

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Girls tennis preview



Livonia Stevenson sophomore Aimee Moccia, a first-team All-Observer selection from a year ago, will once again be the Spartans' No. 1 singles player. Moccia finished 21-7 during her freshman year and reached the Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional semifinals. For a complete outlook at area girls tennis teams, see page B4.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bay City wins 'Glenn' battle

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Bay City has temporary bragging rights — at least in baseball — when it comes to the John Glenns.

The visitors from the north, nicknamed the Bobcats, swept at double-header Wednesday from their cousins in Westland, 6-2 and 7-0.

In the opener, pitcher Daryl Henderson allowed just two hits over 6.2 innings to pick up the victory for Bay City. He struck out seven and walked four.

Losing pitcher Zach Quinn, the Westland starter, allowed four runs over the first four innings.

Reid Beffery went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while teammate Luke

PREP BASEBALL

Scharich added two hits and an RBI as Bay City scored four times in the third inning and two more in the fifth.

Westland scored twice in the second with Kevin Spalding delivering an RBI sacrifice fly.

In the nightcap, Sam Brooks, who worked the first 2.1 innings, and Austin Dingee, who finished up with the final 4.2, combined on a one-hitter for the Bobcats.

The Bay City pair combined for four strikeouts and walked only two.

Adam Singleton collected the lone hit for Westland (1-4) in the fifth inning.

Rockets starter Brandon Martin was charged with three runs on

three hits in two innings.

Brendan Seymour went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Bobcats (4-0).

WAYNE 17-4, SUMMIT 1-6: On Thursday, host Wayne Memorial (4-2) settled for a split of its non-conference double-header against Romulus Summit Academy North.

Wayne won the first game in four innings, 17-2, as Jacob Lefler had a double, triple, knocked in five runs and scored three times.

Thomas Briggs went 2-for-4 with three RBI and three runs, while Tyler McCurry added two hits and scored three times for the victorious Zebras.

Wayne starter Zach Lankton earned the victory, scattering

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WYAA signup for baseball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

The WYAA offers leagues for T-Ball (ages 4-6), Coach-Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-18).

Opening day is Saturday, May 12 with practices starting in early April for all teams except Colt and Palomino, which begins in June.

For Colt-Palomino information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251.

For other information, call (734) 421-0640.

Spartan 5K

The Spartan 5-kilometer run-walk and 1-mile fun run begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 20 at Stevenson High, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Donation entries received by May 7 at \$10 for the 1-mile and \$20 for the 5K (includes T-shirt).

Age-group awards got to the top men's and women's finishers. Refreshments will be available afterward.

For more information, call Jeff Brindley of the Stevenson Booster Club at (734) 748-4909; or e-mail jbrindley@Forestersfp.com.

Mulligan Tour Tin Cup golf

The Mulligan Tour's Train with Tami Tin Cup will be Saturday, April 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The entry fee is \$45 (includes cart). The event begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The registration deadline is Monday, April 19 for the 18-hole, stroke play event (net score). Guest play without a handicap and play for low amateur honors.

For more info, visit themulligantour.com.

MU brings Salem cager Stewart into fold

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem basketball standout Tyler Stewart Tuesday signed to play basketball at Madonna University, firming up the next four years of his life.

That the 17-year-old senior-shooting guard who spearheaded Salem's recent drive to the KLAA championship will continue his basketball career after graduation is no surprise to those who know him best — parents Rob and Kristi Stewart and grandparents Russ and Kathy Kittleson.

All were on hand for Tyler Stewart's official signing ceremony

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

emony at Salem High School, as were longtime Rocks head coach Bob Brodie, PCEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman and Madonna head coach Noel Emehiser (along with assistant and former MU player Adam Kerfoot).

"When he was a toddler, Tyler gave pretty good clues about what his favorite sport to play was. His dad said the young boy 'had a basketball from the time he was 6 months old.'"

"One of the first things that we remember Tyler doing was dribbling when he was probably under 2," chimed in his mom,

Kristi. "And going out to the little Fisher-Price basket and going 'Shhhhaaqq!'"

He can't wait

Tyler now stands 6-5, but love of the sport hasn't wavered in the years since. Now all that the scholar athlete (3.5 grade point average) with the sweet perimeter shot wants to do is combine books and baskets.

"I'm just happy to get it done with and I'm excited to start a new season with a new team," said Stewart, an all-conference player in 2011-12, when he averaged 15 points per game. "I think it will be tougher, but just keep doing what I was doing this year

and improve on it."

Tyler Stewart still has fun with a basketball, of course.

But he knows when to take things seriously, and that is something that the Madonna coaching staff noticed last summer — when Stewart enthusiastically participated in various basketball workouts at the Livonia university.

"He showed a great interest in our school, coming out to open gyms and things like that last year," Emehiser said. "And then our ability to follow him ... and watch him end his standout career here, those are all things

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All-Area cagers are full-court threats

FIRST TEAM

Jasmine Harris, Sr., G, N. Farmington: Harris is one of North Farmington's all-time greats. She is among a select group of players who scored more than 1,000 career points, finishing with 1,224. A four-year starter who will play next season at Massachusetts, Harris averaged 16.3 points the past season and 14.6 for her career. The 6-foot guard also had nearly nine rebounds, 1.5 steals and 1.1 assists per game as a senior.

"(Her scoring total) truly reflects her talent and consistency, and anytime an individual player achieves such accolades or accomplishments it reflects on the quality of the teammates that she played with for those four years," coach Tim Carruthers said.

"Jasmine has been a pleasure to coach as she has continued to improve as a player and a leader. I know how much the younger players look up to her. What's also impressive is how she carries herself off the floor. She is a leader in the halls and classrooms at NFHS. She will be missed."

Robyn Mack, Sr., G, Canton: The starting point guard's career record of 84-14 with the Chiefs speaks for itself as to the kind of player and winner Mack's been throughout her four-year Canton career.

Her efforts helped the Chiefs reach the Class A semifinals in 2010 and 2011 and she spearheaded another successful season (16-6) her senior year. Mack averaged 13.1 points, 3.8 assists, 2.8 steals and four rebounds per contest.

Mack earned all-conference honors while being called upon to drastically change her duties from playmaker to top offensive threat for Canton coach Brian Samulski.

"I can say enough good

2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

Jasmine Harris, Sr., G, N. Farmington
Robyn Mack, Sr., G, Canton
Erica Covile, Sr., F, John Glenn
Joslyn Massey, Sr., C, John Glenn
Andie Anastos, Jr., G, Liv. Ladywood
Candice Leatherwood, Soph., G, F.H. Mercy

SECOND TEAM

Brijanae Durrough, Soph., G, Thurston
ShaKeya Graves, Jr., G, John Glenn
Aaron Howell, Jr., G, Farmington
Ashley Bland, Soph., G, Wayne
Molly Knoph, Sr., G, Liv. Stevenson
Sarah Benson, Sr., F, F.H. Mercy

THIRD TEAM

Kylie Robb, Soph., G, Plymouth
Justice Dean, Sr., G, Garden City
Chacessan Roy, Soph., F, Liv. Stevenson
Paige Aresco, Jr., G, Canton

Amanda Terrenella, Sr., F, Luth. Westland
Erin Menard, Sr., C, Liv. Churchill

FOURTH TEAM

Kylie Gorski, Sr., F, Liv. Ladywood
Emily Gerulis, Soph., F, Plym. Christian
Kara Schneider, Jr., F, Canton
Marissa Cotton, Jr., G, F.H. Harrison
Kaitlyn Kendall, Jr., G, N. Farmington
Kaira Barnes, Soph., G, John Glenn

FIFTH TEAM

Ayanna Buckley, Soph., F, Clarenceville
Karen Windle, Jr., G, Plym. Christian
Cherrish Willis, Sr., G, Farmington
Tiera Parker, Sr., G, F.H. Harrison
Jada Woody, Jr., G, Plymouth
Katelynn Krause, Sr., G, Salem
Aldreanna Fikes, Jr., F, Luth. Westland

COACH OF YEAR

Sandi Wade, Lutheran Westland

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Cecilie Hansen, Franklin: Katelynn Devers, Alexis Smith, Julie Magdowski; Stevenson: Jordan York, Mara Murray; Canton: Rachel Winters, Gabby Malec; Plymouth: Shelby Cheston, Alyssa Dillon, Kate Watson; Salem: Bri Berberet, Breanne Beaver; Harrison: Joslyn Wilcox, Kyla Roland; Farmington: Keshia Todd, Maria Peurach; Mercy: Sam Bauer, Allie Gorcyca; North Farmington: Stevie Jones, Holly Snabes, Megan Keller, Jessica Carruthers, Megan Carter; Redford Union: Kim D'Arcangelo; Redford Thurston: Taylor Hunt; Garden City: Hillarie Werda, Aleiah Smith, Heather Chiti; Plymouth Christian: Jennifer Malcolm, Jenna Abraham; Lutheran Westland: Hannah Conley, Taylor Wiemer; Huron Valley Lutheran: Julie St. John; Ladywood: Briana Combs, Morgan Chops, Sara Even, Shelby Walsh; Clarenceville: Ashley Murphy; Wayne Memorial: Holland Boertje, Tiara Childers; John Glenn: Kierra Jordan, Abbey Wright.

things about Robyn," Samulski said. "She had a great senior season and an outstanding career at Canton. She took it upon herself to make sure we were competitive in every game that we played this past year."

"She did it all on the court: scored, defended, rebounded and made her teammates better. She will truly be missed by me and the Canton basketball program."

Erica Covile, Sr., F, Westland Glenn: The 6-1 senior forward, bound for Temple University, overcame extensive summer knee surgery to average 12.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game for the KLAA, Kensington Conference and South Division champions.

"Erica was our best overall player," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "She can play all five positions at the high school level. She was recovering from a knee surgery all season

and she never complained. The sky is the limit for her at the next level. She comes from a basketball family and her older brother plays professional basketball in Europe. I expect her to do the same in a few years if she stays healthy."

Joslyn Massey, Sr., C, John Glenn: The 6-1 senior center, who has signed with Purdue, averaged nearly a double-double with 9.5 points and 9.3 rebounds per game for the 20-3 Rockets.

Massey scored 25 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in a win over Livonia Franklin.

"Joslyn is the best female athlete to play for Glenn," Kovatch said of the all-KLAA pick. "She was the hardest working girl on the team, and she was our unquestioned leader on and off the court."

Massey shot 50 percent from the floor (92-of-183) and 72 percent from the line (36-of-50).

"She is a once-in-a-life-

time player to coach in terms of her combination of athleticism, basketball ability and leadership," Kovatch said. "I have already told her that when she becomes a college head coach after her playing days that I want to be an assistant on her staff. Although we were joking around with each other when I said that, I truly believe if she goes into coaching she would be an excellent coach and mentor."

Andie Anastos, Jr., G, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-9 point guard averaged 12.5 points, 6.6 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.4 steals per game en route to all-Catholic League honors.

A first-team all-Observer pick a year ago, Anastos led the Blazers to a second straight district crown.

"Andie is one of those special players that has an innate ability to impact a game without scoring a single point," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "She is the kind of player that you love to have on your team, but hate to play against because of her ability to see the floor, share the ball and her overall tough and scrappy nature, which allowed her to play way bigger than her height."

Anastos is also a standout hockey player who carries a 3.85 grade-point average.

"Andie has a special skill set and ability to think the game that, coupled with her relentless passion to compete, will be a huge asset to our team next year as I know she will lead us to some special accomplishments," Coratti said.

Candice Leatherwood, Soph., G, Mercy: Only a sophomore, Leatherwood shot just under 80 percent from the free-throw line (82-of-103) and was one of 20 players selected to participate in the BCAM Best Free Throw Shooters contest at Breslin Arena. Leatherwood also averaged three rebounds and was named to the All-Catholic team.

"Candice followed up an excellent freshman season by continuing to add to her game," coach Gary Morris said. "She makes the right decisions on offense, and she has improved her outside shot. She's an excellent floor leader and an outstanding on-ball defender."

SECOND TEAM

Brijanae Durrough, Soph., G, Thurston: Durrough was the primary catalyst for the Eagles, both on the offensive and defensive ends of the court. She led the team with a 15.0 scoring average while swiping 2.5 steals per game.

Durrough was dangerous from 3-point range and when she attacked the rim. She also broke down defenses with drive-and-dish plays.

Durrough capped her fine sophomore season with fireworks when she poured in 31 points in the Eagles' Class A district semifinal loss to Livonia Stevenson.

ShaKeya Graves, Jr., G, Westland Glenn: The 5-8 junior guard and all-KLAA selection was Glenn's top point producer this season (277) while averaging 12 points per game.

Graves also hit 19 3-pointers on the year, many from NBA range. She was a 67-percent foul shooter.

"Keya is great with the basketball in her hands," Kovatch said. "In her best game, she scored 31 points against Wayne. She has all the ability in the world, and we are looking for a great senior season from her."

Aaron Howell, Jr., G, Farmington: Howell's all-round ability and talent is reflected by the fact she



Jasmine Harris
N. Farmington



Robyn Mack
Canton



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John Glenn



Aaron Howell
Farmington



Ashley Bland
Wayne



Molly Knoph
Stevenson



Sarah Benson
Mercy

had 15 double-doubles the past season.

She led the Falcons in scoring with 16.6 points per game, and she also averaged 9.3 rebounds, 3.6 steals and nearly two assists.

The 5-foot-8 junior guard is a three-year starter in basketball, and she's also an all-state high jumper and hurdler in track and field.

Ashley Bland, Soph., G, Wayne: The sophomore point guard averaged 15.9 points per game while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range and 36 percent from the two-point area.

Bland also averaged 65.2 percent from the foul line (94-of-144).

"Ashley is a mature, explosive guard who can score as a stand-up shooter or off the drive," Wayne coach Leslie Williams said. "She's a floor general who can see the floor from multiple vantage points. She's coachable and a team player with post high school potential."

Molly Knoph, Sr., G, Liv. Stevenson: The four-year varsity player and captain averaged 10.7 points, 4.8 assists and 2.5 steals per game for the 16-7 Spartans.

The 5-2 Knoph, an all-KLAA selection, also notched 29 3-pointers on the year.

"Molly has been a leader on and off the court in her four years of playing Stevenson basketball," coach Jen Knoph said. "She is a terrific role model for younger players. She's tenacious on defense, has great court sense and is confident on the offensive end. She's passionate about the game and I'm proud of the young lady she is and the player she has become."

Sarah Benson, Sr., F, Mercy: The 6-foot senior is a versatile player who played every position but the point, depending on the opponent and the situation. She was the team's co-leader in scoring with 11 points a game, and she also averaged five rebounds and three steals. Benson helped lead Mercy to a 15-6 record, runner-up finish in the Catholic League and a consolation victory over Detroit Pershing

in an Operation Friendship game.

"Sarah was a three-year varsity player who made steady improvement each year," Morris said. "She took a big step defensively this season and was often matched up against the opposition's leading scorer. She led our team in scoring and steals, and she was a co-leader in rebounding. Sarah had a very good senior season and was selected All-Catholic."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Sandi Wade, Lutheran Westland: The second-year coach guided the Warriors to a 15-9 record and the Class D regional final before

losing at three-time state champion Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

"Coming into this season I knew we would be more successful than we were last year," said Wade, who struggled with a 2-19 record her first season. "I had the same starters and a great team of leaders. We had our ups and downs like every team has, but we never dwelled on the loss. We just learned from it and moved onto the new game. One of the struggles we had as a team was playing with confidence."

In 2011-12, the Warriors earned a district title against Plymouth Christian and won its first regional game in school history.

"Once we started winning and playing well, our confidence grew and that was a big part of our success," said Wade, who played four years of basketball at Concordia University and was an assistant coach at both Madonna University (four years) and Plymouth High School (three seasons). "We were successful because the girls believed in each other, our program and in what we did."

"As I always put it, we played 'Warrior basketball.' We were a close-knit team from the beginning and will cherish these memories from this season for a lifetime."



Sandi Wade
Coach of Year

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that really contributed into our recruitment of him.

"The things we really look for in our recruits are integrity, character and work ethic. And if he has skill on top of that we've hit a home run and we know he has all of those things."

Emenhiser said he expects Stewart to immediately battle for minutes.

"We return a good group of players this year," he explained. "But we certainly see Tyler as giving us more depth than we've had in the past."

"So we see him coming in and competing for playing time."

Meanwhile, Emehiser said the first member of Madonna's 2012 recruiting class will have a significant amount of his college tuition the next four years funded through a combination of athletic and academic scholarships.

Family ties

That Tyler opted to

play for a local college team brought a smile to Kristi Stewart's face.

"We have a lot of family in Plymouth-Canton, so just the fact that he's down the road in Livonia will be a pretty neat thing for us," she said. "... His dad and I went to a small college (Alma) and that's what we wanted for him."

"The fact that it's a liberal arts college that's close is even better. So he gets to live on campus still, but I told him at any point I could drop in on him."

The Stewarts and Kitlesons live in Canton and were frequent spectators at Salem games during Tyler's career. They'll now keep attending, albeit needing to travel a few miles to the east. Brodie said he has no doubts that Tyler Stewart will contribute pretty much from the get-go at Madonna, where he will wear No. 24 (instead of his Salem No. 21).

"We're going to miss him a lot," Brodie noted. "His versatility is the big thing. He could play guard, he could go inside for us, play on the perimeter."

CHURCHILL

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opponents (the Panthers dropped their first two games to Belleville and Farmington High), so we knew it was going to be rough. But it's been a learning experience for the kids. Hopefully, this makes us better."

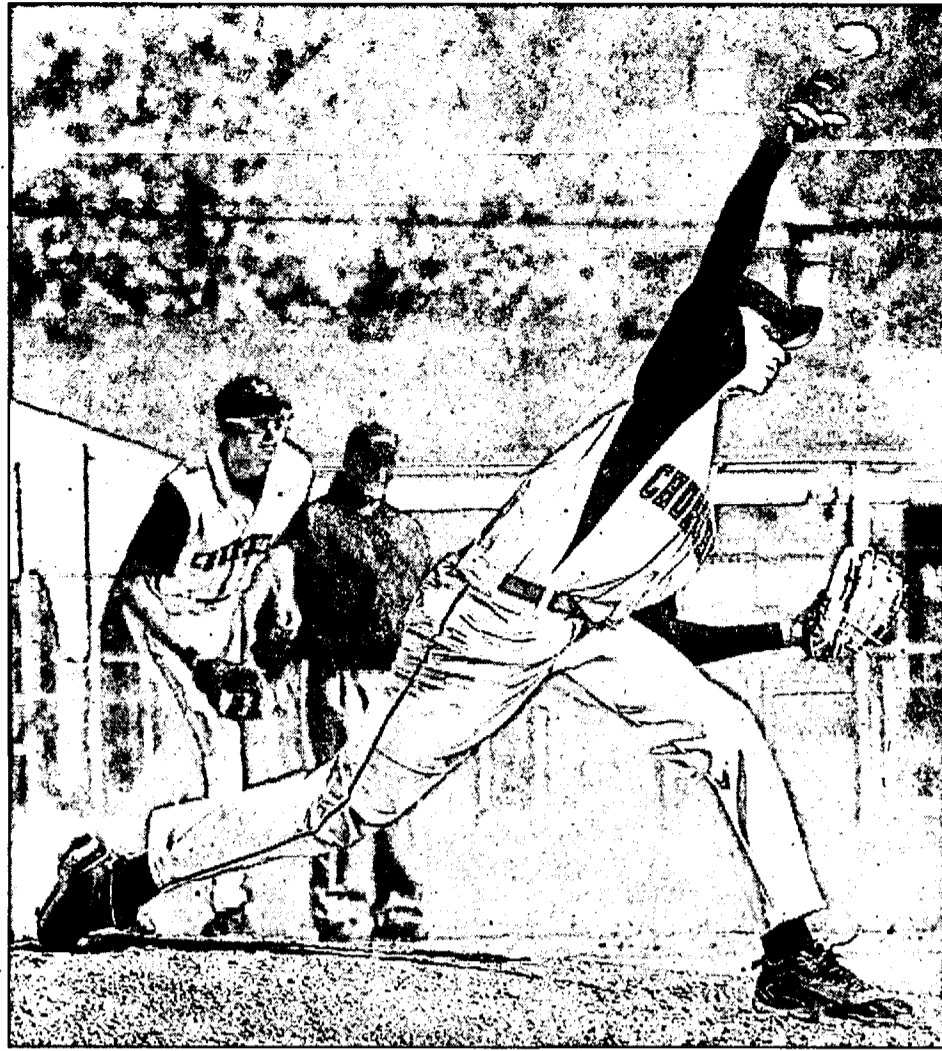
Churchill jump out to a 1-0 lead in the first when Mike Rybinski singled in Dan Cameron, who had doubled.

RU got a lead-off double from Robert Aaro in the top of the third, but Keeter retired the next three batters to escape unscathed.

The Chargers earned a little breathing room with their three-run third. Brent Ochodnick's infield single brought home Alex Tsakos with the frame's first run. The next batter, Jake Otto, then delivered a two-run, two-out single, plating Connor Dwyer and Ochodnick.

The big hit in the Chargers' three-run fourth was Dwyer's two-run, two-out single.

"To be honest, I was hoping we'd get on their starting pitcher a little earlier than we did, but we weren't being patient at the plate," said Targosz. "He did a nice job of keeping our kids off balance. Once they brought their harder-throwing kids in, it



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Livonia Churchill's Tyler Keeter tossed a five-inning two-hitter against Redford Union Wednesday afternoon.

seemed like our timing at the plate got better."

Alex Shimmions pitched the fourth for the Panthers, yielding two hits and three runs (two earned).

Dwyer, Tsakos and Cam-

eron all laced a pair of hits for the winners. Dwyer also swiped two bases.

Ellis pointed to the mound when asked about positives he'll take from Wednesday's game.

"I thought Jon Evans

did a nice job of mixing up his pitches," Ellis said. "He got them to hit a lot of ground balls and pop-ups. He did a nice job."

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KRUG

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Krug got his baptism under fire when he made his NHL debut Tuesday night in Boston at TD Garden against Sydney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Pittsburgh Penguins playing 18:18 (21 shifts) while getting off a pair of shots and blocking a shot in the Bruins' setback.

"That was something special sitting there watching Malkin and Crosby and lining up against those guys," Krug told the New England Sports Network website. "So it was a lot of fun, and my teammates did a great job making sure I was doing okay and comfortable out there."

According to NESN.com, Krug's entire family made travel arrangements to see him play in Boston. Among those in attendance were his

father Kyle, mother Cheryl, and three brothers including Adam (who plays professionally in Romania), Matt (who played for the ECHL's Toledo Walleye) and Zak.

The 20-year-old Krug, who turns 21 on April 12, played three seasons at MSU and was named the 2011-12 Central Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Year and the CCHA's Best Offensive Defenseman.

He is also among 10 finalists for the college hockey's coveted Hobey Baker Award.

The MSU captain posted career bests with 12 goals and 24 assists for 36 points as MSU earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament.

After MSU was ousted by Union in the first-round of the NCAA playoffs, the free agent decided to skip his senior season and sign a lucrative contract March 25 with the Bruins.

GLENN

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three hits and five walks while fanning five over four innings.

In the second game, winning pitcher Anthony Kovach aided his own cause by going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored for the Dragons.

Kovach went all six innings in a game that was called because of darkness. He scattered eight hits, did not allow a walk and struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Josh Lowry, the Wayne starter, gave up four runs

on three hits in three innings. Reliever Chris Briggs allowed two runs on three hits.

The Wayne duo combined for 12 strikeouts and four walks.

McCurry was Wayne's top hitter going 2-for-3, including a double, triple and two runs scored. Joey Chapman also went 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Kody Wojewski added two RBI, while Thomas

Briggs and McCurry also knocked in runs.

HVL 10, BAPTIST PARK 4: On Tuesday, sophomore Ryan Schaffer scattered seven hits and one walk over seven innings to pick up the victory as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0, 1-0) earned a MIAC Red Division win at Taylor Baptist Park (0-1, 0-1).

Schaffer struck out 11 and helped his own cause

going 2-for-4 with a double and RBI.

Alex Harris chipped in with two hits, including a triple and three RBI, while Justin Howell went 2-for-4 for the victorious Hawks.

Baptist Park starter Daniel Eubank, who struck out 15, pitched the first five innings allowing five runs on five hits and two walks in suffering the loss.

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Early Stevenson goals stop Pats

Livonia Stevenson exploded for four first-half goals and it proved to be more than enough as the Spartans posted a 4-0 girls soccer win Wednesday night at Livonia Franklin.

Stevenson improves to 2-0 entering the Easter break, while Franklin slips to 1-2-1 overall.

Emily Chrzasz got the ball rolling for Stevenson when she scored in the 14th minute off an assist from Alexi Kliza from six yards out.

Dayna Stevens made it 2-0 just five minutes later off a cross from Abby Urso.

Allie Corp then notched her second goal in as many games in the 25th minute with the assist

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going to Urso. In the 30th minute, Shannon Black slotted a ball to the back post off a cross from Payton Klevan to complete the Stevenson scoring.

Stevenson goalkeepers Rylee Johnson (first half) and Kristen Trybus (second half) combined on the shutout.

Meanwhile, Franklin goalkeeper Alexi Smith stood out with 14 saves.

"We put a lot of pressure on them in the second half, but Alexi Smith was outstanding," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "She had a great command of the goal area all night. Her maturity is really showing. As a soc-

cer fan, it is a pleasure to watch her play."

DEARBORN 4, JOHN GLENN 1: Sophomore Marissa Edwards had the lone goal Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (0-2-1) dropped a non-league encounter against the host Pioneers (2-2-1).

Dearborn goals were tallied by sophomore Allison Ziaja and seniors Lena Makled, Marissa Woodliff and Joy Heisey.

GARDEN CITY 8, WAYNE 0: In a non-conference match Wednesday, the host Cougars (4-0) rolled to a mercy-rule victory over Wayne Memorial (1-3).

Earlier in the week, Wayne fell 8-0 to host Dearborn (1-2-1) in another non-leaguer.

GIRLS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Denise Berg-Grant, 18th year. **League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 10-4. **Last year's finish:** second (KLAAS South and Division 1 regional); fourth (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Paige Fallu, Jayde Schulz, Maria Paul, Allison Linder.

Leading returnees: Nicole Kruse, Sr. (singles); Quincy Banini, Sr. (singles); second-team All-Area doubles); Rylie Fallu, Soph. (singles); second-team All-Area doubles); Mara Karagozian, Jr. (singles); Becky Snyder, Sr. (doubles); Sneha Patil, Jr. (doubles); Claire Rose, Sr. (doubles);

Promising newcomers: Kristi Fata, Sr. (doubles); Rujuta Patil, Jr. (doubles); Erin Strayhorn, Jr. (doubles); Allison Hill, Soph. (doubles); Kim McClain, Soph. (doubles); Dallas Rohraff, Jr. (doubles); Kelly Snyder, Jr. (doubles); Maggie Trinka, Fr. (doubles); Maggie Trinka, Fr. (doubles).

Berg-Grant's 2012 outlook: "We are still in the process of determining our best lineup. We have some strong returning players to fill out our singles and the top of our doubles. Our focus is to continue to work on the lower half of doubles so that our team is as deep as possible. One of our main strengths is the experience we have in our returning players. Many of our girls have been playing year-round, which should add to their experience and confidence. We are looking forward to a fun and competitive season this year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Rick Clack, third year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 2-7. **Last year's finish:** third (Division 1 regional), fourth (KLAAS South), seventh (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Angelica Woods (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Carolyn McCullen, Soph. (second-team All-Area singles); Jenny Pagador, Sr. (singles); Natalie Mays, Sr. (singles); Jamie Buchanczenko, Sr. (doubles); Kayla Buchanczenko, Sr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Sarah Wright, Sr. (singles); Morgan Witherspoon, Soph. (doubles); Sarah Godinski, Jr. (doubles); Naomi Hedeem, Sr. (doubles); Laura Corp, Sr. (doubles); Allison Karczynski, Sr. (doubles); Kayla Crumb, Sr. (doubles); Amanda Lyon, Sr. (doubles); Adjanee Anderson, Jr. (doubles).

Clack's 2012 outlook: "We still have solid team in singles, but an inexperienced team at doubles. However, the doubles teams are working very hard on strokes and strategies to put us into a strong position by the end of the season when the team should be playing their best. Unfortunately, two starting players currently have injuries to prevent them from playing the first three weeks of seasonal play, but they should be ready by the end of April. If we are at full strength by May, it should be another very good year for the Patriots."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Don McCathney, third year. **League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 6-7. **Last year's finish:** fourth (KLAAS Central and Division 1 regional); fifth (conference);

Notable losses to graduation: Laura Gumper, Ashley Benvenuti, Maiko Ruettimann, Melissa Martinez, Lauren Arsenault, Kelsey Futrell.

Leading returnees: Aimee Moccia, Soph. (first-team All-Area singles); Caroline Hay, Soph. (singles); Kathryn Malkowski, Sr. (singles); Taylor Tinham, Jr. (singles); Lexie Ranski, Sr. (doubles); Batool Hussain, Sr. (doubles); Laura Sherub, Jr. (doubles); Jenny Cami, Jr. (doubles); Josie Abdulbaki, Sr. (doubles); Shelby Seay, Soph. (doubles); Lauren Schaffer, Jr. (doubles); Sofia Lynch, Soph. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Sam DiGiovanni, Fr. (doubles); Sarah Morse, Fr. (doubles); Maddie Chimento, Fr. (doubles); Maddie Chimento, Fr. (doubles).

McCathney's 2012 outlook: "We have an

established singles lineup with experience and they are off to a good start. Our doubles teams are young inexperienced with the exception of No. 1 doubles. If we can win doubles matches, we'll be O.K. The girls are working hard and eager to learn. This has been a fun group to work with thus far."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Kirk Conner, eighth year. **League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 6-5-1. **Last year's finish:** fifth (KLAAS South); seventh (Division 1 regional); eighth (conference);

Notable losses to graduation: Rachael Alholinna, Desiree Clenney, Jamatha Johnson, Sabrina Lawrence, Khadijah McCloud, Eunice Onadia, Czerin Tejada, Emily White, Latina Yacks.

Leading returnees: Sara Aulidge, Jr. (singles); Natasha Hawkins, Sr. (doubles); Montana Graszak, Sr. (singles); Shaina Jones, Sr. (singles). **Promising newcomers:** Tiana Grafton, Jr. (singles); Donaji Castro, Soph. (singles); Ashley Ilonze, Soph. (doubles); Victoria Silva, Sr. (doubles); Brea Stewart, Jr. (doubles); Myesha Hines, Jr. (doubles); Ann Koulou, Soph. (doubles).

Conner's 2012 outlook: "We had some starters who did not come back out so our goal is to teach the new kids the best we can during a short season and hope they will like the sport and have a positive attitude toward it."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Joe Nowaske, third year (second stint). **League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 2-10. **Last year's finish:** sixth (KLAAS South), eighth (Division 1 regional); 12th (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Morgan Greig, Megan McGregor, Melinda Powers, Cailee Parendo, Theresa Thill, Taylor Coleman, Sam Kull.

Leading returnees: Stephanie Tomlin, Sr. (singles); Destiny Bullock, Sr. (singles); Jennifer Tyson Sr. (doubles); Sarah Marshall, Sr. (doubles); Lil Reid, Sr. (singles); Korinn Pintar, Sr. (doubles); Sarah Shurge, Jr. (doubles); Angelia Baker, Jr. (doubles); Amija Freeman, Jr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Janae Strickland, Fr. (singles). **Nowaske's 2012 outlook:** "We lost seven seniors including Morgan Greig, who was a four-year starter for us who went 11-2 (in singles). We're continuing to rebuild as we try to grow the culture of tennis in our community."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Linda Brennan, second year. **League affiliation:** Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall dual record: 7-8. **Last year's finish:** second (Division 3 regional), Monroe Classic and Howell Invitational); fifth (Catholic League).

Notable losses to graduation: Stephanie Petrusa (first-team All-Area singles); Megan Glowacki, Maura Mott, Allison Franz.

Leading returnees: Erica Ley, Sr. captain (singles); Nicole Salter, Jr. (singles); Mary Beth Ruona, Sr. (singles); Kenzie Kettner, Sr. (doubles); Jenny Rhodes, Sr. (doubles); Courtney Doenitz, Sr. (doubles); Mia Kudron, Sr. captain (doubles); Sr. (singles); Stephanie Hampe, Jr. (doubles); Becca Shaver, Sr. (doubles); Kristin Cushman, Sr. (doubles); Natalie Morello, Sr. (doubles).

Brennan's 2012 outlook: "My assistant coach (Katie Brennan) and I are really excited for this year. We believe that we can be very competitive as we have so many returning players from last year. I am very excited to have Christina Iltch playing for us this year. She is a strong singles player that I believe can get many wins for us. She is an awesome addition to our team. I am also excited to have Mary Beth Ruona playing singles for us this year. She worked real hard in the offseason and won her position at singles. Although we are in a tougher region than last year, we look forward to having a run at 'states' again."

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 8

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

April 2 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Stephanie Tomlin (WM) defeated Shaina Jones, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Montana Graszak (WJG) def. Lil Reid, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Janae Strickland (WM) def. Tiana Grafton, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Destiny Bullock (WM) def. Donaji Castro, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan (WM) def. Natasha Hawkins-Ashley Ilonze, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson (WM) def. Victoria Silva-Brea Stewart, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt (WM) def. Myesha Hines-Ann Koulou, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera (WM) won by forfeit; **No. 5:** Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar (WM) won by forfeit.

Dual match records: Wayne, 3-2 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-4 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 4 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Nicole Kruse, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Quincy Banini (LC) def. Jenny Pagador, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Natalie Mays, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:** Mara Karagozian (LC) def. Sarah Wright, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Kristi Fata-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko,

6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Becky Snyder-Sneha Patil (LC) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Sarah Godinski, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Claire Rose-Erin Strayhorn (LC) def. Naomi Hedeem-Laura Corp, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** Allison Hill-Kim McClain (LC) def. Allison Karczynski-Kayla Crumb, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 5:** Dallas Rohraff-Kelly Snyder (LC) def. Amanda Lyon-Adjanee Anderson, 6-3, 6-2.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

April 2 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Carolyn McMullen (LF) defeated Sara Aulidge, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Shaina Jones, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Natalie Mays (LF) def. Montana Graszak, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Morgan Witherspoon (LF) won by forfeit.

No. 1 doubles: Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko (LF) def. Natasha Hawkins-Ashley Ilonze, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Sarah Godinski-Laura Corp (LF) def. Tiana Grafton-Jasmine Ivey, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Naomi Hedeem-Madison Eisenhauer (LF) def. Brea Stewart-Victoria Silva, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Amanda Lyon-Allison Karczynski (LF) def. Donaji Castro-Ann Koulou, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Franklin won by forfeit.

Dual match records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

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Garden City stops Patriots, 9-2

Talk about a tough opener.

Livonia Franklin launched its 2012 girls softball season Wednesday at home against perennial area power Garden City and came out on the short end, 9-2.

The Cougars' Kelsey Susalla, a senior, worked all seven innings to pick up the victory. She allowed just four hits and struck out four without issuing a walk.

Ashley Lynn and Susalla powered the Cougars' offense by combining for six hits and two RBI. Sam Bellovary went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI; and freshman catcher Abby Joseph launched

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a two-run homer.

Cassie Ford also played well for the winners, contributing two hits and an RBI.

Joseph's home run came in the second and scored Ford, who had walked. The Cougars never trailed after the big blast.

"We swung the bats a little better today," said Garden City coach Barry Patterson, whose team improved to 3-1 overall despite a trio of errors.

Meanwhile, Franklin Freshman Morgan Larkin hit a solo homer in the second inning, while

sophomore Colleen Mandrink doubled to score freshman Becky Giacobbi in the third.

Giacobbi went 2-for-3 on the day to lead the Patriots, while Garden City collected 12 hits off Franklin senior pitchers Nicole Williamson and Tiffany Lamble.

"Despite the loss, I was elated with the play of our underclassmen," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We played one of the best teams in the area and remained composed defensively making only one error."

"Our pitchers need to hit their spots better. They are two of the

hardest workers on the team so I know they will improve."

KENNEDY 12-17, WAYNE 2-0: On Thursday, visiting Taylor Kennedy (3-2) swept a twin-bill from Wayne Memorial (0-4).

Courtney Domanos went 3-for-3 with a walk to pace the Eagles to a six-inning 12-2 win in the opener, while Kayley Porta went 2-for-3 for the Zebras.

Kennedy also took the second game in four innings, 17-0, as Jessica Fischer went 2-for-2 in the loss.

Wayne starter Alicia Nielson took the loss in both games.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

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April 3 at Salem (P-CEP)
Shot put: 1. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 43 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 42-4.5; 3. Ben Tabor (LS), 40-2.5.
Discus: 1. Pocalujka (LS), 126-0; 2. Carrigan (Salem), 114-2; 3. Joe Murray (LS), 112-3.
High jump: 1. Chris Dierker (Salem), 5-11; 2. Josh Peterson (Salem), 5-5; 3. Terry Burford-Pendergast (LS), 5-3.
Long jump: 1. Joe Amado (LS), 19-5.5; 2. Nick Podulka (LS), 19-5; 3. Tony Wilson (LS), 19-3.
Pole vault: 1. Mike Farnar (LS), 10-0; 2. Matt Boris (LS), 9-6; 3. Jack Cole (Salem), 8-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Amado (LS), 15.58; 2. Joe Mims (LS), 16.12; 3. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 16.26.
300 hurdles: 1. Amado (LS), 40.79; 2. Kozler (LS), 43.85; 3. Nathan Falzon (LS), 44.07.
100 dash: 1. Kenning Brichford (LS), 10.96; 2. Steve Homrich (Salem), 11.24; 3. Drake Jordan (Salem), 11.25.
200: 1. Tom Crawford (Sa-

lem), 22.59; 2. Brichford (LS), 22.93; 3. Homrich (Salem), 23.52.
400: 1. Zaid Shareef (LS), 52.4; 2. Colin McCormack (Salem), 53.66; 3. Craig Wilkinson (LS), 53.81.
800: 1. Ben Lambert (LS), 2:07.86; 2. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:08.7; 3. Ryan Paulus (LS), 2:09.82.
1,600: 1. Colley (LS), 4:38.95; 2. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 4:41.48; 3. Paulus (LS), 4:49.51.
3,200: 1. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:05.1; 2. McEvilly (Salem), 10:10.3; 3. Ryan Petrul (LS), 10:55.4.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mims, Dylan Dunn, Wilson, Brichford), 44.51; 2. Salem, 44.91; **800 relay:** 1. Salem, 1:31.66; 2. Stevenson, 1:31.94; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Wilkinson, Lambert, Matt Garon, Shareef), 3:35.62; 2. Salem, 3:35.62; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Petrul, Garon, Fenech, Lambert), 9:10.1; 2. Salem, 9:31.0.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

Crusaders deck Cardinals in doubleheader

Madonna's baseball team swept a rare Thursday afternoon doubleheader from Concordia University, seizing game one, 6-2, before dominating the nightcap, 8-0.

The pair of victories improved the Crusaders' record to 27-12 overall and 11-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia slipped to 14-21 and 5-9, respectively.

The four-game WHAC set was switched from the normal Saturday-Sunday format to Thursday and Saturday due to observance of Good Friday and Easter.

Madonna's pitching

COLLEGE BASEBALL

staff was locked and loaded all afternoon, holding the Cardinals to zero earned runs.

Concordia held a narrow 1-0 edge in game one before the Crusaders pushed across five runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the lead for good. Logan Curtis knotted the game with an RBI single. Two batters later, Alex Charles dropped down a squeeze bunt that resulted in three runs after Concordia threw the ball away. Charles scored on an error.

After the Cards scored

an unearned run in the top of the eighth to pull to within 5-2, Madonna countered with a marker when Brad Lineberry ripped an RBI single.

Starting pitcher Jeremy Gooding improved to 4-4 after striking out nine Cardinals and scattering seven hits in 8.2 innings.

Erik Wright recorded the final out with two runners on in the ninth to register his first save of the season.

Curtis and Steve Pelletier led the Crusaders' eight-hit attack with two hits a piece.

Jim Rousseau pitched the first six innings for

Concordia. Ryan Noack and William Tidwell three one inning each.

MU's Josh Vandemark and Justin Hicks combined on a seven-hit shut-out in game two as the Crusaders' banged out 13 hits, three by Victor Barron, who also knocked in four runs. Josh Deeg and Pelletier both had two hits for the winners while Drew Adamiec, Matthew Cook (two) and Tyler Cotter had RBI.

Vandemark gave up five hits and struck out four in five innings. Hicks yielded just two harmless hits over the final two innings.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday, April 10
 Glenn at A.A. Skyline (2), 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 12
 Edsel Ford at Glenn, noon.
 Cranbrook at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 13
 Liggett at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Tuesday, April 10
 Glenn at A.A. Skyline (2), 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Yp. Lincoln (2), 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 12
 Lincoln Park at Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Cranbrook at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 13
 Wayne at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 10
 Baptist Pk. at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 12
 Liggett at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13
 S.L. East at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 14
 Ladywood at E. Lansing, 9 a.m.
 HVL at Hillsdale (2), 10 a.m.
BOYS-GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Wednesday, April 11
 C'ville at A.A. Skyline, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 14
 R.O. Shrine Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Birm. Groves Invitational, 9 a.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)
Saturday, April 14
 Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 15
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
Wednesday, April 11
 Concordia at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 13
 Cornerstone at MU, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 14
 Ind. Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Madonna women sweep WHAC opener over Michigan-Dearborn

Madonna University opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball play on Good Friday by sweeping visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn, 5-0 and 8-0 (in five innings).

The Crusaders, who improved to 18-9 overall and 2-0 in the WHAC, received a 4-hit shutout from senior pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) in the opener.

Minch (7-7) struck out

eight and walked only two in seven innings.

Pacing MU's offense was Erin Mayes (2-for-3, one RBI) and Kristen Drabek (two RBI).

Bridget Miller went 2-for-2 for the Wolves,

while starter Megan Cook (2-7) took the loss.

MU collected 10 hits in the nightcap led by Caitlyn Keuvelaar, Minch and winning pitcher Angela Pavilanis with two apiece.

Amber Rafko collected two RBI, while Gina Sykes (Livonia Ladywood), Arielle Cox and Minch added one apiece. Pavilanis, a freshman, improved to 9-2 with the

win. She allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out six.

Lindsey Clemens went 2-for-2 for UM-Dearborn, while starter Mary Martin (3-9) suffered the loss.

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Celebrating 50 years

Easter, anniversary festivities keep churches busy

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's United Methodist Church have celebrated Easter for half a century each.

Early risers at St. Matthew's will welcome the Christian holy day with an annual sunrise service, Sunday, April 8, at historic Greenmead in Livonia.

Afterward they'll attend breakfast at the church, where they can mingle with members preparing for the Easter festival service at 10:30 a.m.

Across town at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the celebration starts with Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7. The following day worshippers attend festival services, a brunch prepared by high school students and an egg hunt.

Later this month, both Livonia churches will continue the celebration with 50th anniversary observances.

Holy Trinity will mark its milestone year with a Jubilee Gala Dinner/



The Rev. Linda M. Golden (left) is pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia and the first female chaplain for the Michigan State Police. Associate pastor, the Rev. Michelle Y. Werner, focuses on youth ministry at the church.



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia sends teams to mission projects every year. This team rehabbed homes for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga., last year. A group of 18 members will leave this month for a weeklong stay in Joplin, Mo., to rehab homes devastated by tornados last year. The church also serves at Cass Community Social Services and Ronald McDonald House, both in Detroit, and the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

Dance April 27 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, followed by a worship service with guest preacher and former pastor the Rev. Robert Seltz on Sunday, May 20. Former pastors, church and community dignitaries will be invited to the luncheon after the service.

St. Matthew's will hold its congregation banquet on Nov. 10 and a classic car show on Aug. 5. The congregation is inviting a guest speaker to the worship service on Sunday each month through November. On April 22, Ed Simmons, executive director of Mountain T.O.P., will talk about his mission in Tennessee.

Both churches are

heavily involved in outreach and mission work.

"We're calling it our jubilee year and celebrating all the things we've done in the past and what we're looking to do this year and at what we'll do in the future," said Mary Anne Duluk, jubilee committee chair at St. Matthew's. "We're not just looking back at 50 years. We're honoring the past, celebrating the present and embracing the future."

"We do a lot of mission work. This year we are trying to do 2012 hours in mission work."

Duluk and Jan Kirby, who is organizing 20 boxes of historical data and photos for a church timeline, say the congregation

likely will reach its goal. "We've got a whole team going to Joplin, Mo., at the end of the month," Kirby said. "We have a group that goes to Baldwin (Center) in Pontiac once a month to cook for the homeless."

Many of its 250 families pitch in at Cass United Methodist Church in the Cass Corridor in Detroit. They also support Livonia Cares, in addition to a school in Honduras. Teens volunteer at the Mountain T.O.P. mission every year and the congregation makes 500 sandwiches annually for a feeding program in Detroit.

At Holy Trinity

Laura Kloiber, head of Holy Trinity's anniversary committee, says the 230-family church also practices what it preaches.

"We are a missions-based church and we support a lot of missions around the world," she said. "The emphasis is on helping others as God has asked us to do. We have a strong sense of community in the church."

The congregation supports the Coalition On Temporary Shelter and makes 2,000 lunches a year for a Detroit-based hunger program. It sends youth on mission trips every summer and has "adopted" families through Randolph Elementary every Christmas.

"They've really grown in their outreach to the community," said the Rev.

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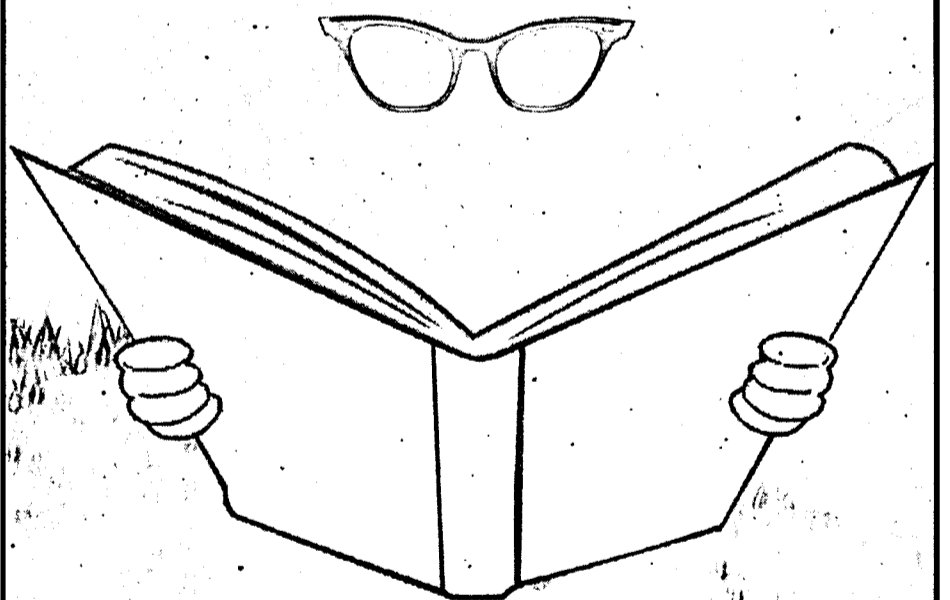
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Synagogue youth learn about Passover seder

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Congregation Bet Chaverim's religious school students know their charoset from their maror.

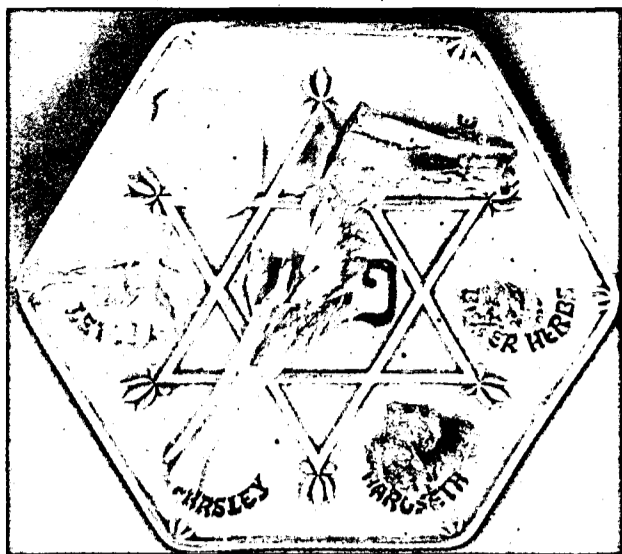
They can tell you why they dip parsley into salt water and what's inside the kiddush cup at their family and synagogue seders this weekend.

None of the foods or traditions of Passover — an eight-day Jewish holiday that began at sundown Friday, April 6 — are likely to trip them up. That's at least in part to a practice seder the children attend a week before the authentic version happens in their homes. "We do it ahead of time for them because it's a long meal and we want them to understand what's expected of them. So we give them an opportunity to have it here where they have more chances to talk out of turn and ask questions," said Ilene Honiss, congregation president. "The foods are special for the holiday and they might not have encountered them before, like gefilte fish and charoset. We want them to have a taste of it so there is no surprise."

"They enjoy the things they recognize and those they don't recognize they'll understand the next time they see it."

Commemorating freedom

Passover marks the freedom of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt. According to the biblical book of Exodus, Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave after God inflicted 10 plagues on the Egyptians — the final being the slaughter



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The plate holds the essentials of the Passover Seder.



of their first-born sons. The Israelites escaped the slaughter by marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb. They left Egypt in such a hurry that they didn't have time to let their bread dough rise. During Passover, the Jewish faithful refrain from eating leavened bread and instead, consume matzoh, a flat, unleavened bread. Matzoh is included along with several other symbolic foods at the seder, a dinner held within the first few nights of the holiday. Seder participants use a special text, the Haggadah, to recall the

story of Exodus, taste the symbolic foods in order, sing blessings and recite responses.

"Every Jewish person around the world over one of these couple of nights will sit together and invite their friends and families and even strangers off the street to come and sit at their table and share in this wonderful storytelling. There is an order to it. There's a story to it. There are prayers to it and it's something that you feel connects you with the entire world," Honiss said.

The annual practice seder is an abbreviated version of a typically longer family seder or the congregation gathering on Saturday, April 7. Each youngster received a Haggadah to follow along as Rabbi Peter Gluck discussed the Exodus story and led the blessings at the session, held Sunday, April 1. They followed his cue and tasted pieces of matzoh, sipped grape juice, ate celery dipped in salt water — symbolizing new growth and tears of the Jewish slaves — and dipped maror or bit-



Rabbi Peter Gluck talks about Passover with youngsters in the religious school classes at Congregation Bet Chaverim. Below, lighting the Passover candles.

ter herbs into the charoset made of ground nuts and apples. They correctly identified the egg on the seder plate as a sign of spring and the shank bone as a reminder that at the first Passover, participants ate a roasted lamb with matzoh.

"Every year he has more and more questions as he understands more," said Meredith Dunlap, whose son, Seth, 6, attended the practice seder.

"He's excited to hide the afikomen and get a little reward." The afikomen is a piece of matzoh hidden during the seder that nets its finder a prize.

"In the beginning it's all about the reward and then they start asking questions about what the dinner represents," Dunlap said. "It's unique that it's a whole dinner that is ceremonial."

Judi Fleischaker of Canton has included her daughter, Marit Alsager, in preparing seder foods every year.

"Including the matzoh ball soup, which is a three-

day production," Fleischaker said. "You have to make the soup stock and strain off the fat and use the fat to make the matzoh balls. They have to sit another 24 hours and the third day you put it all together."

Tasting foods

She and other parents served traditional holiday foods, including gefilte fish and matzoh ball soup, after the ceremonial portion of the seder concluded.

Gluck offered a few thoughts on the importance of gathering together for a meal.

"We see food as a physical thing. The ancients saw food as a spiritual moment. We see food as a necessity that fulfills our carbohydrate and

protein requirements. They saw food as a way to communicate with the source of life that we call God," he said. "We see food as a moment to get through to what's really important on our schedule, so we have drive-through this and microwave that. They saw food as a moment to commune with their families and friends and community in the spirit of the one God."

"So may it be when we gather all the time, not only for seder, but for your breakfast Cheerios, your peanut butter and jelly lunch and your dinners. May you commune with your families and bring to them the love and joy that is meant to be theirs."

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Common responses about arthritis from patients include: "The blood test showed I have rheumatoid arthritis," or "I tested positive for Lupus," or "they can't diagnose me with fibromyalgia because there is no lab test for it."
The common thread in these remarks is that in arthritis, diagnosis comes from the results of laboratory testing. In reality, the opposite is true.
A physician diagnoses rheumatoid arthritis, gout, Lupus, fibromyalgia and other rheumatologic conditions from the patient's experience of pain and the results of examination. Doctors order laboratory studies to confirm their impression of the diagnosis, or, in the case of x-rays and MRI imaging to define the extent of arthritis already known to exist.
For example, in patients with fibromyalgia, the doctor makes the diagnosis from the pattern of aching, what brings it on, where the pain migrates and what steps the patient has undertaken to control the pain. Laboratory studies confirm that no rheumatoid arthritis is behind the pain.
Laboratory tests are deceptive. A patient with rheumatoid arthritis may have a "negative rheumatoid factor" on blood testing but have swollen finger and foot joints which are the hallmark of the condition. Also, a woman may show a positive rheumatoid factor on testing and have no arthritis at all; the positive rheumatoid factor being a result of past contraceptive pill use.
Laboratory testing is useful in monitoring the effect of medication on the body, particularly on the red and white blood cells, liver activity and kidney function. Laboratory tests done for this reason are scheduled on a periodic basis such as monthly, with the doctor looking not only at the results but comparing them to past data.

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The Rev. Wayne Koenig sets the cornerstone on Nov. 4, 1962, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia.



The Rev. George Conventree Jr. is pastor at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia.

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Linda Golden, pastor of Holy Trinity. "For the last eight years we've been tithing our offering to go to missions. Rather than wait to see how much we have left, we tithe every month to two organizations. This is a congregation that is very generous when they know there is a need. There is good leadership from lay people and they are faithful and diligent."

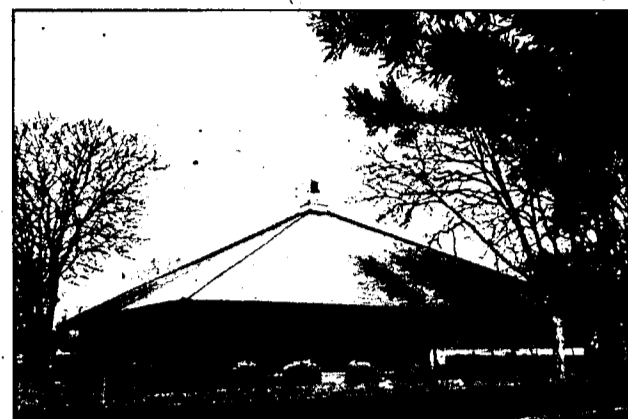
During its first 20 years, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was affiliated with the Missouri synod. It became a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during the 1980s.

Leading the way St. Matthew's was the first church in the nation to become a United Methodist Church.

"The Methodist Church is well over 150-200 years old but officially the United Methodist Umbrella is a little less than 50 years old," Duluk explained. "What



The Memorial Garden at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia

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happened in Livonia was that the EUB (Evangelical United Brethren) church and the Methodist church combined."

On the national level, participants at a Methodist Church conference had begun talking about bringing the fold together under the United Methodist banner. But the Livonia churches had taken steps toward that goal.

"We'd started the combination process with our two churches. We received the okay from the board to finish it." Other Methodist churches soon followed suit.

"We're one of the many United Methodist Churches, but we were the first"

Holy Trinity Lutheran also boasts a "first." Golden was the first female to serve as a chaplain to the Michigan State Police. She rides along with a troop once a month and considers it part of her outreach to the community.

With the addition of associate pastor, Michelle Werner, last year, Holy Trinity also became one of only two churches in its 125-member synod with two women at the helm.

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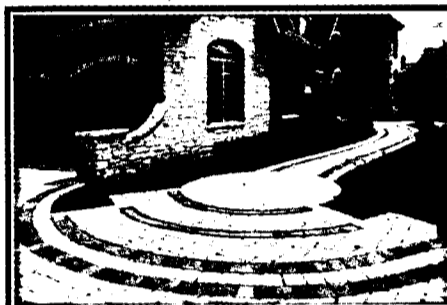
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Strides: If the shoe fits, you are wearing it

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The Appliance Repair industry has made tremendous strides in cleaning up its image especially in the past 10 years. I remember the days of incompetency and the unethical behavior by some companies and it takes a long time to erase the negatives from a consumers mind.

I'm proud of many appliance repair companies that have managed to instill a sense of confidence back into our industry. Most of the training of technicians today is done by individual owners without the help of schools to actually educate the persons coming into your home. The

They are the ones who can make or break the reputation of a company and cause a great loss in future revenue.

An example of what I speak is the following e-mail which describes a very poorly trained technician or a very dumb individual. Linda writes: "Hi Joe, I have read your col-

educators with-in a company need to keep a sharp eye on the technicians who eventually end up doing a service call on their own.

umn in the *Livonia Observer* for years. My husband is an electrician and he ran across an issue last week that I thought your readers and yourself would be interested in. We were doing some electrical work for an elderly lady that we worked for in the past. She mentioned her stove wasn't working and had a local appliance repair store out to diagnose the problem. They charged her a service call and told her she needed new igniters (she currently had been using a match to light the stove). The customer asked my husband to take a look at the stove. Even though appliance repair is not his specialty, he did what I assumed most professional repair persons would do and checked to make sure the stove was

getting electricity. Well guess what, it wasn't. The GFCI was tripped and my husband pushed the reset button and voila, the stove works (minus \$200 for new igniters). I don't know if the repairman was a con artist or just really inept at his job. The lady was very happy that she only had paid for the initial service call and not the \$200 for the igniters."

This e-mail tells the story of an individual who must have had a severe memory lapse or is just plain stupid. We all know that a gas range must have electricity to make the igniters work. I don't believe he was trying to con the homeowner into unnecessary repairs, he just simply blew it. I hope this person reads this column and calls

the guilty company owner and demands reimbursement on that initial service charge. They should not be paid for misdiagnosing the problem. There is a law in Michigan called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act that can be used to prosecute in a court of law. If I owned this appliance repair company, I would sit my technicians in a room and explain the consequences of this kind of error.

Anita writes: "I have a 25-year-old Kenmore washer that has been leaking what my husband says is transmission fluid. It's been so reliable that I'm in favor of repairing it. He is in favor of using it until it seizes up, then getting a new one. I'd value your opinion. Also, our 15-year-old dishwash-

er doesn't clean very well anymore. I'm going to try the Tang treatment to see if that helps. Any other ideas?"

Please take your husband out for a very expensive dinner. The cost of repairs is very high and then shortly down the road, something else called rust will eat through the washer and you will kick yourself with your left heel. As for the dishwasher, try a product called Lemi Shine which is solving the complaint like yours for thousands of Americans across this country. Stay tuned.

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

Dan Rather to speak at book luncheon

Journalist Dan Rather and three other top authors will talk about their new books at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's spring book luncheon Monday, May 21, in Livonia.

Dan Rather was anchor of the *CBS Evening News* for 24 years and a *60 Minutes* contributor. He is now managing editor and anchor of *Dan Rather Reports* on cable. His memoir of his impressive reporting career, from the JFK assassination to 9/11 to interviews with many presidents, is titled *Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News*.

Other authors are Delia Ephron, Jane Gross and Ann Packer.

Ephron is a bestselling author and screenwriter. Her movies include *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, *You've Got Mail*, *Hanging Up* (based on her novel) and *Michael*. She has written novels for adults and teenagers as well as essays. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *O the Oprah Magazine*, *Vogue* and the *Huffington Post*. She collaborated with her sister Nora Ephron on a play, *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, which ran for two years Off Broadway. Her new novel is titled *The Lion*

Is In.

Gross is a former *New York Times* reporter and founder of the *Times'* New Old Age blog, a primer for older Americans and the adult children who take care of their parents. Her moving new book, *A Bittersweet Season: Caring for Our Aging Parents — and Ourselves*, is about being a caregiver during her frail mother's final four years. It offers practical advice for dealing with doctors, Medicare and other issues.

Packer is an award-winning author of novels and short stories. Her critically acclaimed first novel *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* was a national best seller. Her new book is *Swim Back to Me*, made up of a novella and five short stories.

Book sales will start at 11 a.m. and the event will begin at noon, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft at I-96 in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch, the lectures and the opportunity to buy books and have them autographed by the authors.

For tickets see the ticket request form at the society's web site, bookandauthor.info.

FUNDRAISER AIDS HOMELESS PROGRAM

Grace Centers of Hope, a nonprofit Christian organization, will hold its 14th annual "Women Helping Women" luncheon and fashion show, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 University, Rochester.

The event will include a fashion show by fashion and style expert, Mary Alice Stephenson, featuring her favorite red carpet looks from the world's most glamorous designers.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include a silent auction preview and luncheon.

Grace Centers of Hope runs a full recovery and rehabilitation campus

for homeless men, women and children who have been abused or addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. The organization aims to change the lives of the homeless, addicted and unwanted through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, personal accountability, life skills education and work-related programs. The foundation of change is the local church. It encourages residents to strengthen their faith and independence while it promotes a sense of belonging within a community.

For tickets or more information, call (855) HELP GCH or visit www.gracecentersofhope.org.

Teens can weigh in on parks

Wayne County is looking for energetic, diverse teens, 13-17, for the Wayne County Parks Youth Advisory Board.

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KALLEN, 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



SANBORN, AMY

Died on April 5th after a prolonged illness. Her strength and grace during this ordeal were inspiring. She died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was a loving and dedicated friend, mother, grandmother, and wife. She will be missed deeply by all.

SPAGNUOLO, JOSEPHINE K.

of Grand Ledge, formerly of Birmingham, died April 6, 2012. Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel www.estesleadley.com



TUPAJ, LOTTE

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



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 Mininger of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandma of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, 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.



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

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.

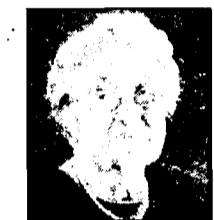
OLDAKER, ELIZABETH (BETTY)

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.



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



HILLIARD, LOURAE LILE

98, born December 30, 1913 in Greenville, KY died April 4, 2012 in Lake Forest, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Rupert O. Hilliard, her father and mother Arthur and Eliza Lile, her sister Kate Richmond and brother Trent Lile, her daughter Kathryn Reynolds and granddaughter Paula Hamlin. She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth (Tom) Hamlin and son Rupert L. (Peggy) Hilliard. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. She graduated from Greenville High School in 1930; she lived in Wayne, Michigan for many years and retired to Arizona and then Cape Coral, Florida. She was a "Rosie the Riveter" in WWII starting at the Lockheed Plant in Los Angeles and then moving to the B-24 plant (Ford) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She served on the planning commission in Wayne. She loved bridge, knitting, traveling and good food. The family will sorely miss her fried chicken and cornbread. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Congregational Community Church, 312 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, Florida 33991. Services Private. Interment will be in Greenville, Kentucky. Info: Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest, IL (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

JAROS, MARGARET BERNHARD

Of Perrysburg, Ohio passed away suddenly of natural causes on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 2012. Margaret, a devoted Mom, is survived by her son Dakota Luke Jaros, her parents Dr. William F. and June L. Bernhard and four sisters, five brothers and their families. Margaret began her career in the Merrill Lynch Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office and most recently, she was Administrative Manager and Vice President in Compliance for the Ohio-Michigan Complex. Margaret was a graduate of Dana Hall School, Wheaton College and received her MBA from Wayne State University. A memorial liturgy will be held on April 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose's Church of Lima Parish in Perrysburg, Ohio. Wishes for the family may be shared through George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home at www.gfdoherty.com. Donations in Margaret's memory can be made to www.Livestrong.org.



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 at www.rgharris.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

REUNIONS

DEARBORN HEIGHTS-ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at goodfouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MCKENZIE

CLASS OF 1962
50th reunion, Friday, June 1. For more information e-mail mackenzie1962@gmail.com or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-8595.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1967
Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whitaker at S_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973
Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook.

Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com; Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com; Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wow-way.com; Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net; Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net; SuzieWright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com; Jackie Kalifut at jackiedeson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffrexfordell@comcast.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962
50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Jean Badoud-Riddell at fictionweaver@sbcglobal.net, Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or Carol Jehle at jehlecarol@yahoo.com

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971-75
The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

CLASS OF 1972

40th class reunion planned for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Mama Mia's restaurant, located on Plymouth Road west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Advance payment is \$23 per person and includes a two-course dinner with "fixens" and a cash bar. To reserve a spot, send your check payable to Rick Bennett, 42021 Waterwheel, Northville Township, MI 48168. Or pay via PayPal and send to rickbennett@peoplepc.com

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

ALL CLASSES
Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Reunion Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18 at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or www.waynehighalumni@aol.com

CLASS OF 1957

Looking for classmates for the 55th class reunion to be held May 19. For more information contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or pollygirl219@aol.com. Or call Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com.

Milestones

Heinrich-Cotu

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heinrich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Christopher Cotu, son of Gloria Attardo of Boyton Beach, Fla.

The future bride graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as an operations manager at a post production facility in Los Angeles, Calif.

The future groom received a degree in finance from the University of Rhode Island. He is employed as a senior art director at an entertainment advertising company in Los Angeles, Calif.



A June 2012 wedding is planned. Upon their return from a honeymoon on Catalina Island, Calif, the couple will take up residence in their newly purchased home in Los Angeles.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

mation, call (248) 442-8822
Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhope-center.net

April

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must
Contact: auction@stmary-wayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20

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

Details: Walk-ins are welcome
Contact: (734) 722-1735

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancakes and French toast, ham, sausage, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lily and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

EASTER SERVICE

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

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: "The Thorn Easter Experience" worship service features realistic videos of the Easter story, live drama and inspiring music
Contact: (248) 476-8222; www.kenwoodchurch.org

EASTER SERVICE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 8

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

Details: Worship, music and "Silent Praise" sign team
Contact: (734) 326-7000; www.newlifegardencity.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning April 18

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: "From Grief to New Hope" is a free, eight-week workshop open to the community. Talk about one aspect of grief followed by small-group participation led by trained facilitators. You will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. For registration infor-

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 9

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the church

Contact: (734) 459-0326; olgcp@parish.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: In the community room of the Prentiss Apartments located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak Park

Details: The group will lead a community-wide needlecraft workshop teaching the techniques of cross stitch, needlepoint and huck embroidery. \$5 materials fee
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

PARENTING SERIES

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays, April 18-May 23

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

PARENTING STRATEGIES

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: "Spring into Summer: Strategies for Keeping Your Child on Track this Summer" is a workshop designed to help parents create engaging activities for their children during the summer. They'll learn about reading activities, everyday math, summer camps and free fun trips. The workshop will include suggestions for kids of all ages with plenty of time for questions and answers
Contact: RSVP by April 18 by calling (734) 404-2480 or e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

RETREAT

Time/Date: April 20-21

Location: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia

Details: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents a women's retreat. Guest speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person
Contact: Barb Karowich at (734) 480-1644 or visit www.christoursavior.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Donations of slightly used but-still-in-good-condition items are being accepted and can be dropped off 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. No admission for the sale and all profits will benefit the adult day ministry and other ministries within the church

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Tuned in: Doctors visit patients via iPad

A Henry Ford Hospital surgeon checks in on a patient the day after removing a tumor from his kidney, examining the surgical scar and seeing on the patient's face that he's still in a bit of pain. But this isn't your typical post-surgical hospital rounding.

The surgeon and his patient are actually 25 miles apart in two different hospitals, each armed with an iPad equipped with the live video chat software FaceTime.

Through face-to-face video calls on iPads and other tablets, Henry Ford is initiating the next wave of high-tech communication at hospitals called "telerounding." In January 2009, Henry Ford became the first hospital to live-tweet surgery using Twitter, starting a trend still popular today at hospitals across the country.

"Using the iPad to communicate really appeals to the type of patients that are seeking state-of-the-art, minimally invasive robotic surgery at Henry Ford," says Dr. Craig Rogers, M.D., director of Renal Surgery and director of Urologic Oncology at Henry Ford.

"Patients are looking for us to use current technology in a way that improves their care, and 'telerounding' with the iPad really fits that need in enhancing the communication and care following surgery."

The iPad fills a critical need for Henry Ford surgeons like Rogers —



A patient uses an iPad to meet with his doctor.



Rogers

who perform operations each week at both Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital — to communicate with their patients in the clinic or inpatient setting, even when they're not in the same city.

Previously, the surgeon would call the patient on the phone if he wasn't on site.

By replacing a phone call with a video-chat on the iPad, patients are able to have a personal and confidential con-

versation with their surgeon. The surgeons also benefit by being able to actually see their patients to get a better sense of their post-surgical condition.

Face-to-face video calls on tablets are inexpensive, private, reliable and easy for both surgeon and patient to use. Their size makes tablets easy to transport for surgeons and easy to hold for patients.

Henry Ford Hospital provides an iPad to the patients, as well as assistance from a medical resident or another member of the patient's health care team during the video chat. Soon, patients at Henry Ford West Bloomfield also will have access to iPads, allowing more physicians to teleround.

"I've been surprised that even those who are not as technically savvy have really liked using the iPad for face-to-face communication," Rogers says. "For me, it's a great way to stay in touch with my patients, no matter where I am."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

April

AUTISM TATTOO

Get an autism-related tattoo this month at American Pride Tattoos and the store will donate \$20 or 20 percent of the cost of the tattoo — whichever is greater — to Autism Speaks. All of the companies stores are participating in the campaign to raise awareness and support those with autism spectrum disorder. Stores are located at 155 E. Commerce in Milford and 27815 Woodward Ave., in Berkeley, in addition to Waterford, Clarkston, and Pontiac.

BALANCING HORMONES

Dr. William Civello will hold a free workshop, "Balancing Women's Hormones Naturally," at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at 34441 Eight Mile, Suite 116, Livonia. Learn about the five major culprits of hormone chaos and what you can do naturally to feel and look better. Seating is limited. Call (734) 525-9588 for reservations; www.drivello.com.

MENTAL HEALTH

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro family support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. April 10 at the Providence Hospital Heart Institute, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., in Novi. The meetings are free and open to the public. Family support group meetings are held the second Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

NEWBORN CLASS

Learn about caring for your newborn, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A registered nurse will teach about the basic characteristics and needs of a newborn to include diapering, bathing, feeding, growth and development patterns.

In addition to baby basics, the class will also include how to recognize when a baby is sick. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$35. A spouse or support person may attend at no additional cost. Register at (734) 655-1162.

SINUS RELIEF

Dr. Warren L. Brandes, D.O., will present a free community lecture on breakthrough technology that helps those suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at Botsford Hospital's Administration & Education Center Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The presentation will include information on balloon sinuplasty. Call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1 for more information or to register for the event.

THYROID FUNCTION

Dr. William Civello offers a free workshop, "How to Get Your Thyroid Functioning" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at 34441 Eight Mile, Suite 116, Livonia. Learn what you can do naturally to feel your best again. Reservations at (734) 525-9588; www.drivello.com

WALK WITH A DOC

Annie House, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Botsford Hospital, will lead the discussion and will provide helpful nutrition tips at this free wellness event, noon, Thursday, April 19, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis

Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

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Help him sort what should go into each bin.
Draw a line from the item to either a Recycle bin or Compost bin.

Recycle/Reuse **Compost**

Answers: Recycle/Reuse: Glass bottles, cans, newspapers, clothing, large boxes, Compost: tea bags, banana peels, apple core, leaves, twigs

Scoop's Craft Corner

Recycled Newspaper Art

Make cool art from old newspapers. Cut out an article and locate a keyword, phrase, or series of words. Use color pencils, markers or paint to create a picture that tells a story. Make sure to draw attention to the key words and phrases when drawing or painting. Frame your piece of art after you are done.



Brain TEASER Have a little fun with these Palindromes.

So what are palindromes? They are words or sentences that read forward or backwards. Identify the words or sentences.

- 1) There is a special word that comes around every day. When written in all Capital letters it can be read forwards, backwards and even upside down.
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