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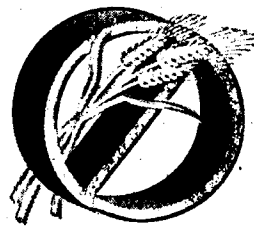
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## Healing service

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will hold a healing service 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22, at the church, located on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. Residents are invited to attend, especially those needing healing or doing healing work in the community. A special offering will be collected for Angela Hospice, Alzheimer's Association of Michigan, Hope 4 Healing Hearts and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Vote clears way for fire departments' merger

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

An agreement to share a fire chief with Wayne was approved Monday by the Westland City Council, but some members want a closer look at the contract to hire current Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy to fill the new position.

Councilwoman Christine Bryant offered a motion to have the Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Wayne tabled until council could hold a study session to review the document. At an earlier study session, a majority of council reached consensus to proceed with sharing a chief and moving forward with

the merger of the departments, Council President James Godbout said. That and consensus to move forward with merging the cities' parks and recreation departments were made to allow Wayne to move forward with its budget, which must be adopted earlier than Westland's, he added. "We didn't have the

draft agreement. When we get into the specifics, along with the contract (with Reddy), I had questions," Bryant said. "We were told 10 days ago that this was the beginning of the process. I see no harm in taking a short period of time for a study session. I'm not saying I'm against it." The motion to postpone

approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement failed with support from Bryant and councilmen Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer. Bryant questioned some indemnification language in the proposed independent contractor agreement with Reddy. **Please see MERGER, A2**

## Historical presentation

Around the time of the Civil War, Nankin Mills was more than a grist mill; it was the focal point of the community growing up around it. Join Nankin Mills naturalist Carol Clements at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, for a photo presentation on the history of the Nankin Mills and the surrounding community. Her presentation will look at the reasons for a mill in this area, why it's Nankin Mills instead of Nankin Mill and plans to fix up Thomas Edison's hydroelectric generator Ford installed in the mill and enclosed in glass. There will also be plenty of time to answer questions. Call the Wayne County Parks office at (734) 261-1990 to reserve a spot. This free presentation is geared toward adults. It's one of a series of local history seminars sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills, a volunteer group. To learn more about upcoming activities at the mill for children and adults, and about the Friends group, go to nankinmills.org.

# Church garage sale has bargains galore

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

It was his first time at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church's annual garage sale, so Joe Williams was looking around at what was available. "I'm just browsing. My daughter told us about the garage sale," said Williams, a retiree from Detroit. He was looking at a shelf with built-in clothing hooks, but decided his home didn't have a spot for it. "We bought some girls' clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry — they've got everything," said his wife Myrtis Williams, who was trying to shepherd her husband toward the checkout lane. "He's been to the car already (with purchases). He buys a lot." There was plenty of variety for bargain



There is something for everyone at the Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church garage sale. Joann Jackson (left) bought a deep fryer while her mom Nancy Haines looked at dinner ware.

**Please see SALE, A2**

## Open House

St. Mary Catholic School is holding a Kindergarten Round-up and Open house for prospective families Tuesday, April 24. The round-up sessions will be 10-11 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. The open house will be 6-7 p.m. at the school, 34516 Michigan Ave., east of Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-1240.

# Council OKs new library tax request

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

In the wake of proposals to relocate City Hall and close the Bailey Recreation Center, Westland City Council President James Godbout received the most calls about cutbacks, including reduced hours at the William P. Faust Public Library. "I received more calls — two to one — regarding library service than on either the Bailey Center or City Hall," Godbout said. "Across the city, that is a far bigger concern." Library supporters will have a chance to show their support in a tangible way on the Aug. 6 primary ballot. Council voted Monday to place a question on the ballot asking voters to approve levying nearly 1 mill for 10 years. On a home valued at \$58,600, which Neal said was the current average home value in Westland, the 0.99-mill would cost \$24.75 annually. There is currently a 0.94-mill levied for the library, an amount reduced from 1 mill under the Headlee Amendment. "We know what you know, the library is

## Settlement ends library labor dispute

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

An agreement resolving a long-standing labor dispute between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the William Faust Library has been approved by the Westland City Council. That includes nearly \$110,000 in back pay for three employees represented by AFSCME Council 25 in an unfair labor practice charging they were terminated in 2009 for protected union organizing activities. The employees voted not to organize in 2009. AFSCME will also have a second organizing opportunity, with library employees to vote within 45 days of the agreement being signed. "You were already aware of the verbal agreement. We signed

that agreement a week ago," library board President Mark Neal said. "It was settled for a lower amount than we had anticipated. The attorneys did a good job." The library board had begun moving toward a settlement last fall by making return to work offers to the employees — librarians Lisa Hausman and Deborah Cooper, along with maintenance worker Edward Rybski. That stopped increases in the amount of potential damages for lost wages. Under the settlement, Hausman will receive \$30,485 along with a \$3,387 401 defined benefit retirement plan contribution; Cooper will receive \$21,366 with a \$2,374 retirement contribution; and Rybski will receive \$47,110 with a \$5,234 retirement contribution.

"There are some technicalities that will allow the employees to file (a complaint), if they feel there are other issues they are not happy about, but there is nothing really that they can ask for," Neal said. Part of the settlement requires the library director and board members take no position on the unionization vote. That had been an issue in the unfair labor practice filed by AFSCME, when former library Director Cheryl Napsa sent letters to employees at their homes indicating they would lose pay, benefits and otherwise be harmed, if they organized. "Good job. It would be a lot more (expensive) if this went to court, especially in Wayne County," Councilman Bill Johnson said.

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important to the community," library board President Mark Neal said. "We hope voters will support the library millage and we will be able to bring back programs and restore staffing." The levy would generate approximately \$1.35 million the first year it is levied and would be used

for library operations, including restoration of reduced hours of operation, sweeping program cuts and the loss of seven employees scheduled to be cut July 1, when the new fiscal year starts. Prior to council acting to put the millage proposal on the ballot, Neal outlined the financial prob-

lems facing the library, including a 38-percent reduction in revenues in the past five years. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, the library is projecting property tax revenues of \$1.35 million compared to \$1.9 million in property tax revenues in 2007-08. "The library is no different than the rest of the city with revenues declining, they're based on property values," Neal said. "It's gotten to the point that we are so short that we have to make drastic cuts. I don't know how much farther down the library can go. We need to

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## SALE

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hunters — clothes, linens, holiday decorations, shoes, purses, dishes, glasses, small appliances, toys and special costume jewelry table.

"I'm just shopping for knickknacks and things, clothes. I bought a phone," said Donna Hamblin, a parishioner. "I think the sale is great as far as a lot of clothes. They could use more furniture — things that people can use. They could use more household decor items — there is not too much of that."

What is available at the sale depends on donations from members of the parish and also from the community at large, said Mae Bray, who is in charge of the sale run by members of the Mother Cabrini Guild.

"The congregants save stuff all year for the sale. We used to have sales



Karen Finley bought a tea set at the garage sale. She said she wasn't sure what she would do with it but the price was right.

twice a year, but it got to be too much for senior citizens, so we do it in the spring," Bray said.

Along with 25-30 Mother Cabrini Guild members, Bray said that the Ushers Club members also lend a hand.

"They do a marvelous job," said Bray, who estimated the sale would raise about \$1,000 for the parish building fund.

The biggest item sold at the garage sale is clothing, Bray said, which like other items are sold at good prices. "It's \$5 for a coat and the rest is a couple of dollars. We want to



Kyle Finley got some toys at a good price from the Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church garage sale.

sell it, then we don't have to pack it up," she said.

The one-day sale wraps up with a one-hour \$2 bag sale.

"They can stuff as

much as they want into the bag," Bray said.

Anything left after the sale closes is packed and the following day it is picked up by the Tried

and True Resale Shop on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

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## LIBRARY

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do something about revenues. It's impacting programs drastically."

Along with laying off 10 employees — a 27-percent cut in staffing — the library will be reducing its hours from 67 hours weekly to 40 hours. That means the library will be closed Sunday and Monday, with reduced hours the remaining five days.

Programs set to be eliminated under the proposed budget include summer concerts, all teen programs, summer reading, the noon time book club, teen and adult writers clubs and workshops.

Other programs also will be reduced. Computer classes will be reduced by 50 percent and the Job Seekers Lab cut by 33 percent. At this time, Neal said the library board has dropped the idea of expanding the library building, but is still faced with physical plant issues, particularly heating and cooling.

While the poor economy has severely cut the funding for the library, Neal said it has also accounted for a simultaneous increase in total library visits, program attendance, computer usage and reference transactions. Only the total circulation numbers dropped in 2010-11, which Neal attributed to the library's limited ability to order new books.

If voters approve the millage in August, it would appear on the winter tax bill. "If residents support it, we may be able to look at it knowing the revenue will be available this budget year," Godbout said. "We could look at a staged return of the budget cuts and at a supplemental budget."

grant expires — a year from now in Wayne and just over 18 months in Westland.

"We would go to bare-bone staffing. We would see several million dollars in savings over five years (through the merger)," Reddy said.

The savings will allow staffing numbers to be stabilized and provide access to equipment that Westland doesn't have, such as a 120-foot aerial ladder truck, he said.

"It's a consolidation of two departments. There will be big savings and we would see more money through EVIP (the state Economic Vitality Incentive Program)," Reddy said. "I appreciate the council moving forward with the Intergovernmental Agreement."

Later in the meeting, Reddy said he wanted to respond to statements made by a resident that the fire department merger would result in fire stations closing and fewer firefighters. "We are looking at adding stations and manpower without asking for more money," Reddy said. "This is a very strong positive thing."

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## MERGER

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City Attorney James Fausone said that the language was the same as other independent contractor agreements used by the city for the budget and assessing directors.

In response to questions from some council members and residents, Fausone repeated his opinion that the chief sharing proposal didn't violate Public Act 78, which governs public safety hiring and promotions. He noted Reddy had already been

promoted through the system.

Additionally, the law doesn't apply to part-time staff, Fausone said, which Reddy would effectively do, splitting his time between the two cities.

Beyond that, Fausone said the Westland and Wayne firefighters unions have agreed to provide memorandums of understanding signing off on the agreement.

Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of the fire chief's services with opposing votes from Bryant and Johnson. Then council voted unanimous-

ly to postpone considering the independent contractor agreement until the next council meeting.

There were some comments that somehow Westland would lose or dismantle its fire department through the agreement with Wayne, but actually the current staffing would provide 21 firefighters on a shift through a merger, Mayor William Wild said.

"None of this is easy. You can thank the governor for forcing consolidations down our throats," Wild said. "Both cities have firefighters on federal grants. Those will

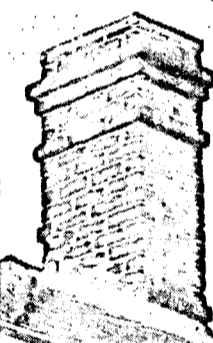
expire. We are creating a sustainable city."

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# Inspire Theatre presents Simon's 'Rumors'

What does a retired detective, a physician, two school teachers, a high school counselor, an IT specialist and ocean export agent have in common?

They're all in Neil Simon's farcical comedy, *Rumors*, presented by Inspire Theatre of Westland beginning Friday, April 20.

Several affluent couples gather in the posh suburban residence of a couple for a dinner party celebrating their hosts' 10th anniversary. However, they discover there are no servants, the hostess is missing, and the host - the deputy mayor of New York City - has shot himself through the earlobe. Comic complications arise when, given everyone's upper class status, they decide they need to do everything possible to conceal the evening's events from the local police and the media.

In an interview, Simon said "the play started with the idea of doing a farce ... The next thing was to do it as an elegant farce, because the farces in Moliere's days were generally about wealthy people."



The cast of Inspire Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" includes Lisa Brawley of Livonia (from left), Richard Holland of Livonia, Leonard Zamawski of Canton, Bill Petersen of Livonia, Sue Fisher of Wayne, Nick Szczebra of Brownstown, John Donnelly of Redford, Bobbi Gladden of Livonia and Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills.

"These aren't extremely wealthy people, but they are well-to-do, so I decided to dress them in evening clothes," Simon said during the interview. "There was something about having them dressed in evening clothes that I thought was a nice counterpoint to the

chaos that was happening in the play. And so I picked a reason for them to be dressed elegantly, and it was a 10th anniversary."

Len Fisher, artistic director of Inspire Theatre, is understandably excited about this production.

"For this incredibly talented cast, we have doubled our square footage of stage," Fisher said. "We've added a second floor, complete with balcony. For our little theatre group, this has been an ambitious undertaking. It feels like the little theatre that could."

Fisher's enthusiasm is not only limited to the set. He gushes about the script, the cast, his staff, and ticket sales.

"It's like a convergence of all things that are good about community theatre. Plus I have an added bonus - my wife Sue is one of the cast mem-

## SHOW TIME

**What:** Neil Simon's *Rumors*  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 20, 21, 27 and 28 and 3 p.m. Sunday April 22 and 29  
**Location:** The theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.  
**Tickets:** Tickets are \$13 each. Reservations can be made by calling the ticket line at (734) 751-7057.

bers," he said. The Neil Simon script has been challenging for the cast, given the location of the rented theatre space - inside a local church.

"It's a mixed bag," explained Fisher. "The rent and location is great, but some folks come or don't come because we are in a church. We have walked the delicate line of being sensitive to being in the building while still maintaining the integrity of the script."

# Anderson joins coalition in opposing SB 1040

State Sen. Glenn Anderson joined with the Coalition for Secure Retirement in calling attention to the most recent legislative attempt at eroding the middle class in Michigan.

Anderson and the retirees spoke out against Senate Bill 1040, which would put current and already retired educators on the hook for pension costs.

"Last year Gov. Snyder



Anderson

and legislative leaders built their entire budget on raising taxes for seniors and working families, and drastically cutting funding for public education" said Anderson. "This year, as school districts struggle to balance budgets after the cuts, the only thing Republicans

think to do is dip further into the paychecks of our educators and retirees."

Senate Bill 1040 would require educators to significantly increase their pension contributions or face the penalty of a decreased retirement multiplier upon retirement. It would cap maximum compensation amounts, raise the retirement age for educators and decrease the amount of health coverage cov-

ered by the state.

Expectations are that the legislation will be rushed through the legislative process, despite widespread opposition.

Republican sponsors also included an appropriation in the bill that would block citizens from using a petition drive to reverse the action, a tactic they are using more and more frequently to stymie voters from using their constitutional right to petition for a ballot referen-

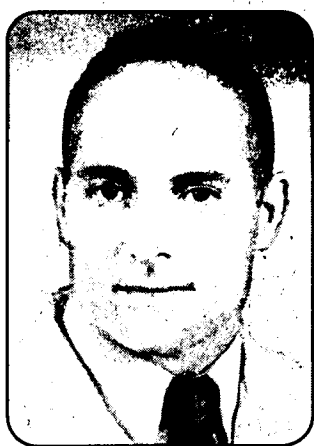
dum to reverse unpopular actions of the legislature.

"I am enraged by the endless stream of attacks on public educators from Lansing," said Elaine Miller, a retired Redford Union educator and 1990 WDIV Newsweek Teacher of the Year. "The message that the Republicans are sending is 'We don't care about having good public teachers educating our children.' It makes me wonder if they care about the kids

themselves."

"How can the public education talent pool in Michigan expect to attract and retain those best and brightest when all they see is a devaluing of teachers through this relentless attack from Lansing?" Anderson said. "They demand our educators take on one of the most important jobs in Michigan out of one side of their mouths and ask them to give up their own future financial stability out of the other."

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## Thief makes off with 600-pound cement rhino.

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Stolen statue

Someone stole a large cement rhino statue from the front yard of a home in the 29800 block of Windsor sometime before 9 a.m. April 14.

The owner discovered it missing when he got up in the morning. He told police that he didn't know who would or could have wanted to take the statue because it weighed 600 pounds and would take several people to lift it. He also said it had about a \$600 value.

He said he heard some noises during the night but assumed it was his neighbors.

#### Break-in

A representative of Morningstar Church, 28452 Pardo, found a break-in when she came to open up the building about 6 p.m. April 15 for a youth club meeting.

She found the window of the back door broken and the door open. There appeared to be search activity, but nothing was taken.

The suspect left nothing behind which could be used as evidence, according to the police report.

#### Break-in

An employee at a dentist office at 27676 Cherry Hill reported that someone tried to break in

sometime between April 14-15.

Someone used a piece of concrete to break the door glass and then bent back the window. Entry wasn't gained into the building.

#### Break-in

A resident in the 200 block of Gilman discovered at about 7 p.m. April 14 that someone had broken into his garage.

Glass was broken in the southwest section of the garage and power tools were taken.

#### Property damage

A Southfield man checking on a vacant home in the 330 block of Lytle Place found damage to a home at 4 p.m. April 14.

The man said he was an account security manager for a bank which recently took back the home from the owner.

#### Stolen vehicle

Someone stole a 1989 Ford Taurus parked on the street in the 32000 block of Cherry Hill at 2:30 p.m. April 15. The owner said he uses the car to get to work. No one had permission to use the car and he has all of the keys.

#### Vandalism

The owner of a Dodge Caravan station wagon parked in the driveway in the 3200 block of Bridge on April 14 said someone threw a large rock

through the rear passenger window.

Someone through a large rock through the driver's side window of a 1992 Ford Tempo about 10:30 a.m. April 14. The car was parked in the street in the 32000 block of Cambridge.

#### No license

A Garden City police officer, working radar, said his police car shook when a man driving a 2002 Ford Mustang sped past him about 9 p.m. April 16.

He followed the man to a driveway in the 6800 block of Sunset, where the man said he had a driver's license but left it at home.

He was arrested after the man called a woman at his home to find his license but she couldn't locate it.

The police found the man never acquired a license.

#### Suspended license

A Garden City man was arrested at Ford and Merriman after he was stopped for speeding in that area in a 2002 Ford Saturn.

He was arrested when the officer found out he had an outstanding warrant out of Livonia District Court and was driving with a suspended license.

By Sue Buck



A passing motorist snapped this photo of the blaze at Toarmina's Pizza Monday evening.

## Library, pizza store catch fire

Strong winds may have been a factor in heating/cooling equipment fires Monday that closed the William P. Faust Public Library and a Toarmina's Pizza location.

"The heavy winds might have been caused the equipment to short. There could have been a general malfunction or there could have been a power surge when oth-

er power went out," Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams said. "I can't say definitely. That's why I list the cause as mechanical malfunction."

The air conditioning unit malfunctioned at the library midday on Monday. The building had to close due to the resulting power failure.

About 7:30 p.m. workers at Toarmina's Pizza/Mick-

ey's Twist, 1319 S. Wayne Road, smelled something amiss. Adams said there was a fire in the rooftop HVAC unit, which is screened and sits on a rubber liner. The fire didn't enter the building itself, he said.

In both incidents, a licensed electrician was needed to check the building before power could be restored, Adams said.

## TV stolen in pizza store break-in

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Break-in

A 42-inch television valued at \$400 was reported stolen after a break-in at Jet's Pizza, 6546 N. Wayne Road, April 16.

A caller alerted police about 8:30 a.m. that the glass entrance door had been smashed. Officers reported finding two rocks had been thrown through the door. When

the officers entered the business, the security alarm was triggered.

Some tables and chairs were reported to have been knocked over.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A tool bag containing miscellaneous tools and a chain saw valued at \$1,150 was reported stolen from a pickup truck parked outside an apart-

ment in 37745 Lakewood Circle on April 15. The owner said he locked the vehicle the night before. There was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle.

#### Vehicle theft

A resident of an apartment at 31710 Cowan told police April 17 someone had stolen his 2003 Chrysler from the parking lot.

By LeAnne Rogers

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

**Mom2Mom Sale**

The Garden City Middle School PTSA will hold its Spring Mom2Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 21, at Garden City High School is located at 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Ford Road and Warren) in Garden City. There will be more than 75 tables to find great deals on new and gently used baby and kids clothes as well as maternity clothes, toys, shoes, games, videos/DVDs, books, bikes, strollers, cribs, swings, bouncers, etc.

A concession stand will be open throughout the day as well as a bake sale. Admission is only \$1, strollers welcome. All proceeds go to the GCMS PTSA.

**Coffee hours**

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City Monday, April 23.

He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia 9-10 a.m., then move to Garden City for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson 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 ofcganderson@senate.michigan.gov.

**Cancer auction**

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

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

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

**Project Graduation**

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

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

Meet in the Garden City High School parking lot.

Reserve a seat by April 18 by calling Cindy Wertz at (734) 776-8907 or by e-mail at Cindilu430@yahoo.com.

**Dine to donate**

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill will donate 10 percent of all sales to the Garden City High School baseball team 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, to 2 a.m. Sunday, April 29.

No coupon is necessary and the fund-raiser is good for those who dine in and carry out.

Sports Venue is at 6327 Middlebelt at Maplewood.

**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.

**Golf outing**

Cougars 4 Sports is holding a golf outing on Saturday, May 12, at the Fellow Creek Golf Course in Canton. It's a four-person scramble with registration at 9 a.m. and the shot gun start at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$320 per foursome, but if you register by April 20, the cost will be \$300. It includes a cart, lunch on the turn and dinner banquet.

There also will be prizes and raffles and a shot to win a car for a hole in one, sponsored by North Brothers Ford, a Skins contest and a Putting contest.

Organizers are looking for golfers, hole sponsors and businesses to donate. Anyone wanting more information can call (734) 516-3652 or contact Cougars4sports@comcast.net.

**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 stasselmy-

er@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com and Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

**Office hours**

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

Webb's office hours will be:

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

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

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

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

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

**Glass Slipper**

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

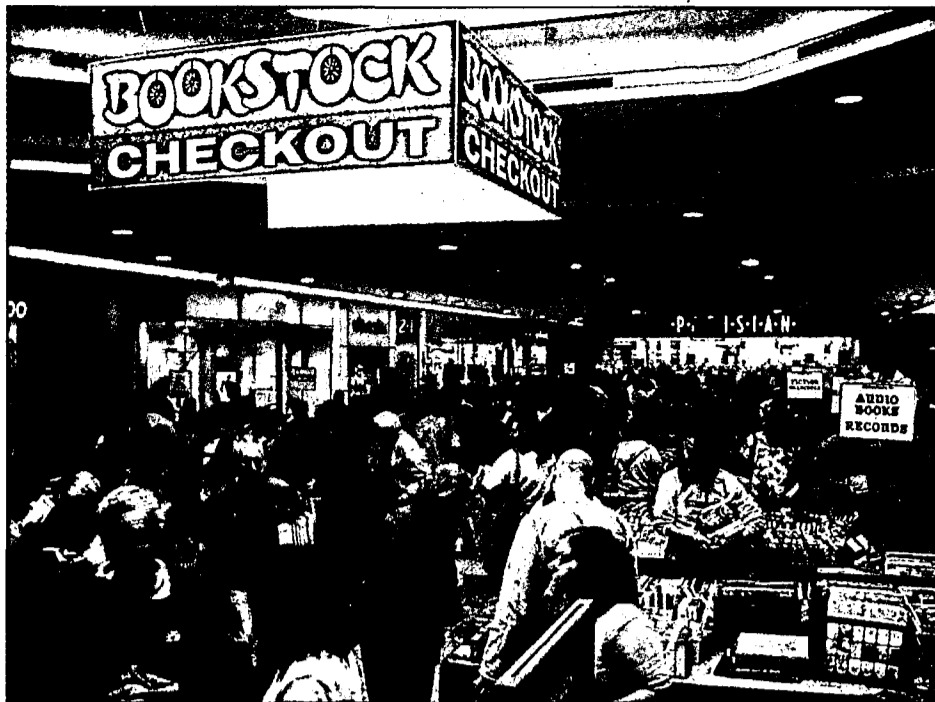
The group is currently accepting dresses, accessories (shoes, purses, jewelry, etc.) and any monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff.

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

**Community Chat**

Join your host Kerry Partin along with Kelly and her real estate tips and tricks, Doppler Tom's weather, Derek with sports and much more every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and surrounding communities are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities.

Listeners can call in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or go to the chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>.



FILE PHOTO

Book lovers can buy three books and get the fourth free from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 26. When they spend \$25 or more, their name will be entered into a raffle for the Al Kaline autographed baseball.

Sale offers 'bookbuster' deals, chance to win Kaline baseball

Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale, will offer two days of Bookbuster special deals and a chance to win a baseball autographed by Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline when it returns to Laurel Park Place in Livonia April 22-29.

Book lovers can buy three books and get the fourth free from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 26.

When they spend \$25 or more at Bookstock's Bookbusters, their name will be entered into a raffle for the Al Kaline autographed baseball.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sun-

day, April 22, with a performance by the Wayne State University Gospel Choral. There is a \$10 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's treasure trove of bargains.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale. The sale will continue through Sunday, April 29, running Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Books will be sold for half price on Sunday, April 29, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock, now celebrating its 10th year of supporting the need to read, has generated more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Hour Detroit Magazine, Schostak Brothers and Company, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations. For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit [www.bookstock.info](http://www.bookstock.info).

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**Upcoming Events**

**INDOOR SALE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12  
**Location:** VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland  
**Details:** Need to clean out the garage, basement or attic of things you've collected over the years and no longer need? Why not make some money at the same time. The VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor garage sale. The table rental is \$20 per table and set up begins at 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

**Contact:** For more information or to request an application, contact Jane Wright at (734) 347-9091.

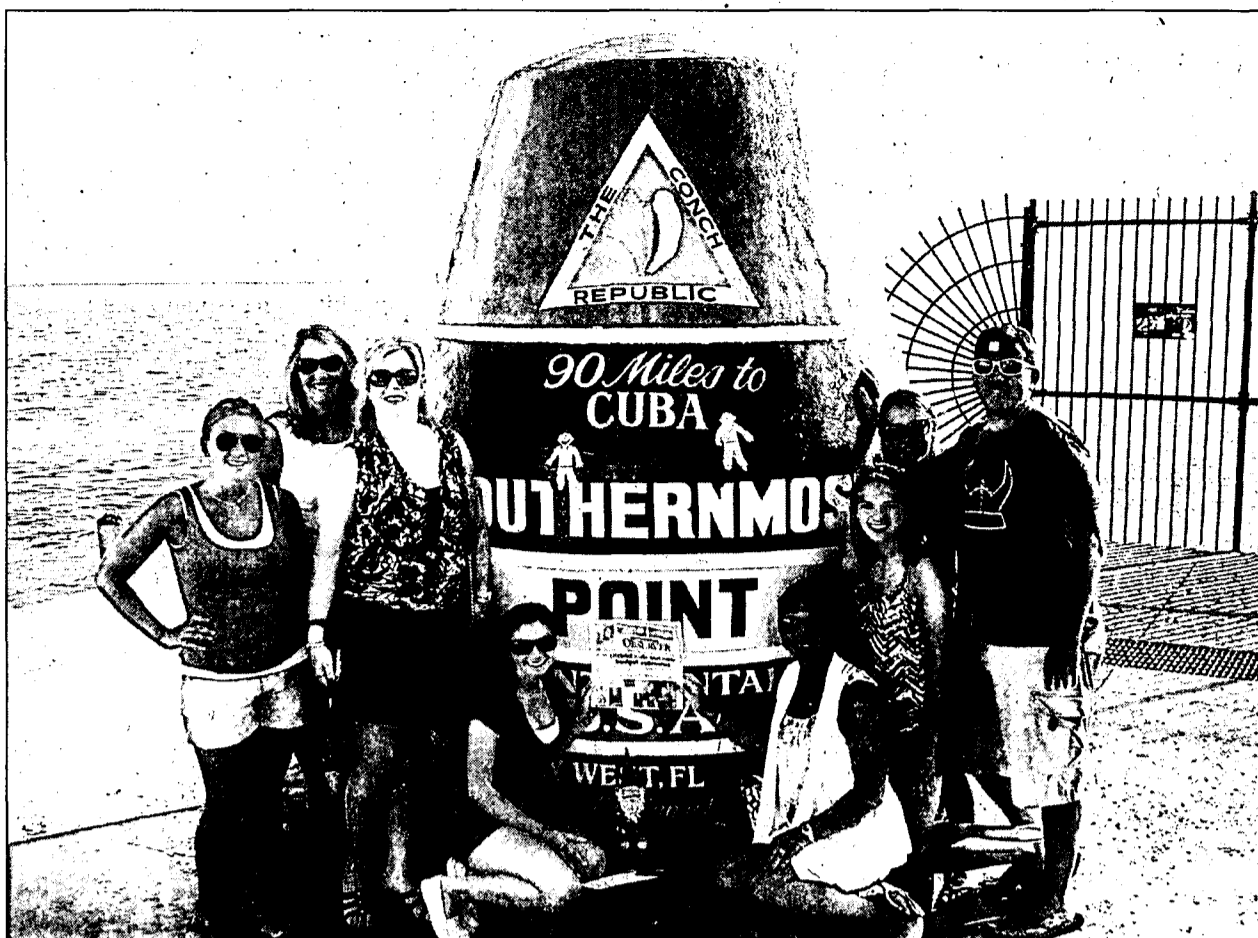
**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 27  
**Location:** in Classrooms 1 and 2 of St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia  
**Details:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign. The April blood drive theme is Detroit Pistons. Participants will receive a Pistons pennant for donating. Future blood drives and themes will be Friday, June 29, Olympics, in the hospital auditorium, Monday, Aug. 27, PGA, in the hospital auditorium, Thursday, Oct. 25, Detroit Tigers, in the hospital auditorium, and Thursday, Dec. 27, Detroit Lions, in the hospital auditorium.

**Contact:** To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. There will also be appointment sheets in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

**FLEA MARKET**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19  
**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland  
**Details:** Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you



**Wish You Were Here**

Jaylee Lynch of Garden City, principal Nancy Kuszczak of St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford and the Szuba family - Ashley, Julia (seated), Sharon, also a teacher at St. Robert Bellarmine, Jenna, Jaclyn and Jeremy along with two Flat Stanleys (top) and the Gnome (bottom) pose with their Observer at the Southern Most Point marker - 90 miles to Cuba - in Key West, Florida, during their yearly Easter vacation excursion. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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

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

**CLOTHING SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5  
**Location:** in the South Lobby of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia  
**Details:** The Michigan Bariatric Institute at is hosting a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community. Many post-operative bariatric patients will be selling their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL). The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, performed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital by board certified surgeons,

including laproscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. The institute is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia

**Contact:** For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 1-877-WHY-WEIGHT (1-877-949-9344).

**BOOK SALE**

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

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

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

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** Lower level Class-

room 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

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

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

**Volunteers**

**FIRST STEP**

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

**VNA HOSPICE**

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers

to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

**SEASONS HOSPICE**

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

**LITERACY COUNCIL**

**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and

materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**HEARTLAND HOSPICE**

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

**SUPPORT GROUP**

**Time/date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**For Your Health**

**W-W NAMI**

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

**Location:** St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

**SAFE PLACE**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

**ADULT DAY SERVICES**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

**METRO FIBROMYALGIA**

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro-Group.com

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Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date of receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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# U.S. Chamber, CHLI honor McCotter

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, D-Livonia, has been honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.

McCotter was recognized by the Chamber for working hard to reduce taxes and regulations, expand trade, and otherwise create a more positive business environment, while the Leadership Institute presented it with its 2012 Lead-



McCotter

ship in Public Service Award. "While many in Congress were busy playing politics, Representative McCotter was working to protect and advance the interests of America's job creators," Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, said. "America's beacon

of light shines brighter today because of Representative McCotter and his efforts."

Eligibility for the award is based on how members of Congress vote on key business issues. These designated "key votes" are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the

Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of those votes receive the award. McCotter scored a 94 percent.

"I thank the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for this recognition; and, most importantly, for all of their efforts to expand the entrepreneurial opportunities and economic prosperity of all Americans," said McCotter.

McCotter will receive his public service award

at CHLI's annual gala on May 7.

CHLI is "privileged to honor a public servant of truly extraordinary talent and patriotism, Congressman Thad McCotter of Michigan, with our 2012 Leadership in Public Service Award", said Lincoln Diaz-Balart, CHLI Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

"I am humbled by this recognition from the Congressional Hispan-

ic Leadership Institute, a powerful, indispensable moral and political force for human dignity and economic prosperity, McCotter said.

The CHLI (pronounced "chili") is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, based in Washington, D.C., that advances the diversity of thought in U.S. Hispanic community in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, as well as in the international community.



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The bride, daughters and daughters-in-law all don poodle skirts. From left are Carolyn Kleisch, Michelle Harris, Claudine Laslett, Rose Bienberg, Kim Dienberg and Donna Clark.

# Bentley sweethearts tie the knot at '50s-style wedding

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Claudine (Buck) Lamson and Bill Laslett, Bentley High School sweethearts who got married Saturday after 48 long years, had so much fun at their 1950s-style reception, they forgot to do the toast.

"We have 10 bottles of champagne left over, but we had a good time," Claudine said.

The wedding was held at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, former site of Bentley High School. They had a sock-hop reception with 135 guests at the VFW Hall in Plymouth.

Claudine wore saddle shoes, bobby socks and a poodle skirt. Her sons, Gene and Ken Dienberg, walked her down the aisle wearing blue jeans and T-shirts with cigarettes rolled in their sleeves to the song *Da Doo Ron Ron*.

Bill wore a white sportscoat with a pink carnation. He took his place to wait for her as the 1957 Marty Robbins song *A White Sport Coat (and a Pink Carnation)* played.

The staff at the rec center "applauded us when we came out; it was really neat," Claudine said.

Claudine and Bill met in the summer of 1962. His grandmother lived next door to Claudine's best friend, Nancy (Buchanan) Mantay, who introduced the pair.

She was just 14 at the time, so Claudine's father wouldn't let them date.

The two broke up at the end of her sophomore and his junior year at Bentley High School after Claudine's father found out she was seeing him without his knowledge whenever she went to Nancy's house.

After a 20-year marriage that ended in divorce, Bill, who was living in Redford at the time, saw Claudine's name on Classmates.com in January 2011 and contacted her through the website. She had been divorced once, widowed twice and was unhappily married to her fourth husband with whom she was spending the winter in Arizona.

After communicating by e-mail and phone until spring 2011, Claudine decided to head back to



Claudine and Bill Laslett married on the site of Bentley High School. Behind them is the "B" from the former school's gym floor.



Six-year-old Hope Kleisch is ready to see her grandmother get married.



The bride, Claudine (Buck) Lamson, wears a charm bracelet with her Bentley High School pennant.



Meet the newlyweds. She graduated from Bentley High School in 1965, he in 1964.

Michigan to see if things would work out with Bill. They met for the first time since 1964 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. "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," Claudine said.

The couple, who live in Luzerne, Mich., near Grayling, will go on a honeymoon this summer — a motorcycle rally in Eureka Springs, Ark., and then a motorcycle trip to Branson, Mo., with best man Mike Holmes of Redfield, Ark., and his wife, Susan.

Not only have Clau-



The children of Claudine (Buck) Lamson and Bill Laslett join hands in celebration of the union.

dine and Bill reconnected after 48 years, Claudine is now in contact again with her best childhood friend, Nancy, with whom she had lost touch after Nancy's most recent move.

Nancy's sister saw the story in the April 12 *Observer* about Bill and Claudine's impending wedding and contacted her at her new residence in Florida.

Nancy called the cou-

ple she had introduced so many years ago and congratulated them on getting married — at long last.

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Barbara McCallahan (from left), director of Community Affairs for Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Reps. Hansen Clarke, John Conyers and John Dingell and Brian Connolly, president and CEO, Oakwood Healthcare, gather at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital to celebrate continued funding for the family medicine residency program at the hospital in Wayne. The program will help reduce the shortage of physicians and increase access to care for those who live in medically underserved areas.

## Lawmakers victorious in fight for Oakwood family practice funding

Oakwood Healthcare executives, physicians and residents recently had an opportunity to express their gratitude to U.S. Rep. John Dingell and several other Michigan congressional representatives for their help in saving the family medicine residency program at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

"We are extremely grateful to Congressman Dingell and all the members of our congressional delegation for their hard work, leadership and effective advocacy in saving this vital program," said Brian Connolly, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare. "This is not only a win for Oakwood, it's a win for the entire state of Michigan and the outcome shows what can happen when a community unites."

In 2004, with guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Oakwood closed its family medicine program at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn and opened a new, improved program at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

After three years of successful compliance audits by CMS, they abruptly disallowed the program, canceling funding and taking back millions of dollars already dispersed to train residents.

As a result, Oakwood took its case to what is known as the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB)—a body created by Congress to serve as independent reviewers and decision-makers when there's a payment dispute with CMS.

"All the facts were in our favor and in January, the PRRB agreed and recommended funding be restored to our program," said Connolly. "Unfortunately, rulings by the PRRB are advisory in nature and can be disregarded by CMS staff. Congressman Dingell led an effort in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senator Stabenow led an effort in the Senate to convince CMS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to let the ruling stand. It worked."

"This was truly a bipartisan effort to save a high

quality primary care program in our community and we couldn't have done it without them," he said.

Dingell applauded CMS' decision to reinstate the funding for the family medicine program.

"I have fought tirelessly with my colleagues over the past four years to reverse the error made in 2008 that disallowed any federal funding for the Oakwood Annapolis family medicine program and threatened the very existence of this primary care training program," he said. "I am so grateful that the oversight process of the Provider Reimbursement Review Board reassessed the decision because that's why we are here today. The program is saved."

Ten members of Michigan's congressional delegation, including Stabenow, Dingell, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, signed a letter supporting the program that had sent to acting administrator Marilyn Tavenner of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

## Must-have apps for spring

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Mark Zuckerberg is taking notice of the web's most popular apps and so should you. Earlier this month, the Facebook founder paid a cool \$1 billion for Instagram, a photo application available for download for iPhones and Android phones.



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

Instagram is one of the many must-have mobile applications every smartphone owner should have at their fingertips. In this column, I will explore a few other apps and mobile games every phone should be equipped with and I'll tell you why they are useful.

**Instagram:** When Instagram was released for Android devices in early April, the app was downloaded one million times in the first day. One million users in one day can't be wrong. With Instagram, users can take trendy photos in sepia tones and share them with friends via social networks. Instagram is a fun way to instantly improve your photo skills—a necessary measure if you are as poor with a camera as this writer is.

For those who want to edit photos in tones and colors that aren't sepia, I suggest downloading Camera+, which is available in the iTunes store

for \$1.99.

**Camera+** is essentially an express version of Photoshop (a photo editing tool) that allows users to change contrasts and brightness levels, reduce red-eye and glare and more.

**Draw Something:** Nine days. It only took nine days for the Draw Something game to reach more than one million fans, making it the fastest-growing mobile gaming app to date. With Draw Something, users can challenge their friends to virtual games of Pictionary. When you guess a picture correctly, you get coins which can be used to unlock new colors or words. Draw Something is about as addicting as Words With Friends, another viral game which was touted in this space early last year.

**Temple Run:** Quite possibly the most exciting mobile gaming app not called Angry Birds. Temple Run is a mobile take on Indiana Jones as players try to navigate an Amazon-themed obstacle course while being chased by demon monkeys. I'll admit, it sounds a bit over the top, but something about jumping over moats and navigating around trees is exciting.

**Angry Birds Space:** The newest Angry Birds game has raised the stakes and now users must account for gravity as they fling birds throughout the Milky Way. This game will cost you 99 cents in the iTunes store or Android Marketplace, but like any of the previous installments, this game is well worth it. A cou-

ple of other cheap games worth downloading are Fruit Ninja and Doodle Jump. Both are available on smartphones with touchscreens (sorry Blackberry owners).

**ESPN Scorecenter:** Whether you need to keep track of the Tigers, Red Wings or Pistons during April in the D, this application is for you. It's also useful for those looking to check golf or NASCAR results. ESPN Scorecenter can send you live-game updates via text messaging, and can also be accessed to check league-wide standings, scores, news video and more.

**Soundhound:** A reliable application that can help you remember the name of songs that are playing around you. Soundhound is very similar to Shazam, but also excels at ignoring background noises and just identifying what you want to hear. Soundhound is great at helping identify new music. Soundhound is also free.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### HVA honoree

A Westland man is among five full-time employees at Huron Valley Ambulance who have been chosen as this year's Stars of Life.

The honorees include Paramedic Andy Savage of Westland, Grounds/Maintenance Technician John Church, Paramedic Ben Forche, Recruitment Coordinator Justin Giersdorf, and Administrative Assistant Cindy New.

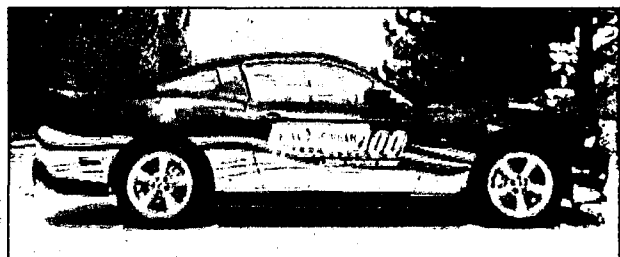
Savage, who has worked at HVA for five years, was also chosen to represent HVA at the American Ambulance Association's annual Stars of Life event April 29-May 2 in Washington, DC. The AAA Stars of Life program honors the dedication of ambulance service professionals who represent excellence in every area of the industry.

He will spend a day on Capitol Hill educating legislators about the important role of ambulance professionals in prehospital care. Savage is both a senior paramedic and Mobile Intensive Care medic.

Savage and the other Stars will be awarded Professional Achievement Awards at HVA's Annual EMS Recognition Awards on Thursday, May 24. The "Stars" were selected by HVA management from a pool of applicants who received "exceeds standards" performance appraisals in the past year.

### Sweet wheels

One lucky fan will be



A custom-made Roush Mustang will be given to on lucky fan to drive home from the Pure Michigan 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 19.

driving home from the Pure Michigan 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 19, in a custom-made Roush Mustang as part of a partnership between Pure Michigan, Roush Fenway Racing and MIS.

"This is an opportunity for a NASCAR fan to win a hot car—the Pure Michigan 400 Roush Mustang, at a cool race—the Pure Michigan 400 at Michigan International Speedway," said George Zimmermann, vice-president for Travel Michigan at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "With typically sunny warm days and cool nights, Michigan summers are perfect for NASCAR racing. The high temperature for the inaugural Pure Michigan 400 last August 21 was a very pleasant 76 degrees."

The online sweepstakes will run through Monday, Aug. 6, with two first-prize winners receiving a trip for two to the Pure Michigan 400 at Michigan International Speedway, with transportation, accommodations, tickets and pit passes for the three-day race weekend included. These two win-

ners will be finalists in the Grand Prize drawing for the Pure Michigan 400 Roush Mustang, with one additional finalist being selected onsite during race weekend.

One hundred second prize winners will receive two tickets and pit passes for the Pure Michigan 400 race weekend, Aug. 17-19, at MIS.

"We are thrilled to be in partnership with Pure Michigan and Roush Fenway Racing to give away a Ford Mustang. There is no better way to celebrate NASCAR and Michigan than by giving away an awesome, iconic car like this to a lucky fan," MIS President Roger Curtis said.

People can visit michigan.org/mis to enter the sweepstakes, with no purchase necessary. For full sweepstakes rules visit www.mispeedway.com/mustang.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Cost of sharing Recreation merger dampens city's quality of life

If someone is to be blamed for the blurring of governmental divisions, we guess it should be Gov. Rick Snyder. He's the mastermind of the state's Economic Vitality Incentive Program, in which cities have to look at sharing and merging services to qualify for their full state shared revenue.

Snyder is looking for cities to "collaborate" with each other on services to save taxpayer money through consolidation and mergers. The governor has said that it will "encourage innovation, collaboration and services sharing between jurisdictions."

Working in collaboration is nothing new in Westland. From the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority to mutual aid, it has been working with other communities to provide quality service. But shared services is taking on a new look in Westland and Wayne, where the cities are moving forward on merging their parks and recreation programs.

Westland plans to close the Bailey Recreation Center. Programs that have been a mainstay at Bailey will be shifted to the Wayne Community Center or, in the case of the Westland Youth Athletic Association's basketball program, relocated to local school gymnasiums.

The center has been a part of the community for almost 34 years. An untold number of bridal and baby showers, birthday parties and sports banquets have been held at the Bailey Center over the years and who knows how many visions of an NBA career got their start in the gymnasium.

Mayor William Wild has called the closing a "business decision." The center and its outdoor pool lose an average \$800,000 annually. The building also is in need of repairs — \$100,000 to take care of current boiler problems and \$20,000 for exterior facade issues. According to the mayor, the city can't afford to continue to put money into the center.

We understand that, but we can't say we're happy about it. Recreation is a big part of the quality of life in a community. Having it can help sell homes and bring in families. That may not be the case with this merger. Sure, people will still have access to recreation programs, but other than the parks and the Mike Modano Ice Arena, they will need to go out of town to get it.

The move from the Good Neighbor intergovernmental agreement to a merger of the two departments has come quickly. What looks good on paper now may not look so good somewhere down the road and the prospect of re-establishing separate parks and recreation programs would be costly at best.

Our hope is the city officials have thought this through to the very end. Pay now, pay later. Six of one, half dozen of another. No matter how you look at it, Westland is losing a bit of its quality of life.

### Make every day Earth Day

Sunday is Earth Day, a time when people around the globe will join together to show their support for a sustainable future and call upon individuals, organizations, and governments to do their part.

Each year, Earth Day marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement. Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson is credited with founding Earth Day. In 1970, he decided to channel the anti-war energy into a public consciousness about air and water pollution, forcing environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

That year 20 million Americans took part in a demonstration for a healthy, sustainable environment. That first Earth Day led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

We have come a long way since that very first Earth Day. We now are truly concerned about global warming and climate change. We have taken strides to control air pollution and have embraced the idea of recycling to limit our carbon footprint.

We urge you, our readers, to do something meaningful for the environment on Sunday. But we also urge you to do something everyday. We have shown since 1970 we understand what being a good steward of our environment means, and that actions speak louder than words.

Let's make every day Earth Day.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### If you were a musical instrument, which one would you be?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'm not musical at all, but maybe a guitar because I like rock'n'roll."  
**Doug Forrester**  
Livonia



"I don't have an answer, I'm not good at music."  
**Zac Bechin**  
Westland



"A guitar because I know how to play one."  
**Steven Wietecho**  
Inkster



"I guess a saxophone. It's sexy and you can play me all day."  
**Wayne Wallace**  
Detroit

## LETTERS

### Library serves all ages

As a 44-year resident of Westland as well as a former community editor of the Westland Observer for nearly 20 years, I have observed many City Council budget deliberations over the decades. The best way to summarize the financial decisions is to consider it a list of the city's priorities, programs and policies.

Specifically, I urge council members to consider the value of the William P. Faust Westland Public Library and the value it represents for all ages and segments of the community. More than just a collection of books and materials, the library is an invaluable resource for young, old, employed, unemployed, retired, professional and blue collar.

A quick look at the six-page list of April activities for most age groups and a two-page list of activities for preschoolers clearly reflects the wide variety of opportunities the library offers the community. It reflects the variety of activities to meet the needs and interests of all ages. Another very visible evidence of the need to maintain a quality level of library services current installation of 28 computer stations, an invaluable resource for residents without broadband services.

As an Observer community editor in the mid- and late 1980s, I supported campaigns to urge voters to approve a modest property tax to build and equip a proposed municipal library. The voters rejected the ballot proposals, but that community decision didn't negate the clear need for a library.

On another level, businesses planning to locate or relocate consider the quality of life in a community as an important factor. They look at the community's public school services, municipal recreational and cultural programs as well as stable neighborhoods.

I realize that the council members must consider a variety of priorities, some of which many conflict with the realities of today's economy. Local officials had nothing to do with causing the real estate crisis, but they are faced with the responsibilities of providing responsible answers to the problem.

I hope the council members find the resources to continue the library's excellent level of services for the upcoming fiscal year. Some 85,000 residents are depending on you.

Also, council members should remember that quality of life is just as important as standard of living. Man doesn't live by bread alone.

**Leonard Poger**  
Westland

### Hope for those with autism

This is an historic time in Michigan. The deep despair of darkness has been overcome by a new light of hope. This hope shines for the 15,000-plus children in Michigan and their families who suffer under the financial burden

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of autism.

It is in the form of Bills 414, 415 and 981 that passed in the Michigan Senate on March 13 and now go to the House of Representatives. If these bills are passed in the House, families of children with autism will finally get the assistance they so desperately need. Currently, an autism diagnosis excludes coverage for all therapies and diagnostic evaluations.

For years I've traveled back and forth to Lansing and listened to pleas for help from people directly or indirectly affected by this catastrophic disability. For years I've watched my own son and his wife try to cope with all the problems autism brings to a family. It's not uncommon for parents to spend all they have and even go bankrupt to give their child a chance for a better life. Sometimes with help, these children become taxpaying citizens. Yet even a family of means has a hard time finding help for their child. This is because almost all Michigan graduates who have degrees allowing them to work with children who have autism usually leave our state and go elsewhere to find a job.

Out of 50 states, 29 have already passed legislation benefiting children with autism. They found that early intervention costs are comparatively low. In fact those upfront costs make even more sense when looking at the millions of dollars they would have to spend if the child eventually became financially dependent on government assistance.

Bills 414, 415 and 981 will be voted on soon. However, many members in our House of Representatives need to be educated before they vote on this important issue. We citizens need to give them a call. They need to hear our voices speak out for those who can't speak for themselves. The time is now!

**Lee M. Douglas**  
Livonia

### Penal system didn't work for me

On Tuesday I was let go from my most current employer — not for any misconduct or wrongdoing on my part. As a matter of

fact, I was one of the top sales people at the branch. I was let go because of my background.

On April 5, 1994, I was a young dumb kid in high school and got in some pretty serious trouble. After a year of fighting in the legal system, I gave up and plead guilty per the expert advice of my attorney.

There were five of us who got in trouble, but I was the only one who stayed an adult as part of the plea bargain, even though when you look at the court records and sentencing report I played the most minor of role in the crime.

Since then I have done everything you are supposed to do. I am one of the few people for whom the judicial system worked as intended. I was incarcerated for a little more than three years. I came home and started working.

But in the past 18 years I have found it hard to keep jobs or find decent ones because of my background. With my most recent employer I was completely upfront and even sent them court documents and was approved to be an employee. I still have copies of all the e-mail correspondence regarding my hiring. Now six months later after no wrongdoing, I was terminated because they changed their mind and didn't want me as an employee.

Since 2010 I have been going to college and have been on the Dean's List and Phi Theta Kappa program at Schoolcraft College. I was recently accepted to Eastern Michigan but not without a fight because I had to go in front of an admissions board and talk about my criminal past just because of this same one incident 18 years ago.

My point is that so often we hear about the system failing but — I know it is hard to believe — on occasion it does work. I have done everything they always said to do: work hard, go to school and become a productive member of society.

I have done all that and my past still comes back to haunt me over and over. I can see why people give up and just take on a life of crime. I chose not to take that path. I volunteer. I try to help people when I can. Most people when they find out about my background don't believe it or they think I am lying. I was even rejected from the Big Brother program because of this, even though I let them know about it in advance.

It is very upsetting. I mean it's 18 years later. I was only 17 when it happened so for more than half my life I have been a perfect citizen but am being constantly punished for a few months of indiscretion during the first half of my life.

Unfortunately, we live in a society where the general consensus is that a convicted felon is a piece of trash and should be treated as such. I just want to be an example that as hard as it is to believe the penal system can work but it is few and far between.

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# Celebrating Earth Day, April 22

Earth Day originated in 1970 as an effort to raise awareness about the importance of environmental protection. Gaylord Nelson, an ecologically-minded senator from Wisconsin, took inspiration from the anti-war movement and called for day of teach-ins to help citizens understand on the dangers of air and water pollution and the need for sustainable environmental practices.

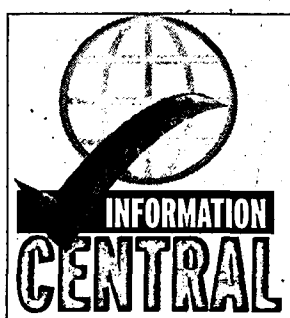
That year on April 22, rallies were held in cities across the country in the first Earth Day celebration in what is considered to be the beginning of the modern environmental protection movement. Today, Earth Day is observed in 175 countries around the world.

Many people celebrate Earth Day with a dedication to do something "green," such as planting a tree, using less water or electricity or exploring pollution-free (or reduced) options for commuting, like walking, biking or public transportation.

This year, the Environmental Protection Agency is challenging citizens to "Pick five for the environment," pledging to take at least five different steps toward protecting the earth's natural environment. More information on this program is available at [www.epa.gov/pick5/](http://www.epa.gov/pick5/).

Of course, you don't need a holiday to appreciate the beauty of nature. April is always a month of transition in Michigan starting with chilly weather-even snow-and ending with sunny, warm days. You can take advantage of the spring sunshine on a walk through your neighborhood or one of the area's many public parks. The Holliday Nature Preserve Association is hosting a wildflower, frog and snake walk the weekend after Earth Day where visitors can enjoy the park and search for signs of wildlife and other signs of spring. Visit the HPNA website at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org) for more details.

Visit the library's website and its "Green Corner" ([westlandlibrary.org/green](http://westlandlibrary.org/green)) for resources, tips and tricks to leading a "greener" life. The



Library's collections also have great information on environmentally- and wallet-friendly practices for everyday living. For information on living a green lifestyle, we recommend *Shift Your Habit: Easy Ways to Save Money, Simplify Your Life and Save the Planet* by Elizabeth Rogers, *Gorgeous Green: 8 Simple Steps to an Earth-Friendly Life* by Sophie Uliano or *When Changing a Lightbulb Just Isn't Enough: 150 Ways to Slash Your Household Bills and Save Energy, Too* by Emily Anderson.

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**Teen Poetry Slam:** 6-8 p.m. April 19

Hey teens, celebrate National Poetry Month by bringing out your best poems for others to hear and win great prizes in the process. If you don't know what a poetry slam is, check this out. If you don't have anything to read, come anyway and have fun, hearing great poetry and eating some cheesy

goodness (in other words, free pizza to all who sign up). Emceed once again by otherworldly slam poet Versiz who was recently in our constellation before zooming back to the outer poetic spheres of Pennsylvania. His performance will leave you breathless. Sign up by calling the library or stopping by the Reference Desk. Slam is at 6:30 p.m. Versiz' performance is whensoever the slam ends.

**Screenwriting:** 7 p.m. April 19

Screenwriter and novelist Drew Tierney leads a new, monthly library workshop in writing scripts for the big and small screens. Sign up here or e-mail [andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org](mailto:andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org), if you're interested.

**Friday Night Movie:** 7 p.m. April 20

Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners from March through May. Tonight's Movie is *Tinker Taylor Soldier Spy*. An "espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6." (imdb.com) This movie is 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.

**Money Smart Week: Community Shred:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21 at the pavilion

The library is kicking off Money Smart Week with a Community Shred, with help from General Shredding. Shred financial documents for free in Community Shred's secure shredder. This will be a drive-up event in our pavilion area, so please feel free to stop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There is a 100-pound per car limit. Money Smart Week is a joint venture of the Federal Reserve of Chicago and the American Library Association

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



Artist Lawrence Sekulich has had his work exhibited in more than 30 juried group, invitational and solo shows.

## Lawrence Sekulich visits art club

Livonia artist Lawrence Sekulich will critique artwork when members of the Three Cities Art Club meet next month in Canton Township.

Members are encouraged to bring two pieces they would like assistance with to obtain their desired results. Sekulich will be providing constructive suggestions on how to improve their techniques. The meeting will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 7, in Meeting Room B of the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Sekulich received a bachelor of science degree in art education and master of education degree with a variant in art therapy from Wayne State University. He taught art for 32 years with the Garden City Public Schools and has been awarded two Gilroy and Lilian P. Roberts Foundation scholarships. He has had his work exhibited in more than 30 juried group, invitational and solo shows and has published numerous articles demonstrating the relationship of fine art to numismatics, the study of coins.

The event is a free

and light refreshments will be served. Membership is for adults 18 years and older and dues are only \$25 per year. The club year runs from September through August, with meetings generally on the first Monday of the month. Interested adults can attend up to three meetings free before joining.

For more information about the or the Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith by e-mail at [marilynmeredith@wow-way.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wow-way.com) or call (313) 231-3939 or go online to [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

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**Anniversary auction**

St. Mary Parish in Wayne is celebrating its 150th anniversary with an auction, "A Night on the Town," at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Parish Activity Center, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

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

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

**Pancake breakfast**

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Applebee's Restaurant, 36475 Warren Road, Westland.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, meat, juice and coffee, the cost is \$7. Tickets are available from members of United Methodist Women or at the door. For more information call Applebee's at (734) 467-7215 or (734) 721-4801.

**Garage sale**

Need to clean out the garage, basement or attic of things you've collected over the years and no longer need? Why not make some money at the same time.

The VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor garage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The table rental is \$20 per table and set up begins at 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to request an application, contact Jane Wright at (734) 347-9091.

**Relay for Life**

How would you like to take your family out for dinner and help us raise money at the same time for Relay for Life of Westland?

Join Kathy's Cancer Kickin' Krew on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25-26, at Alexander the Great, 34733 Warren Road, Westland, for a 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. lunch and dinner or carryout fundraiser. Present a Kickin' Krew flier, available at the restaurant or by e-mail at grahamk2010@live.com, for the

team to receive credit.

Due to this promotion to raise money for Relay for Life, no other coupons or discounts will be honored along with the flier. Check out the website at www.alexanderthegreat-bbq.com.

**Farmers market**

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Westland Farmers Market at the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or online at www.cityof-westland.com/westland-farmers-market.

The Westland Farmers Market is for farmers, growers and producers to sell their own products directly to the public. The market will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday May 29 to Oct. 23 in the parking lot of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

**Free Zumba**

Put on your comfortable clothes, grab a water bottle and head over to the Bailey Recreation Center where Westland Youth Assistance is offering free Zumba fitness classes 6-7 p.m. Friday, April 20.

Space is limited. To reserve a spot call (734) 467-7904.

The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall.

**Spaghetti dinners**

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center is holding game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. It also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

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

• Help support local veterans by attending a spaghetti dinner 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, north of Palmer. Westland.

The dinner includes spaghetti with sauce - with or without meat - salad, garlic bread or hot dinner roll, drinks and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children age 10 and under and free for children age 3 and under.

# Plan ahead, save plenty for your retirement

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

A couple (new clients) came into the office last week and I thought it would be beneficial to explain what I recommended.

They both plan to retire in a few months and they need assistance with their investments. He is 67 and she is 66. Currently, their total portfolio is approximately \$550,000. Of that, \$100,000 is in a fixed annuity, \$150,000 is split between 401(k)s and IRAs and the remaining amount is in a joint account.

They have approximately \$125,000 left on their mortgage, which is at 6 percent, and they are paying \$1,500 a month. In order to maintain their current lifestyle, their current income needs are between \$5,000-\$5,500 a month. They do not have pensions. If they currently collected Social Security, it would be approximately \$3,500 (total for both) a month.

The first thing I considered was where their monthly income needs would come from. I determined it was best for them to collect Social Security now. Even though their benefits would rise if they delayed Social Security, I believe in giving someone as much flexibility as possible. If I had them draw down in their portfolio to currently cover their income needs, they would lose some flexibility.

Since Social Security would not cover all of their income needs, I recommended they

use part of the money in their joint account to pay off their mortgage. By doing so, they are receiving a guaranteed 6 percent return on their money. And 6 percent is a decent rate of return. They are conservatively moderate investors and if you look at what banks are currently paying, 6 percent is a pretty good return.

**Income needs**

Between Social Security and paying off their mortgage, a great majority of their income needs are covered. However, they may still be a little short. Therefore, to generate additional income, I recommend that they withdraw any excess needs from the annuity. The annuity is only paying 2.5 percent and is their least productive asset. Although it is not a very good annuity, the problem is the penalties are too high to cancel. Therefore, I recommend they take distributions from the annuity on a year-by-year basis to cover their income needs. Like most fixed annuities, they can take out 10 percent a year without penalty.

Between all three — Social Security, paying off the mortgage and the annuity — their income needs are now covered. However, one thing I know is that in retirement, costs do not go down, they rise. Therefore, with the remaining money, I want to make sure that their future needs would be covered.

Because they are conservatively moderate investors, I recommend that they allocate the portfolio approximately 55-60 percent in a variety of stock-based, commission-free mutual funds with the remaining portion in a variety of commission-free bond mutual funds. My strategy is to let the portfolio continue to reinvest and grow

until they need additional money.

With regards to the 401(k) plan, I recommend that they directly transfer that into an IRA. The IRA will give them greater flexibility in investment options.

On the whole, they will have enough money to cover their living expenses today, while maintaining a rising income into the future. I believe the cost of living will never go down but it will continue to rise. In order to have a comfortable retirement, you have to plan to have a rising income.

In establishing this portfolio, I considered that they can live 30 years into retirement. In addition, one thing I always believe is that when one person passes on, the other one cannot live on half the income. I also factored into the equation that if there's only one spouse remaining, and they need some sort of assistance, that will take additional resources. That is why I always recommend a growth element in a portfolio.

When people get ready for retirement, they have to plan that they're going to live many years. They must have a strategy that meets their needs. People who don't plan long term will find that they're not living the American Dream but rather the American nightmare. I can't think of anything worse than to be old and poor.

Before you retire, make sure that you have a game plan that allows you to live the American Dream.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



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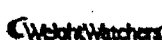
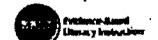
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# SPORTS

## Ladywood cruises in tourney opener

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's potent softball team got in its first real action of the season Saturday and was hitting on all cylinders.

The Division 2 state semifinalists from a year ago with eight returning starters cruised to three mercy-rule victories in the East Lansing Softball Kickoff Tournament.

"A couple of them were good teams, but we kind of ready to roll," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said.

The Blazers had scrimmaged Plymouth, Livonia

Stevenson, White Lake Lakeland and Romeo prior to the Easter break, but the layoff had no ill effect as they came out with all pistons firing, racking up a total of 46 hits on the day in just 16 innings in victories over Grand Ledge (12-0), Lansing Waverly (14-2) and Okemos (11-0).

"We've got a lot of offense," Combs said. "It's going to be really tough to stay with the same nine. There's going to be a lot of competition for those last three spots in the lineup. That's the way you like it. There's going to be some good, good hitters on the bench

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

every game ... and hoping they get in. I like that there's a lot of competition and I'm really happy that in all three of those games everybody got at least two at-bats. It worked out really well and we'll just see who's swinging well on that particular day. Our top six or seven are pretty set."

In the opener, top hitters for the Blazers included Lauren Hayes (3-for-4, four RBI), winning pitcher Briana Combs (2-for-4, three RBI) and first baseman Andria Gietl (2-for-3, three RBI).

Combs, a right-hander headed to Cleveland State, pitched all five innings while allowing just one base runner on a walk. She struck out 10.

In the second game, Carli SanMillan went 3-for-3, including a three-run homer and five RBI. Hayes also went 3-for-3 with three RBI, while Celeste Fidge went 2-for-2.

Combs pitched three scoreless innings without giving up a hit before Hayes took over and worked the final two innings.

Combs then pitched a six-inning no-hitter in the victory over Okemos. She fanned 10 and allowed

only one walk.

Gietl collected three of Ladywood's 15 hits, while Nicole Payne, SanMillan, Fidge, Hayes and Combs added two apiece.

Tuesday's scheduled Catholic League Central Division doubleheader showdown at Farmington Hills Mercy was postponed one day because of an unplayable field.

"Mercy is going to be real tough," Combs said. "To me, I rate them in the top three in Division 1. I think they have as good a chance to win the state as anybody."

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## Free throw champs aces

Age group winners at the second annual Sons of the American Legion Post 32 Livonia Free Throw Shooting contest April 7 at Livonia Memorial Church of Christ included Gavin Weber (11-12), Michael Brooks (9-10), Lucas Finney (7-8), and Justin Bouzas (6-and-under).

Runner-up finishers included Justin Dean (11-12), Kenny Germain (9-10), Brad Osterhout (7-8) and Chase Adams (6-and-under).

All first and runner-up placers received trophies and prizes. Each participant received a gift bag.

Proceeds aided Blums Landing, a bed and breakfast retreat for returning wounded U.S. Armed Services veterans.

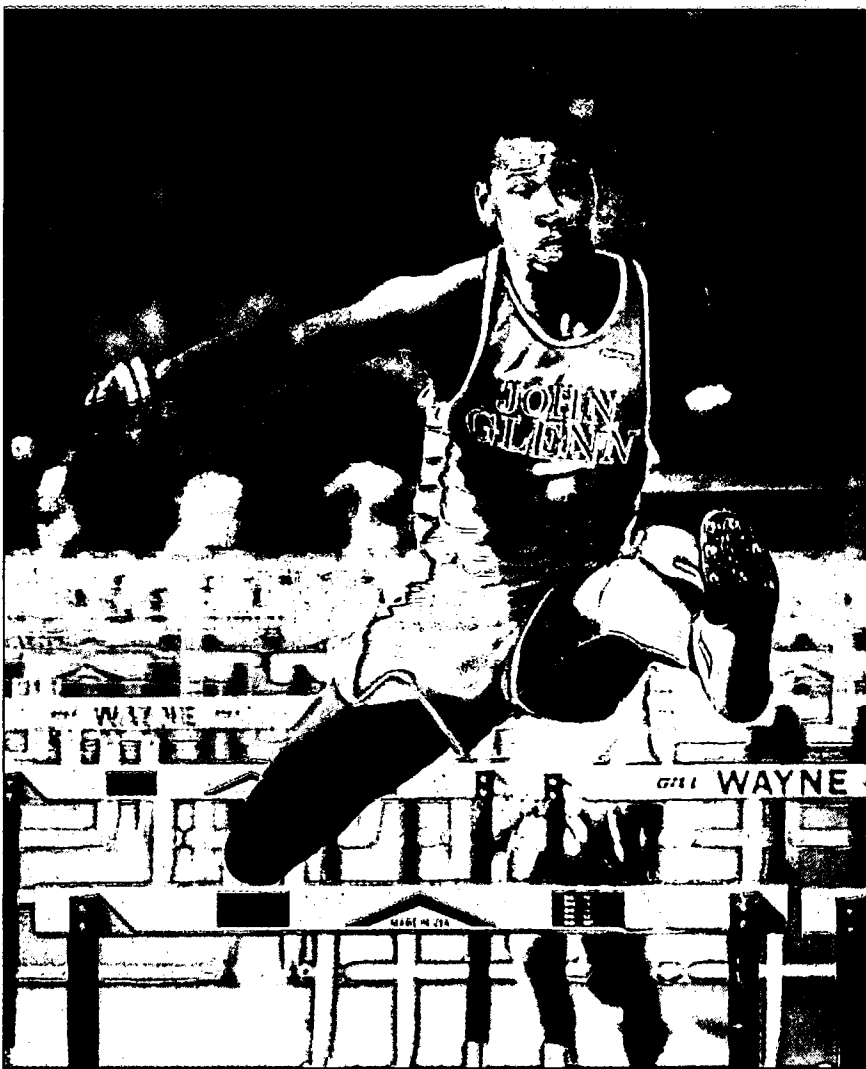
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOS

## Longtime rivals meet on track

Wayne Memorial's Dimtrius Renfroe (top photo) unloads a toss in the discus. The senior captured the shot put, but it couldn't prevent a 90-46 dual meet loss Tuesday against rival Westland John Glenn. Meanwhile, Glenn's Milton Rickett flies over the 110-meter hurdles en route to a third-place finish. The meet featured former Glenn assistant coach Andre Williams, Sr., now in his first season at Wayne, against 26-year Glenn head coach Jess Shough. "Looks like the teacher is still teaching the student," Williams said after the loss. See complete results of the Glenn-Wayne meet along with other area boys track results on page B3.



## Blazers pass test against Notre Dame

In battle of state-ranked girls soccer teams Tuesday night, visiting Livonia Ladywood came away with a 3-1 Catholic League triumph over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Blazers led 2-1 at halftime on goals by Kelly Capoccia (from 25 yards out) during the

ninth minute from DeYana Walker, followed by

Domenique Sarnecky's header in the 23rd minute off a corner kick from Paige Brennan.

Notre Dame Prep's Taylor Timko countered just before halftime off an assist from Jennifer Klei.

But in the 50th minute, Capoccia put it away from Brennan as Ladywood, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, improved to 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the League.

Ladywood held a 21-6 shot advantage, with goalkeeper Sara Even making four saves.

Alex Arnoldy had five stops for the Fighting Irish (4-1, 1-1), who were ranked No. 5 in Division 3.

"We were very pleased with our effort considering it was the first game after spring break," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "The pace of our attack was the key tonight."

"I thought Taylor Timko was excellent for them. She's one of the finest players we will see all season. It's a big win

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## Quint an ace

Westland John Glenn High assistant football coach Tony Quint used a 7-iron to card an ace on the 140-yard, No. 17 hole recently at Plymouth's Hilltop Golf Course.

Quint is currently teaching at Wayne Memorial and has coached football the past seven years. The Westland resident is a 2002 Glenn grad.

Witnesses to the hole-in-one included Glenn head football coach Tim Hardin, Nick Kangas and Kaz Butler.

## MU baseball signs recruit

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing last week of Fraser catcher-infielder Taylor Grzelakowski to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Grzelakowski earned All-Macomb Area Conference honors after hitting .364 and slugging .600 as a junior. He is ranked 64th in the state by MichiganBaseballProspects.com.

"Taylor is a big, strong kid who swings the bat from the left side of the plate," Haeger said. "He's caught and played the infield in the past, but what we like about him the most is the power potential he has, especially being left handed."

## Blazers romp

Senior Kylie Birney scored five times and senior Emma Ellsworth had three goals and two assists to power Livonia Ladywood to a 16-1 Catholic League girls lacrosse win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Junior goalie Stephanie Mackley had to make just one save to make the Blazers improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the league.

## Top marathoner survives Boston boiler

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Sometimes the best-laid plans can go awry.

That was the case for Livonian Doug Kurtis, who was trying to join an elite group of Boston Marathon runners who have cracked the three-hour mark in five different decades.

But Monday's scorching temperatures — reaching the high 80s — made it survival run for Kurtis, who at age 60 finished runner-up in his age-group with a time of 3:13:07.

New Yorker Doug Wood captured the 60-64 men's division with a time of 3:10:14.

Kurtis, who has run an astonishing 76 marathons under 2:20 during his career, also ran in Boston's infamous 1982

Duel in the Sun, which featured a neck-and-neck finish between Alberto Salazar and Dick Beardsley.

"This was much hotter, much tougher, not even close," Kurtis said. "I was trying to run easy and there was one guy (Ohioan Terry McCluskey) I was worried about winning my age group. He was going out at 6:30 (per mile) pace and I was thinking that's way too fast, so I backed off after a couple of miles."

For the first 15 kilometers, Kurtis ran under a seven-minute per mile pace. The next 15K he was under 8:00, but slowed to over eight-minute pace for the final stretch.

"Even halfway, I'm going: 'Oh, man, this is going to be hard,'" Kurtis said. "After going

through Heartbreak Hill (Mile 18), I'm just thinking, 'God, am I going to finish?' All I kept telling myself, 'Don't walk, don't walk,' because the moment I gave into walking ... that was going to be it. I was trying not to walk, and I never did."

The heat definitely took its toll on the entire field and times were considerably slower than in previous Bostons.

Pre-race warnings convinced as many as 4,300 runners to not even line up for the start. Race organizers offered those who picked up their registration packets the opportunity to defer their entry to 2013.

Kurtis' goal was to break the three-hour mark in the 26.2-mile trek, but race temper-

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DENNIS KURTIS | PHOTO

Livonia's Doug Kurtis (390) survived the searing heat to finish second in the men's 60-64 age group in Monday's Boston Marathon.

# Observerland girls bowlers clutch under pressure

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Bridget Moricz, Sr., Clarenceville:** The repeat first-team all-area player rolled a high game of 255 to go along with a 630 series (both in tournaments).

During the regular season, Moricz averaged 190.01 for 28 games.

"She was the anchor bowler all year for the girls varsity team and led our team in regional qualifying with a third-place finish to go to Jackson," Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "I feel she's very deserving."

Moricz also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

**Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth:** The sophomore showed the poise and maturity of a senior for Plymouth, a consistent performer all season as anchor bowler for coach Tammy Thompson.

Webb averaged 193 in tournament play, with her high-water mark 256 on two occasions.

She was first at the Division 1 regional at Westland Lanes, with a 1,169-pin series and advanced to the Round of 16 at the D1 finals at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek (1,072, 15th place).

"She was lights out with her spares all season and is our most dynamic bowler," Thompson said. "She is the type of bowler that other anchors don't like playing against."

The coach said Webb's top accomplishment might have been a 666 score at the Valentine's Day tournament "and beat every bowler in the house, including all of the boys."

**Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem:** Third-year varsity bowler Maul was outstanding for the Rocks, carrying a 173 average with a high game of 245 and earning selection to the All-KLAA team. Maul won 19 of 24 match points, placed second at the D1 regionals (1,078) in the singles event and reached the Round of 16 at the finals.

In the qualifying block at Battle Creek, Maul totaled 1,094 with a high game of 216.

She then lost 397-353 to Kelsey Fader of New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

"Bridget is a true leader and mentor on the team," coach Kathie Hahn said. "She says she is going to win states next year and we are counting on it."

Maul also was named as a KLAA athletic scholar.

**Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem:** Another stel-

## 2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BOWLING

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Bridget Moricz, Sr. Clarenceville  
 Caitlyn Webb, Soph., Plymouth  
 Bridget Maul, Jr., Salem  
 Kristin Larkins, Jr., Salem  
 Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington  
 Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth

**SECOND TEAM**  
 Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton  
 Caylin Doran, Soph., Farmington-Harr.  
 Maria Walawender, Jr., F.H. Mercy  
 Caitly Lenard, Soph., John Glenn  
 Tiffany Markham, Sr., Wayne  
 Emily Mesner, Sr., N. Farmington

**THIRD TEAM**  
 Jenny Ramsey, Sr., N. Farmington  
 Jasmine Wehr, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
 Olivia Cabildo, Fr., John Glenn  
 Sabine Hutter, Soph., Ladywood  
 Megan Blanck, Jr., Plymouth  
 Madison Close, Sr., N. Farmington

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Mike Horner, North Farmington

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Wayne Memorial:** Lorissa Willets; **Westland Glenn:** Yvette Ayers; **Salem:** Ashley Hinojosa, Rachel Amadio; **Farmington Hills Mercy:** Kathleen Abenes, Eleanor Carey, Erica Canavan; **Canton:** Brianna Bailey, Amber Holly; **North Farmington:** Emily Doig, Erin Breen; **Farmington-Harrison:** Ella Kearney, Melissa Waun, Melissa King; **Plymouth:** Megan Brewer, Tiffani Patterson; **Ladywood:** Veronica Estigoy, Amy Lewandowski.

lar third-year bowler for Salem's varsity is Larkins, who averaged 188 with a high game of 263.

Larkins, an all-conference selection, won 18 of 24 match points and placed seventh at the D1 regionals with score of 1,015.

At the D1 finals in Battle Creek, she tallied 1,009 points for 33rd place.

"Kristin was the team captain and did a wonderful job," Hahn said. "She is going to have a very strong senior year."

**Rae'ven Turner, Soph., N. Farmington:** The sophomore standout is a two-year varsity bowler who played a major role in the Raiders winning the OAA White Division and being undefeated in dual matches. Turner was the Region 3 runner-up and a state qualifier. She averaged 175 in the OAA and 178 overall.

Turner was third at the Clarenceville Doubles tournament, and she qualified in fourth and third at the OAA singles and Oakland County tournaments, respectively. She also made all-tournament team at the Mercy Invite in which she bowled 244 and 266. She is an OAA scholar-athlete with a 4.0 GPA.

"Rae'ven is only a sophomore, but bowls like a seasoned veteran," coach Mike Horner said. "She strives for a precise delivery on every single ball she rolls. Don't be misled by her quiet personality. She is a tremendously compet-

itive athlete who demands the very best from herself. Fortunately, we will have her talent and work ethic as an example for two more years."

**Emily Fraser, Jr., Plymouth:** The junior with the "flare for spares" was consistent all year for Plymouth.

But she peaked at tournament time, finishing 10th at the D1 regionals (1,008) and then reaching the Round of 16 at the D1 finals.

Fraser rolled a 232 in the first game of the qualifying block, going on to tally 1,106 pins for sixth place. "She started off at the top and never looked back," Thompson said.

The coach added that Fraser is a "great leader" whose consistency "is what made her a state-worthy bowler. She is known for picking up her spares."

According to Thompson, "I knew what I was going to get out of Emily every time she was in the lineup."

**SECOND TEAM**  
**Charlotte Zimmer, Jr., Canton:** The junior and varsity co-captain averaged 180 for the Chiefs. At the D1 regionals, she placed 28th with a score of 913.

Her best scores were 279 for one game and 474 for two.

Zimmer, the team's anchor bowler, was named to the All-KLAA squad. "Charlotte Zimmer is a talented bowler



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John Glenn



Tiffany Markham  
Wayne



Emily Mesner  
N. Farm.

with a lot of potential," coach Karl Brubaker said. "She has improved each season and we look forward to her senior season."

**Caylin Doran, Soph., Farmington-Harrison:** The sophomore shot 10 games of 200 or better this season. Her high game was a 244 and high series a 419. Doran averaged 185 for the season and was named to the All-OAA first team.

"Caylin has been a starter since she entered our program," coach Dennis Hermani said. "This year she bowled anchor for us and finished with the third highest average in the OAA. She is a two-time All-OAA bowler and had the highest average for an underclassmen in the conference. Her off-season training and competition allowed her to raise her average 19 pins over her freshman season. She can be a dominant bowler over the next two years, and our program is lucky to have her."

**Maria Walawender, Jr., Mercy:** She went on a tear in the month of February, bowling 28 games and averaging 190. The stretch included seven games in a row over 200, a league-high 268 game and a two-game series of 495. Walawender helped lead Mercy to a second straight Catholic League championship, and she was named to the All-Catholic team with a 618 series. Her overall season average was 180, and she received many all-tournament medals.

"Maria would often huddle up the team in the middle of competition and provide some words of encouragement to motivate everyone to improve," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "She has been on the varsity team all three years and served as co-captain this season. We look forward to Maria captaining the Mercy team in her senior sea-

son next year."

**Caitly Lenard, Soph., John Glenn:** The sophomore captain helped the Rockets to the KLAA Central Division title with a 175 average to go along with a two-game series of 419-408.

Lenard also rolled a 253 at this year's Division 1 regional (21st overall).

"Next year looks to be real promising for her and her teammates," Glenn coach Stephen O'Harris said.

**Tiffany Markham, Sr., Wayne:** The third-year varsity performer led the Zebras in matches won to go along with a 173 average.

Markham posted a high game of 223 and a two-game high series of 424.

Markham plans to stay close to home after graduating in 2013 and would like to bowl for Schoolcraft College.

"I would like to thank coach (Diane) St. Louis for all the help and happy smiles while bowling my freshman, sophomore and junior years," Markham said.

**Emily Mesner, Sr., N. Farmington:** Mesner is a three-year varsity bowler who averaged 169 in the OAA and made the all-league third team. She made great strides from her sophomore season when her tryout average was 108. Her high game and series came in the same match when she bowled 222 and 437. She qualified seventh at the OAA singles tournament and took third place at the Clarenceville Doubles event. Mesner finished 15th in Region 3. She is an OAA scholar athlete and an academic all-state bowler.

"Emily was the epitome of senior leadership," Horner said. "She pushed herself tirelessly to improve her game from last year to this sea-

son. Her example at practice and her leadership as one of our captains was a large part of our success. We will miss her energy, enthusiasm and heart next season."

### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Mike Horner, North Farmington:** Horner, who started the bowling program at North Farmington eight years ago, guided the North girls to the school's most successful season. The Raiders were undefeated in dual matches and won the OAA White Division championship. They also won the Division 1 regional at Drakeshire

Lanes and qualified for the state tournament. It was the first time a North Farmington team (girls or boys) had won a tournament.

"There were no stars on that team and no superlative standout bowlers," Horner said. "They were a real blue-collar crew that saw their success as a result of hard work and focus. They were the kind of team a coach waits for his whole career. To have them receive some individual accolades is just well-deserved icing on a wonderful season."

"I have been fortunate to have not only a wonderful assistant in Bob Roberts, but also several volunteer coaches — Jake Roberts, Ron Turner and Paul Gross — who give unselfishly of their time. It's this additional coaching that allows us to give each athlete the individual attention necessary to improve her bowling. The kids and I have been blessed by this sharing of time and talent that has contributed so much to our success."



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## KURTIS

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atures had already reached 69 by the 10 a.m. start in Hopkinton. Kurtis said he needs

two more sub-three-hour marathons to reach 200.

"Ann (his wife) said to me I was going to run 3:02, but not under three hours," said Kurtis, a Ford Motor Co. retiree who now does race organizing. "At that point I

knew it was really going to be tough, and I said, 'Hey, I'll do what I can, I'm in the race and just do my best.'"

Kurtis, who has been the overall winner in 40 marathons and captured the masters divi-

sion (over 40) in 45 others, found himself under the attention of paramedics afterward.

"As soon as I crossed the finish line, I was in a wheelchair," he said. "They took me to medical (tent) and I was in there for over an hour. I was cramped up from dehydration. My muscles were spasming. With a mile to go, they were doing that. A couple of times I just stumbled from cramping. I said, 'Oh, my God, oh, my God, don't walk, don't walk,' but I managed to fight through it and get

to the finish line. But, oh man, it was hard."

Kurtis once averaged 12 marathons per year during a 17-year period (1981-97). This was his 200th marathon, and all but one, a glorified wine tasting tour last September in Bourdeaux, France, were completed in under three hours.

"My training went great," said Kurtis, a Stevenson High grad who ran at Michigan State. "This was the most I've trained for a marathon in a long time, so I felt like I was adequately prepared.

It was 87 (degrees), and you're drinking water, and it's warm. It was hard from the get-go. But I was amazed. All my friends from Michigan all finished. Nobody dropped."

Kurtis, however, was thankful to run his 12th Boston and stand on the podium.

"Their awards ceremony is one of the best in the country, very classy and prestigious, nothing but professional," he said.

## SOCCER

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for us against a quality team."

**STEVENSON 5, SOUTH LYON 1:** Five different players scored Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) opened KLAA Central Division play with a win over the host Lions (0-2, 0-1). Stevenson jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead on goals by Kim Griffith (15th minute) off a corner kick from Katie Reamer, Carlin O'Malley (26th minute) from Alexi Kliza; and Payton Kleven (34th minute) off another Reamer corner.

South Lyon ruined Rylee Jason's shutout bid three minutes into the second half before the Spartans an-

swered with two more goals as Abby Urso scored unassisted in the 45th minute, followed by Katelyn Foster (from Shannon Black) in the 68th minute.

Jayson, who played all 80 minutes, made four saves.

**PLYMOUTH 8, JOHN GLENN 0:** Madi Lewis notched a hat trick Tuesday as the Wildcats (1-0-2, 1-0) rolled to a KLAA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (0-4-1, 0-1). Amanda Lopez and Megan Peplinski added a pair of goals during the second half as Plymouth scored six times. Morgan Klabunde tallied the other goal.

Peplinski's goal with 12:45 remaining ended the match.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2, LUTH. SOUTH 0:** Senior Angela Morrison made six saves Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-0-1, 1-0) opened Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-

ence Red Division play with a win over Newport Lutheran South (0-1-1, 0-2-1).

Senior Taylor Wiemer scored an unassisted goal, followed by freshman Allie Lange's tally off an assist from Michelle Greening.

"The team was passing and playing very well after being off for a week," Lutheran Westland coach Sarah Schaffer said.

**FORDSON 4, CVILLE 1:** Reem Habhab scored a hat trick Monday night as host Dearborn Fordson downed Livonia Clarenceville (1-5-1). The Tractors, who led 2-0 at halftime, also got a goal from Nada Saghir.

Clarenceville's Ashley Murphy cut the deficit to 2-1 at the 50-minute mark off a play from Sarah Curvin and Rachel Kirschweg.

Fordson goalkeeper Heather Bazzi made 11 saves, while freshman Jillian Bunker also had 11 for Trojans.

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# Spartans win in eighth inning, 4-3

Chris McDonald knocked in Travis Harvey with the game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson edged host Garden City, 4-3, in prep baseball.

Harvey and Mike Kanitra each collected two hits and an RBI as the Spartans improved to 4-1 overall.

Winning pitcher Nick Lagerstrom faced seven batters and allowed just one hit while striking out four.

Stevenson starter Justin Small went the first four innings, allowing three unearned runs before Cody Coleman pitched the next two innings in relief.

Garden City starter Zak Kmet gave up three unearned runs over seven innings before Manuel Austin took the loss in relief, allowing three hits and the game-winning run.

Jacob Emerson went 2-for-3 with a run scored for the Cougars (3-4). Tyler Steele also knocked in a run.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 6, PARKWAY 3:** Winning pitcher Taurrek Fikes scattered seven hits and struck out 11 Tuesday to propel host Lutheran High Westland (2-1, 1-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (2-4, 0-2).

Nick Andrzejewski paced the Warriors' seven-hit attack going 3-for-3 with a double, three runs scored and an RBI. Fikes also helped his own cause with the bat going 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and two runs scored.

"Taurrek made some big pitches when he needed to leaving the bases loaded in the first and getting out of a jam in the fourth as well," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We got

a lot of production up at the top of our lineup, but in order to keep competing in our league, we will need to get everybody going from top-to-bottom."

**HARPER WOODS 15, C'VILLE 6:** Pitcher Jerome Jackson scattered seven hits and John France collected two hits and scored twice to lead the Pioneers (3-2) to a victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (2-3).

The Trojans, who committed six errors, got two hits and two runs scored by losing pitcher Eric Trotter. Teammate Zachary Devon added two hits and scored a run, but Clarenceville couldn't hold a 4-0 first-inning advantage.

**FRANKLIN 14, LINCOLN PARK 2:** Livonia Franklin (5-1) scored early and often Monday en route to a convincing win over the visiting Railsplitters (2-3).

The Patriots scored three times in the first, four more in the second and added seven more in the third to complete the five-inning mercy rule victory.

Josh Gorman led Franklin's nine-hit attack going 2-for-2 with three RBI and three runs scored. Kyle Madden also added two hits.

Winning pitcher Alex DeYonker, a junior, did not allow an unearned run in four innings of work. He struck out six, walked only one and allowed just one hit.

Sophomore reliever Adam Carver pitched a scoreless fifth.

The only negative was three Franklin errors which led to both Lincoln Park runs in the top of the first inning.

**C'VILLE 13, S.L. EAST 9:** In an error-filled game Monday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (2-2) scored four times in the eighth inning to beat South Lyon East (0-1) in a non-league encounter.

Ben Gehan, who pitched the final three innings in relief to get the win, had an RBI double in the eighth.

Damien Quarles and Zach Rosen each went 2-for-5 and scored two runs apiece for the victorious, who won despite making five errors and squandering a 9-4 lead after six innings.

The Cougars made eight errors and were out-hit 13-10.

**CHURCHILL 8, W.L. WESTERN 3:** Brent Sickler clubbed a 2-run double in the second inning and Jordan Schmidt clubbed a solo homer in the fifth Monday to propel host Walled Lake Western (5-1) to a non-conference win over Livonia Churchill (2-1).

The Warriors scored five times in the second inning to take a 6-3 lead.

Winning pitcher Alex Videau went five innings, allowing three runs on three hits on five walks. He struck out nine.

Schmidt, in relief, then held the Chargers scoreless over the five two innings.

Churchill starter James Targus was roughed up for four earned runs on three hits and four walks in 3.2 innings.

Reliever Alex Tsakos allowed two runs on three hits in 1.1 innings before Mike Rybinski came on in the sixth to get out of a bases loaded jam.

Tyler Keeter had an RBI single for the Churchill.

**SUMMIT 12, LUTH. WESTLAND 6:** Nick Flanery went 3-for-3 with four RBI Monday, but it wasn't enough as host Lutheran High Westland (1-1) fell to Sterling Heights Summit Academy.

Freshman Nate Abbott, the losing pitcher, worked the first four innings before giving way to Matt Sylvester. The two combined for 12 hits, eight walks and two hit batters allowed.

Abbott went 2-for-3 with a run scored in the loss.

"I thought we did some good things despite the loss today," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We had a freshman start the game on the mound and he did alright for his first-ever high school mound appearance. He will learn and get better."

**LIGGETT 4, C'VILLE 0:** Winning pitcher Alex Daar gave up just one hit over seven innings Friday as host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (3-0), the defending Division 4 state champs, downed Livonia Clarenceville (1-2).

Daar struck out 16 and did not allow a walk with Ben Gehan collected the lone hit for the Trojans.

Losing pitcher Damien Quarles gave up one earned run on five hits in five innings. He struck out five and walked only one. Damien Sanchez pitched a scoreless sixth.

## BOYS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Head coach: Paul Worley, eighth year.

Home course: Whispering Willows G.C.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: second place, KLAAS South (8-2) and Division 1 district; fourth, regional; sixth, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Chris Theile.

Leading returnees: Ben Proben, Sr. co-captain (first-team All-Area); Eric Hill, Sr. co-captain; Cory Dare, Sr.; Dominic DiLisi, Sr.; Andrew Ioanou, Sr.; Nick Proben, Sr.; Alex Estes, Sr.; Brian Sexton, Jr.; Doug Simpson, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Alex Kondrath, Soph.

Worley's 2012 outlook: "This year's team could be one of best I have coached since my first season. This squad is deep with talent and it will be competitive to get into the starting lineup and stay there. The squad has lofty goals, but it won't be easy as our division and conference have strong squads as well. The team will be senior dominated, but some of the younger players have already given notice with their strong play. With anything golf-related, it will come down to the short game, and which players have a stronger and more reliable one, and those will be the players and teams that will succeed."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
Head coach: Mike Dolmetsch, first year.

Home course: Idyl Wyld G.C.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: third, KLAAS South (6-4); seventh, Division 1 district; 10th, conference.

Titles won last year: Fellows Creek Cup champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Drake Herrmann, John Holmes, Brandon Kozy, Franklin Wilson, Doug Nagy.

Leading returnees: Brian Bekkala, Sr.; Brian Roulier, Sr.; Danny Donahue, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Alex Nagy, Fr.; Will Hettel, Fr.

Dolmetsch's 2012 outlook: "Obviously would like to improve on last year, but main thing is improve on consistency. We are a young team, looking to build our youth, but also have our upperclassmen lead us in the right direction. We are looking forward to defending our Fellows

Creek Cup and also compete in the city invite, while also having a better finish in our conference."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Head coach: Brian Gulick, first year.

Home course: Fox Creek G.C.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAS Central (4-6), conference and Division 1 district; 12th, regional.

Titles won last year: Livonia City champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Adam Giordano (second-team All-Area); Nick Barr.

Leading returnees: Dante Cicchelli, Sr. captain; Nick Marsh, Sr.; Cameron Tetrault, Sr.; Nick Massa, Sr.; Ryan Linn, Sr.; Marco Yaquinto, Sr.; Ryan Zahm, Sr.; Mike Blaesser, Jr.; Austin Harris, Jr.; Connor Humnitz, Jr.; Sebastian Ivasile, Jr.; Daniel Vayis, Jr.; Eric Attard, Soph.; Eric Marsh, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Alex Cleaver, Soph.; Kevin Collins, Fr.; Luke Green, Fr.; Alex Hunt, Fr.; Hyder Mansour, Fr.; Noah Pappalardo, Fr.; Dominic Rea, Fr.

Gulick's 2012 outlook: "There are 14 players from last year's team which placed fourth at the conference tournament and was very competitive during the season. The boys have been getting ready with range practice, putting and chipping, and playing nine-hole practice rounds at Fox Creek. They have been working very hard and are continuing to improve. They also work well together as a team and are always helping each other to improve. I am looking forward to a fun and successful season."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
Head coach: Steve Pilon, 10th year.

Home course: Fellows Creek G.C.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAS South (4-6); ninth, district; 11th conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Josh DuPrie, Connor Monroe.

Leading returnees: Mitch Dean, Sr.; Nick Dupreé, Soph.; Tim Moran, Sr.; Austin Valentine, Sr.; Joey Wakeford, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Travis Smart, Jr.; Josh Wakeford, Jr.

Pilon's 2012 outlook: "Mitch Dean, Tim Moran, Austin Valentine and Nick Dupreé will be leading the Rockets in their quest for a better record than last year. Every golfer

from is working hard on improving their handicap. It will be fun during our qualifying rounds and at practice to see who qualifies to play in the varsity matches. Golf is a great game that challenges all golfers to beat the course, their opponents, their inner fears, and all weather elements. Let the fun begin."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
Head coach: Dan Kaminski, second year.

Home course: Gateway G.C.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: sixth, division (0-10); 12th, conference and Division 1 district.

Notable losses to graduation: Corey Robbins.

Leading returnees: Zachary Williamson, Sr.; Jarret Williamson, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Charles Gutzman, Sr.; Kenneth McKay, Jr.

Kaminski's 2012 outlook: "I'm looking for a breakout year for not only the team, but also my top two golfers, Zach and Jarret Williamson. Last year we came up short in about half the matches, either leading or tied, going into the last two golfers. I believe with the returning players, as well as the couple of new golfers, we'll have a more successful year record-wise. Individually I am hoping for at least two of our golfers to make regionals this year."

**HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN**  
Head coach: Larry Thompson, fourth year.

Home course: Idyl Wyld G.C.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: 10th, conference (3-6 overall); 12th, Division 4 district.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Chase Beerbower, Jr.; Alex Thompson, Jr.; Nate Kempainen, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Chad Morgan, Jr.; Evan Priesskorn, Fr.

Thompson's 2012 outlook: "This is the deepest team we have had since we became a varsity sport four years ago. In the past we have had one or two solid performers, but having six that can score in a school as small as we are is a comfort for a coach. We should be very competitive and place in the middle of our conference matches this year. With (Division 4) state champion (Auburn Hills) Oakland Christian and perennial powers like (Ann Arbor) Greenhills, it is a very tough conference, but our boys will compete this year."

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS



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Westland John Glenn's Kayla Jones figured in four first-place finishes in Tuesday's 108-30 dual-meet victory at rival Wayne Memorial. The junior captured the 100-meter dash, 100 hurdles, long jump and ran a leg in the 800 relay.

### DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND GLENN 108 WAYNE MEMORIAL 30

April 17 at Wayne

**Shot put:** 1. Quay Nichols (WM), 31 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 30-7; 3. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30-5. **Discus:** 1. Wright (WJG), 99-2; 2. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 89-4.5; 3. Nichols (WM), 73-2. **High jump:** 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-8; 2. Kim Foster (WM), 4-4; 3. Emma O'Connell (WM), 4-4.

**Long jump:** 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 15-5; 2. Ashé Lewis (WM), 13-8; 3. Caroline Mahalak (WJG), 12-8.

**Pole vault:** 1. Mahalak (WJG), 7-6; 2. Courtney MacQuarrie (WJG), 6-6; 3. Kayla Hall (WJG), 6-6.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Jones (WJG), 12.8; 2. Ta-Nia Lewis (WM), 17.2; 3. Taelour Phillips (WJG), 17.26.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 47.9; 2. Phillips (WJG), 54.05; 3. Lewis (WM), 55.21.

**100 dash:** 1. Jones (WJG), 12.8; 2. Honia Williams (WM), 13.0; 3. Kaira Barnes (WJG), 13.16.

**200:** 1. Massey (WJG), 26.34; 2. Williams (WM), 27.13; 3. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 27.73.

**400:** 1. Stephany Brown (JG), 1:0.9; 2. Kierra Jordan (JG), 1:05.9; 3. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:06.1.

**800:** 1. Brown (WJG), 2:44.0; 2. Mahalak (WJG), 2:50.0; 3. Barb Messics (WJG), 2:53.0.

**1,600:** 1. Casey Butler (WJG), 6:36.0; 2. Gema Lopez (WM), 6:40.0; 3. Carissa Root (WJG), 7:37.0.

**3,200:** 1. Butler (WJG), 15:41.0; 2. Root (WJG), 19:03; 3. Madysyn Gher (WJG), 19:12.0.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Barnes, Tyra Watts, Johnson, Jones), 53.21; 2. Wayne, 55.33; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Smith, Johnson, Massey, Jones), 1:48.5; 2. Wayne, 1:57.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Johnson, Phillips, Massey, Smith), 4:32.9; **3,200 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Messic, MacQuarrie, Hall, Mahalak), 11:33.0; 2. Wayne, 12:38.0.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 107 CANTON 30**  
April 17 at Churchill

**Shot put:** 1. Amber Warren (LC), 31 feet, 1.75 inches; 2. Megan Ling (LC), 30-4; Allison Murray (LC), 29-6.5; **discus:** 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 119-9; 2. Ling (LC), 90-6; 3. Murray (LC), 81-11; **high jump:** 1. Sinclair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 3. Jamie Rowland (LC), 4-10; **long jump:** 1. Pia Simmons (Canton), 15-0.25; 2. Cochran (LC), 14-4.5; **pole vault:** 1. Long (Canton), 9-0; 3. Amanda Fox (LC), 7-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.1; 3. Sarah Jakubowski (LC), 18.1; **300 hurdles:** 1. Jarvis (LC), 49.6; 2. Natalie Spala (LC), 53.8; 3. Jakubowski (LC), 54.2; **100 dash:** 1. Demi Crossman (LC), 12.8; **200:** 1. Heinzelman (LC), 26.9; 2. Elyssa Hofman (LC), 27.4; 3. McDonnell (LC), 27.9; **400:** 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:02.5; 2. Kourtney Strong (LC), 1:04.7; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.9; **800:** 1. Katie Grimes (Canton), 2:32.0; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC),

2:32.2; 3. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:39.4; **1,600:** 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:28.2; 2. Riley (LC), 5:29.4; 3. Azar (LC), 5:30.5; **3,200:** 1. Pilat (LC), 12:17.9; 2. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:44.4; 3. Megan McFarlane (LC), 12:50.0; **400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Crossman), Heinzelman, Jarvis, Hofman, 50.5; 2. Canton, 54.7; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Heinzelman, Anderson, Jarvis Hofmann), 1:48.5; 2. Canton, 1:54.9; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Anderson, Heinzelman, Julia Szuba, McDonnell), 4:25.1; 2. Canton, 4:35.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Riley, Pilat, Szuba, Lauren Bernhardt), 10:33.1; 2. Canton, 11:10.6.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Canton, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 113.5 SOUTH LYON EAST 23.5**  
April 17 at S.L. East

**Shot put:** 1. Gillies (SLE), 33 feet, 9 inches; 2. Billingsley (SLE), 30-7.5; 3. Nwankwo (SLE), 29.4; **discus:** 1. Muzzin (SLE), 98-6; 2. Branton (SLE), 98-4; 3. Kessler (SLE), 98-4; 2. Collins (SLE), 4-5; **long jump:** 1. Jed (SLE), 14-2.5; 2. Kitz (SLE), 14-1.5; 3. Sokolowski (SLE), 13-6; **pole vault:** 1. Kitz (SLE), 10-6; 2. Ellis (SLE), 7-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Meadows (SLE), 19.3; 2. Burgess (SLE), 19.9; 3. Silva (SLE), 20.8; **300 hurdles:** 1. Burgess (SLE), 56.2; 3. Albrecht (SLE), 1:01.9; **100 dash:** Jed (SLE), 13.1; 3. Ash (SLE), 14.4; **200:** 1. Jed (SLE), 28.4; 2. Timberlake (SLE), 29.4; 3. Freed (SLE), 29.4; **400:** 1. Timberlake (SLE), 1:04.7; 2. Freed (SLE), 1:07.1; 3. Brewer (SLE), 1:08.3; **800:** 1. Gallagher (SLE), 2:38.0; 2. Capeneka (SLE), 2:41.9; 3. Gabrielson (SLE), 2:42.1; **1,600:** 1. Gallagher (SLE), 5:52.9; 2. Kuchka (SLE),

5:55.6; 3. Scupholm (SLE), 5:59.3; **3,200:** 1. Kuchka (SLE), 12:20.6; 2. Deacon (SLE), 12:52.4; 3. Scupholm (SLE), 12:54.5; **400 relay:** 1. East, 57.1; 2. Stevenson, 57.9; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Freed, Timberlake, Jed, Brewer), 1:54.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Freed, Brewer, Timberlake, Gabrielson), 4:30.4; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Gabrielson, Deacon, Glynn, Valencia), 10:51.9.

**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS Central Division; East, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS Central.

**PLYMOUTH 103 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 34**  
April 17 at Plymouth

**Shot put:** 1. Tionne Johnson (P), 30 feet, 11 inches; 3. Ashley Gruden (LF), 28-10; **discus:** 1. Johnson (P), 103-6; **high jump:** 1. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0; **long jump:** 1. Becca Knox (P), 16-5.25; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-7.25; **pole vault:** 1. Reagan Agnew (P), 10-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. O'Brien (LF), 17.1; **300 hurdles:** 1. Stark (P), 50.0; **100 dash:** 1. Bryah White (LF), 12.9; 2. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13.0; **200:** 1. Knox (P), 27.2; 2. Madison Agnew (LF), 27.8; 3. Thomas (LF), 28.4; **400:** 1. Knox (P), 1:03.0; 3. Jada Johnson (LF), 1:08.2; **800:** 1. Nicole Traites (P), 2:32.8; **1,600:** 1. Marina DiBiasi (P), 5:42.6; **3,200:** 1. Briann Lax (P), 12:48.8; **400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (White, Thomas, Michelle Wilson, Agnew), 1:53.6; 2. Plymouth, 1:55.9; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 4:36.8; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 10:43.2.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South.

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Wayne, 3:55.03; **3,200 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Maya, Jones, M. Orr, Johnson), 8:59.0; 2. Wayne, 9:18.9.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

**CANTON 72 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 65**  
April 17 at Churchill

**Shot put:** 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 11.5; 3. Jake Staff (LC), 42-1.5; **discus:** 1. Bartig (LC), 139-11; **high jump:** 1. Jamal Dixon (Canton), 6-4; **long jump:** 1. Dixon (Canton), 18-7; 2. Jahmon Maton (LC), 18-6; **pole vault:** 1. Jake Hage (LC), 12-3; 2. Alex Ryktrsyk (LC), 11-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15.8; 2. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.4; **300 hurdles:** 1. Shean Krolicki (Canton), 43.5; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.8; **100 dash:** 1. Jones (Canton), no time; **200:** 1. Kobi Morris (Canton), 22.9; **400:** 1. Schaeg (Canton), 53.3; **800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 1:59.6; 3. George Bowles (LC), 2:09.1; **1,600:** 1. Miles Felton (Canton), 4:38.2; 2. Wise (LC), 4:41.5; 3. Ben Yates (LC), 4:44.1; **3,200:** 1. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:38.6; 2. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:39.7; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 45.5; 2. Churchill, 46.2; **800 relay:** 1. Canton, 1:33.5; 2. Churchill, 1:35.3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Wise, Robert Howard, Bowles, Zoltowski), 3:42.2; 2. Canton, 3:47.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Howard, Bowles, Yates, Wise), 8:29.2; 2. Canton, 8:45.0.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South.

**PLYMOUTH 81 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56**  
April 17 at Plymouth

**Shot put:** 1. Tony Vella (LF), 36 feet, 6 inches; 3. Asa Hattar (LF), 34-3; **discus:** 1. Harrington (P) 111-3; 2. Hattar (LF), 95-5; **high jump:** 1. Harris (P), 5-8; 3. Hunter Sterling (LF), 5-4; **long jump:** 1. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-7; 2. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-6.5;

3. Evan Scott (LF), 18-1.5; **pole vault:** 1. Damon Currier (LF), 9-0; 3. Justin Larkins (LF), 9-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Tom Brokaw (LF), 14.9; 3. Matt Mastrofino (LF), 18.7; **300 hurdles:** 1. Andrew Crechiolo

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

**April**

**AUCTION**

**Time/Date:** 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21  
**Location:** St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan

**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

**CELEBRATING FAMILY**  
**Time/Date:** After all Masses, April 28-29  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** A choral celebration of love and springtime featuring motets, madrigals, sacred choral classics, and love songs. Donations accepted at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8175

**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29  
**Location:** St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham  
**Details:** The St. James Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Freewill offering.  
**Contact:** (248) 644-0820

**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. April, 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.good-

mourningministry.net or call the church. The series began April 16  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326; olgcp parish.net

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22  
**Location:** In the community room of the Prentis 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 through 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. The series began April 18  
**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.christsaviors.org

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, in Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 464.0211

**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  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Gently-used items at bargain prices  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 20 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 21  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The Women's League's sale includes a \$3 bag sale and a \$6 bag sale on Saturday. In addition to clothing and baked goods, sale items will include small appliances, furniture, books, linens, bedding, dishes and other household goods, toys and jewelry  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

**VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God & Adult Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Audra Fyre, marketing director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13  
**Contact:** (734) 855-4056

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**ANDREJCIW, SHIRLEY L.**

Age 77 April 11, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Russell. Dear mother of Denise (Jack) Campbell, John, David (Marjie) and Marybeth (Dan) Bochel. Grandmother of Jack Jr., Joseph, Amber, Olivia and D.J. Sister of Corrine Molinari. Visitation Friday 12 noon until the 2:30pm funeral service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association. [www.Santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.Santeiufuneralhome.com)

**GORMAN, MICHAEL LEYDEN**

Age 68, April 15, 2012, of Westland. Survived by his girlfriend, Alice Seward. Loving father of Traci Vargas and Mike (Ericka) Gorman. Proud grandfather of Dakota and Madisan. Dear brother of Sharon (Roger) Baker, Tim (Judy) Gorman and Patricia Hall. Visitation Fri., 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. In state Sat., 9 AM until 9:30, Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church 35637 Cherry Hill Rd. (btwn Newburgh & Wayne), Westland. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to The Capuchins. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**HANRAHAN, ISABELLE M. (nee O'Donnell)**

Age 95 April 15, 2012 of Farmington Hills, Formerly of Center Line, Mi. and Bayonne, N.J. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Caring mother of Patricia (Richard) Rathburn, Lois (late Ken) Saxe, Ann Calvo and John (Susan). Grandmother of Megan, Matthew, Isabela, Brendan, Patrick, James and Kealani. Visitation Thursday April 19 2-8 PM with 6 PM. Rosary at Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI. Instate Friday 9:30 AM at St. Clement Catholic Church 25320 Van Dyke, Center Line for a 10 AM Mass. Burial St. Clement Cemetery. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation appreciated.

**DALE, RODNEY A.**

APRIL 10, 2012  
 Beloved husband of Ruth. Dear father of Rhonda and Gregory. Dear brother of Catherine and Frances. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Funeral Saturday, 3 p.m. at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road (at Ann Arbor Trail). Family will receive visitors Saturday, Noon-6 p.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

**MORRISON, DAVID ALLEN "TURK"**

Age 61, formerly of Westland, died April 13, 2012. Beloved husband of Carolyn A. Morrison; loving father of Mary (Brian) Heick, Fowlerville, Brian (Mary Beth) Morrison, Fenton; beloved Papa and G Pa to Brandon "Bubba" Ashley, Tyler, Adam "Pud" and one on the way; three brothers, Robert Morrison, Jr., Brighton, Jerry Morrison, Whitmore Lake, William Morrison, TX; sister, Mary Kinneary; mother-in-law, Mary Faye; many nieces and nephews. Born January 14, 1951 in Detroit, son to Robert and Margaret (Haugh) Morrison. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from Ford Motor Company in 2006 after 37 years. Services 1 PM Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation 2-9 PM Monday and 12-1 PM Tuesday. Contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)



**STIGLICH, RUTH**

Age 91 of Plymouth, passed away on April 13, 2012. Born in Litchfield, Michigan to parents Rex and Mabel Rossman. Beloved wife of 67 years to Martin J. Loving mother of Martin R. (Catherine) Stiglich, Ralph E. Stiglich and Ronald F. (Lynn) Stiglich. Proud grandmother of Larissa and Seth Michael Stiglich. Dear sister of Wayman (Peggy) Rossman and Albert Rossman. Ruth was an expert seamstress, she enjoyed playing golf, gardening, playing bridge with her friends, dancing, snow skiing and especially spending time with her family. Throughout her life Ruth was a devoted caregiver to many close family members in their own time of need. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 12:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation will begin at 10:00am until time of service. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)

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## Hard rock venue adds country show

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Jennifer Westwood is looking forward to her first gig at The Token Lounge in Westland.

She'll be among a handful of local musicians Saturday, April 21, who will bring a bit of country into the venue known mostly for rock and heavy metal.

"I've only been there twice, checking out friends' bands," said Westwood, adding that she's billed as a "country rock" artist. "It's been a while since I've played on the west side."

When the show promoter asked Westwood if she'd mind sharing the evening with other bands, the singer said the notion "sealed the deal."

"Country, Rhythm & Blues" will feature country rockers Two Tone Tobacco, Pat V and The Detroit Three and The Hillneck Redbillies, in addition to Westwood. Rikki Roxx, Internet radio personality, will emcee. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224989>. The Token Lounge is located at 28949 Joy Road; (734) 513-5030.

### Face lift

The addition of country, blues and other musical genres is part of a long-term revamp project at The Token Lounge. Owner John Anton also has made changes in its decor,



John Anton, owner of The Token Lounge, has begun to revamp decor and expand the musical offerings at his Westland club.



BRYAN MITCHELL

Jennifer Westwood will perform country rock Saturday, April 21 at The Token Lounge in Westland.

### On her own

Five years ago she began working on her own projects, bringing her gospel roots to rock and roll and recruiting musicians for a band. Most of the performers she knew played jazz and rhythm and blues, so she placed a notice on Craigslist.

"At first it's hard to find anyone willing to play for you if you're unknown. But over time it gets easier. Now I'm surrounded by the best talent in Detroit. I sing with my band — they're all seasoned musicians — and I also do acoustic shows with Jackson Smith and Dillan Dunbar."

Westwood is getting ready to launch a new app, developed by a local company, that will bear her name and feature music and entertainment news. She hopes it will be ready by Saturday.

Earlier this week she also received a call from Sponge frontman Vinnie Dombroski.

"He just contacted me and asked if I could come in and record," said an excited Westwood. "That's what I mean about going from scrounging and then getting someone to believe in your vision, to all of a sudden getting to play with the best."

Look for Westwood to sing at least one new song at Country, Rhythm & Brews. Her website is [jenniferwestwood.com](http://jenniferwestwood.com).

Visit The Token Lounge's website at [www.thetokenlounge.com](http://www.thetokenlounge.com).

including new paint and flat screen televisions.

"The fact that The Token is being redone is really exciting," said Westwood, a St. Clair Shores resident who is formerly from Livonia. "Venues are struggling. This shows vision on his (Anton) part."

"I think this show will be great. We'll all bring our own crowds," she said, referring to each band's fan following. "As time progresses they'll draw new patrons."

Westwood has performed through-out Metro Detroit —

including at Ford Field — sang back up for Motown artist Carl Carlton, voiced award-winning commercials and released a CD with her original work. She also sings lead vocals with The Blue Collar Boys.

Westwood began her singing career in church.

"I went to churches in Detroit and Livonia and way out towards Ann Arbor. I've experienced every type of gospel. I gravitate toward bluesy gospel. I auditioned for a church choir when I was 13 or 14."

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

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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19  
**Location:** William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Spring exhibit and sale; free admission  
**Family Day:** Held in conjunction with the Foundation's exhibit and the community's annual Festival of the Arts, "Family Day" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21 at the Costick Center will include fun for all ages including artist demonstrations, creative hands-on activities for children, and a wide range of entertainment  
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**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** Through April 21  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
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**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org  
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**Contact:** (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.com

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

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

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22  
**Location:** VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28; Vince Morris, May 2-5  
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**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

**Dance**

**BALLET**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6  
**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www.ticketmaster.com  
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**CONTRA DANCE**

**Time/Date:** Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22  
**Location:** American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington  
**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity  
**Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

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**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday  
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This landscape photo is among the photos designed to inspire entries into the "Short on Words" competition.

**Photos inspire writing contest entries**

The search is on for authors with a keen eye. "Short on Words," a poetry and short story contest held in conjunction with Northville's 2012 Arts & Acts Festival, offers three photos to inspire entrants. Poems and stories submitted to the contest must relate to one of the photos. Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and must be postmarked no later than May 4. The cash award for this year's first place contest winner is \$150; second place is \$100; third place is \$50. There will be addition-

al prize recognition awarded at the discretion of the judges. The panel of judges includes Northville city council member and published author Michelle Fecht and Ellen Demray, principal of Grandview Elementary School in Livonia. Preservation Dental is the contest sponsor. Criteria and complete information packets are available at PreservationDental.com, 371 E. Main, at Griswold, Northville; at preservationdental.com; and at the Northville-Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Or call (248) 344-0497.



Writers may draw inspiration from this photo for a poetry and short story contest in Northville.



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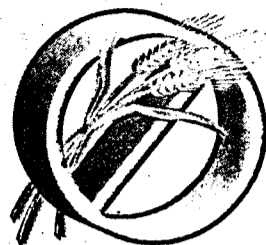
By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Mary Guerriero remembers buying her first loaf of gluten-free bread over Internet several years ago, at a time when most grocery stores didn't routinely stock such products.

"It was \$9," recalled Guerriero, who has eaten a gluten-free diet for 21 years. "I got so tired of buying (gluten-free) things — and they were so bad — and throwing them out. I tried throwing the bread to the birds and they wouldn't eat it because if they did, they'd probably never fly again."

"Things have improved so greatly since then." Guerriero, who will chair the Tri-County Celiac Support Group's (TCCSG) annual gluten-free food fair Saturday, April 21 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, says she believes the organization has played a major role in compelling local grocers to stock more gluten-free products and manufacturers to make better-tasting foods. She initiated the group's food fair 11 years ago.

"I started out by sending 17 vendors letters saying if they think their product is that good, then let us try it. I want our members to be able to try something before they spend their hard-earned dollars on it," she said. "I wanted accountability on the vendors' part. The vendors stepped up to the plate. They've really improved their products."



"Jim Hiller (of Hiller's Market) stepped up to the plate seven years ago. He's been such a benefit to us. I can't praise him enough. Meijers has stepped on the bandwagon, and so has Krogers."

Two dozen vendors will be on hand from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, located at 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Five additional vendors will send samples. Admission is free for organization members

and \$10 for non-members. Raffles for baskets filled with gluten-free products, as well as gift certificates, will be held every hour from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

TCCSG was formed in 1991 by a trio of patients with celiac disease, with encouragement from Dr. Thomas Alexander, of Gastrointestinal Specialists in Troy. He's the physician advisor for the group, which became a nonprofit charitable agency in 2001.

Individuals with celiac disease must follow a strict, lifelong gluten-free diet. They avoid eating wheat, barley, and rye because the grains trigger an autoimmune reaction that damages the small intestinal lining.

Complications from the disease — if left untreated — can include inability to absorb nutrients, anemia, neurological disorders, cancers, and a risk of developing other autoimmune diseases such as diabetes, thyroid diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

TCCSG raises money for celiac disease research through its annual 5K walk/run, Making Tracks for Celiacs, planned for May 20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Both the food fair and walk/run are open to the public.

"We have so many products on the shelf. It's amazing the things people are trying to do gluten free," said Guerriero, adding that pierogies and falafels will be among some of the new products offered at the food fair this year. "There are so many different things out there."

Join the Tri-County Celiac Support group for \$30 for one year or \$65 for three years. Membership includes free admission to the annual food fair, a support network, meetings with guest speakers, newsletters, gluten-free events such as a holiday cookie exchange and pie-making contest, newsletters and a recipe book.

Visit the organization's website at [www.tccsg.org](http://www.tccsg.org). Here's a sampling of recipes from its gluten-free recipe book:

## Chicken and Sweet Potato Chili

- 1 to 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 3 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 1/4-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes, undrained
- 1 16-ounce can kidney beans
- 1/2 cup chipotle salsa

Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan. Add enough water to cover sweet potatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer 5 minutes or until almost tender. Drain mixture with colander into dry saucepan. Add oil to same saucepan. Add onion, cook over medium heat 5 minutes.

Add chicken, garlic and chili powder to same saucepan and cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes with their juices, beans, salsa and partially cooked sweet potatoes. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat, simmer uncovered 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

## Gluten-free Cheesy Potatoes

- 1 package (32 ounces) Ore-Ida Southern Style Hash Browns
- 1/2 can of gluten-free chicken broth
- 1/2 cup gluten-free Bisquick or cornstarch
- 1 8-ounce sour cream
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 1 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper or to taste
- 1/2 stick butter
- 3 cups gluten-free corn flakes, slightly crushed

In a large mixing bowl combine chicken broth and enough Bisquick together to make a broth thick like soup. Add in sour cream, onions and cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add hash browns. Stir well. Spoon into 9- by 13-inch, slightly-greased baking dish. Mix together butter and crushed corn flakes. Spread evenly over potatoes and bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

## Apple Crisp

Makes 8 servings

- Filling:
- 6 large apples, skinned and sliced thin
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
  - 1/2 cup cornstarch

- Topping:
- 1 cup crushed Schar shortbread cookies
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/2 cup butter or buttery spread (such as Earth Balance)
  - 1/2 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch baking dish. Prepare apples. Wash, skin, remove core, cut into thin slices. Place in large bowl. Combine cornstarch, spices and sugar. Add to apples and mix well. Place into baking dish.

Make the topping: Crush cookies and add cinnamon. Mix butter with sugar and combine with cookies. Mix until it resembles a coarse meal. Place topping mixture on top of apples. Bake for 40 minutes or until apples bubble.



Vendors offer samples of gluten-free products at a previous Tri-County Celiac Support Group food fair.

## Healthy Baked Ziti

Makes 4 servings

- 1 box Schar fussili
- 1 cup chopped spinach, (frozen, thawed and drained well or fresh and just cooked until wilted)
- 1/2 cup low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Oregano, thyme, salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- 2 cups tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Bring 2 quarts water to boil. Add pasta and cook until just tender, according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water. Set aside to finish draining. Mix together spinach, ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, half of the mozzarella cheese, egg and spices until well blended. Add pasta and mix well. Pour half of the tomato sauce in the bottom of the baking dish. Be sure to spoon the sauce onto the sides of the dish. Put the pasta mixture in the baking dish. Cover with remaining sauce and with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve immediately.

## Zucchini-Pineapple Bread

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups grated zucchini

- 3 cups gluten-free flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 small can crushed pineapple in its juice
- 1/2 to 1 cup raisins

Grease 2 loaf pans. Sift all dry ingredients except sugar together and set aside. Beat eggs until light and then gradually add sugar. Add oil, vanilla

and pineapple and mix well. Add dry ingredients and blend together. Fold in zucchini, nuts and raisins. Bake in 2 bread loaf pans at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Can use dates, cranberries or other dried fruit in place of raisins.

# Passionate for pork tenderloin: Delicious and heart-healthy

Tender and delicious pork tenderloin now has an additional benefit — it has been deemed heart-healthy. Recently certified by the American Heart Association, pork tenderloin now bears the iconic Heart-Check mark, making it easier than ever to spot this extra lean protein when navigating grocery aisles.

Maintaining a healthy diet is an important part of cardiovascular health and eating heart-healthy foods may help reduce risk factors associated with heart disease, stroke and more. Naturally low in sodium and delicious, pork tenderloin is a flavorful solution for those who want to take care of their heart without neglecting their taste buds.

• **Nutritious:** Pork packs nutrients in every lean serving. A 3-ounce portion of pork tenderloin is an "excellent" source of protein, thiamin, vitamin B6, phosphorus and niacin, and a "good" source of potassium, riboflavin and zinc, yet contributes only 6 percent of calories to a 2,000-calorie diet.

• **Leaner than ever:** On average, the most common cuts of pork have 16 percent less total fat and 27 percent less saturated fat than 21 years ago. Ounce for ounce, pork tenderloin is as lean as a skinless chicken breast. Choose cuts of pork that come from the loin, including chops and roasts, and 96 percent lean ground pork, for the leanest cuts of pork available.

If you're looking to incorporate more heart-healthy foods into your diet without sacrificing flavor, rest assured tenderloin recipes, like Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce, will do the trick.

For more information and recipes to enjoy today's lean and flavorful pork, visit <http://www.PorkBeInspired.com> or [www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired).

## Sautéed Pork Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pork tenderloin (1 pound), trimmed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided

- 1/2 teaspoon plus 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 2 doves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (for non-alcoholic, substitute low-sodium chicken broth)
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- Grated zest and 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage or rosemary

Cut pork into 12 slices, about 1-inch thick. Sprinkle pork on all sides with 1/8 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Heat 1 teaspoon of the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until the pork is well browned and internal temperature reaches 145°F, about 1

minutes on each side. Transfer pork to serving platter and cover to keep warm.

Add the remaining 1 teaspoon oil to skillet. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the wine and broth. Increase heat to high and cook, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, until the liquid is reduced by two thirds, about 5 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, remaining 1/8 teaspoon pepper, the lemon zest and juice, and the parsley. Serve the pork medallions drizzled with the sauce (makes a

generous 1/3 cup; about 1 1/2 tablespoons per serving).

Tip: To substitute fresh herbs with dried herbs, use 1 1/2 teaspoons dried parsley or 3/4 teaspoon dried sage, or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary

Serving Suggestion: Serve the pork with whole wheat linguine or brown jasmine rice to soak up all the delicious lemon sauce. Steamed broccoli rabe or spinach would make a terrific accompaniment.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 150 calories; 5g fat; 1g saturated fat; 75 mg cholesterol; 220mg sodium; 1g carbohydrates; 24g protein; 0g fiber



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## Young professional honored by magazine designation

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Ken Pozek, 26, of Northville Township was pleased to be recognized by *Realtor* magazine as a finalist for "30 Under 30" honors.

The annual designation of the National Association of Realtors publication recognizes those up and coming in the field. Realtor Pozek is a salesperson for Keller Williams Northville Market Center in Novi and can be reached at [www.kenpozek.com](http://www.kenpozek.com).

He began in real estate investing out of high school, and has been in sales full time the last six years. Pozek, who's married to Holly and dad to kids ages 3 years and 5 months, earned an associate's degree in business administration from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're staying busy and tired," he said with a chuckle of his young family.

Pozek got into sales as the market dropped and investing wasn't smart. "I got into that full time and haven't looked back," he said. "I absolutely love it."

He's been with Keller Williams Northville Market Center three years.

"I meet people from diverse backgrounds and I get to see beautiful homes," Pozek said. "Every day is different. It's something I look forward to every day."

Down the road, he'd also like to do sales training in his field. Pozek holds Luxury Marketing Specialist and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

He agreed the real estate market is improving the last three or four months, with homes often listed on Friday and sold by Monday. "The market's starting to really heat up," Pozek said.

"I specialize more or less in a geographical area" including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon.

He's an aspiring pilot in his free time, and also enjoys being with their children and volunteering at church, Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

A total of 50 finalists were chosen by the magazine. This year's "30 Under 30" honorees will be announced Wednesday, May 16.

The 30 honorees will be featured in the May/June issue.

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Ken Pozek  
Northville Township

## Liability limited in slip/fall

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Recently a pedestrian slipped and fell on black ice on a public sidewalk that abutted our condominium. The condominium snowplowing company had cleaned the snow on the day of the snowfall and had inspected the premises the next day, but not the day when the pedestrian fell. The pedestrian is suing the association and the snowplowing contract company. Do you think they have any liability?

**A:** While each state is different, a recent New Jersey case held that even though a town ordinance required all owners to clear snow and ice from an abutting sidewalk within six hours after every snowfall or formation of ice, the pedestrian in that case lacked standing to sue because such ordinances are not enacted for the benefit of individual members of the public, but rather to impose on those regulated the burdens of the government. The court further said that although common law property owners had no duty to clear the snow or ice from a public sidewalk abutting their land, this rule was modified 30 years earlier to impose liability on commercial property owners for injuries on the sidewalks abutting their properties caused by their negligent failure to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonably good condition. The court went on to say that whether a property is commercial or residential, you must focus on the nature of the use of the property and not the nature of the ownership. In the case at hand, the court ruled that the condominium's use was residential — only residents could be members of the association. The deeds expressly restricted use as private residences and there was no retail space and no provision for any goods to the public. The court, in effect, declined to extend the duty to residential owners and the court stressed the importance of the doctrine of stare decisis for predictability and reliance and any departure from the well settled rule would require special justification.



Robert Meisner

**Q:** I have heard that Rio de Janeiro and Brazil itself is very expensive in terms of buying a home or renting an apartment. Have you had any experience with that?

**A:** In a recent trip to Rio, I can certainly confirm that prices in Brazil are extremely high for real estate and almost anything else you purchase. Obviously, the closer you are to the famous beaches, like Copa Cabana, the more expensive real estate will be. Additionally, real estate including high rise condominiums near the mountain which houses "Christ the Redeemer," can also be extremely expensive, even in U.S. terms. There are limitations on how much real estate you can purchase in Brazil and, as in any other instance, you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who speaks English as well as with a local attorney, with your attorney here monitoring the situation.

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

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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432 Cornell St	\$190,000
7441 Derby St	\$113,000
44200 Duchess Dr	\$106,000
2011 E Franklin Dr	\$43,000
3916 Elizabeth Ave Unit 195	\$76,000
50161 Grant St	\$250,000
7400 Hillsboro Dr	\$145,000
43280 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1687 McInaine St	\$335,000
45110 N Spring Dr	\$123,000
327 Patriot St	\$115,000
6628 Paul Revere Ln	\$174,000

2099 S Cavalier Dr	\$110,000
1500 S Sheldon Rd	\$162,000
1201 Terrel Ct	\$142,000
7904 Thornwood St	\$210,000
1776 Tremont Rd	\$210,000
45234 Turnberry Dr	\$230,000
43667 Westminster Way	\$149,000
44862 Weymouth Dr	\$225,000
GARDEN CITY	
30620 Rosslyn Ave	\$44,000
33028 Sheridan St	\$76,000
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12109 Arcola St	\$18,000
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10004 Hartel Ct	\$65,000
29624 Hillbrook St	\$103,000
14052 Hix St	\$130,000
36401 Joanne St	\$160,000
33920 La Moynie St	\$152,000
33329 Navin Ct	\$173,000
14233 Susanna St	\$145,000
27681 W Chicago St	\$123,000

17717 Westbrook Dr	\$151,000
NORTHVILLE	
44837 Broadmoor Cir S	\$293,000
44855 Broadmoor Cir S	\$288,000
44957 Broadmoor Cir S	\$320,000
475 Eaton Dr	\$178,000
18874 Heather Ridge Dr	\$525,000
42284 Ludlow Ct	\$265,000
19565 Mariner Ct	\$70,000
15335 Merion Ct	\$515,000
49265 Parkshore Ct	\$700,000
46479 Pinehurst Cir	\$580,000
15460 Prestwick Cir N	\$509,000
675 Randolph St	\$45,000
18230 Woodbury Ct	\$880,000
PLYMOUTH	
357 Adams St	\$155,000
13825 Buckingham Ct	\$353,000
683 Deer St	\$230,000
839 Forest Ave	\$490,000
15209 Lakewood Dr	\$155,000
9440 N Sheldon Rd	\$400,000
9110 Rocker Ave	\$180,000
REDFORD	

11301 Garfield	\$38,000
11369 Grayfield	\$19,000
25515 Ivanhoe	\$17,000
15531 Lexington	\$50,000
27225 Lyndon	\$24,000
18710 Macarthur	\$40,000
9609 Tecumseh	\$47,000
9979 Virgil	\$20,000
WESTLAND	
32600 Ann Arbor Trl	\$64,000
1612 Ashby St	\$46,000
35248 Bakewell St	\$29,000
1021 Berkshire St	\$31,000
31741 Birchwood St	\$35,000
35103 Birchwood St	\$95,000
34354 Frances St	\$63,000
5634 N Parent St	\$16,000
6232 N Radcliffe St	\$74,000
8000 N Wildwood St	\$123,000
1313 Selma St	\$45,000
35120 University St	\$39,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 27-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31470 Evergreen Rd	\$465,000
BIRMINGHAM	
967 Ann St	\$185,000
583 Mohegan St	\$875,000
808 Ruffner Ave	\$305,000
522 Wallace St	\$845,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
451 Fox Hills Dr S # 6	\$35,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4830 Ardmore Dr	\$335,000
5861 Blandford Ct	\$170,000
5030 Brookdale Rd	\$1,265,000
1046 Eastover Dr	\$225,000

4944 Malibu Dr	\$333,000
4118 Nearbrook Rd	\$490,000
5181 Nob Hill Ct	\$330,000
4111 Waterwheel Ln	\$325,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4740 Birkdale Dr	\$249,000
3236 Greenlawn Ave	\$60,000
3785 Ranya Dr	\$300,000
1595 Switzerland Dr	\$150,000
FARMINGTON	
32905 Grand River Ave	\$318,000
20929 Laurelwood St	\$148,000
23079 Violet St	\$69,000
28735 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28905 Creek Bend Dr	\$250,000
36977 Fox Gln	\$205,000
28075 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$225,000
25779 Kilreigh Ct	\$185,000
36050 Paddleford Rd	\$215,000
27875 Peppermill Rd	\$133,000
37049 Sandalwood	\$160,000
35820 Springvale St	\$177,000

28725 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,000
21820 Waldron St	\$110,000
FRANKLIN	
27380 Willowgreen Ct	\$290,000
Lathrup Village	
28521 Sunset Blvd W	\$55,000
MILFORD	
2149 Fyke Dr	\$225,000
1689 Hunters Lake Dr	\$585,000
710 Oakland Ave	\$50,000
862 Panorama Ct	\$88,000
1120 Riverside St	\$273,000
4361 W Highland Rd	\$118,000
NOVI	
27539 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
50624 Billenca Dr	\$521,000
41995 Borchart Dr	\$369,000
50814 Calvert Isle Dr	\$585,000
27505 Cromwell Rd	\$254,000
25736 Glamorgan	\$130,000
30836 Palmer Dr	\$160,000
21675 Sunflower Rd	\$120,000
24014 Woodham	\$175,000

24357 Woodham Rd	\$299,000
SOUTH LYON	
25500 Belladonna	\$344,000
25726 Coach Ln	\$283,000
25883 Cobblers Ln	\$280,000
20946 Greenbriar Cir	\$235,000
21220 Laser Ln	\$270,000
261 Lyon Blvd	\$112,000
456 Orchard Rdg	\$60,000
23761 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
SOUTHFIELD	
23348 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$37,000
17221 Madison St	\$155,000
21147 Mahon Dr	\$132,000
WHITE LAKE	
8705 Cooley Beach Dr	\$245,000
8180 Highland Rd	\$113,000
44 S Hulbert St	\$104,000
8323 Vanden Dr	\$89,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short Sale Seminar: Is It for Me?

Come with your questions to a Free Seminar and learn about what a short sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a professional resource panel. Buyers looking to learn about short sales also welcome. Wednesday, April 25, at Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile. Call Sheila Roma, (248) 760-6785, or Debbi McLaughlin, (248) 561-0077, by Friday, April 20, to reserve a spot.

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

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#### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

#### Top buildings

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit announced two local winners in the 2011-2012 "The Regional Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). The

winners include: One Kennedy Square and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, both located in Detroit.

In the first round of the TOBY Awards, at the local level, One Kennedy Square in Detroit took first place in the 100,000- to 249,999-square-foot category as Building of the Year and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center also in Detroit was named first in the Government Building category. The buildings went on to win in the same categories at the North Central regional level competing against entries from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building

ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. "TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA of Metro Detroit.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Seattle, Wash., in June 2012.







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