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The class is for adults only, no child care will be available. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, call at (734) 284-6999 or send an e-mail to wmcasset@waynemetrolibrary.org.

The class is sponsored by the Wayne County Library for the Blind, the Alliance for Economic Inclusion Southeast Michigan and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

Book signing

Author Carolann Plank, 12, will be at the Heartland store on Ford at Wildwood from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, to sign copies of her first book, *As Far As You Know*.

Plank, a Brighton resident, was to write the book last summer after she read the *Hunger Games*. It took her more than two months to write the 252-page book, which is aimed at youngsters at the middle and high school level. *As Far As You Know* currently is available through Barnes & Noble and amazon.com and also is available for the Kindle and Nook reading devices. The book will be on sale at the Heartland store.

Alley time

Spend some time knocking down bowling pins and networking when the 5 Star Business Group hosts a bowling event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2.

The 5 Star Business Group, which includes the Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Redford and Dearborn Heights chambers of commerce, is holding the event at Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 N. Inkster Road, north of Cherry Hill, in Dearborn Heights.

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Westland chamber at (734) 326-7222 or send an e-mail to westland-chamber@yahoo.com.

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Ex-W-W teacher faces new sex charges

Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Former Wayne-Westland school teacher Brandon Lee Tomblin of Canton is facing new criminal charges amid allegations he had sexual contact with two male high school students at locations in Garden City, Romulus and Wayne Memorial High School, where he taught vocal music.

Tomblin, 26, was arraigned by video Friday in Romulus 34th District Court, where Judge Tina Brooks Green ordered the defen-



Tomblin

dant jailed with a \$250,000/10-percent bond as he awaits a preliminary examination to determine if he should stand trial.

The latest charges came just two weeks before Tomblin faces a preliminary exam on charges out of Canton. Defense attorney Robert Mullen said Friday it's premature to discuss the case, though he made a brief statement about Tomblin. "He's a strong young man, and

he has good family support," Mullen said.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced multiple sex-related charges Friday against Tomblin involving allegations he had sexual contact with two underage males. The most serious of the latest charges are punishable by 15 years in prison with a conviction.

Charges out of Wayne involve allegations Tomblin had sexual contact in May 2011 with a then 17-year-old Wayne Memorial High School student at a location at the school. Those accusations

led to two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, punishable by 15 years in prison, and one count of fourth-degree CSC, a two-year misdemeanor.

Charges out of Garden City involve accusations Tomblin had sexual contact with two students, then 16 and 17 years old from Wayne Memorial, at a home in Garden City. Those charges stem from incidents prosecutors say happened in May 2011, leading to one count of third-degree CSC and two

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Many thanks



Among the 150 guests for the Volunteer Luncheon on Friday were Bernie Vaughn and Carol Beahr.

Senior volunteers recognized for efforts at annual luncheon

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Nila Zientek knows how long she's been clipping coupons — since the Coupons for the Military program started at the Westland Senior Friendship Center more than 18 years ago. But when it comes to how many coupons have been package up and mailed to the military, all she can say is "millions."

Zientek was among 150 seniors who gathered at the center Friday to be honored for their volunteer work.

"We couldn't do it without them," Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum said. "They make the center what it is, they make the city what it is. They give thousands of hours a year."

Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels, Angel Wings, bingo, bus

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Ruth Fahner is among volunteers who clip coupons for the military.

Carnival benefits firefighters charity fund

The first carnival of the season, sponsored by Westland firefighters, kicks off Wednesday at Wayne and Warren roads.

Open through Sunday, May 6, the carnival is a fundraiser for the firefighters charity fund.

"It helps us raise money for educational programs, the smoke detector program," Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams said, adding the charity fund also

paid for a mobile fire safety trailer.

"It is one of our big fundraisers. It's hard to say how much we will raise — it depends a lot on weather," Adams said. "In years past, we would raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the 10-day period."

The firefighters carnival has been held annually since the 1990s, but missed last year when there was a problem with the car-

nival provider.

"We're excited to have the carnival and raise money for charity. I think this year, the weather will definitely be on our side," Adams said.

There will be carnival rides, games, food and other family activities. The carnival will be open 4-11 p.m. weekdays, from noon to midnight Saturday and from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Vote on rec merger delayed

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Action on an agreement that would merge the Westland and Wayne parks and recreation departments has been delayed by city council to allow time for a study session, which is set for 6 p.m. Monday, April 30.

Receiving the most comment was the proposed June 30 closing of the Bailey Recreation Center — something not actually addressed in the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement spelling out the proposed merger.

"I'm against the Intergovernmental Agreement and closing of the Bailey Center," resident Normie Brazier said.

"The Bailey Center has programs year-round for all residents. Would you let your kids ride their bikes to the Wayne Recreation Center? Why would anyone want to move to Westland without a recreation center?"

The city needs to look at options regarding the Bailey Center, Westland Youth Athletic Association President Don Haas said.

"We've watched the contribution of the city (to WYAA) dwindle down to nothing. Closing the Bailey Center hurts," said Haas, whose group offers volleyball, basketball, football, baseball and softball programs.

Along with shifting programs from the Bailey Center and outdoor pool to the Wayne Community Center, city officials are suggesting some programs look to Wayne-Westland Community Schools for gyms.

"The school gyms come at a cost. I understand that the Bailey Center doesn't come for free," Haas said. "I wish you would look at options. Let voters decide if they want a recreation center. There would be no place for kids after school."

An average \$800,000 annual operating cost for the Bailey Center was among the reasons cited

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counts of fourth-degree CSC.

Another new charge — this one out of Romulus — arose from allegations Tomblin had sexual contact with a then-16-year-old Wayne Memorial student at an undisclosed location on Henry Ruff Road near Ecorse Road. It arose from an alleged encounter in May 2011 while Tomblin was a teacher, leading to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district has cooperated with authorities during the investigation. "We have been and will continue to cooperate fully

ly with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and all the other agencies that are associated with this investigation and allegations," Baracy said Friday.

Tomblin's latest troubles came as the embattled former teacher already is facing a May 4 preliminary examination in 35th District Court on charges out of Canton, including one count of child sexually abusive activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Tomblin's bond on those charges is \$75,000/10 percent.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison, if convicted of the Canton charges, which authorities say arose after a mother alleged "inappropriate behavior" toward her 16-year-old son.

Two of 35th District Court's three judges already have recused themselves from Tomblin's case due to ties to his family. The case is set to go May 4 before Judge James Plakas.

Baracy has said Tomblin had partial teaching assignments at Wayne Memorial, Franklin Middle School, St. Michael Lutheran School and Hicks Elementary. All of the schools are in Wayne except for Hicks, which is in Inkster.

The charges against Tomblin involve students from only one of the schools, Wayne Memorial.

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by Mayor William Wild in proposing the parks and recreation merger with Wayne, which has a large relatively new renovated facility.

"Anyone with children won't want to come to this community. We use the pool daily in the summer," resident Brandy Smith said. "You're taking the heart of the city and throwing it away. You will spend millions for a new city hall. You have to invest to keep people in the community. You're pushing families out of the community."

Councilwoman Christine Bryant offered a motion to postpone consideration of the Intergovernmental Agreement until after another study session could be scheduled. Council had provided a unanimous consensus during an earlier study session that the city would move ahead with the proposed merger.

"I'm for partnering with Wayne. We did not get into specifics and details," Bryant said, adding council hasn't started working on the 2012-13 budget. "Let us hear more from residents. We have numerous questions."

Voicing opposition to the Intergovernmental Agreement was Councilman Bill Johnson.

"This would be the first step toward closing the Bailey Center. I oppose that," he said.

Responding, Council President James Godbout said that there was nothing in the Intergovernmental Agreement to say that Westland has to close the Bailey Center.

Under the agreement, the Wayne recreation director — currently Nathan Adams — would also serve as West-

land Parks and Recreation director. Along with administering indoor classes and activities, Wayne would also run baseball, softball and soccer programs for Westland.

Westland would continue to operate the Mike Modano Arena, the Westland Municipal Golf Course, the Skate Park, Play Planet and the H2O Zone Spray Park.

City staff is meeting with Canton officials to discuss moving the Westland Therapeutic Recreation Program, a program serving handicapped and impaired residents, to a new location.

The parks and recreation merger, as well as the merger of the Westland and Wayne fire departments, is an effort to provide relentless positive action as Gov. Rick Snyder wants, Wild said.

Merging the parks and recreation departments would have Westland residents use a different recreational facility, he said.

"The Wayne facility is so much better than ours. We've lost ball diamonds and Wayne has fields. It's not what we are used to," Wild said. "If the city isn't ready to close the Bailey Center, maybe it's not the time. But the problem is not going away. We've lost \$4 million in five years."

In addition to the operating losses, Wild said the Bailey Center will need work to repair its boiler.

Wild credited Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, who is retiring later this year, with single-handedly keeping the Bailey Center running. He added that Margaret Martin, the deputy director who is also retiring, has been responsible for keeping the therapeutic program running.

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Rick Szegedi serves food to volunteer Bernice Sobodash who attended the annual luncheon at the Friendship Center.

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drivers, tax preparers, party volunteers, food preparers, trip escorts, telephone reminder callers and group leaders for pinochle, euchre, Bridge TOPS and Wii shared table space with representatives of the Senior Advisory Board and Commission on Aging.

Volunteers Evelyn Nash and Eileen Kodak were honored for the work they do on the bulletin board, along with tax program volunteers Marilyn Munshaw and Mike Taube, Sunshine Lady Lori Loftus and Jim Spleen, who does the sound and handles technology at the center.

Zientek admits she hasn't a clue why she started clipping coupons for the military or even making crocheted items for infants with Angel Wings.

"It was something to do and it's good for the military families and for the babies," she said. "My husband died quite a long time ago and it's nice to get out and meet people."

"It's a good feeling because we're doing something to help them out," said fellow coupon clipper Cecilia Shugdinis, who's been part of the program for 10 years. "We don't count, we just clip and fill a box."

The group sends a box filled with clipped coupons to the military every two months. The women estimate that each box contains 30,000



Volunteer Mel Tockstein shares a laugh with Mayor William Wild who stopped by to thank the senior volunteers

coupons. The shipping cost is covered by the center's weekly bingo program.

"We were doing breast cancer packs and when they stopped doing that we started doing this," Shugdinis said. "It keeps us going."

Volunteer Earl Harrington has been assembling meals for Meals on Wheels for five years. After 40 years of working, he decided it was time to start giving back to his community.

"I think that's why we all do it," he said. "It doesn't take much time, and I enjoy doing it."

For the seniors who work with Meals on Wheels, it was the second luncheon they were treated to last week, which was National Volunteer Week. They were in Dearborn for dinner Tuesday with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Marcum can't say enough about her volunteers.

"There's something special about volunteers," she said. "Volunteering is a part of their personality. They're so giving. They're a breed alone. I love them all."

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at 36601 Ford Rd., Westland, Michigan, 48185, or at www.cityofwestland.com. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Robert Kosowski, Parks & Recreation Director at (734) 722-7620. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel
City Controller

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CORRECTION

A story in the April 19 *Westland Observer* about U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter being honored by the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce and Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute should have identified McCotter as a Republican from Livonia.

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William Gabriel
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Eating out assists St. John's Veterans Project

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

With a plan to double their efforts, organizers of the St. John's Veterans Project are getting a jump on fundraising with a dine to donate program at five Buffalo Wild Wings locations in four southeast Michigan counties.

The goal is to double the amount of care boxes the Westland group provides to patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, homeless veterans in a shelter and troops on active duty overseas, an increase that will require even more money — \$10,000, according to volunteer Laurel Mills.

"We're now in our sixth year, our name has gotten out there more and more," the Redford resident said. "We're getting more people involved and we're starting earlier this year."

Twenty percent of total food sales at five Buffalo Wild Wings locations in Westland, Novi, Ferndale, Warren and Port Huron between 11 a.m. and midnight May 21 will be donated to the project. To get a flier, contact Anna Schaffer at (734) 560-0722 or by e-mail at crazy_dreamer1592@yahoo.com.

The project is manned by adults and students at St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Westland. The grassroots effort last year provided 125 care boxes for the patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and 100 gently used coats

with matching handmade scarves, gloves and hats and care packages for the homeless veterans and provide messages of support plus some necessities to 26 soldiers on active duty.

"The plan for 2012 is to increase the amount of active troops and veterans that we are able to give necessities to," Mills said. "We are hoping to make 300 boxes this year for the VA hospital, increase the amount of coats, hats and gloves to 200 and add one more active troop to the list of who we send necessities."

The shoe-sized boxes include T-shirts, underwear, lip balm, sun block, candy, gum, beef jerky and toiletries. The packages for the homeless include flip-top cans of soup and meat, plastic silverware, magazines, crossword puzzle books and other necessities. Those boxes are packaged and delivered at Christmas by the students and adults, however, the clothing, including socks, is delivered to the homeless veterans in September, Mills said.

The project was started five years ago by Kendra Schaffer after hearing from her son that patients at the hospital don't get a lot of visitors and have limited toiletries. Over the years, the project has "just blossomed," getting to point where volunteers are now organizing year-round.

"In the past, we wouldn't do anything until around August with the coats and then it was



St. John Lutheran School students packed the boxes and helped get them ready for delivery.



St. John's Veterans Project volunteers and students help load boxes on truck so they can be delivered to patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.

rush, rush here and there, so we said let's start early," Mills said. "We wrapped up last year's project in January by sending the last boxes overseas, and then started in February on this year."

The group already has garnered donations from Olympic Coney Island, Mr. Mike's Grill and Independent Carpet One, all in Westland, Northside Hardware in Wayne and Trader Joe's in Novi. Support also has come from Meijer and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. They are waiting to hear from several other businesses about donations. They also looking for vol-

unteers to help and provide money for the effort.

Youngsters at the school and adults make and write cards that go in the boxes. Last year, each box contained five cards. They also provide a homemade ornament, something they can hang up or hang one a tree, if they have one, Mills said.

Students spend a day packing and wrapping the boxes, which are delivered to the VA Hospital the next day. Mills is hoping to line up donations of food and a DJ to play music for the students on packing day.

The St. John's Veterans Project is a 501(c)3 charity. Contributions are

100-percent tax deductible and 100 percent of the donations go to the project. All of the money raised goes to pay for buying boxes and packaging materials and the overseas shipping cost. According to Mills, "not one cent goes to us volunteers, it all goes to the project."

Business names go on a thank-you poster and on a donor list placed in every box. Businesses that donate also will receive a thank-you certificate. People wishing to make cash donations can send checks, payable to St. John's Veterans Project, to St. John's Lutheran School and Church, 2602 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186-5427. Donations also can be dropped off at the school office.

More information also can be found on the project's Facebook page at facebook.com/stjohnsveteranproject.

"This year is like a wedding — you invite 300 people and hope 150 show up," Mills said. "You have to shoot for a higher goal than what you're going for. We're in our sixth year, our name is out there more and more."

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Library hosts Money Smart Week classes

It's Money Smart Week and the William P. Faust Public Library is hosting several programs to help improve financial skills.

On tap are:
• Understanding your Credit Report 7-8 p.m. Monday, April 23.

Join Jenny Hale from the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union as she breaks down the information in the credit report and tells you how to improve your score.

• Starting a Small Business 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25.

Ever wonder if starting a small business is the right path for you? The Small Business and Technology Development Center at Schoolcraft Community College will be on hand to conduct an overview of their Entrepreneurial Series to help you better address your goals.

• Social Security Seminar 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 26. Refreshments will be served.

Do you have questions about your Social Security benefits and how to assign entitlement? Are you curious how your Social Security is taxed? Get answers to these and other questions about Social Security benefits with Co-Op Services Credit Union Retirement Advisor Dan Devine.

The programs, which will be held in meeting room B, is are part of Money Smart Week at Your Library, a joint collaboration of the Federal Reserve of Chicago and the American Library Association.



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LeBlanc receives John Glenn Distinguished Alumni Award

A Michigan state lawmaker has been selected as the recipient of John Glenn High School's 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The honor goes to Richard LeBlanc, a 1976 graduate of John Glenn High School, who is in his sixth and final year as representative of the House's 18th District. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and is chairman of the Michigan State Police and the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.



LeBlanc

Prior to his service in Lansing, LeBlanc was employed by Ford Motor Company, the Canton Police Department and the Advanced Driving Academy. Of all those jobs, including police patrol activities, LeBlanc said his role as a driver education instructor was the most frightening!

In addition to three terms as a State Representative, LeBlanc has served one term on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education and three terms to the Westland City Council. He also is active in numerous civic and community groups, including being a member of the Westland senior Friendship Center.

Aside from working in the community, LeBlanc is a pilot and enjoys flying a Piper Cherokee PA28-180, a four-seat single-

engine aircraft. He is also a recognized collector of antique police badges. His collection includes more than 1,000 authentic pieces.

A Westland resident, he and his wife Cheryl have two adult sons and two granddaughters. Their son Rick resides in Westland and their son Jeff lives with his family in Canton.

LeBlanc and his family have an appreciation for collector vehicles and have owned a 1967 Amphicar (amphibious vehicle) and a collectible Ford Saleen Mustang convertible. They also enjoy motorcycles and currently own six, the favorite being a Harley-Davidson. The LeBlanc family enjoys playing in their home arcade during their free time. Their collection includes several full-sized arcade, pinball, and video games.

They also have a home on Houghton Lake.

LeBlanc earned a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in Ann Arbor and then went on to secure nine credits toward a graduate degree from Wayne State University. All of his collegiate coursework resulted in a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

LeBlanc will be honored at a Distinguished Alumni reception on Friday, June 1, and will speak to graduates at the Saturday, June 2, commencement ceremonies at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.



Sharpay Evans (Savannah Cucci) hopes to get the lead in the musical with Ryan Evans (Max Trombley).

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Franklin Players present 'High School Musical'

The Franklin High School Players will present Disney's *High School Musical* Thursday through Sunday, April 26-29, in the school's theater at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

High School Musical is the story of two high school juniors from rival cliques trying out for the school musical. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. For ticket information, call (734) 744-2655, ext. 73088.

The play is being directed and produced by Colleen E. Meyer, a Franklin grad who runs the Adult and Youth Theatre Programs for the city of Wayne and also contracts for the Novi Civic Theatre as a



Basketball star Troy Bolton (Barry Parrent, Jr.) and brainiac Gabriella Montez (Shelby Mitchell) finally get their audition for the musical.

director and costumer. She appreciates all the help she gets from Franklin parents. "I am so thankful to be working with such wonderful, dedicated people," she said.

Assistant Director Ste-

ven V. Rice, a teacher at Franklin, said all the students in the cast and crew are "amazing stars" that he is proud to make shine.

Roles and the students who play them include: Troy Bolton: Barry Parrent, Jr.; Gabriella Montez: Shelby Mitchell; Sharpay Evans: Savannah Cucci; Ryan Evans: Max Trombley; Chad Danforth: Bernard Pagarian; Taylor McKessie: Bridget Coletta; Kelsi Neilson: Brianna Facione; Zeke Baylor: Nick Ciotta; Martha Cox: Caitlyn Murphy; Jack Scott: Joseph Debs; Jason: Jarred Young; James: Elijah Billingsley; Susan: Keri Tapella; Cathy: Catherine Jahns; Alan: Mitchell Barcus; Cyndra: Hannah Mitchell; Kratnoff: Jake Procter; Ripper: Tristan Crawford;

Mongo: Alex Prater; Ms. Darbus: Caitlyn Macuga; Coach Bolton: Daniel Schooley; Ms. Tenny: Gabrielle Lewis; Moderator: Nicholas Buzette; Cheerleaders: Danielle Marlett (Captain), Emily Crouson, Alaina DeFrain, Jayna Muir, Lauren Phipps, Emily Semak, Cierra Walker; Brainiacs: Monica Conrad, Olivia Lepage, Lauren McBain, Claire Pente, Michael Schooley; Thespians: Mariam Haidar, Alexis Hiles, David Schooley, Gillian Trull; Skaters: MacKenzie Parrent and Morgan Parrent.

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Cancer fundraiser nears increased goal

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Abby Stonerook of Plymouth figures to be in tears some time shortly after noon April 29, along about the time an unknown barber takes a razor to Stonerook's mane of blond hair.

But at least it'll be for a good cause.

Stonerook, a 27-year-old freelance copywriter and social media marketing strategist, will be among some two-dozen shavees getting their heads shaved for the St. Baldricks Foundation to benefit children's cancer research at Claddagh Irish Grill in Livonia.

The annual fundraiser is being organized by Plymouth Township deputy clerk Eric Bacynski, with whom Stonerook actually went to elementary school at Bird Elementary in Plymouth. Abby followed brother, Nick, also scheduled to be a shavee, in supporting the project.

Nick, 30, had met Bacynski through a variety of chamber functions and agreed to have his head shaved. Almost as a dare, Abby joked that maybe she should. Bacynski asked what it would take.

"I told him if I could get \$2,500 in verbal commitments, I'd do it," Abby said. "That happened in about 30 hours."

Abby is already past the \$5,000 fundraising mark, and brother Nick is very close to his \$750 goal, as well. That kind of fundraising has helped push the event itself past the \$13,000 level, on the way to its \$15,000 goal. That goal was raised when the event passed its original \$10,000 goal early on.

While Abby sort of jumped in — "I often make decisions that are a little startling, so this wasn't that far out of the box," she said — Nick's



Siblings Nick and Abby Stonerook of Plymouth have committed to having their heads shaved for the St. Baldricks Foundation for children's cancer research.

participation was more measured. He did a little homework before offering his hair.

"I looked into it, and (St. Baldricks) is like the second leading cancer research foundation, only to the U.S. government," Nick said. "For the most part, I've lived a healthy life, but children get cancer all the time. This is a great symbolic gesture."

The Stonerooks have lost grandparents to cancer, but neither knows any children afflicted with the disease.

That doesn't matter when it comes to supporting the cause.

"Too often we don't act until we're directly affected by something," Abby said. "I keep getting

asked, 'Do you know any kids with cancer?' and my response is, 'Everyone is someone's child.'"

Bacynski said companies are stepping up for the fundraiser. Both the Detroit Lions and Red Wings are donating autographed items for the raffle, Ford Motor Co. donated a gift basket and Best Buy is providing a gift card.

Locally, the Plymouth Whalers allowed Bacynski to run the 50/50 raffle and "Chuck-A-Puck" sales during a recent play-off game and are donating a gift basket to the raffle and \$100 cash.

Plymouth resident and business owner David Keefe is donating the services of his photo-booth

HELP THE EDITOR!

What: St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser.

When: Sunday, April 29, noon-4 p.m.

Where: Claddagh Irish Grill 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Why: Observer Editor Brad Kadrich will buzz off his hair to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer research. All proceeds from the event will go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds childhood cancer research.

How to help: Cash donations are welcome, but it's easier to visit www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/563208/2012

company for the day of the event, and the host venue, Claddagh Irish Pub, will be donating 8 percent of food sales that day toward the fundraising goal.

Dairy King owner Michael Hurley is also arranging some fundraising, according to Abby Stonerook, who used to dish out ice cream there.

It's that kind of support Abby said she was "humbled" to receive.

"I find it humbling to be supported by people I admire and respect," she said. "I gasped when I saw a generous donation from a group of 12th grade boys in Saudi Arabia who had pooled their money to make a donation. I did not send them my link or ask them to donate — they just found out and did it on their own. I am touched by their actions, and grateful to know that at some point, I touched them, as well."

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St. Paul's hosts rain barrel workshop

To celebrate Earth Day, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold a rain barrel workshop 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach people how to harvest rainwater using rain barrels. Attendees will be taught how to build a rain barrel from recycled barrels and how to modify their gutter system to attach the rain barrel to it. There will be lots of information on why such a green initiative is healthy for gardens and the environment.

All are welcome to attend this free event. The workshop is open to families and all ages are welcome. If attendees wish to purchase a complete rain barrel kit

and receive assistance in assembling the kit to completion at the workshop, the cost of the kit is \$55. If attendees just want to purchase a pre-assembled rain barrel, the cost is \$65.

This seminar is being sponsored by St. Paul's and Maxi Container, Romulus. Part of the proceeds will be used to benefit St. Paul's community outreach garden initiative to "Feed the Hungry."

Preregistration and payment can be made at www.mirainbarrel.com. Click on "St. Paul's Sowers Rain Barrel Workshop" under Upcoming Events on the left side.

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Moving in together can create risks for both parties

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am single — always have been — and have no children. I own my own house. My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for a number of years and we are thinking about moving in together. He will be moving into my home. We have no plans of getting married.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

We will just live together. One of my friends said that if things don't work, I'm at risk. What do you recommend I do to protect myself?

A: Adults moving in together and starting a relationship, without being married, is becoming more and more common in America. A recent report said only about 51 percent of Americans are now getting married.

Although more people are living together, in most cases, the law hasn't caught up to that increase. While there are laws to protect people when they get married, when it comes to peo-

ple living together, the law is somewhat unclear. That is why you see lawsuits when people who are living together break up.

Your friend is correct. You could be at risk if you let your boyfriend move into your home and it doesn't work out. I recommend that a co-habitation agreement be drawn up.

This is similar to a prenuptial agreement for couples getting married. When I first got involved in the legal business, prenuptial agreements were only for the very wealthy and they were difficult to enforce. Fast forward to today. They have become mainstream — more and more people are getting them — and are enforceable.

I recommend that a co-habitation agreement be drafted by a qualified attorney. Unfortunately, when parties try to draft their own agreements, they sometimes fail to dot all of the i's and cross all of the t's. The problem is the agreement may become unenforceable and if there is a dispute, the parties end up in court, exactly where they don't want to be. In addition, I recommend that each party seek their own attorney for advice. If there is only

one attorney involved, it may lead to allegations of conflict of interest.

As adults, we have responsibilities and must recognize that even though we enter a relationship with good intent, things do happen. That is why, in a case such as this, it makes sense to discuss the various issues involved and resolve them ahead of time. Then, if the relationship does not work, both parties can move on with their lives.

Whether a prenuptial agreement or a co-habitation agreement, I recognize that these are difficult issues to discuss. However, we are adults. If you are going to have a relationship with someone, it seems to me you should be able to discuss difficult issues with each other. After all, if you cannot discuss those issues now, maybe it's a sign that you ought to move a little slower in regards to your relationship.

Good luck!
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Alley time

Spend some time knocking down bowling pins and networking when the 5 Star Business Group hosts a bowling event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2.

The 5 Star Business Group, which includes the Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Redford and Dearborn Heights chambers of commerce, is holding the event at Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 N. Inkster Road, north of Cherry Hill, in Dearborn Heights.

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Westland chamber at (734) 326-7222 or send an e-mail to westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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.

Trivia Night

The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the AAUW, which provides annual live children's theater at Garden City High School, is holding its second annual Trivia Night Friday, May 11. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m.

The event is being held at The Barn at Colony Farms on Colony Farms Drive in Plymouth. The cost is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of five. Cash prizes for first- and second-place teams. Cost includes snacks. There will be a donation jar for liquid refreshment.

Have fun with friends and family, put your knowledge of facts and factoids to good use. All proceeds benefit the AAUW's scholarship fund.

For more information, call Sharon at (734) 453-5009.

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 stasselmyer@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.

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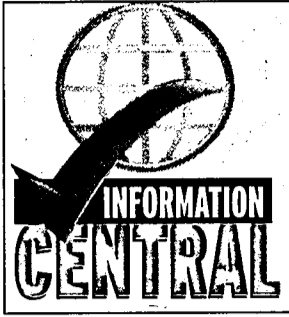
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itches or obligations. Individuals can sign up for services or more information with the presenters and their organizations, but will not be solicited on the spot. Join us at the library for these free Money Smart Week programs.

- Understanding Your Credit Report - Credit reports are collections of information about you and your credit histo-

ry. Join Jenny Hale from the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union at 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, as she breaks down the information in the credit report and tells you how to improve your score.

- Starting a Small Business - Ever wonder if starting a small business is the right path for you? At 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, the Small Business and Technology Development Center at Schoolcraft College will be here to conduct an overview of their Entrepreneurial Series to help you better address your goals.
- Social Security Seminar - Dan Devine from Co-Op Services Credit Union will be presenting information on Social Security at 2 p.m. Thurs-

day, April 26. The library will also be holding Money Smart programs for teens on Saturday, April 28. Librarian Andy Schuck will help teens make Duct Tape Wallets at 1 p.m. Immediately following that program, Jenny Hale from the Wayne-Westland Credit Union will present a program for teens on Building Great Credit at 2 p.m. Give us a call at (734) 326-6123, check our website at westland.lib.mi.us/ or stop by the library to learn more.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Red Cross Blood Drive: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 23
The library will be hosting a blood drive all day in meeting rooms A and B. Make an appointment by calling the Reference Desk or 1-800-GIVELIFE, or by visiting redcrossblood.org. Drop-in donations will also be accepted, although donors with appointments will be given priority.

Noontime Book Club (New): noon April 23
Mr. Pip, by Lloyd Jones, is set on an island called Bougainville in the 1990s during a time of civil war. Mr. Watts, the only white man left on the island, offers to teach the children at school. He reads Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations* to the children as an escape from their war-ravaged lives. Matilda Laimo, a 13-year-old in Mr. Watts's class, is intrigued by Pip, the main character in the story. Her mother, Dolores, a deeply religious woman who is distrustful of white people, is not happy with Mr. Watts's teaching of the book and calls it dangerous. Mr. Watts, a strange man who sometimes dons a red nose, only meant the book as an escape in a time of terrible violence. **Writers Club:** 7 p.m. April 23

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Watcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. **Writers Workshop:** 7

p.m. April 24, Teens and adults
Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org
Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. April 25

Join us for a discussion of Paulo Bacigalupe's *The Windup Girl*. In a future Thailand, calories are the greatest commodity. Anderson is a calorie-man whose true objective is to discover new food sources that his company can exploit. His secretary, Hock Seng, is a refugee from China seeking to ensure his future. Jaidee is an officer of the Environmental Ministry known for upholding regulations rather than accepting bribes. His partner, Kanya, is torn between respect for Jaidee and hatred for the agency that destroyed her childhood home. Emiko is a windup, an engineered and despised creation, discarded by her master and now subject to brutality by her patron. The actions of these characters set in motion events that could destroy the country. Copies are available at the Reference desk before the meeting. **Zumba Dance Party:** 9:30 a.m. April 26

Join *Lisa English for a morning Zumba@ Dance Party! The Zumba@ program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and low tread shoes. All fitness levels welcome. No dance experience necessary. Teens and Adults welcome. Space is limited. Call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your spot. **Poetry of the Blues and Music and Metaphor:** 7

p.m. April 26
Join us as we celebrate National Poetry Month with some poetry, some blues, and a whole lotta fun! The Sheila Landis Trio, featuring Rick Matle on 7 String Guitar, will blend two of their popular library programs, the Poetry of the Blues, and Music and Metaphor into one fun-filled night.

Starting off with the Poetry of the Blues, you'll have a chance to learn about this truly American music, "ripe with wry humor, double entendre and truths told from the heart" and which is the basis for much of the music we hear today. Then the party starts with Music and Metaphor. "Attendees are encouraged to bring their own material for on-the-spot musical interpretation, as performed by the Sheila Landis Trio." If you're feeling brave, you can come up and perform with the band. Improvisation was never so fun. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/events, if you plan on having your poetry or writing interpreted (the brave ones can participate with the band), or if you'd just like to listen to the whole shebang, simply stop on by.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. April 27
Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners from March through May. Tonight's movie, *Extremely Loud Incredibly Close*, is about "a nine-year-old amateur inventor, Francophile, and pacifist (who) searches New York City for the lock that matches a mysterious key left behind by his father, who died in World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001." (imdb.com) This movie is rated PG-13 (with scenes of violence). Snacks and refreshments are served. Trivia and prizes. Door opens at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

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'A cruise ship on land'

Local authors pen Detroit Athletic Club's 125-year history

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

It's a lavish Detroit landmark where automotive pioneers, U.S. presidents, kings and queens, movie stars, sports greats and industrial titans have stayed.

Proudly rising six elegant stories at 241 Madison, it has survived economic blows such as the Great Depression, snubs against women and African Americans, a city's downwardly spiraling population and a shifting landscape that left once-great icons, such as the J.L. Hudson building and the old Michigan Central train station, destroyed or in ruin.

Now, Canton authors Ken Voyles and Mary Rodrique have penned a 160-page book, *The Enduring Legacy of The Detroit Athletic Club: Driving the Motor City*, that chronicles a world-class gem whose 125-year history has made it a strong force in civic, business, cultural and athletic leadership.

Voyles is editor and publisher of the *DAC News*, the club's monthly magazine, and Rodrique is a club staff writer. Published by the History Press, their book retails for \$19.99 and is available at Barnes & Noble and from online sources such



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Canton authors Mary Rodrique and Ken Voyles, sitting in an elegant lobby of The Detroit Athletic Club, have written a book that lovingly chronicles one of Detroit's premier landmarks. It is titled *'The Enduring Legacy of The Detroit Athletic Club: Driving the Motor City.'*

inspires interest from far away just as surely as it draws its members from Oakland County, the Grosse Pointes and western Wayne County.

Moreover, early club members became involved as entrepreneurs who spearheaded the auto industry and made Detroit a world-class city.

Designed by architect Albert Kahn, the DAC only began accepting African Americans in the late 1970s, and though women could join long before that, they didn't become voting members until the mid-1980s.

Changing times

As it adapted to changing times, the club's interior remained steadfast, defined by three exquisite restaurants, museum-worthy artwork, swanky hotel rooms, a spa center, wide-ranging athletic facilities and vast rooms where mayors, governors, business magnates and civic leaders still congregate to chart the future.

It's almost a self-contained world — a Detroit treasure that has drawn visitors from countries as disparate as Russia and Ireland, a place that

from 21 into their 90s, and Voyles said the median age is 51. Moreover, those seeking to join have to meet certain criteria, such as having letters of recommendation from six DAC members and appearing before the board of directors. Why?

"It's one of the best clubs in the world," Voyles said, and it compares to exclusive U.S. clubs in New York and Chicago.

What a DAC member pays depends on the type of membership, but Voyles acknowledged that "it's \$400 just to walk in the door."

Despite changes over the years, Voyles and Rodrique concede some people still perceive the 250-employee DAC as a men's-only club. "We certainly want to dispel that perception," Voyles said.

Rodrique agreed, saying her motivation for the book reflected a desire to shift public perception and honor a Detroit landmark.

"I've always wanted to be able to share some of the great Detroit stories with a wider audience," she said.

For more information on the DAC, visit www.thedac.com.

as amazon.com. "I think we're telling the story of a great Detroit institution many people don't know about," Voyles said.

Finest things

The first DAC was unveiled in 1887 near The Whitney, a fine-dining landmark on Woodward Avenue, but the opulent clubhouse on Madison, built with the finest materials, celebrated its opening in April 1915 — a project spurred by a group led by auto advertising mogul Charlie Hughes.

The Detroit Athletic Club traces the private club's history as a place where amateur athletics once ruled and catapulted some players and teams to compete as world champions and Olympic contenders.

"It's a positive Detroit story," Rodrique said.

The DAC still boasts top-tier facilities for racquetball, bowling, swimming, basketball, squash, handball and fitness areas, among other ame-

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Council weighs license requests to deliver beer with pizza

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Requests for a license to sell packaged beer and wine that will be consumed off the premises aren't something that usually come before the Westland council.

But recent applications from two local businesses which want to be able to add beer to their pizza deliveries prompted City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof to ask for a council study session on the topic.

"This has never been approved by council, but

we never had a pizzeria make a request like this," said Schoof.

The concern is that underage drinkers will use the delivery to get their beer and that beer carrying delivery drivers are more likely to be robbery targets.

Council members also were concerned about limiting the quantity of beer that could be delivered.

City Attorney James Fausone commented that everyone who heard about the idea had the same reaction.

"That this wasn't a

good idea. It's a good thing they didn't do it when I was a youth," said Fausone. "Then I learned the Liquor Control Commission is issuing licenses to some pizza delivery parlors. It's not prohibited - they are allowing it."

The LCC indicated the council could object all they wanted, Fausone said, but the licenses are being issued.

The council provide the LCC with requests, such as requiring the business to record the driver's license information of anyone obtaining beer, with the infor-

mation kept for 30 days in case police need to follow up, said Fausone.

State allows alcohol to be served by 18-year-olds although it can't legally be consumed by anyone under 21 years old.

"We realized it was fraught with problems, that's why we all thought it was crazy for the LCC to allow it," said Fausone. "The council can make recommendations but they don't have to follow it."

Since it would be likely be challenged, Fausone said he wouldn't recom-

mend trying to regulate the beer delivery by ordinance.

"We'll have to police this for them (the LCC). I can see what will happen - the drivers will deliver beer to their underage buddies," said Councilman Bill Johnson.

Commenting that he'd like to see the pizza delivery drivers required to be at least 21 years old, Council President James Godbout asked if there would be a limit on the amount of beer that could be delivered.

"It seems like when

we solve the drunk driving problem, this creates another problem- pizza delivery person armed robberies," said Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto, adding he planned to meet with the business owners seeking the licenses.

Similarly, there had been concerns when a drive through liquor store was licensed several years ago but Angelosanto said there were not as many problems as expected.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Open House

St. Mary Catholic School is holding a Kindergarten Round-up and Open house for perspective 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 the school at (734) 721-1240.

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 pinocle 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.

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

Farmers market

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ed for the 2012 Westland Farmers Market at the Bailey

Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or online at www.cityofwestland.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.

Armed Forces Day

See and talk to reenactors from five different wars in American History at the fifth annual Armed Forces Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

There will be presentations on the lives of American soldiers and a live weapons demonstra-

tion. New this year, the 5th Michigan Regimental Band, a Civil War era group, will perform.

Donations are welcome but admission is free and refreshments will be sold on site. The Westland Historical Commission and Historical Society are hosting the event.

Free Movies

Enjoy a free movie when the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army holds its monthly free movie nights, beginning Sunday, May 6, with a double feature, *Bonhoeffer* and *Dolphin Tale*.

The movie starts at 4 p.m. at the corps activity center, the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. Popcorn and concessions will be sold.

The other movie night is Sunday, June 3, with *The Adventures of Tin Tin*.

For more information,

contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or pollygirl219@aol.com or Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

Flea Market

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a flea market 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

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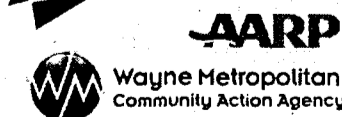
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From tragedy to triumph, family forges American Dream

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

Doughnuts are considered an American treat dating back to colonial times when the fried cakes were introduced by Dutch settlers. For Redford bakery owners, doughnuts represent the American dream.

Donut Town at Beech Daly and Five Mile has been owned by Va and Yin Chhan of Livonia since 1988, about 10 years after the Cambodian refugees arrived in the U.S. They also own Farm Hills Donuts on Farmington Road, near Eight Mile.

"We had zero. Not even a dollar in hand," Va Chhan said.

Today, Va and his wife, Yin, arrive at the bakery in the wee hours of the morning to make the doughnuts for the early morning rush. A few hours later, a regular coffee klatch, mostly retirees, gathers at the counter to discuss township events and politics, including James Brenner, a township board candidate, who calls the doughnut shop his campaign headquarters.

"I need my coffee in the morning. My wife doesn't



drink coffee. We don't even have a coffee pot in the house," he said.

Brenner claims Donut Town has the best freshly ground coffee in the area. Over the years, a friendship has developed with the Chhans that keeps him coming back daily.

Meanwhile, customers stop in and out throughout the day, some quickly picking out a dozen tasty treats to go and others unable to decide on just 12 of the jelly-filled, frosted or nutty variety.

Few realize the couple had never heard of doughnuts, or tasted one until 1982, when they began working at a doughnut

shop in California.

They spoke no English

"We spoke not one word of English," Yin said. She memorized the recipes and the words, representing the numerous varieties, such as "strawberry" filling.

Their story has a heartbreaking beginning in the jungles of Cambodia, where they lived for months hiding from the Khmer Rouge, which rose to power in 1975, about the same time American troops were making their exit from Vietnam.

The communist regime

The owners of Donut Town, Livonia residents Va and Yin Chhan, escaped tyranny to find happiness in America.

ried on their backs as they walked to the border across the Cambodian countryside. It took about three days to get there, only to be told that Thailand was not accepting refugees.

"We had no idea where to go," Va said.

Wandered the jungles for six months

They wandered through the jungles for six months, surviving on little food and water, hiding from the Khmer Rouge in the war-ravaged country.

They returned to the Thailand border a second time and were greeted by United Nations workers who accepted the refugees. After about two months in the camp, the Chhans found a sponsor to bring them to the U.S.

In December 1979, they arrived in Michigan with the help of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn. The church set them up in a small house on Michigan Avenue and helped Va find a job at an area Burger King.

Two years later, they moved to California, where they worked at a doughnut shop, learn-

ing the baker's trade over the next four years. When they returned to Michigan in 1986, the Sacred Heart parish helped them open their first doughnut shop, Yum Yum Donuts in Dearborn Heights. Two years later, they bought the Redford location. At one time, they owned seven locations.

Their oldest daughter, Vu, who was carried through the Cambodian jungle, is now 35, married and has two children of her own. Two other Chhan children were born in the U.S. — John, 32, an engineer and graduate of Michigan State University and Su, 30, studying business at Midland College.

"We are so happy now. We love America," Va said.

Both became American citizens years ago. They have also been familiarized with another immigrant custom that has become a tradition in the metro Detroit area, Paczki Day.

The Polish-Catholic jelly-filled doughnut, called a paczki, is a staple on Fat Tuesday, a day of indulging before Catholics' fasting days of Lent. Paczki Day is the busiest day of the year for the Chhans.

Michigan paralyzed veterans continue educational outreach

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Teresa Millman watched as a woman in her wheelchair perfected her golf swing in the backyard at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America office last Thursday.

Each strike of the ball brought a smile to the woman's face, and tears to Millman's eyes.

Millman, who is co-founder of the Millman N.R.G. Foundation, which stands for no restrictions golf, was on hand Thursday at the MPVA's 51st open house to talk about the foundation's partnership with the Novi-based non-profit.

The foundation's mission is to not only increase participation in the game of golf for those with disabilities,

but also be a therapeutic outlet.

It was just that on Thursday.

"Seeing the joy on the woman's face is what makes it all worthwhile," Millman said. "It's so inspiring to see."

Millman, along with her husband and co-founder Scott, were among a group of at least a dozen vendors on hand at the MPVA offices to show-

case their services and programs that benefit the disabled community.

Mike Harris, executive director of the MPVA, said the idea behind the event is to give people a chance to see what is out there and educate them on the services they are entitled to.

"Our goal is to make sure the veterans get the benefits they are entitled to," he said. "And it's

really an ongoing struggle."

Harris said the organization is trying to partner with the state on initiatives that will educate state agencies because they are a "resource when it comes to accessibility."

He also said they are looking to support 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie's Veterans Court program.

"It is such a great program and we would like to see more communities adopt it," he said.

Harris also was proud to announce that the organization would be participating in the Novi Memorial Day parade for a second consecutive year.

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Featured fossil: Mastodon man pushed for state symbol

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Make no bones about it, geologist Dave Thomas is Michigan's mastodon man.

Thomas still recalls the skeptics who raised their eyebrows when he started a push to make the mastodon the state fossil.

Treated at times like a mere cave man, the Canton resident took his campaign from Traverse City to Taylor, won support among his science colleagues and rallied outside the Michigan state capitol alongside 200 pro-mastodon Ann Arbor students.

It worked. Ten years ago this month, then-Gov. John Engler signed into law a Senate bill declaring the mastodon Michigan's official fossil — a tribute to what fossil records indicate was the largest animal, along with woolly mammoths, ever to roam Michigan.

"I was elated," said Thomas, a semi-retired geology professor of 32 years at Washtenaw Community College. "For me, the system finally worked. My real goal was to educate the people of Michigan, especially the students and teachers of Michigan."

Michigan already had a



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dave Thomas talks about the mastodon, an elephant-like beast that roamed Michigan until it became extinct about 10,000 years ago.

state bird (robin), flower (apple blossom) and tree (white pine), among other symbols. It even had a state soil, Kalkaska sand.

Symbol time

Unlike some 30 states, however, it lacked one symbol — a fossil.

Thomas has participated in two mastodon digs in Michigan and dinosaur digs in Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. He keeps a mastodon tooth

and partial lower leg in his home.

Michigan's no-fossil plight hit home when, in the late 1990s, he had a stint working at the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction — a place that proudly sold T-shirts sporting that state's fossil, the stegosaurus.

Thomas contacted his state legislators, ramped up his campaign, shrugged out his doubt-

ers and visited groups such as the Livonia Roamin Club, a rock and mineral club. He even received a \$300 grant from the Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association to wage his campaign until Engler signed the pro-mastodon Senate Bill 397 into law.

Then-township Supervisor Tom Yack had given Thomas a letter of support.

"Dave has always had



Thomas holds a single mastodon tooth.

a heart for the environment and animals and science in general," Yack said. "He was always a sincere guy who cared not just about his community, but the environment in general. Anybody as passionate as he was about that issue, heck, why wouldn't you support the guy?"

Leader letters

Engler's bill-signing led to congratulatory letters Thomas received from lawmakers such as then-state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, who sponsored the mastodon bill.

"It's really a nonpartisan issue," Thomas said, standing in his Canton house next to a collage of mastodon memorabilia.

Alas, the mastodon cannot properly thank Thomas. The tusked animal traces back 40 mil-

lion years ago and died off approximately 10,000 years ago. Belonging to the proboscidea order, it weighed five to six tons, ate plants and roamed this state.

"They were fairly common," Thomas said.

Mastodon-curious people can see male and female skeletons at places such as the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History. Moreover, Thomas hopes science and history teachers will remember the mastodon during May, designed as Michigan Month.

"I would hope that teachers can use it when they teach the history of the state," he said.

It seems his crusade continues.

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Schoolcraft's culinary team finishes a close second at regional championship

Oh, so close.

Schoolcraft College's culinary team finished a very close second at the American Culinary Federation's Central Region Student Team Championship.

Schoolcraft lost by .07 of a point to a five-stu-

dent team representing Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis. The winning team was announced Monday night during the 2012 ACF Central Regional Conference in Detroit.

Schoolcraft's team of second-year students

consists of Katie Kilanski, who is the team's captain; Tyler Bergquist of Canton; Michelle Collett of Romulus; Brandon Zarb of Milford; and Carla Spicuzzi of West Bloomfield. The team won the state title in February at Oakland

Community College.

Nine teams competed at the local and state levels before advancing to the regional competition, which consisted of three phases: cold-food presentation, skills and cooking. Schoolcraft hosted the skills and cooking competition last weekend.

During the cooking

phase, teams prepared four portions of a fish starter, salad and dessert of their choice and the pre-assigned classical entree, suprême de volaille à l'ecarlade from Escoffier: *The Complete Guide to the Art of Modern Cookery*. A panel of judges determined the winning team. The St. Louis

team will now prepare for the national finals, where it will face three other winning regional teams.

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White's lawyer plans vigorous defense

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer



Austin White

The attorney representing former Livonia Stevenson High All-State football player Austin White said she plans to vigorously defend her client's innocence in the wake of his arrest Wednesday on drug charges on the Central Michigan University campus.

White was one of three CMU football players arrested during the week.

The school newspaper, *Central Michigan Life*, reported that White turned himself in "without

incident," according to CMU police chief Bill Yeagley, after White's attorney, Mary Chartier of Lansing, negotiated a meeting time with a CMU police detective.

According to Chartier, White was processed Wednesday and immediately posted bond at about 5:15 p.m. White's preliminary court hearing date has yet to be set.

According to *CM Life*, two oth-

er Chippewa football players were arrested Tuesday night on the Mount Pleasant campus, including Joe Sawicki, a sophomore tight end from Mokena, Ill., and Danel Harris, a freshman wide receiver from Miramar, Fla.

Sawicki was charged with manufacturing narcotics, possession of narcotics and maintaining a drug house. He was arraigned and released on bond.

Harris, charged with felony larceny from a vehicle, was also released from the Isabella County Jail after paying 10 percent of the \$10,000 cash bond.

White and Sawicki are alleged to have been growing and selling hallucinogenic mushrooms in their terrace-level Celani Residence Hall.

"Austin White is not guilty of the crimes that he's been charged with, so our defense is going to be that he's actually innocent of these crimes," Chartier said. "The police really rushed to judgment. I made numerous attempts to contact the detective. I even offered that we'd come in and speak with them, and they weren't inter-

Please see **WHITE, B4**

Blazers roll in lacrosse

Senior Kylie Birney scored five goals and junior Jackie Snyder chipped in with four goals and one assist to spark Livonia Ladywood to a convincing 20-1 girls lacrosse victory Wednesday at Warren Regina.

Junior goalie Stephanie Mackley had to make just two saves as the Blazers improved to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the Catholic League.

Alex Hudak had the lone goal for Regina, which drops to 0-3 overall.

Bombs away for Rockets

Glenn boots Zebras, 9-2

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was a kind of "Star-Spangled Banner" game Thursday afternoon for the Westland John Glenn girls soccer team.

The Rockets were certainly in a red glare, their bombs bursting in air and it gave more than proof following a convincing 9-2 girls soccer victory Thursday at home over rival Wayne Memorial.

Freshman Sydney Climie scored a pair of goals and added four assists as Glenn notched its first victory of the season to improve to 1-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA's South Division.

Ironically, Wayne's Crystal Fletcher tallied the game's first goal, but Glenn scored four of the next five to take a commanding 5-2 halftime lead.

"The one thing I can say that was good is that we had a lot of energy today and we were fired up — even when we got down early 1-0," Glenn second-year coach Ralph Cabildo said.

"We played with a lot of heart and because we're so young, we're building."

Junior Kaitlyn Mitchell also scored twice for the Rockets, who also got goals from senior Alexis Gaglead, sophomores Marissa Edwards and Ceclia Said, and freshman Olivia Cabildo.

Sophomore Evelyn Acerano also chipped in with two assists.

Jenna Redden, a senior, was the winning goalkeeper.

"I felt we played very well for a majority of the game when we had the energy and focus to stick to our strategy," said Wayne coach Jeff Parrish, whose team fell to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA South. "In the first 20 minutes we managed to neutralize all their attacking threats and create a couple excellent scoring chances.

"But as usual this season, once we began to lose some energy late in the first half our team defense

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Wayne's Meghan Watson (9) and Glenn's Olivia Cabildo try and maintain balance of the ball in the air during Thursday's KLAA South Division match.

Tim Shaw grid camp

Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams standout Tim Shaw will stage his third annual "Dream It, Do It" youth football camps (grades 4-12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at Livonia Clarenceville, his high school alma mater.

To register, visit timshawfootball.cloudaccess.net.

Patriots host golf outing

The 11th annual Franklin Patriot Golf Outing will be Sunday, May 20 at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The 18-hole scramble features a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$110 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, dinner and door prize).

Corporate hold sponsorships are also available for \$125 (includes sign and recognition in event program).

Reservations must be received in the Franklin athletic office by Monday, May 14.

For more information, call Franklin A.D. Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

PREP BASEBALL

Ochodnicki, Dwyer spark Churchill win

Livonia Churchill will have to wait another day to complete its rain-shortened baseball doubleheader with host Plymouth.

But the Chargers earned a 5-3 victory in the opener as senior left-hander Brent Ochodnicki went all seven innings, scattering six hits and three walks while striking out eight.

The Chargers, who improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division, were tied 2-2 with the Wildcats (4-2, 0-1) before play was suspended with a make-up date yet to be determined.

Ochodnicki, a Madonna University signee, gave up one earned run and held a 4-3 lead through five innings in the opener before a 25-minute rain halted action.

"He gave up two runs in the second, but both were unearned," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He threw about 70 pitches and said he felt fine. He stayed loose and did not stiffen up. He settled down (after the delay) and pitched well even though we had Tyler Keeter ready just in case in the bullpen."

Connor Dwyer paced Churchill's offense going 3-for-3, including a solo homer in the third inning and three runs

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Spartan grid clinic May 26

The Livonia Stevenson Youth Football Clinic for students currently in grades 2-6 will be from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at the high school's turf field or fieldhouse (in case of inclement weather).

The camp, stressing fundamentals, is free with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. in Stevenson's north cafeteria. Clinic T-shirts are available for \$8 and must be received by May 16.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson varsity football coach Matt Fielder at mfielder@livoniapublicschools.org.

Glenn-Wayne golf outing

The Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High golf teams are teaming up to host a three-person scramble event beginning with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. For more information, call Glenn coach Steve Pilon at (734) 634-4622.



MADONNA COMMUNICATIONS | PHOTO

The Madonna University women's golf team was all smiles following Thursday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament triumph. Flanked by coaches Scott Marzolino (far left) and Charlie Suder (far right) are team members (from left) Chelsea Collura, Becca Porter, Kaitlyn Brasher, Michelle Hall and Megan Fleischer.

MU women reach NAIA's

The Madonna University women's golf team held off a hard charging Aquinas College squad to claim the 2012 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship Thursday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

MU, which held the overnight lead with a 340, shot a 347 on Day Two for a total of 687 and captured the event by 13 strokes.

The victory sends the Crusaders for the second time in three years to the 2012 NAIA National Championships, which will be May 15-18 at Link Hills Country Club in Greeneville, Tenn.

Aquinas was runner-up with a 353-347-700 followed by Daventon (716), Indiana Tech (717), Siena Heights (727), Northwestern Ohio (760), Lourdes of Ohio, 786 and Cornerstone (877).

The Crusaders had more than a few anxious moments on the front nine holes, but rallied on the back.

"I think the kids were nervous knowing that hanging in the balance was a trip to the national tournament and they struggled," said MU coach Scott Marzolino, who was named the WHAC's Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. "I think a lot of it was the toughest six inches of golf is between the ears. I was absolutely proud that after the turn, every single one of these kids battled back and really performed to the level that we expect."

Junior Michelle Hall (Flushing) repeated as WHAC individual medalist with an 82-83-165 for the 36-hole event.

"We tried to keep the num-

bers low," said Hall, whose final round featured eight pars, including five on the front side. "Obviously we struggled a little, but we came back on the back nine and tried not to have any big numbers. I tried not to have too many crazy shots today, keep the ball on the fairway, second shots close to the green, and play well."

Freshman Chelsea Collura (Riverview Gabriel Richard) tied for fourth with an 83-88-17 followed by fellow rookie Becca Porter (Temperance Bedford), who finished in ninth with an 87-88-175.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Brasher (Grand Blanc) ended in a tie for 10th place (88-88-176), while junior Megan Fleischer (Bloomfield Hills Marian) tied for 27th after a two-round total of 198.

BASEBALL

Continued from page B1

scored. Jake Otto also went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Ochodnicki chipped in with two hits.

Casey Sudz and Tyler Goble each had two hits for Plymouth.

Wildcats starter Justin Thompson gave up four earned runs on seven hits and three walks in four innings. He struck out four before giving way to Brian Schmid.

STEVENS 5, JOHN GLENN 3: Senior right-hander Chris McDonald pitched a complete-game five-hitter to lead Livonia Stevenson (5-1, 1-0) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Wednesday at Westland John Glenn (2-6, 0-1).

McDonald struck out 12 and allowed just one walk over seven innings.

Losing pitcher Zach Quinn allowed two earned runs on six hits and four walks in five innings before giving way to reliever Brandon Martin.

Josh DeYonker went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Travis Harvey knocked in a pair of runs. Mike Vomastek also had an RBI.

Chase Bovia, Jeff Kennedy and Daniel Ammons each had a hit and scored a run for Glenn.

CANTON 12-10, JOHN GLENN 2-0: In a KLA South Division twinbill Friday, the host Chiefs (7-1, 3-0) swept both ends on a pair of five-

inning mercy rule wins over host Westland John Glenn (2-8, 0-3).

Canton pitchers Brent Mattson and Alex Cole combined on a four-hitter and took advantage of five Glenn errors. Nick Hazergian went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored to lead the Chiefs' seven-hit attack. Jake Boucher also added two hits and scored twice.

Rockets starter Brandon Smeltzer took the loss, while Chase Bovia had an RBI sacrifice fly for Glenn.

In the nightcap, Hazergian went all five innings, allowing just four hits while fanning nine to pick up the win.

Ryan Bazner went 2-for-2 and scored three runs.

S. LYON 13, FRANKLIN 8: In a Kensington Conference crossover, host Livonia Franklin (5-3, 0-1) squandered a 7-2 lead as the Lions (1-0, 1-0) stormed back with nine in the top of the sixth to earn the victory.

South Lyon sent 14 batters to the plate and nine players in a row reached base as Franklin reliever Adam Carver, who took over for starter Justin Forrestall, suffered the loss.

Andrew Garcia and Colin Tittle each went 3-for-5 for the Lions, while Jonathan Newman clubbed a 2-run homer in the seventh.

Alex DeYonker went 4-for-5 with two RBI for the Patriots, while Carver went 3-for-4 and Joe Barczuk added two hits.

CHURCHILL 16, S.L. EAST 6: A tote board was needed to keep track of all the scoring in Wednesday's KLA South Division crossover game between host Livonia Churchill (3-1, 1-0) and South

Lyon East (1-4, 0-1).

Mike Rybinski went 3-for-4 with an RBI and a two runs scored as the Chargers tallied runs in each of their six innings to mercy East, 16-6.

Churchill also got a pair of hits from Tyler Keeter.

Winning pitcher Nick Misiak, who was staked to a 7-0 lead after three innings, worked into the fifth to pick up the victory. He was charged with all six runs on four hits and four walks.

Reliever Chris Lewan came on to pitch a scoreless sixth.

NORTHVILLE 11, WAYNE 1: Jeffrey Gertley went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored to give the Mustangs (4-1, 1-0) the Kensington Conference crossover win Wednesday at Wayne Memorial (4-4, 0-1).

Matt Stojkov pitched the first three innings of the six-inning mercy to pick up the victory.

Wayne starter Zach Lankton gave up 10 runs in 4.2 innings, including seven in the first.

Tyler McCurry went 2-for-3 to extend his hitting streak to five for the Zebras. Chris Briggs collected the other Wayne hit.

W. BLOOMFIELD 5, FRANKLIN 3: Marcus Armstrong went 3-for-4 and scored three runs Tuesday to give host West Bloomfield (4-5) a non-conference win against Livonia Franklin (5-2).

The Lakers broke a 3-3 deadlock with two runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Franklin starter Joe Barczuk, who worked the first five innings allowing three earned runs, took the loss.

Top hitters for the Patriots included Kevin Nisun (3-for-4) and Josh Gorman (2-for-3).

Blazers stop another state-ranked foe, 4-1

Using a 21-9 shot differential, the Livonia Ladywood soccer team knocked off its second straight Division 3 state-ranked foe Thursday with a 4-1 victory at home over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

The Blazers, coming of a big win Tuesday over No. 5 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, improved to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the Catholic League.

The loss drops the Fighting Irish, ranked No. 6 in Division 3, to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the league.

Ladywood jumped out to a 1-0 half-time lead in the 36th minute on freshman Sam Riga's first career goal off an assist from Paige Brennan.

The Blazers' Dominique Sarnecky made it 2-0 in the 47th minute off an assist from Kelly Capocchia, but Gabriel Richard's Niki Dirksen countered just five minutes later to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Ladywood, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, then salted away the victory on goals by Erin Cronyn (from Catherine Garber) in the 53rd minute and DeYana Walker (from Emily Huddleston) in the 57th minute.

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made four saves, while Richard's Lauren Yurko had 10 stops.

"We did an excellent job of getting ourselves in goal scoring locations," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Their goalkeeper (Yurko) was outstanding. I think she stopped three



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn's Katelynn Johnson (10) controls the ball in front of Wayne's Crystal Fletcher during Thursday's KLA South Division encounter.

or four breakaways. "Our back line and Sara Even were excellent from start-to-finish. We knew they had a quality attack and we did a nice job limiting dangerous opportunities."

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, BAPTIST PARK 1: In a hard-fought game MIAC Red Division match Thursday, Lutheran High Westland (2-0-2, 1-0-1) and host Taylor Baptist Park (1-2-1, 0-0-1) battled to a draw in overtime.

Senior Taylor Wiemer scored the Warriors' lone goal off an assist from freshman Allie Lange.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Angela Morrison made six saves.

Harris sparks Hawks to 17-0 win

Winning pitcher Alex Harris went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and five RBI Thursday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-1, 2-1) rolled to a 17-0 five-inning mercy-rule baseball victory over host Warren Macomb Christian.

Harris struck out seven and did not allow a hit while issuing a walk during his four-inning stint as the Hawks improved to 2-1 overall and 2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Andrew Reas also

added two hits for the Hawks, while James Farhat and Keaten Washburn had the lone hits for Macomb.

Steven Billings, charged with seven runs on seven hits and a walk in 3.1 innings, took the loss for the Crusaders (0-3 MIAC Red).

C'VILLE 16, ANNAPOLIS 6: Eric Trotter collected four hits and scored four runs Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (3-2) rolled to a six-inning mercy rule victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Ben Gehan, the winning pitcher, aided his own cause by collecting three hits and

scoring three times for the Trojans, who out-hit Annapolis, 14-5.

Annapolis starter Tyler Butzin took the loss.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 4, HVL 1: Rafael Eigenmann went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI to spark Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (3-3, 2-1) to a MIAC Red Division victory Tuesday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-1, 1-1).

Winning pitcher Collin O'Connor went all seven innings, scattering six hits while striking out 12.

HVL losing pitcher Ryan Schaffer gave up four runs on six hits. He struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Alex Harris went 2-for-3 and knocked in the lone run for the Hawks.

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got soft and Glenn's very talented shooters we allowed to set up and fire some unchallenged shots from just about 25 yards out and pick the corners of the net."

Despite the loss, Parrish remained upbeat and saluted the Rockets.

"It is a fun rivalry as I have coached many of the girls on Glenn's squad in club ball when they were younger," he said. "It's amazing to see how much they have continued to grow as players and to see them now compete at the next level. Both teams have exciting, young players so the next few years of this cross-town rivalry will be just as exciting."

COUNTRY DAY 1, STEVENSON 0: In an indoor game played Friday night, host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day earned the victory with a tap-in goal off a scramble from a corner kick at the 52nd minute mark to beat Livonia Stevenson (4-1).

Stevenson goalkeeper Rylee Jason made six saves, while the Spartans had three shots on goal.

"It was a slugfest, fun to watch and fun to coach, but not the result we wanted," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "The two teams battled for 80 minutes and we found out a lot about ourselves."

CHURCHILL 1, FARMINGTON 1: Livonia Churchill (1-3-2) settled down after giving up an early goal Friday night to tie the Falcons (4-0-3) in a non-league match.

Farmington's Erin Kohler scored just 35 seconds into the match and After a succession of corner kicks, Churchill tied it up on Lisa McMullen goal with only 12 minutes remaining off a feed from Rachel Blackney.

The Chargers got strong play from Blackney, Erin Emmanuel, Kelsey Parrinello and Alexa Vakratsis off the bench.

Goalkeeper Alexis Tzfaroglou made a key save

among her four stops to preserve the tie. **STEVENS 7, DEARBORN 0:** Nicole Zuckerman and Alexi Kliza each tallied a pair of goals as Livonia Stevenson (4-0) continued its winning ways with triumph Wednesday over the host Pioneers (2-3-1).

Zuckerman got the scoring started when she dribbled through five defenders and tucked a shot into the net during the 23rd minute.

Kliza then made it 2-0 in the 23rd minute off an assist from Kim Griffith.

The Spartans continued their offensive assault with five second-half goals — Kliza from eight yards out in the 50th minute from Emily Chrzasz; Dayna Stevens from Zuckerman (54th); Payton Kleven from Stevens (62nd); Zuckerman from Katelyn Foster (75th); and Allie Corp (76th) from Foster.

Goalkeeper Rylee Jason, making three saves, went the distance to earn her first career shutout. **CANTON 5, CHURCHILL 0:** On Thursday, four first-half goals carried the host Chiefs (2-0-3, 2-0) to a convincing KLA South Division win over Livonia Churchill (1-3-1, 1-1).

Ally Krause paced Canton with a hat trick. Goalkeeper Alexis Tzfaroglou made 11 saves in the setback, while Rachel Blackney stood out as an outside defender and Rosie Rowland earned kudos as an outside attacking forward.

Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit missed the game due to illness. **CHURCHILL 5, WAYNE 0:** Five different players scored goals Tuesday as Livonia Churchill (1-2-1, 1-0) picked up a KLA South Division win at Wayne Memorial (1-3, 0-1).

Churchill took a 4-0 half-time lead on goals by senior Rachel Blackney, 25th minute; senior Lisa McMullen, 30th minute (from senior Melissa Bird); sophomore Kacie Murray, 33rd minute (from junior Rosie Rowland); and Rowland (unassisted). Junior Sarah Nedam added another goal in the 65th minute from Murray to cap the scoring and Alexis Tzfaroglou posted the shutout in goal.

"It took us a bit of time to get our first goal of the year," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "But we played well, connected passes, had the ball, were never stretched, and moved the ball over all parts of the pitch."

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRI-MEET RESULTS April 21 at D.H. Annapolis
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 52 points; 2. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 47; 3. Newport Lutheran South, 20.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Kristy (South), 30 feet, 2 inches; 2. Leah Refenes (LW), 26-8; 3. Alleijah Mollenhauer (LW), 25-9.5;
discus: 1. Christie (South), 82-11; 3. Janine Erickson (LW), 76-11; **high jump:** 1. Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-0; **long jump:** 1. South, no mark available; 2. Lis Ivey (LW), 12-7; 3. Emma Buffone (LW), 11-10;
pole vault: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 6-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Terranella (LW), 18.4; 2. Flury (LW), 19.2; 3. Allison Johnson (LW), 20.2; **300 hurdles:** 1. Terranella (LW), 53.3; 2. Flury (L), 53.4; 3. Johnson (LW), 58.6; **100 dash:** 1. Terrace (DHA), 14.1; **200:** 1. Terrace (DHA), 31.1; 3. Ivey (LW), 31.5; **400:** 1. Milanie South, 1:09.1; 2. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 1:13.3; 3. Chelsea Kovacs (LW), 1:13.6; **800:** 1. Jess Rice (LW), 2:49.3; **1,600:** 1. Erin Hardin (LW), 6:02.0; **3,200:** no entries; **400 relay:** 1. Annapolis, 2:03.2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Annapolis, NTA; **3,200 relay:** 1. Annapolis, 12:41.8.
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 3-0 overall.
April 19 at Clarenceville
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 68 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 58; 3. Hazel Park, 25.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Wilson (HP), 29 feet, 9 inches; 2. Leandre O'Neal (Cville), 29-8.75; Alexis Johnson (Cville), 29-1; **discus:** 1. Emily Jasmner (Cville), 75-7; 3. O'Neal (Cville), 65-6; **high jump:** no entries; **long jump:** 1. Micah Willingham (Cville), 15-8; 2. Kayla Dumas (Cville), 14-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Ashley Murphy (Cville), 16.95; 2. Willingham (Cville), 19.01; **300 hurdles:** 1. Willingham (Cville), 51.37; 2. Murphy (Cville), 54.06; **100 dash:** 1. Blake (BHC), 12.41; 3. Dumas (Cville), 13.46; **200:** 1. Blake (BHC), 26.03; 2. Ayanna Buckley (Cville), 26.93; **400:** 1. Blake (BHC), 1:02.54; 2. Buckley (Cville), 1:07.49; **800:** 1. Ford (BHC), 2:39.67; 2. Tristyn Bean (Cville), 2:49.97; **1,600:** 1. Ford (BHC), 5:47.04; **3,200:** 1. Howlett (BHC), 12:44.58; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Dumas, Kamaria Sanders, Tangela Dooley, Mya Banks), 53.52; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Dumas, Sanders, Dooley, Buckley), 1:52.61; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Willingham, Sanders, Dooley, Buckley), 4:40.48; **3,200 relay:** 1. Cranbrook, 11:11.5; 2. Clarenceville, 13:01.6.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 4-1 overall.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

BOYS TRI-MEET RESULTS April 19 at D.H. Annapolis
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 84 points; 2. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 37; 3. Newport Lutheran South, 8.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 41 feet, 6.5 inches; 2. Jake Bartos (LW), 36-6; **discus:** 1. Davenport (LW), 117-1; **high jump:** 1. Jake Fairbairn (LW), 5-6; 2. Mitch Boehm (LW), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Dan Roberts (LW), 17-6; Boehm (LW), 16-6; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Harper (LW), 8-0; 2. Roberts (LW), 7-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 16.3; 2. Austin Olson (LW), 18.5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 42.8; 2. Olson (LW), 49.6; **100 dash:** 1. Darrian (DHA), 11.0; 3. Conner Even (LW), 12.5; **200:** Darrian (DHA), 23.9; 2. Roberts (LW), 25.1; **400:** 1. Cody (DHA), 54.6; 2. Caleb Kempf (LW), 54.7; **800:** 1. Mike (South), 2:08.5; 2. Zach Foot (LW), 2:14.1; 3. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 2:19.2; **1,600:** 1. Dan Bunge (LW), 5:25.5; **3,200:** Annapolis, no time available; **400 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Zach Arthur, Even, Olson, Boehm), 52.6; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Bobby Miller, Boehm, Roberts), 1:41.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Annapolis, NTA; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Eric Smith, Whitehouse, Ian O'Banion, Foot), 9:32.6.
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 3-0 overall.
April 19 at Clarenceville
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 86 points; 2. Hazel Park, 47; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 28.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 41 feet, 5.75 inches; 3. Deavon Wilson (Cville), 36-3; **discus:** 1. Cummings (Cville), 141-1; 2. Wilson (Cville), 103-1; 3. Brad Davis (Cville), 96-11; **high jump:** 1. Campbell (HP), 5-10; **long jump:** 1. Mike Demmons (Cville), 19-8.5; 3. Ma Sambous Jatta (Cville), 16-9.5; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Jatta (Cville), 16.81; **300 hurdles:** 1. Jatta (Cville), 42.66; 2. James Hill (C), 45.15; **100 dash:** 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 10.74; 2. Jalen Bryant (Cville), 11.35; **200:** 1. Kelly (Cville), 23.2; 2. Bryant (Cville), 23.89; **400:** 1. Kareem Stewart (Cville), 56.84; **800:** 1. Shields (HP), 2:10.21; **1,600:** 1. Shields (HP), 4:32.54; 2. Alec Jones (Cville), 5:54.22; **3,200:** 1. Shields (HP), 10:39.88; 2. Joey Walker (Cville), 11:30.22; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, DeLuan Smith, Kelly), 45.2; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Hill, Kelly), 1:37.72; **1,600 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Stewart, Hill, Jones, Jatta), 3:47.85; **3,200 relay:** 1. Cranbrook, 9:14.97; 2. Clarenceville, 9:28.35.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 4-1 overall.

Garage sale season

Be a savvy seller when turning trash into treasures

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Margaret Martin remembers the garage sale vendor with just one item.

"We had a guy sell a boat on a trailer," said Martin, program supervisor for Westland Parks and Recreation, including its annual community garage sale. "He rented a \$20 spot and sold the boat in an hour and went home. The guy who bought it from him hooked it up and left. Everyone was happy."

Martin, who has overseen the community sale for 16 years, said vendors typically sell a mix of merchandise, not just one item.

"We do see a lot of toys, games, a lot of kitchen supplies, china, silverware, glasses and smaller furniture. This is truly a garage sale and high-end items rarely sell well."

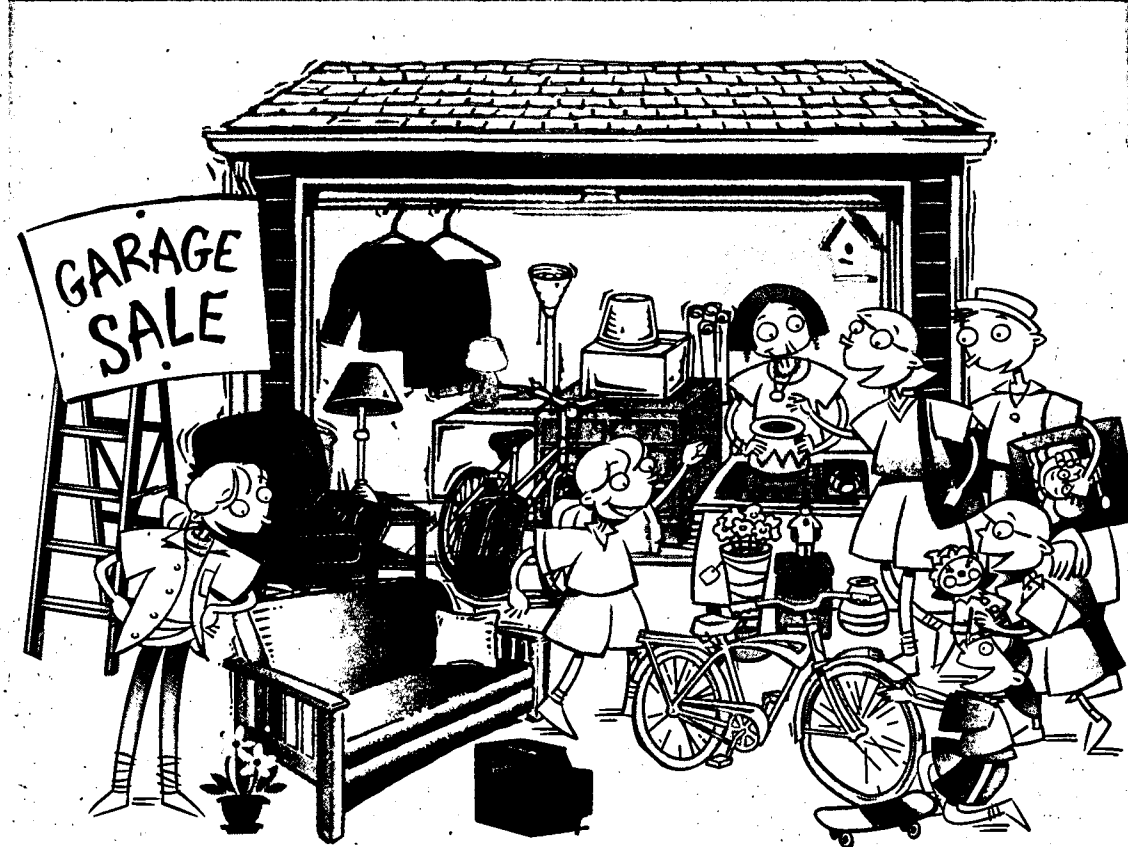
She said 20 percent of the vendors are professional sellers. Another 10 percent use the event, held in a city parking lot on Ford Road, for fundraising. The rest are individuals and families.

"Some are repeat folks, but they are just cleaning out their basements. You rent your spot, show up that day and have a good time."

The city has begun renting parking lot spaces for \$20 each for the sale that runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 12. Call (734) 722-7620.

Permits, signs

In other communities the residential garage sale season is underway, as homeowners haul items from the basement, closets and the attic into their



driveways and backyards.

"We're doing a few right now, but not too many," said a spokeswoman at the Livonia clerk's office, which sells garage sale permits. Livonia residents may hold two sales annually and must buy a \$5 permit for the first sale, and spend \$10 for the second sale. Sales must be four weeks apart. "We only get a few who do the second sale in a year."

Garden City and Redford also require permits for sales. Westland, Canton and Plymouth don't. All communities, however, regulate garage sale signs.

None permit signs on the city right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk.

"It is an ordinance violation to post signs on utility poles. It's subject to a \$50 fine," noted a spokesman for Plymouth's code enforcement department.

Complying with city sign and permit regulations is key to a successful sale at home. All of the communities post at least some information online.

Pricing, display and organization are important, too.

Church sale

"We price our stuff quite low.

We might want to put a few things on racks. We have ladders to hang clothes on," said Carol Napier, who coordinates Good Hope Lutheran Church's annual sale. It runs Thursday-Friday, April 26-27 at the church in Garden City. "We might price a few things that are super nice a little higher."

Most clothing items are grouped on tables. All blue jeans, for example, are displayed together.

Items that are too worn often end up in the garbage, rather than a display table, Napier said.

Martin also suggests that garage sale vendors consider which items are likely to sell and which should be tossed.

"People don't want to buy garbage," Martin said. "If you were going to throw it in the dumpster anyway, that's probably where it should go."

Collectors

But Napier cautions against discarding all old or damaged items too quickly.

"If it's old or cracked there may be a collector for it anyway," she said, recalling two green Pyrex bowls that she rescued from the trash during a previous sale at Good Hope. "I put 50 cents on them. Those bowls were right out the door."

Another time, she priced "an ugly-looking platter" at \$10.

"Everyone said it was too high, but I said, we can always come down in price."

That's what many vendors do at Westland's community garage sale. They often negotiate with customers and drop prices as the sale proceeds.

"Put up signs that say prices are negotiable," Martin said. "Some people do grab bags that sell for a nickel. They put 10 items in a bag. It's a mystery, like buying a lottery ticket. You can do that with little things, like white elephant stuff. Those tend to be kind of fun."

Martin's other suggestions for a successful sale:

- Organize the display so customers can see items clearly.
- Make sure items are clean.
- Put price tags on everything.
- Make sure to have tarps on

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"Genesis" is among the works by Larry Sekulich, who will critique art by members of Three Cities Art Club on May 7.

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Artist Lawrence Sekulich will critique art work for members of the Three Cities Art Club from 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 7 at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hills Road, in Canton Township. Non-members can pay a \$25 membership fee that night and participate in the event, which is free for members. Sekulich received a B.S. degree in art education and an M.Ed.

degree in art therapy from Wayne State University. He taught art for 32 years in Garden City Public Schools and has been awarded two Gilroy and Lilian P. Roberts Foundation scholarships. His work has been exhibited in more than 30 juried groups, invitational and solo shows. He also published numerous articles demonstrating the relationship of fine art to numismatics, the study of coins.

Artists may bring one or two pieces for Sekulich's critique. He'll give constructive suggestions for improved techniques to attain desired results. Light refreshments will be served. Membership is open to adults, 18 and older. For more information, e-mail to Marilyn Meredith at marilynmeredith@wowway.com or call (313) 231-3939. Visit online at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to dhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

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CLASS OF 1982

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

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CLASS OF 1962

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

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

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FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelsbach) Whittaker at s_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

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CLASS OF 1962

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CLASS OF 1962

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CLASS OF 1972

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

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ALL CLASSES

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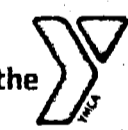
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THERE'S NOTHING WRONG

Medical practice today is better than it was 20 years ago, but is still far from perfect. A physician could see a patient with knee pain, examine the patient and find nothing wrong with the knee. The doctor would then obtain weight bearing x-rays of the knee meant to bring out abnormalities that would be missed if the person was just resting on his or her back on the x-ray examination table. Despite such care, the x-rays could show nothing wrong.

Because knee x-rays only show bone structures, the physician would next order an MRI of the knee, looking for a tear in the meniscus or in the anterior cruciate ligament. These structures do not show up on x-rays or CT scans, but MRI imaging give a clear picture of their state in the knee joint. However, the result could be that the MRI finds no change that could explain the person's knee pain.

The doctor cannot conclude that nothing is wrong with knee, and the person just imagines the pain or exaggerates a minor discomfort. The better explanation is that the physician cannot find the cause. One possible next step is to refer the patient to a specialist or a colleague who can provide a fresh look or bring more experience to the problem.

The alternative is to follow the patient. With information at hand, the physician knows the patient does not have a fracture, tumor, infection or other knee problem that requires immediate treatment to prevent residual deformity. The physician is on safe ground to encourage the patient to remain active, for experience shows that time and use will provide the answer.



Diane Ault, owner of Diane's Dream Brides, checks over one of the dresses that will be modeled at Showroom of Elegance.

See bridal fashions at Canton jewelry boutique

Brides-to-be will view wedding dresses in a "strolling" fashion show Saturday, April 28, at Showroom of Elegance in Canton.

"We're doing an unconventional fashion show. The average show has models walking down the aisle or on stage. We wanted to make it more mix and mingle," said Meghan Giersdorf, marketing and event specialist. "The models will walk among the guests."

Giersdorf said the more informal show enables guests to observe how gowns flow as the models walk throughout the room, rather than in a straight line on a runway.

"Mix and Mingle: Strolling Bridal Fashion Show and Mini-Expo" will run from 1-4 p.m. at Showroom of Elegance, a fine jewelry boutique, 6018 Canton Center Road.

Diane's Dream Brides of Livonia will provide



Brides-to-be will find dresses like this one from Diane's Dream Brides of Livonia, at Showroom of Elegance's Mix and Mingle: Strolling Bridal Fashion Show and Mini-Expo, in Canton.

the fashions. Vendors will include You're the Bride, an event planning service, Nerdy Girl Cakery, Thomas' Catering, Precious Memories Photography and more. Some will offer samples and special giveaways.

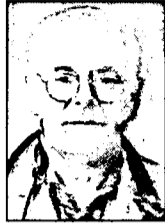
Every guest will take home a "swag bag" of gifts.

Admission is free. RSVP is recommended but not required. Call (734) 207-1906.

— Sharon Dargay

Fictional story is rooted in reality

Someone in the house remembers that they need a certain article of clothing ready to wear the next morning. It's late, nearing bedtime and you, being the ever-loving woman in the family, rush to the washing machine to get the job done.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

By the time the washer shuts off, everyone has their heads tucked onto their pillow and entered into dream land. You meanwhile have stayed up just to put the item into the clothes dryer so it will be ready for wear in the morning. Finally, you are tucked out and hit the sack yourself, realizing that all will be well in the morning. The dryer will take care of the clothing item and since it's perma press, all you have to do is let it tumble for a few minutes when you get up and it's ready to go. But in the middle of the night all your efforts go up in flames.

What happened during that first solid hour of sleep gave you an education you never want to relearn. Your clothes dryer which has been trouble free for the past five or 10 years was clipping right along when a small piece of lint went through the heat chamber and landed right on the clothing as it was tumbling. Just that little bitty piece of lint turned the whole night upside down. Suddenly the flames were leaping out of the back of the dryer through the vent louvers and up the wall. The items of clothing, which for years had fallen behind the dryer and under it, were giving evidence to the missing sock syndrome. Any items lying on top of the washer and dryer were also giving way to 2,000 degrees of heat along with the back wall shelf he built for storing towels and laundry products.

That smoke and fire alarm that you put off installing above the washer and dryer certainly would have helped in this situation, but that was far on the to-do list. By the time a smoke detector in the hallway sounded the alarm the whole house was

filled with smoke and you could hear the crackling of the flames in the laundry room.

In your panic and screaming you didn't know the condition of other family members and all you could think about was yourself. You looked at the bedroom window and knew that was your only way out but in this moment of brain power you realized that the ongoing fire had consumed all of the air in the house and the moment you opened the window, you would be engulfed in flame and surely die, so you shut the bedroom door. You climbed out the window and landed in the bushes and although badly bruised and cut, you managed to roll your shocked body away from the building. You could hear the sirens and fire trucks pulling up in front of the house and finally saw another human being standing beside you. You woke up a few days later in a hospital bed to discover that family members had died in that fire. You've recovered since then and life has gone on but never the same. For the rest of your life you never turn on a clothes dryer without sitting beside it.

With the official figure reported by the Consumer Product Safety Commission being 16,000 fires per year from clothes dryers, you can add another 20,000 of so that are not reported. It is time for every homeowner in America to wake up and recognize the importance of cleaning the dryer vent line, using the correct type and taking the dryer apart and cleaning the inside of the cabinet. The above story is not really make believe, it probably relives itself every day. Do you really want to live it for yourself? Take action now!

Wait, I almost forgot an important part of the story. The fire department estimates that it would take 11 minutes from the time the fire starts to the time you'd jump out the window. Stay tuned.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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



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

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

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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April

AUCTION

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

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

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

Contact: auction@stmary-wayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

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

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

Details: Walk-ins are welcome

Contact: (734) 722-1735

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 Riccardi, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the church. The series began April 16

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgparish.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.christsavior.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, BAKE 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

May

CINCO DE MAYO

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, May 5

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The dance is aimed

at adults with developmental disabilities, special needs and their caretakers. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be served.

Contact: For reservations call (248) 442-8822

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit

Details: The Fort Street Chorale performs Dvorak's "Stabat Mater." Tickets are \$20

Contact: (313) 961-4533; www.fortstreet.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23

Location: Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi

Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bob La Croix as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Register by calling the church or visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.

Contact: (248) 349-8847; www.holyfamilynovi.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 1 for six weeks

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: No charge, non-sectarian community service of SPACE for Changing Families, National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, is aimed at those who have lost a spouse or partner. Registration required

Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail Space@ncjwgds.org

GUEST SPEAKER

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

Location: Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

Details: Radio host Bob Dutko of WMUZ, 103.5 FM's "The Bob Dutko Show" is the guest speaker. Dutko also hosts a nationally syndicated talk show called "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko." No admission charge, although freewill donations will be accepted

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 29; Once Upon a Time: Prints and Drawings that Tell Stories, through May 13; Plant (3D), a three-dimensional investigation of the abandoned Packard auto plant in Detroit, runs through April 29

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

JAZZ FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22
Location: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Gary Schunk Trio performs at this benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival. Tickets are \$15. Send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022

Contact: Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720

Comedy

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedynet

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Michael Kosta, April 25-28; Vince Morris, May 2-5

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: John Caparulo, April 26-28; Kevin Mcpeek, May 3; Norm MacDonald, May 4-5; Kathleen Macdonald, May 10-12

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
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

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

POLKA BOOSTERS

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

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

Details: Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by Squeezebox Band with Mollie and Ted Lange and Bobbie Earl

Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "One For the Money," \$3
Coming up: "Secret World of Arriety," 7 p.m. Friday, April 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; "Albert Nobbs," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6; "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

Thursday classics: April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

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

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

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

Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Contact: (734) 455-8940

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; exhibit runs through May 6

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s

Coming up: "Monsters and Myths" runs 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Visitors will learn about the mythological beasts that inhabited the ancient world through activities designed especially for children aged 5-12, such as a monster hunt throughout the galleries, a Greek mythology discussion, a make-your-own-monster workshop and a design-your-own-cyclops headband session and more
Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Doug MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herring, April 29

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

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

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

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members

may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

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

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Ron Kischuk and Friends, with Kischuk on trombone, Chuck Shermatero on keyboard, Marion Hayden on bass and Judy Cochill on vocals, performs April 24. Proceeds from Jazz at the Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

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

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30

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

Details: Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michiganphil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village-theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

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

Contact: (734) 454-0178

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The group sings Maurice Durufle's "Requiem," and Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Regina Coeli" at this 26th season concert. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Mary Ann Balduf, organist, joins the singers. Richard Ingram conducts. No tickets are needed. A free-will offering will be taken. Contact: (734) 455-8353

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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 Corinne 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

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.

DOLSON (ZIELINSKI) TERRY LYNN

Age 54. Passed away March 27, 2012, in Florida, formerly of Wayne, MI. Beloved daughter of Wanda (Putnam-Zielinski) Boice, adored wife of Daniel Dolson, loving mother of Stacey (Chris Culver) Black, Danielle (Matt) Howard and Justin Dolson. Devoted grandmother of Samara and Gabriel Kassab, Drake and Kennedy Culver, MacKenna, Malachi and Matthew Howard. Cherished sister of Toni (Larry) Stacy, James (Carl) Zielinski and Joseph (Kimberely) Zielinski. Survived by many loving Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews & friends. Predeceased by her father Henry Joseph Zielinski, stepfather Edgar R. Boice and grandson James Daniel Ramsey. Celebration of Life Visitation for family and friends on Saturday, April 28, 2012 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at The First United Methodist Church, Three Towne Square, Wayne, MI (South entrance). In lieu of memorials, contributions may be made to the family of Wanda Boice.

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

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, Isabella, 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.



MacDONALD, COLIN F.

Age 83, April 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Sarah. Loving father of Duane and Gary MacDonald and Colleen Mazzola. Dear grandfather of Lenora Pettit, Andrew, Dominic and Colin Mazzola. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 1-9 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. In state at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Monday from 9:30 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Henry Ford Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com.

MOFFITT, JOHN STEVEN

August 16, 1962 - April 13, 2012 Born in Redford Township. Survived by sons Sean Michael Moffitt and Patrick Steven Moffitt, sisters Hollie M. Archdale, Kathi L. Moffitt and Laurie J. Moffitt and grandchildren. Beloved brother, may you rest in eternal peace.



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

MORRISON, DAVID ALLEN "TURK"

Age 61, formerly of Westland, died April 13, 2012. Beloved husband of Carolyn A. Morrison; loving father of Mary (Brian) Heck, 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 Kinnear; 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



MORSE, ELAINE P.

April 18, 2012, Age 71. Loving mother of Sean (Jessica) and the late Christopher (Pam). Grandmother of Christopher and Catherine. Sister of Jeanne Perkins. Dearest friend of Elizabeth Harris. Family will receive friends Monday (April 23) 3-7 p.m. and Tuesday (April 24) 3-7 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Memorial Service Sunday (May 6) at 2:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Baldwin Public Library or Birmingham Historical Society or Birmingham Unitarian Church or Seedlings Braille Books. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



WARRICK, JO ANN McCLUNG

Born August 3, 1928 and died April 15, 2012 in Madison, Wisconsin. For many years, Jo Ann taught private piano and group piano in her homes in Madison and Birmingham MI. Over the years she performed and sung with hundreds of children in concerts throughout the region. She was chief consultant and lecturer for "Green Frog Productions," taught and performed early childhood music seminars and entertainment programs for many preschools around the Midwest, and served as Admissions Director of the Edgewood Campus School. Her hobbies included music (piano, organ and autoharp) and theatre (performing in over 35 musicals for The Village Players in Birmingham, Sun Prairie Civic Theatre and MATC). Jo Ann was born and raised in Madison, attending Randall, Nakoma, West High, UW-Madison (a Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority member), and Katharine Gibbs School in Chicago. She married George R. Warrick, Jr. in 1953 and moved to Birmingham MI where Jo Ann took time off to raise a family. After George's passing in 1975, Jo Ann returned to UW Madison to complete her BS in 1985 (where she received the "Outstanding Returning Adult Student Award"), and a Masters of Education from National College of Education in Evanston, IL. Because of her interest in musical comedy she found time to attend "clown school" at George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1978. Jo Ann is survived by her three children: Jim McLeod-Warrick of Boston, Kit Rittman of Madison and Sam Warrick of Minneapolis, and seven grandchildren. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to: Humane Society of Madison in honor of Jo Ann's many canine companions.

RATCLIFFE (WALTER) RUTH NAOMI

Age 76. From Happy Valley, Oregon. Born on March 6, 1936 in Garden City, Michigan.

SANTTI, IMER

51 year resident of Garden City, passed away in Springfield Missouri at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Sally. 2 Sons in Law, Steve and Doug Fox and a Great Granddaughter, Emma Baker. He is survived by 2 sisters, 5 children, 13 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren. Graveside Service with Military Honors, Saturday, April 28 at 11:00AM - Parkview Cemetery, 5 Mile and Farmington in Livonia.



SNYDER, GEORGE EDWARD

April 1, 2012 Age 78. Beloved husband of Claudia (nee Gage) for 28 years. Dear father of Sara Lynn Snyder and Elizabeth Jane "Beth" Snyder Dierkes (Charles). Loving step-father of Charles Alexander "Alec" Brooks (fiancé Katrina), Claudia Cecelia "Cary" Jarnac (Scott). Cherished grandfather of 10. Brother of Mary Elizabeth Snyder Casey (Edward James, III). Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial service Wednesday, April 25th 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Beaumont Foundation. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Milestones

Felczak-Berberich

Michael and Shirley Felczak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Mary Felczak, to Tyler David Berberich, son of Robert Berberich and Dana George Berberich of Camarillo, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Livonia. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 2005. She also earned a master of arts degree in clinical psychology in 2008 from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill., and a doctorate degree in clinical psychology in 2011, also from Roosevelt



University. She is completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center in Chicago, Ill.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Concord High School, Concord. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice in 2005 from Michigan State Univer-

sity and a juris doctorate degree in 2008 from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Ill. He is an associate attorney with Horwitz, Horwitz and Associates, Ltd. in Chicago, Ill.

An August 2012 wedding is planned at the Illinois Beach Resort, Zion, Ill.

Steele-Szymanski

Jamie Marie Steele and Paul Szymanski, Jr. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bernard Steele and Gloria Matuszewski of Northville, received BA and MA degrees from Michigan State University. She teaches first grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Sandra Szymanski, Sr., of Livonia, graduated from Wayne State University. He is a principal at Detroit Edison Public School Academy.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit.



Area resident to mark 107th birthday

Gladys Gotts of Ypsilanti, formerly of Plymouth and Canton, will celebrate her 107th birthday May 4.

She was born May 4, 1905 to Herman and Ethel Kincaid in Silverwood. Her parents bought a Superior Township farm when Gladys was a girl. She and a girlfriend rode horses to the old Ypsilanti High School on Cross Street in Ypsilanti and sometimes rode in their horse-drawn buggy.

Gladys married Percy Gotts in 1923. They farmed with his parents on North Ridge Road in Canton. Around 1940, after the death of Percy's father, the couple took ownership of the 80 acres.

Melons and sweet corn grown on their farm were sold at Detroit's Eastern Market. A dairy herd provided milk. A cash crop of sugar beets that Percy forked out of the ground was delivered to a mill in Mount Clemens.

Percy and Gladys had three daughters. The oldest, Betty DeKarske, died in 1980; Dorothy Richards, 79 lives two miles from where she was born and sees her mother several times a week. The youngest daughter, Joyce Gyde, 72, lives in Texas. Gladys has four liv-



Gotts

ing grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One granddaughter is deceased.

The Gotts farm was outfitted with one of the early Delco electrical generating systems. The main kitchen was converted to this power source. A large back room kitchen, equipped with a pot-bellied stove, served for summer cooking. Dorothy Richards says she believes her mother's happiest years were spent on the family farm.

Her life changed when Percy died of heart dis-

ease in 1955. Gladys stayed in the old house until 1973. The farm's sale led to the development of the Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery.

A succession of addresses never quite satisfied Gladys' yearning for the farming life. As recently as 2005, when she was 100 years old, she still lived alone in her condominium in Plymouth.

When she broke her hip in a fall, she moved to Superior Woods Healthcare Facility where she remains as an active resident.

Ilievski-Hicks

Kire and Nada Ilievski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria, to Joseph Hicks, son of Charlie and Sue Hicks of Trenton.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna University. Her fiancé holds a bachelor's degree in information technology from Eastern Michigan University.



A September 2012 wedding is planned at St.

Mary's Orthodox Church in Sterling Heights.

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Walking for preemies

March of Dimes holds its largest fundraiser — March for Babies — April 28 in Westland and April 29 in Detroit, Dexter and Troy. With one in eight babies born premature in the Detroit area, walk organizers hope to raise significant funds to support research and educational programs aimed at helping moms have healthy babies. Last year March for Babies in Metro Detroit raised \$1.4 million. Walkers can register at 8 a.m. and begin a six-mile walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 28 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland; (248) 359-1550. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 29, at Wayne State University in Detroit and at 10 a.m. April 29 at Hudson Mills MetroPark, 8801 Territorial Road in Dexter and at Somerset Collection, 3100 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Register for any of the walks online at www.marchforbabies.org.

Improve your health at camp, in a seminar

Better Living Seminars will offer both its 33rd annual Health Camp and "Motivation to Move" seminar next month.

The camp, May 13-20 at Camp Au Sable near Grayling, is designed to help participants make life-enhancing, lifestyle changes.

Professionals with expertise in various health fields lead camp programs.

Nutrition experts will help campers plan healthy and delicious meals that can lower the risk of heart disease, cancer, obesity and diabetes. Vegetarian meals are served at the camp. The camp exercise specialist will assist each individual in developing a personal exercise program. The weight control seminar will start participants on a safe and effective path for weight management.

The live-in program, with its fresh air, 24-hour support, healthy food and fun activities, also aims to help individuals stop smoking.

Campers may attend morning and evening seminars of their

choice. Afternoons are free for various activities and crafts. Horse back riding, canoeing, golfing, hiking, ceramics, card stamping, and basket weaving are some of the available choices. All cabins are clean and heated and full service motor home hook-ups are available. Cost is \$495 for the week and \$895 with an accompanying spouse.

Call (248) 349-5683 for brochure and application.

Better Living Seminars, which is a non-profit health education corporation, also will offer its "Motivation to Move" seminar 2-7 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Metropolitan Adventist School and Church campus, 15585 Haggerty, in Plymouth.

Robert Sweetgall, America's leading advocate of walking for wellness, will lead the seminar. Sweetgall has walked 11,208 miles through all 50 states in a year and has authored 17 books on physical activity, walking and wellness. Sweetgall has appeared on NBC's

Today, Regis & Cathy Lee and Evening Magazine. In his former life, Sweetgall was an overweight Brooklyn boy nicknamed "Butterball." Motivated by a family history of heart disease, he gave up his \$100,000 12-year career with Dupont, to take his health message on the road by walking the talk across America.

The first part of the seminar, "The Ten Healthiest Things Educators Can Do For Themselves & Their Students," will run 2-4 p.m. The second half, from 5-7 p.m., will focus on personal wellness, longevity and renewal. It will include information on Nordic walking and other activities for reducing weight, stress, heart disease and diabetes risk, low back pain and the rate of aging.

Cost is \$10. Teacher and other professionals seeking CEU credit pay \$20.

Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required. Call (248) 446-9176.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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AUTISM TATTOO

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

CANCER SCREENING

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R, south of Warren, north of Mack, in Detroit, will conduct free oral, head and neck cancer screenings, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. A simple 15-minute screening exam can help determine if further follow-up is needed to help detect oral, head and neck cancers in their earliest stages. Space is limited to the first 100 who register. Some of the warning signs of oral cancers include a sore in your mouth that doesn't heal or increases in size; lumps or white, red or dark patches in your mouth; persistent pain in your mouth; a lump in your neck or thickening of your cheek; difficulty chewing or swallowing, moving your jaw or tongue, swelling or pain in your jaw; soreness in your throat or feeling that something is caught in your throat; pain around your teeth or loosening of your teeth; numbness in your mouth; changes in your voice or bad breath. Pre-register by 5 p.m. April 26 for screening and complimentary valet parking. Call (800) 527-6266. Onsite registration will be permitted if space is available.

At Botsford Hospital



Dr. Amit R. Mohindra, M.D., who is board-certified in oncology, hematology and internal medicine, has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. After receiving his medical education in India, Mohindra completed an internal medicine residency and a hematology and oncology fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He has clinical interests in anemia, bleeding disorders, leukemia, lymphoma, bone marrow/stem cell transplantation, and transfusion medicine. He sees patients at his practice, located at 14555 Levan, Suite 112 in Livonia; (734) 779-2123.

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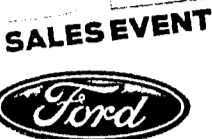
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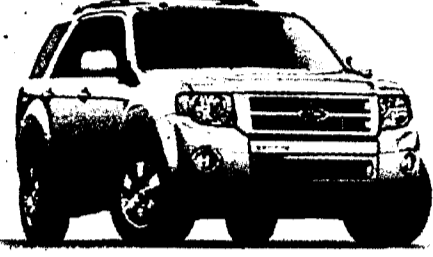
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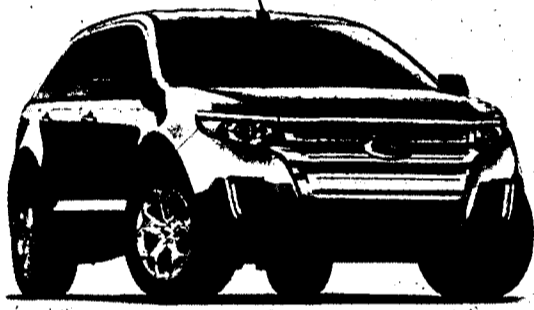
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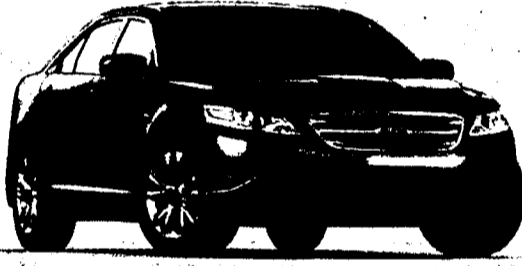


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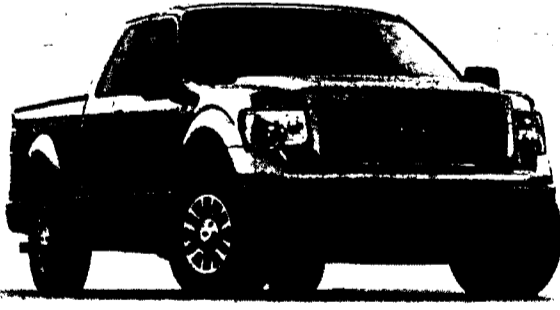


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