



Rouge Rescue

Join Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve at 7 p.m. this evening (May 17) at the William P. Faust Public Library as he discusses recent results of Rouge River Rescue efforts and ways for people to get involved.

This year's Rouge Rescue is Saturday, June 2. Forty volunteers are needed to work in Hollidav Nature helping with woody debris management, invasive plant removal, weeding, park maintenance and river cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the entrance on Cowan west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. There will be a registration table at the entrance, and parking will be across street from the entrance.

Craig and Westland Department of Public Service Director Kevin Buford are coordinating this year's Rouge Rescue in Westland.

This annual river cleanup event began in 1986 with volunteers removing large quantities of trash from the river.

For more information and the Westland work site, call Buford at (734) 467-3241 or send an e-mail to kbuford@ cityofwestland.com.

Police, fire investigators probe park's gazebo fire

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

The investigation is continuing into a fire that destroyed the gazebo at the Westland Historic Village Park early Monday morning.

"I'm waiting to view the security video — they're burning it to a disc," said Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik. "It's still under investigation. We have no suspects at this point." All that remained of the gazebo after the fire was charred wood and part of the roof laying on the ground.

While still under investigation, Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said the cause of the fire was likely related to smoking paraphernalia found in the debris. The gazebo had limited electrical service — just some lighting.

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Westland police and fire officials are hoping a security tape will give them an indication of who may be responsible for a fire that destroyed the gazebo at the Westland Historic Village Monday morning.



Familiar faces in primary

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

Thanks to redistricting, Westland residents will see some familiar names seeking new offices in the upcoming elections. The filing deadline for the Aug. 7 primary ballot was Tuesday and brought a crowded Democrat field for the new 13th Congressional district which stretches from Westland to Detroit and includes Redford and Garden City. Veteran congressman John Conyers, D-Detroit, is running for the seat along with state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, state Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, state Rep. Shanelle Jackson, D-Detroit, Wayne-Westland Board of Education member John Goci of Westland, and Detroit attorney and Wayne State University adjunct professor Godfrey Dillard. The winner of the Democratic primary race will move on the November general election to face the lone Republican can-

tickets

Concert

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Joe.

The concert will be a homecoming for drummer Chad Smith, who graduated from Lahser High and stops in for sliders at Hunter House in Birmingham.

Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win, if they also enter the contest.

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Teams do their best during Relay for Life

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A young lady wearing a bright green wig and a outfit appropriate for a leprechaun posing for a picture with a pair of Stars Wars storm troopers and R2D2 — you never know what you might see during Westland's 12th annual Relay for Life. "My husband's friend made the R2D2. They had been at the Dearborn relay, which is much bigger, and raised \$53," said Rhonda Temple of Alyssa's Angels. "They raised \$84 for Alyssa's Angels in a shorter time."

The 12th annual 24-hour event raised approximately \$58,000 for the American Cancer Society, short of the \$70,000 goal.

"I was pleased with how we did," said Temple, who chaired the event. Temple's team was the top money raiser at just over \$9,000.

This year, the Westland Relay for Life had a holiday theme which accounts of the leprechaun outfit and oth-

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Speakers target key topics, exhibitors offer products at free expo

See special section inside today's edition.

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends Tuesday, May 22, at the ninth annual Spring Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia. This year's program features nearly 20 workshops and demonstrations along with more than 50 exhibits.

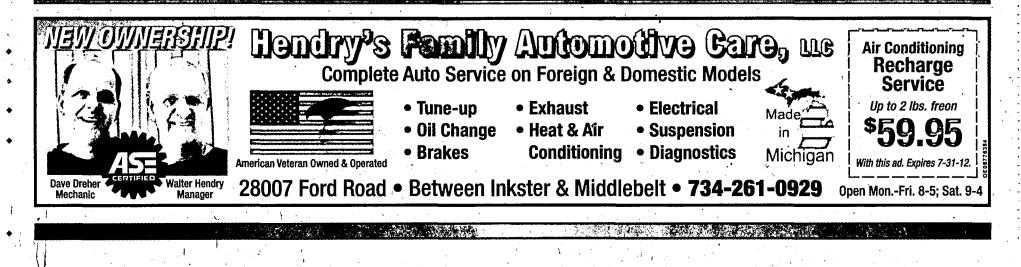
The five-hour event is chock full of information and offers seniors and their families a chance to speak one-on-one with experts in retirement planning, insurance, health and fitness. This year's program, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, is presented by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies in partnership with Schoolcraft College. Best of all, everything is free admission, parking, morning coffee and doughnuts (by O&E and Schoolcraft) and orange juice and cinnamon melts (courtesy of McDonald's restaurants on Haggerty Road in Novi and Northville Township), workshops, presentations and more.

The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's

cheese pizza voucher. In

addition, prizes, gas cards and gift cards (to area merchants including Meijer, Kohl's and Target) will be awarded every hour. Stop at the O&E/HTW exhibit at the Expo and find out how to win tickets to upcoming summer concerts.

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er Irish accoutrements from the Little Angels of Hope team, who selected St. Patrick's Day for their holiday.

Across the walking track, Alyssa's Angels team celebrated Christmas from decorations to items being sold like chocolate-covered pretzels decorated with green and red toppings and snowman figures.

Less seasonal food offerings included walking tacos with bra hats. pretty much what they sound like — and face painting was also availablė.

"We won a prize of a pizza party during the night for having the most people signed up online," said Temple, who is completing her second year as event chair. Nearby, Ginger Wilhelmi of Team Red, White and Blue was selling appropriately colored wrist bands reading "I'm Fighting for the Cure, Are You?!?

"This is the seventh year I've done it. I just try to raise money for a cure. Both of our dads have had cancer," said Wilhelmi, referring to her husband.

Before the actual relay, Wilhelmi said her team fundraisers included a garage sale that generated \$800 and quarter mania — an auction with



Team Red White and Blue's Karen Anastasiow (left) and Peggy Farhat walked arm in arm eating hot dogs during the Westland Relay for Life.

bidding on baskets using quarters.

"It's been kind of slow at first but now it's getting good as the weather picks up," said Wilhelmi.

This was third relay for Livonia Churchill High School senior Kelsey Glenn, who was selling brats for the National Honor Society team.

"It's luck, this is the best weather we've had. It was pouring rain last year and the year before," said Glenn. "We're close to silver level with our fundraising. We really want to get to gold (\$5,000).' Throughout the 24

hours, there was music, theme laps and activities. A number of people camped out over night in the park.

Scouting for a Cause, Boy Scout Troop 1736 from the First Congregational Church of Wayne, decided to celebrate Mother's Day, which was Sunday when the event wrapped up. The team was offering survival bracelets made to order and paper flowers which were donated to youngsters at Mott Children's Hospital.

'The people, the good vibe," said Boy Scout and team captain Nate Irvine, when asked what he likes about relay. Irvine finished the relay as the top individual fundraiser.

"I'm so glad he does it, I like to especially recognize the youths who participate," said Temple, who at the event closing recognized 9-yearold Bailey Crouson as the youngest team captain.

The biggest bake sale honors likely went to the Reddy to Live a Liddle team, which also had coffee thanks to a sponsorship from Biggby Coffee. A big fundraiser for the team was an earlier bake sale at Texas Roadhouse, which also donated a por-



Aaron Patton (left) and Chelsea Khan walked for Alyssa's Angels during Relay for Life.

tion of their receipts.

"I'm disappointed that there are not as many people as in the past years," said Pam Bishop, who had been good friends with team namesake Maureen Reddy. "I don't know if it's the weather but we've got half the people as last year."

Craig Welkenbach, who chaired the Westland Relay for Life for its first two years, agreed participation was down.

"It's a wonderful event and I'm glad we've been doing it. My wife is a three-time cancer survivor," said Welkenbach, who is a cancer survivor himself. "I feel nothing but gratitude to the people who come out to support the American Cancer Society."

Honoring survivors is an important part of relay. After a special survivors laps, cancer survivors were invited to a special luncheon held inside the Mike Modano Arena.

'They removed the ice early, so the luncheon was held where the ice surface is," said Temple.

Those lost to cancer were remembered at the silent luminara walk at 10 p.m.[,]

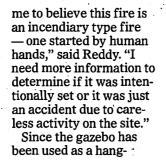
For a second year, rainy weather forced the closing ceremony to be moved from Jaycee Park into the ice arena.

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"Given the location of the structure and it being used by kids/young adults during the night time who certainly had been smoking in the structure leads



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out for some young people, Reddy said he would make an educated guess that the fire was accidental in nature.

"It's just a bunch of charred stuff now. I'm just sick of these kids and their parents," said Jo Johnson of the Westland Historic Society.

Recent trespassing problems and vandalism to the gazebo, a popular photo site when weddings

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are held at the historic village, had prompted the installation of a security camera.

"We're going to see if the camera picked something up. It could have been worse," said Johnson referring to the other historic buildings in the park.

The Westland Fire Department responded to the historical village at approximately

incumbent Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who is moving to the Wayne County Commission. In November, Kosowski will face Republican Mary

1 a.m. Upon arrival, the responding units found the gazebo to be fully involved with fire. The gazebo was extinguished but the structure is completely destroyed. No other damage was done to any of the other buildings on the site.

"It's sickening to see that kind of thing happen," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "We

land, Garden City and 4., Inkster. A former Wayne-Westland school board member and Westland councilman, LeBlanc is term limited after three

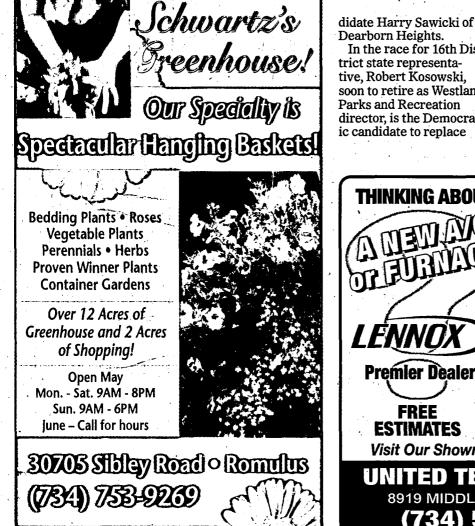
had just fixed the gazebo. We had a lot of man hours invested in it. I hope they catch whoever did it."

Westland police were also investigating the fire attempting to identify those responsible.

The gazebo had been moved from Central City Park to the Historic Village Park.

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Democratic commissioner from Canton, has relocated to Belleville to run for the redistricted seat. He has no Democratic challengers and will face



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In the race for 16th District state representative, Robert Kosowski, soon to retire as Westland Parks and Recreation director, is the Democratic candidate to replace

Stargell.

Other races are less crowded as LeBlanc is running unopposed for Wayne County commissioner in the new 12th District which includes the north part of West-

terms in the State House. The county commission term is two years.

Southern Westland is now part of the new 11th County Commission District that also includes Wayne, Belleville, Romulus and Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron townships. Kevin McNamara, who has been a

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Republican Robert Stano of Belleville in November.

In addition, Westland voters will also consider a one-mill tax increase to fund operations at the William P. Faust Public Library.

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Westland man charged with fraud in foreclosure scam

A Westland man is facing criminal charges for his role in an extensive foreclosure rescue fraud operation that is alleged to have cost at least 360 victims \$800,000.

Rickey White, 46, and his Southfield-based company Braunstein & Associates face criminal charges for collecting up-front fees and impersonating a mortgage modification company. White also operated Expert Financial Services in Livonia.

"Foreclosure rescue scam artists attack Michigan homeowners who are struggling financially and fighting to stay in their homes," said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who

announced the charges. "Instead of helping families stay above water, these criminals push them back under. We are working hard to dismantle these predatory operations and connect victims with free foreclosure assistance."

The criminal charges come as the result of an investigation by the attorney general after complaints against the company were filed with the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division. The investigation revealed that from December 2009 through May 2011 White allegedly operated two companies that were marketed as mortgage modification businesses, Braun-

stein & Associates and **Expert Financial.**

It is alleged White offered prospective clients mortgage loan modifications for a fee, with a full money-back guarantee. White allegedly told victims his companies employed expert attorneys who would review their lender files to prequalify the homeowner for a mortgage loan modification.

White allegedly assured clients his attorneys would file the modification proposals with the homeowner's lender on their behalf.

The investigation revealed that White allegedly had no attorneys on staff and that modification proposals were either incomplete or never actually submitted to the banks.

Schuette alleges White operated Expert Financial from December 2009 through September 2010. During this time, White allegedly victimized more than 300 clients, who lost a total of \$700,000. When White learned

the attorney general was investigating his company, it is alleged he closed Expert Financial and opened Braunstein & Associates.

From September 2010 through May 2011, Schuette alleges White victimized at least 60 homeowners, who were scammed out of more than \$100,000.

White and his company, Braunstein & Associates are each charged with:

• One count of conducting criminal enterprises (racketeering), a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

• Two counts of obtaining money under false pretenses, \$1,000-\$20,000, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and/or three times the value of money or property involved.

White surrendered to Southfield Township Police last week and was later arraigned in Southfield's 46th District Court. White was due in court Wednesday, May 16, before Judge Sheila Johnson for a pre-exam conference, and on Fri-

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day, May 18 for a preliminary examination.

Homeowners who believe they may have been victims of Braunstein & Associates or **Expert Financial are** encouraged to file complaints with the Attorney General's Office at www.michigan.gov/ag by clicking File a Complaint.

Schuette added that homeowners do not need to pay to speak with their lender or mortgage servicer to obtain outside assistance with foreclosure issues. Free local assistance with foreclosure issues can be found by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at (866) 946-7432.

EXPO

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Featured speakers

Presentations cover a wide range of topics from health to wealth. Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of dental medicine at Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills (the exclusive gold level sponsor for this year's Senior Expo), will present "Oral Health is Overall Health."

Dental health affects the overall health of one's body and Comfort **Dental Spa specializes** in treating clients (with a range of services) in a relaxed, environment.

Dr. Askari will be offering free consultations and recommendations for improving oral health. Free professional neck and shoulder massages will contribute to the relaxing atmosphere.

Guests attending the Comfort Dental Spa pro-

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gram presentation will receive a gift bag (while supplies last) valued at \$100.

Returning to this year's event is Rick Bloom, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, who will discuss "Long-Term Retirement Planning: How to Ensure Your Finances Will Last 30 Years into Retirement.'

Baby boomers turning 65 this year are invited to come and learn about Medicare and Social Security. Learn about long-term care insurance and how to assess the quality of home care services. Find out how to get a good night sleep at any age, check out home improvement exhibits and have some fun with chair yoga and zumba demonstrations.

See the special section inside today's edition for a schedule of programs and events for the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Pat Schmidt and her father-in-law Tom Schmidt check out what the Senior Expo has to offer during last year's expo.

upcoming expo.

Relax and take advantage of our special Senior Expo Red Trolley Service scheduled at the following locations: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road; South Lyon Senior Center, 1000 N. Lafayette, and Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2412 or email her at cbjordan@ hometownlife.com by

noon Monday, May 21 to reserve a seat.

Exhibitors

Plan to visit the following exhibitors: Abbey Park at Mill River; Affordable HomeCare; AFS Wealth Management, LLC; Angela Hospice; Area Agency on Aging 1-B; Atlas Home Improvement; Office of the Michigan Attorney General; Bath Fitters; Bloom Asset Management, Inc.; Blue Cross

Also at the expo will be Community Dental Associates; Fluke Hearing Instruments; Fox Run; Gaggos Law Firm, PC; Garden City Hospital; Golden Home Health

Audiology.

Care, Inc.; Granite Transformations; Isagenix; **Healthquest; Heart**land Health Care Centers; HearUSA; Henry Ford Health System Center for Integrative Medicine; Humana; Huron-**Clinton Metroparks;** Independence Village of Plymouth; Keystone Home Improvement, Inc.; Kings Mill Cooperative; Law Office of David C. Brunell: The Care Plan Attorney; Managed Rehab; Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc.; Manoogian Man-

or Assisted Living for Seniors; and Marycrest Manor.

Other exhibitors include Marycrest Heights; Medilodge; Nexcare Health Systems; the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies; Priority Health; Richmond **Financial, LLC; Retired** and Senior Volunteer **Program-Catholic Social Services of Wayne Coun**ty; Schoolcraft College; **Senior Helpers; Sharing** Hearts; SMART; St. Mary **Mercy Hospital; Sun**rise Medical Equipment, Inc.; The Heritage Southfield; Brookdale Senior Living; The Recovery **Project; Physical Thera**py; The Senior Alliance; The Senior Alliance AAA 1-C; Troy Advisors Inc.; University of Michigan Health System; My Home & Office Medical Interior **Design; Unique Refinish**ers, Inc.; Village of Redford; Westland Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre; and Woodhaven Retirement Community.

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Woman scares off would-be burglars

Break-in

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On May 13, a resident in the 33000 block of Yuma told police that she returned home just before 7 p.m. and noticed a rear window and gate open at her neighbor's home. She said the neighbors had been out of town and all the windows had been closed earlier.

Checking further, the neighbor said she found the rear door wall was open and called the neighbors and police. The homeowner's son

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arrived to walk through the home with police. It appeared that someone had tried to pry the door wall open, then broke a window, the officer said.

Reported stolen were two televisions, a desk top computer, an antique ruby ring, a gold ring, a rifle with a scope, 200 rounds of ammunition and an electronic gun powder scale valued at

\$3,615.

Break-in

Two 42-inch flat screen televisions, a 50-inch flat screen television, a Play-Station with 30 games and a handheld game valued at \$4,800 were reported stolen May 14 from a home in the 37000 block of Colonial. Also reported stolen was \$2,000 in cash and gold coins and jewelry valued at \$5,000.

The homeowner told police that someone had entered the home through

a window as the door was still locked with the deadbolt.

Attempted break-in

A resident of an apartment at 37485 Fountain Park Circle told police that she heard voices outside her apartment about 1 a.m. May 13. She said she didn't pay much attention to what she described as younger male voices.

When she heard a noise

a short time later, she said she got out of bed and looked out a window to see a male at her front door. The resident said she then saw a male on her second floor balcony looking into her apartment through the door wall.

The woman velled as the suspects fled joining with a third male who had been hiding behind the mail boxes.

The two suspects were described as 15-18 years old.

Vehicle theft

On May 13, a Westland resident told police her moped had been stolen after she left it chained in the parking lot at 36137 Warren Road. The moped was valued at \$1,000.

The officer found the cable that had been used to secure the moped had been cut. The woman was unable to provide information on the moped, telling the officer the registration had been stolen a few weeks ago.

By LeAnne Rogers

Suspect in ex-wife's murder dies

By Ken Abramczyk **Observer Staff Writer**

Benjamin Yee, a suspect in the shooting death of his ex-wife, died Monday.

Yee of Livonia had been jailed on charges of first-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and committing a felony with a firearm in connection with the shooting death of his ex-wife, Courtney Lynn Johnson, 35, of Westland the afternoon of Dec. 4 after she arrived in her vehicle at Yee's home to pick up their 11-year-old daughter, according to Livonia police.

Yee was in Wayne County jail awaiting a second competency exam after a first exam found him incompetent to stand trial.

Hart said he received a phone call about Yee's death from Yee's wife. At the time of his arraignment in December, Yee had stage four melanoma and had three to six months to

FILE PHOTO

Benjamin Yee stands in court with attorney Marc Hart.

live, Hart told the court. Yee also suffered from fibrous dysplagia; a bone disorder in which scarlike fibrous tissue develops in place of normal bone, resulting in bone pain and deformity.

Hart said he never had a chance to investigate thoroughly whether Yee's medical condition was a contributing factor in the shooting. "I do know that he suffered a brain disorder," Hart said. "Whether it impacted his cognitive skills and judgment at the time of the shooting, we never got that far in examination."

ation a "horrible set of (facts."

"It was horrible for the suspect and it's horrible for the suspect's family, and obviously for the victim's family and the daughter," Hart said. "It was bad all the way around."

The Wayne County prosecutor's office would not comment, nor even confirm, the suspect's death.

Becky Yee, the suspect's sister, said both families are devastated. "My 12-year-old niece is parentless," Yee said. "She is doing as well as can be expected and lives with her maternal grandmother.

"What happened Dec. 4, 2011, was a senseless tragedy that should have never happened. No one saw it coming. Both **Benjamin and Courtney**

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Alert residents foil vehicle break-ins

Accident

A 22-year-old Garden City man first feigned an assault then admitted that he sustained his injuries when he rolled over his vehicle about 1 a.m. May 12 at Merriman and Marquette in Garden City.

A woman reported the rollover to police but said that she didn't witness the actual crash. The police arrived to find the 1998 Chevy Blazer on its roof, spilling oil and gas onto the street.

About two hours later, the police got a call that the driver was at the 7-Eleven at Warren and Middlebelt claiming that he was carjacked. He soon confessed the truth to the police that he had left his vehicle when it rolled over and he climbed out.

He was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident without identifying himself. The police also cautioned him about the severity of making a false police report. He declined medical help.

Theft

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block of Harrison called the police about 3 a.m. May 12 after they saw an unknown man trying to break into vehicles on the street.

One resident observed an unknown black man who he described as about 5-foot-10, weighing about 185 pounds and wearing a dark green zippered hoodie over a jersey, baggy jeans and tennis shoes.

The man tried to enter the passenger side of two vehicles but couldn't because they were locked.

The resident who first observed it called to another man who lived in the house to also witness this activity.

That man called to the suspect to show himself. The man came into the light and said that he wasn't doing anything wrong.

The second witness followed the man for a short time.

Fleeing across Cherry Hill, the suspect began taunting the second wit-

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ness that he "was on my turf now."

When the police arrived, they found that the suspect had entered a Mercury Mountaineer and stole some change from the center console.

The police were unable to locate the suspect.

Stolen car

A resident in the 32000 block of Bock reported that her 1999 Lincoln Navigator was gone when she went out to the car about 5 a.m. May 15.

She said that she last saw the vehicle when she parked it in the street the night before.

The police found no evidence or damage that suggested that the car was broken into before it was illegally driven away.

Theft A resident in the 30000 block of Bock reported May 15 that someone stole several pieces of ~ her patio furniture.

The furniture valued at a total \$400 included a patio chair, a patio rocking chair and citronella candles.

By Sue Buck

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185 ATTN: David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business	Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING	95: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 4/16/12. - Appr. Ashley's Bar, 7525 N. Wayne Rd. for temp. add space permit for MI Cask Ale Festival 5/12.
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:	-Appr. Am. Legion #251 to sell poppies from 5/17-19th. - Appr. Bid for I.T. Database Server to MicroSource; amt. \$22, 579. - Appr. WWCS Agreement to provide HOME Program funds to construct 1 new home at 2317 Second St.
Case #2007C, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-2, Shopping Center Commercial Business to CB-1, Low Intensity Commercial Business, Parcel #070-01-0031-001, East Side of Merriman Road, North of Palmer Road,	 - Intro. Budget Amend. 2012-10; City Clerk; amt. \$10,500. - Waive procedure to intro. & adopt Budget Amend. 2012-10 in same meeting; City Clerk; amt. \$10,500. - Adopt Budget Amend. 2012-10; City Clerk; amt. \$10,500.
Stacy Cerget	- Adopted Ord. 248-A-72, rezone R-5 to CB-1, PID #034-99-0001-703, 6500 N. Wayne Rd.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., June 5, 2012.	 Adopted Prep. Res. for disposition of 1 property (27544 Hanover) to adjoining property owners. Adopted Prep. Res. for disposition of 1 property (4822 Matthew) to the property owner.
Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. on ϵ (1)	 Adopted Prep. Res. for disposition of 1 property (5345 Middlebelt to Habitat for Humanity. Adopted Prep. Resolution to re-locate Pcts. 4 & 8 to Edison School.
day prior to the scheduled meeting.	96: IGA w/Wayne for Parks & Rec. Consolidation. 97: Appr. Independent Fire Chief Contract; terms-7/1/12-6/30/17, amt. \$9,545.58 per mo.
	not to exceed \$114,547 per yr. 99: Appr. Closed Study Session immediately following meeting Re. PD Litigation.
	 100: Closed pub. hearing on proposed 2012-2013 Budget. 101: Set 5/21 @ 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing date for Tax Abatement for Link Tool property. 102: Intro. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/12 - 6/30/13. 103: Waived procedure to intro. & adopt Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan
	7/1/12 – 6/30/13. 104: Adopt. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/12 – 6/30/13. 105: Adopt. prep. res. to adopt CDBG & HOME Program Annual Action Plan 7/1/12 – 6/
	30/13. 106: Conf. re-appt of W. Tremper to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/16/15. 107: Appr. checklist: \$ & Prepaid: \$.
	Mtg. adj. at 9:20 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.
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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman Westland Planning Commission	Publish: May 17, 2012
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Young thespians go sweet with 'Willy Wonka'



Megan Blair plays Reporter Philoneous Trout who interviews the recipients of Wonka's gold tickets.

> By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life on stage this evening at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

Willy Wonka KIDS, a stage adaptation of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, will be performed at 6:30 p.m. May 17 and 18 by the Wayne-Westland Children's Drama Club, under the direction of teacher Anne McKolay.

The play features a cast of 90 students from Schweitzer Elementary and Adams Upper Elementary Schools. This is the fifth year McKolay has directed a children's production. Past shows have included Cinderella and Wizard of Oz.

"I've always loved Willy Wonka since I was little," said McKolay, a kindergarten teacher at Schweitzer. "I love the music."

And this play has it -The Candy Man, Pure Imagination, Oompa Loompa and I Want it Now, to name a few. Veteran drama club

member Noah Munson, an Adams fifth-grader, has

SWEET PLAY

What: The Wayne-Westland Children's Drama **Club production of Willy** Wonka KIDS When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 17-18 Where: Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School, Glenwood east of Fourth Street, Wayne Tickets: \$3 each available at the door

been cast as Willy Wonka, a role he very much wanted. "It's a very fun character," he said. Noah has watched the original Willy Wonka movie and has tried to patter his performance after Gene Wilder who played the Candy Man. On Tuesday, he admitted he didn't have his character down pat, but he was OK with that.

Playing opposite him as Charlie Bucket is newcomer Jada Martin, a thirdgrader at Schweitzer. Like Noah, the role was one she wanted "because I get to do a lot of fun stuff with it."

"It's my first time on stage, it's kind of scary,"

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she added. Work began on the play the second week in January when students auditioned for parts. Rehearsals were done in different rooms and the school gymnasium before moving to the Stockmeyer stage Tuesday for a run through to mark positions on the stage with the props. The dress rehearsal was Wednesday afternoon. The production is funded through a grant from the Wayne-Westland Foundation and proceeds from ticket sales.

For some of the students, it was their first time on a stage and their excitement was evident, and parents Jenny Blair, Kristy Draper and Kristin Brothers and teacher Doris Prieskorn helped keep the rehearsal moving.

They also had a hand in creating a massive back-

drop that depicted the inside of the chocolate factory. Handpainted, work on it started in February.

"It's a lot of work, but we keep coming back, so we must enjoy it," said Blair.

More than 10 yards of, brown fabric moved up and down the stage crew created the illusion of the chocolate river and a Little Tyke slide was adapted to serve as the squirrel's meter for determining the

good and bad nuts. The students handled the ups and downs of Tuesday's rehearsal easily, singing their ABC's for mic check and redoing scenes to get the marks right. And that made McKolay confident about the

end result. "It's truly a sweet play," she said.

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Noah Munson plays the Candy Man while Jada Martin is Charlie Bucket in the Wayne-Westland Drama Club's production of "Willy Wonka KIDS."

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LOCAL NEWS

AROUND WESTLAND

Motivational speaker

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is sponsoring a community night at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

Community information booths will open at 5:30 p.m., followed by motivational youth speaker Reggie Dabbs at 6:30 p.m.

Born to an unwed mother and raised by his mother's former teacher, Dabbs message is about choices. He tells his audience, especially students, that he never smoked a cigarette, never did drugs, never drank alcohol, because he chose not to. He assures them that they can make the same kinds of choices.

Dabbs also talks about family and how thankful kids should be that they have families. He talks to them about dating relationships and emphasizes that virginity is the most honorable choice. He also drives home the fact that "You can never change your past, but you can change your future.

The community night is free and open to the public.

Free Movie

Enjoy a free movie when the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army holds its monthly free movie night Sunday, June 3, with The Adventures of Tin Tin.

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.

Sale and swap meet

Sons of AmVets are looking for people with something to sell or to market their small business locally for their Vendor Sale and Swap Meet planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at AmVets Post 171, Merriman, south Cherry Hill, Westland. . Inside vendor tables are available for \$25 and outdoor parking spaces are \$20. For more information, call Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by e-mail at taylorskkt@gmail.com. The event is a fund-raiser for AmVets Post 171.

Drug expert tells parents: 'You're first line of defense'

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Pixie Stix, Robitussin, nutmeg, Gummi Bears .. just everyday items that on the surface cure a sweet tooth, freshen a mouth and silence a cough.

You might think so, but Kenneth Krygel knows differently.

He spent 1 1/2 hours filling banquet tables with drugs paraphernalia that has a story to go with each one for a presentation to parents in Westland last week. A case in póint is Pixie Stix. Most people open them up and eat the sugar contents, but some middle schoolers get a high from snorting it.

"You're the first line of defense," Krygel told the parents who attend the Youth Assistance Program-sponsored presentation at the Friendship Center last week. "You have to be the bad guy, you can't be a friend. You have to keep monitoring your kids and don't give up, especially when they're in high school."

A retired Detroit Police drug/alcohol recognition expert (DRE), Krygel's presentation gave parents a look at what drugs are out there, where they can be obtained and what to look for, if they suspect their children are getting high.

Early training

One of the first people trained as a DRE, Krygel has earned the nickname of the "hocus pocus guy." He can look at a person's eyes and tell if they've used marijuana within the past 14 days.

Fifteen years ago, Krygel's display covered two tables, today it's more like six, due in part • to the Internet. How to use drugs, how to make drugs and where to order them are readily accessible on the web. Trendy products, like K2 and bath salts, can easily be tracked from Asia and Europe with the click of a mouse. But many of the items he shows are everyday household products that are sold over the counter and can be found in most homes. Nutmeg which produced an LSD high. St. John's Wort, an herbal treatment for depression. but when combined with one beer, can produce an eight-pack buzz, and Robitussin, when ingested in large amounts, mimics PCP. "There's 150 over-thecounter products that contain dextromethorphan," said Krygel. "Take up to 60 pills and you have an out of body experience and you'll test positive for PCP in a



Sue Nicholas (center), director of the Garden City Community Coalition, talks with Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz about Kenneth Krygel's drug presentation.



Synthetic marijuana comes in a variety of names, including K2 and Summit.

urine test. Sip the syrup with a straw mixed with strawberry pop or Jolly Ranchers and you're roboing. It's over t

and K2 to supplement their highs. If your child is using the synthetic marijuana, there's a good chance he or she is using

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According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, in 2011 those most likely to use synthetic marijuana were males, both teens and adults.

The MDCH found that: • 77 percent of the cas-

es were among males. • 64 percent of the cases were among teens

age 13-19. 26 percent of the case were among young adults ages 20-29.

The number of synthetic marijuana cases to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Poison Control Center also reported also are rising from 17 in 2010 to 224 in 2011. Through March of this year, the number of reported cases is 126.

Guest speaker

Madonna University Library will host Westland native and Madonna University alumnus Joseph Kelley at 6 p.m. Tuesday May 22.

Kelley will speak about Pete the Popcorn, a children's book that he co-authored along with Nick Rockiki. It is authors' hope that this book will reach kids early with the anti-bullying message and help bring bullying to a stop. Both authors want kids to remember P.E.T.E. - Pursuing Excellence Through Encouragement.

"Pete the Popcorn" has been receiving glowing reviews from readers on Amazon. This event is free and open to the public. Madonna University is at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

Flea Market

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a flea marker 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Food concessions will be available.

Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@ gmail.com or (734) 637-2662 for more information.

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Flea Market

Maxwell's Art and Treasures will be the site of a Pickers Paradise 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Find something for anyone and everyone. Garden art, junk, tools, car stuff, jewelry, house wares, whatever you're looking for, they'll have it. Vendors wanted. Cost is \$15 a table, \$25 for two tables. Set up 3-6 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Diane at (734) 765-7999.

Maxwell's Art and Treasures is at 32416 Industrial, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

Computer classes

Garden City residents can get help with their eReaders through classes being offered at the Gar-den City Library.

The library is offering eReaders and Overcounter and it's a drug."

Krygel has worked diligently to taken down websites selling drugs, most of which come out of Korea, China and India.

Krygel was talking about bath salts thee years agon and they're now in the U.S. It got started in Israel and made its way to England where the name was changed to plant food. Over here, it's known as K2, plant food or Spice and is a designer drug that has been compared to dubbed synthetic marijuana and readily available at the neighborhood mini-mart.

According to Krygel, narcotic users use Spice

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drugs, he said.

"They smoke it or inhale it, they can't get high without inhaling it and holding it in their lungs," he said. "If they smoke K2, that's the most dangerous part. It can cause extreme paranoia."

He added that kids start on marijuana at age 11-12 get addicted very quickly. "Kids doing marijuana at that age can lock their

brains into depression and they don't realize how it happened," he said. A new trend is pure caffeine and Zannie air freshener, billed as a "spiritual mood enhancer air freshener" on the Internet that promises

the user to "float away into a place of tranquil-

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

weather, Derek with sports and much more every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities.

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

East reunion

The Garden City East **High School reunion** of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from $\overline{6}$ p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Tickets cost \$60 per

person and include appetizers, dinner buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing, pizza and coffee bar at 11 p.m. and memory book. Only 450 tickets will be sold. The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 25. People who reserve tickets will receive a confirmation of payment within 10 days, which will serve as entry to the reunion.

The a link to the reunion information and reservation sheet can be found on the Garden City (East) High School reunion page on Facebook. Checks should be made payable to Class Reunion 68-73 GC East.

Graduates from 1968 and 1971 can send their reservations to Pat Lyon Kubert, 6907 Kings Mill Dr., Canton, MI 48187. Graduates from 1972 and 1973 can send their checks to Sue Cook Tas-

would bother me, if your friends choose to use drugs, call me, I won't ask questions," he said. "When they go to a party, make sure you know how to get a hold of them, if you need to drive them home. If they don't drive. go and see who's going to be monitoring them. You're there to protect your child.

"They need to know what the rules are and abide by them," he added.

Oh, and parents, if your child shows up with blue morning glory seeds know that they're not getting into gardening. The seed is hallucinogenic.

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selmyer, 11901 Algonquin Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169.

Graduates from 1969 and 1970 can save a spot through Debi Cassidy Haller, 2108 Copley Ave.. Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Glass Slipper

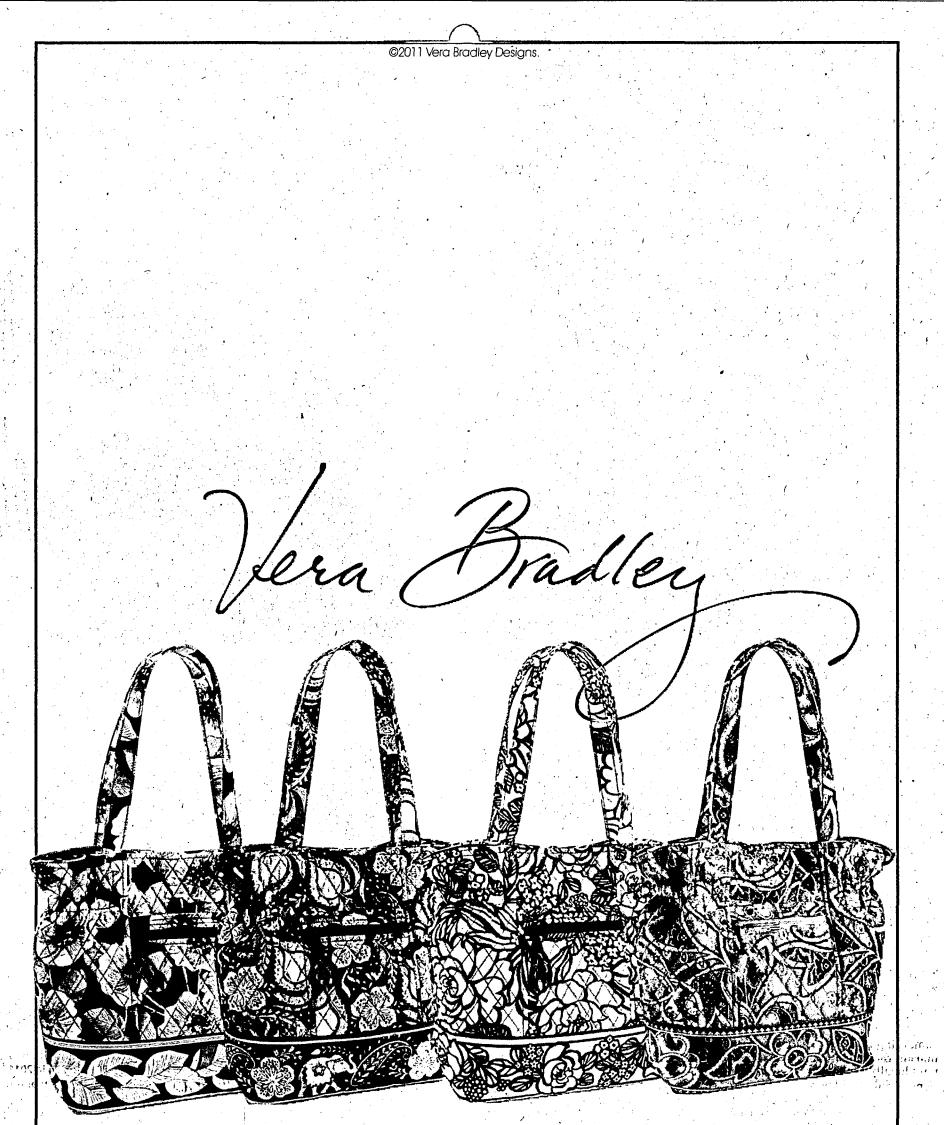
Operation Glass Slipper is looking for donations to help girls in need attend the prom.

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

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

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and 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9. The class is geared for individuals with some Internet skills who are considering get-



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LOCAL NEWS

You must disinherit a child by name

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

A t a recent client meeting regarding estate planning, one issue that came up was disinheriting a child. The issue wasn't one of a child estranged from the family.

In fact, the parents have a very good relationship with their son. The

son. The only reason they are disinherit-

ing him is because, from a financial standpoint, he has done very well; while their daughter is struggling. Consequently, they thought that if they were to disinherit him and leave everything to their daughter, she would then be in good financial shape. The conversation was whether it was legal and whether there were other issues they needed to consider.

Yes, it is legal to disinherit a child. Parents are under no obligation to leave anything to a child. And you don't have to give a reason. Stating in your will or trust that you are disinheriting the child is sufficient. The key is you must state that you are disinheriting the child. If for example, you just didn't leave him anything, then there is a presumption that you just forgot about that child and it is possible that he/she could still inherit from your estate. If you are going to disinherit a child, make sure you put that in writing.

The next issue, and one that is more difficult with regards to disinheriting a child, is the reaction of the disinherited child.

If that child was estranged from the family, then you're generally not concerned with his/her reaction. On the other hand, in this situation, you would be concerned with the reaction of the disinherited child. One of the main goals of estate planning is to promote family harmony and to make it easier on loved ones, upon death. Therefore, when you disinherit a child or when you choose to treat one child differently than the others, you should take into consideration how that . child will react.

In cases such as this one, do you address it with the child ahead of time or do you let them find out about it at the time of death. I don't believe there is one right answer. It depends upon the individual situation. In some cases a discussion amongst the parties makes sense and can resolve any issues and uneasiness. In other cases, leaving an explanation in the estate document is a better alternative. There are, of course, other alternatives that may be more preferable. The key is to remember that you're dealing with your family and no one knows how to handle your family situation better than you.

I always tell people the main reason to do estate planning is because they love their families and they want to ensure that upon their death, family disputes don't arise. Éstate planning also helps to avoid taxes and probate and, although those are worthy goals, they should not be the main concern in deciding whether you discuss certain estate planning issues with beneficiaries or not. The guiding light should be whatever will promote family harmony and reduce the risk of family disputes arising.

Estate planning is something that everyone needs to do. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor because after all, the money is not the controlling issue. The main issue, and the one that should dominate in any estate plan, is what will promote family harmony and peace in the family.

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.



Lorraine Hamilton looks over the selection of items for sale at Westland's annual citywide garage sale.

Crowds turn out to buy and sell at garage sale

Westland's annual citywide garage sale drew a crowd Saturday in the City Hall parking lot.

"The garage sale went really well. We were packed all day," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "This was probably our best attended one." Not only were all of the vendor slots filled, Kosowski said the turnout of customers was so good there wasn't an empty parking spot at the municipal complex. "We had a great

day. The weather was great, too," said Kosowski.



At Westland's citywide garage sale, Jim Gibson bought this portrait of Kramer from Seinfeld for his son.



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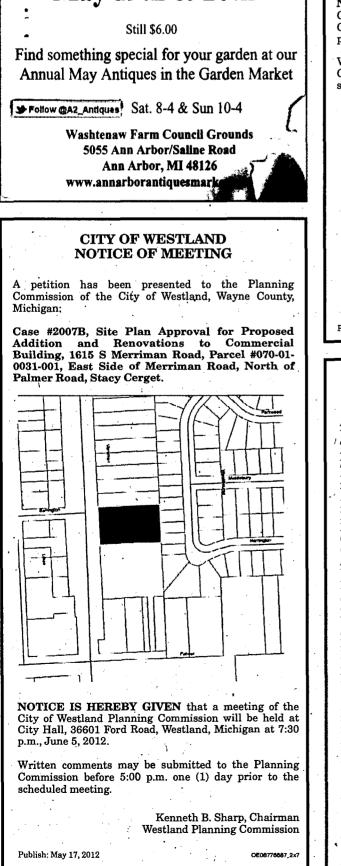
CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1379B, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Adult Day Care Center, 35744 Ford Road, Parcel #032-03-0609-000, North Side of Ford Road, West of Wayne Road, Nicole S Williams (Basim Warra)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the

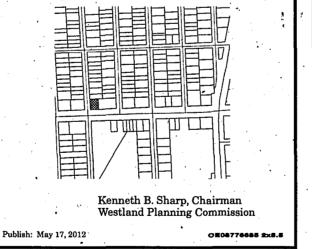
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City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., June 5, 2012.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.



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CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-72

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; ESTABLISH STANDARDS, TO REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION AND FROMBLINGS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, TO PECHL ATE SIGNS BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

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THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-1 district classification where R-5 district classification are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

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Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

ADOPTED:	· •	MAY 7, 2012
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Brian Hendry Renchenski (right) is joined by his Uncle Walt Hendry and office manager Linda Wilcox in showing off his new family business.

Hendry's Family Automotive provides full service care

My name is Brian Hendry Renchenski and I am the Operations Manager/ Owner of Hendry's Family Automotive Care, LLC. I am a former sergeant with the United States Army, including deployments to both Afghanistan and Iraq.

I was born and raised in Michigan and decided to serve our country due to the attacks on American soil on Sept. 11, 2001. -

After establishing my own family, marrying my wonderful wife and having u two beautiful children, we decided to move to Michigan after living in Texas for nearly 10 years. My wife is a native from Oklahoma and she was the biggest factor in moving our family to Michigan.

My wife, Aimee Renchenski says, "I love the diversity and culture that Michigan has to offer for our family. I love the seasons and especially the people."

Michigan's current economy is tough, but so are Americans, and especially Michiganders. I was raised in a blue collar family that instilled the values that made me who I am today. Work hard, do the job right and be hon-



Brian Hendry Rencheński

I decided to take a chance on opening an automotive repair shop. I knew I needed a great location, excellent mechanics and honest prices. So my first step was to recruit an ASE certified mechanic that was friendly and honest. I had to drive down to Kentucky to get him and his wife.

Next I needed a prime location. Garden City is where my mother lives. I really enjoyed the community and went to City Hall to see what I needed to make my dream a reality.

My Uncle Walt is the lead technician with more than 37 years of mechanical automotive experience, ASE certified through Nissan and maintains current



Hendry' manager Walt Hendry works with mechanic Dave Dreher.

nization that knows how vitally important family truly is. We stride in providing the best personal customer support and technical professionalism in the industry. Ensuring that our clientele's vehicles are in mechanically sound condition allows our clients, and their families, the opportunity to be safer on the road.

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WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

Meet Dave Bing, political leader Detroit mayor, business innovator and NBA Hall of Famer, at a joint luncheon of the Livonia and Westland Chambers of Commerce 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Dave Bing is one of Michigan's most dynamic and accomplished individuals who experienced success in three distinctively different career fields: Sports, business and politics. A native of Washington, D.C., he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Syracuse University where he was a standout basketball player. He came to Detroit in 1966 when he was drafted by the Detroit Pistons as the No. 2 overall pick in the NBA draft. He played nine of his 12 NBA seasons with the Pistons where he was named an. all-star eight times and became the first Piston to have his number, 21, retired by the franchise. He was inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Naismith

Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1990.

When he finished playing professional basketball, he made Detroit his permanent home and developed an automotive supply corporation, The Bing Group, in 1980. Mr. Bing served as the company's president and chairman until his election as mayor, and the company became recognized as one of the nation's top minority-

owned companies. In 1999, he partnered with Ford Motor Co. to build the Detroit Manufacturing Training Center, a nonprofit facility to help prepare unemployed and underemployed workers obtain jobs in the auto supply

industry. Mayor Bing has received numerous awards for his business leadership, innovation, community service, and impact to the metro Detroit region.

He will speak about his personal experiences, the importance of a good working relationship between the City of Detroit and the suburban communities, vision for the future of Detroit, and

answer audience questions.

The cost of the luncheon is \$30 for Chamber members or \$40 for nonchamber members. To register, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222, or send an e-mail to westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

And don't miss out one of the Chamber's signature events its annual golf outing. This year the chamber is again joining forces with the Westland Community Foundation to bring participants a great golf outing. It will be Tuesday, June 12, at the Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

We're already off to a great start with several returning sponsors. Garden City Hospital is the co-sponsor again along with WCA Assessing this year. There are still sponsorships available, if you would like to get the word out about your business. A registration form can be found in the May newsletter. Hurry up and fill it out and return it to the Chamber to reserve your spot.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

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A German-based automotive supplier is locating in Van Buren Township and bringing jobs. Brose North America / Inc. will invest \$60 million and bring 450'jobs over the next 5 years.

The deal hinged on a local tax abatement, which the Van **Buren** Township Board approved earlier in the week.

The decision by Brose to consider the site was due in part to Gov. Rick Snyder's European trade mission earlier this year. The Governor and Wayne County EDGE Director Ray Byers met with Brose

executives in Germany to discuss possible sites in southeast Michigan with the Detroit Region Aerotropolis among the

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options. "The addition of Brose within the Detroit **Region** Aerotropolis is another key piece in its continued expansion. I'm pleased that Brose management recognized the key advantage the location will offer their enterprise," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

In the first quarter of the year, there has been over \$50 million in investment commitments in the Aerotropolis.

Active in every auto-

mobile market across the globe, Brose supplies 80 automotive manufacturers and more than 30 suppliers. The company employees more than 19,000 employees at 53 locations in 23 countries. Its North American headquarters is located in Auburn Hills.



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Social media tips for small businesses

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

mall business owners are routinely asking what things they should be doing to promote their brands on social media. While there



small business, there are a few best Jon Gunnells

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practices you can follow to help strengthen your brand.

Whether you are interacting with fans through a Facebook page, Twitter account, YouTube channel or combination of sites, make sure your branding remains consistent. Nothing is more confusing for customers than a company with different logos, colors and other inconsistencies.

Brands should also make sure to link their websites and social properties together. That means if you have a Facebook page make sure your website is linked in the info page. If possible, put links to your Facebook page on the footer of your website too. This easy linking strategy will help drive traffic and fans that arrive to your Facebook page via your website can also be consistently engaged.

When creating a social platform to represent your business it is important to stay committed to your page and your goal. If you created a page to answer fan questions, then set a goal to answer all questions within a certain time frame. If your goal is to simply interact with fans, be sure to post frequently. A few posts per week to a post a day will be enough to build lasting relationships with your customers and fans.

Stay current

If your page is abandoned, however, fans will likely think less of your . brand and label it as disorganized. Moreover, if you stop posting enough on Facebook, you run the risk of your posts not showing up in fans' news feeds.

Having crisp profile pictures, background art and cover photos are also a must-have for any brand in the social space. Images are the first thing fans see when coming to your page.

Owners can either have art professionally developed like they would for promotional brochures or a website, or they can try to shoot the photography themselves using the best digital camera available. Whichever option vou choose, be sure to edit your images to fit the space they will occupy on each respected social network. You never want to have distorted or stretched photos because you didn't take the time to

shoot or edit the picture in the right size or dimensions.

Accuracy counts

Depending on the size of your business, you may be writing the content yourself. When doing so, be sure to check and double check your content for any spelling or grammatical errors. Mistakes in copy will make your brand look sloppy and lazy.

Lastly, when posting text based content to any social network (Facebook, Google+LinkedIn, MySpace, etc.), try to accompany your text with links or photos.

When links or photos are added to status updates or Tweets they not only catch readers' attention at a higher rate, but fans are more likely to click through and read more content. The end result is a fan spending more time listening to what your brand is saying helping you further strengthen your business relationships.

Strengthening relationships within your community is what your social network strategy should be focused on - not simply selling. By adhering to this one simple rule, you will be more likely to win over fans in the long run.

Jon Gunnells is a social media planner at a Detroitbased advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathan. gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnShOw.





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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

New city hall Westland has a chance to chart a new course

Westland officials haven't been shy about the fact that the city needs a new city hall. There's an issue with basement flooding and attempts to stop it haven't worked. In fact, they may have exacerbated the problem by creating a sink hole on the east end of the building. Compounding it is an estimate by the city engineers that it could cost \$500,000 just to determine the cause.

So instead of throwing good money after bad, the plan has been to build a new city hall. Up until this month, the plan was to build one on city-owned property behind the William P. Faust Public Library using Tax Increment Financing Authority money to pay for it. The proposal went over like a lead balloon for homeowners whose property adjoins the site. Last thing they want is a multi-story building in their backyard.

That's now become a moot issue with Mayor William Wild announcing that a report from the Mayors Institute of Design in St. Louis says the city is making a "big mistake" in moving city hall behind the library. The report stated that city hall should stay at Carlson and Ford Road where it could become a catalyst for new development along the Ford Road corridor.

We're glad the city has changed its mind and that it is now looking at soliciting public input. It's a big decision and stakeholders (the public) need to be a part of the process. If the city follows the recommendations of the institute, the end result will transform the current downtown corridor and provide a focal point for pedestrian friendly development from John Glenn High School at Marquette to the city's shopping district along Warren Road.

The need for a new city hall isn't some-thing that can be put off until tomorrow. Band-Aid approaches won't make the problems go away. The solution is to build a new city hall.

We have to believe the institute when it says that the Westland has a chance to use the project not only to change the face of the city but, if done correctly, spur redevelopment of the rest of the Ford Road corridor. We need only look at the development that has happened around the current city hall to see the changes that have taken place in the past 46 years. And we can only imagine what could happen with the construction of a new city hall. This can be a defining moment for Westland. The price tag for a new city hall isn't small, but the payback could be huge. A new city hall that can be the starting point for 40 more years of growth and development. And that's a good thing.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Compared to five years ago, are you better or worse off financially?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I'm the same." Westland



"I'm worse off because Eileen Rodak of the economy and the loss of jobs." Lowann Beasley

Westland



"I'd say better off. I'm more optimistic. And things could be worse." **Jean Pinkerton** Westland



"I'm worse off. I'm looking for work and I can't find it. It's hard." **Tara Wilson**

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LETTERS

Right from wrong

The government of the State of North Carolina amended the Constitution of that state to include wording they believe outlaws same sex marriage for once and for all.

The definition of domestic is: of or pertaining to one's own or a particular country as apart from other countries. The North Carolina amendment: "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts."

Whether read "broadly" or "narrowly," left, right or up or down, the amendment clearly attempts to limit anywhere within the confines of the United States any legal union between one man and one woman to marriage.

Read it this way: A man may not work for a woman. A woman may not work for a man. If a man and a woman want to form a union they must marry but prostitution is allowed. (See part about contracting

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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in the State of North Carolina - protected by the North Carolina government. During that time, because of custom and law, there were no same sex marriages.

Not one. Have those not able to tell right from wrong come to not being able to tell wrong from right?

eral military veteran organizations, dog clubs and area residents have come together to restore a forgotten War Dog Memorial/Pet Cemetery located at Milford and 11 Mile roads, two miles south of I-96. We will continue our efforts until we have brought this hallowed ground back to its original condition. I can't think of a more fitting way to honor these fallen K-9 soldiers that saved so many lives than to ensure their legacies and sacrifices by cleaning up and maintaining their resting place.

On Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. we will start this year's cleanup day. We need lawn mowers, weed whackers, racks, wheelbarrows and chain saws.

To enable us to continue our efforts, funding is needed. Your generous contribution would be greatly appreciated. To make a contribution send to: AMVETS-Post 2006, PO Box 48, Highland, MI 48357. Tag check for "War Dog Memorial Fund." Thank you in advance for

your generosity.

Buckle up on roads

Whether driving through town or jumping on the expressway for your morning commute, cars are a way of life for metro area residents. A great first step to do that is to fasten your seat belt whenever you get in a vehicle.

Law enforcement agencies across the state are ramping up enforcement of seat belt violations, including the metro Detroit counties, these next few weeks in its Click It or Ticket campaign — May 21-June 3. The effort will include daytime safety belt enforcement zones and nighttime patrols.

According to the Office of Highway Safety Planning, research shows when seat belts are used properly, the risk of being killed in a crash is reduced by nearly 50 percent. Michigan law requires all drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger in any position to be buckled up. Getting caught without your seat belt could cost you a \$65 ticket.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 9,013 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were written.

Don't be a statistic. Buckle up every time you get in your car.



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Phil Weitlauf War Dog Memorial/Pet **Cemetery Restoration Team** project director

GUEST COLUMN

'Sky is falling' rhetoric harms Wayne County's economic progress

By Robert Ficano Guest Columnist

ayne County Commissioner Laura Cox has again been in the news with pointed criticism of county operations and me. Having worked with Commissioner Cox for years on park and road projects which have benefitted communities in her district, I will leave it for others to speculate about the motivation behind her harsh personal attacks at this



point in time. However, as county executive, I cannot leave unchallenged her irresponsible characterization of key aspects of county business. I appreciate that the Observ-

er Newspaper has provided this opportunity to set the record straight.

Commissioner Cox has stated that economic development has ground to a halt and that the county is in imminent financial peril, with an emergency financial manager waiting in the wings. These reckless characterizations undermine our economic development efforts and the good will we have sought to foster among the business community. They also come at a time when we are working closely with the

county commission and the state on plans to ensure the continued financial viability of the county in the face of unprecedented loss of revenue.

Judge for yourself. In the area of economic development, Ray Byers joined the county as economic development director about six months ago following a distinguished career with Ford Motor Co. He reports commitments of more than \$346 million in new investments this year that will result in more than 1,700 jobs, with additional investments on the horizon. The Detroit **Region Aerotropolis development** area alone has seen nearly \$100 million in commitments from three multinational corporations. This progress has been achieved through hard work and successful collaboration with local communities and other organizations, including the MEDC, DEGC and Ann Arbor SPARK.

Our Chief Financial Officer Carla Sledge and her team is still intact and working hard on budgetary challenges. In the most recent fiscal year, the county finished with a balanced budget and actually generated a small surplus. It is true that we continue to work to eliminate a structural deficit. For the past year, the county team has proactively identified ways to eliminate the accumulated deficit. Earlier this month an aggressive deficit elimination plan (DEP) was presented to the county commission and it was hailed as "creative" by some commissioners, while being approved by a 14-1 vote. The sole "no" vote was cast by Laura Cox. At a sensitive time when this DEP is now before the state for approval, the "sky is falling" rhetoric of Commissioner Cox undermines the combined efforts of my administration and the county commission to protect the financial health of the county.

Apart from mistakes that I have acknowledged, and the misdeeds of a small group of selfish individuals that have been widely reported, Wayne County continues to be open for business. My executive leadership team has been bolstered by the addition of people of outstanding character and experience, who have joined other dedicated professionals who continue to stand with us. Together, we are undeterred in our efforts to move the county forward.

Despite the significant challenges of the recent past, our focus continues to be on bringing jobs to the area and effectively managing county government. We are committed to working with all interested parties who in good faith desire to make Wayne County a better place to live.

Robert Ficano is Wayne County executive. He is a Livonia resident. online at hometownlife.com

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Upcoming Events

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19 **Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

Details: Looking for craft items, household goods, clothing or even in-home businesses, stop by Kirk of Our Savior for its flea market. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Food concessions will be available. **Contact:** Call Sharon Garcia at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662 for more information.

SINGLES GROUP

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9 Location: US-12 Bar and Grill, 34824 W. Michigan

Ave., Wayne Details: Single men and women age 55 and over are invited to gather at US-12 for good conversation and good food. There also will be music and dancing with light refreshments. There's a \$5 cover charge to help pay for DJ. Dress is casual.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 560-6905.

INDOOR MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent is \$15 for an eightfoot table. Table position will be based on first come basis. Vendors are welcome. Deadline for table rentals is Thursday, June 7. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund. Contact: Call (313) 277-7765 for more information.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 Location: St. Kenneth

Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer group, for Mass and dinner. The service will be at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth followed by dinner at 4:30 p.m. at Papa Vino's Restaurant, 17107 Haggerty, just past Six Mile. Separate checks will be provided. **Contact:** To reserve for din-

ner, call Mary Rose at (313) 562-3074.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Contact: Call (734) 58-4330

for more information.

For Seniors

FRIENDSHIP CENTER Location: 1119 N. New-

burgh, Westland Details: The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults. Contact: (734) 722-7632,

www.ci.westland.mi.us

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland Details: Offers activities

Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: (734) 419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day. Contact: (734) 793-1870

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. **Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice . program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

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SECTION B. (WL) THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 **OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC** HOMETOWNLIFE.COM SPORTS

Strike Out Breast Cancer **High School** Softball Tournament

The Franklin girls softball team captured Saturday's Strike Out Breast Cancer Tournament with a 4-0 victory over Churchill in the championship final.

Pink power

Pats win Strike Out Breast Cancer title

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's young softball team appears to be way ahead of schedule.

The Patriots, who start three freshmen infielders, captured their first Strike Out Breast Cancer Tournament title since 2009 with a 4-0 victory Saturday over Livonia Churchill in the finals at Madonna University Park.

"I was hesitant to call this a rebuilding year because our fresh-men are so good," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team improved to 16-6 overall. "It seems after we beat Canton in a doubleheader, things started to snowball. But then again, they started pressing, too. We have had a good week, but they were kind of tight and the pressure was kind of getting to us. When we have fun, they do a lot better."

It was a fun day for sure for the Patriots, who got a sterling pitching outing from one of its two upperclassman as senior Tiffany Lamble (12-3) kept the Churchill hitters off balance and tossed a five-hit shutout.

'She (Lamble) makes the other hitters hit her pitch, so she sets them up with location, the high ball," Jimenez said. "Her first

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Combs lifts adywood in tourney

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

Livonia Ladywood was up to the task during its softball trip Saturday to Wisconsin.

The Blazers received three consecutive shutouts from pitcher Briana Combs to improve to 25-3 on the year at the Wilmot Invitational.

"We faced some good pitchers and it was a nice tourney played at a beautiful com-GIRLS plex," SOFTBALL Ladywood coach

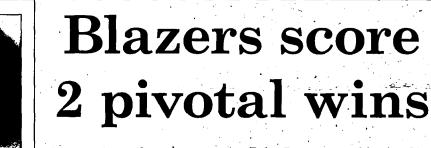
Scott Combs said. "And we didn't give up any runs on the day, and I'm happy with that."

In the tourney opener, Ladywood downed host Wilmot (13-3), the No. 5ranked team among Division 1 schools in Wisconsin, 2-0, as Briana Combs outdueled Northwesternbound Kristen Wood.

Combs, headed to Cleveland State, allowed just three hits and struck out 13, while Wood gave up two hits and fanned 12

The Blazers scored both their runs in the top of the seventh inning with Carli SanMillan racing home from second base on an overthrow at third for the game-winning run.

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By Brad Emons

Paige Brennan notching her 21st

Blazers earn lacrosse title

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Senior Emma Ellswood scored five goals an added one assist Saturday as Livonia Ladywood defeated host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 15-12, to capture the Catholic League girls lacrosse championship.

Senior Alyssa Daly chipped in with three goals and two assists, while junior Jackie Snyder also added a hat trick and one assist.

Junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 16 saves for the Blazers. "With two of our top players out due to injuries, the rest of the team stepped up for them to secure the win, and ultimately, the championship, said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team improved to 12-3 overall and 8-0 in the league. "This is something we've been doing for the last three weeks when we lost our top scorer. We used the time clock to our advantage as we possessed the ball for a good majority of the second half. Our accurate passing was a key to our success as well as our defense."

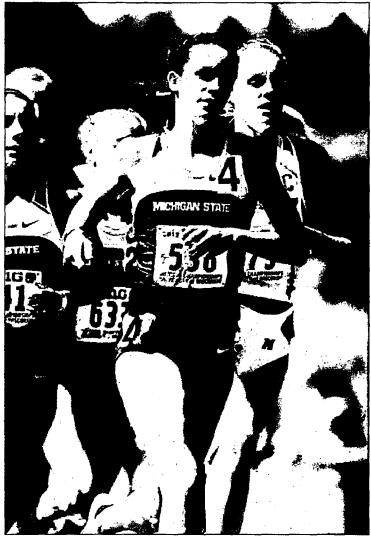
Mary Eicher scored four goals, while Tia Jurkiew and Mara Maclean added three each for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame Prep goalie Marin McInerney made three saves.

On Tuesday, host Ann Arbor Huron got three goals each from Kelsey Gradwohl and Taylor Standiford in an 11-6 victory over the Blazers.

Daly scored three goals for the Blazers, while Mackley made a total of seven saves.

The loss drops Ladywood to 12-3 overall, while Huron improves to 13-2



Spartan on podium

Michigan State University redshirt freshman Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill) earned a bronze medal with a third-place finish in the 5,000-meter run during Sunday's Big Ten Track and Field Outdoor Championships hosted by the University of Wisconsin. Kroll, who stayed with front runners McKenzie Melander and Betsy Flood of lowa, was clocked in 16 minutes, 24 seconds. Kroll was the top freshman placer in the race scoring six points for the Spartans. She was coming of a personal best 16:16 en route to a second-place finish in the Collegiate Division at the Penn Relays held April 26 in Philadelphia, Pa. Kroll also took a first in the 1,500-meter run at the Jesse Owens Classic, April 14, in Columbus, Ohio.

Observer Staff Writer

The schedule didn't get any easier last Friday night for Livonia Ladywood girls soccer team.

The No. 2-ranked Blazers, coming off their first defeat of the season three days earlier to No. 1 Birmingham Marian, traveled to No. 3 Williamson GIRLS and came away with SOCCER a 4-2 nonleague vic-

tory as senior Kelly Capoccia scored her 18th and 19th goals of the season to go along with one assist.

"It was a fabulous rebound win for us coming off our first loss," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team improved to 16-1-2 overall in the Division 2 matchup. "We anticipated it would be a tough night to score goals because of their quality goalkeeper (Wisconsin-bound Caitlyn Clem). But we came in with a game plan and the girls did an excellent job executing it.'

Ladywood took a 2-0 first half lead thanks to freshman Sam Riga's fifth goal of the year on an upper-90 degree shot from 20 years out on the fifth minute followed by Capoccia's header in the 18th minute.

Capoccia assisted on the first goal, while Riga's cross set up the second.

Capoccia then scored on a free kick from 20 yards away in the 57th minute and DeYana Walker notched her 11th of the year with

assist in the 69th to make it 4-0. Williamston (11-2-3) then scored twice in the final three minutes on a goal by Carlie Rhiness Lindsey Tuggle (both from Kaitlyn McGoff).

Ladywood outshot the Hornets 19-9 as Clem made a total of 10 saves, while Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl combined for three for the Blazers.

Ladywood posted the win minus two starters - Catherine Garber and Domenique Sarnecky — missing from the lineup due to personal commitments. LADYWOOD 2, NOTRE DAME PREP 1: Livonia Ladywood (17-1-2) earned its fourth Catholic League finals appearance in five years with a come-from-behind semifinal victory Tuesday night over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (8-5-2).

Jennifer Klei's goal in the 60th minute gave the Fighting Irish, ranked No. 4 in Division 3, a 1-0 lead.

But senior Kelly Capoccia answered three minutes later from Catherine Garber and tallied her 21st of the season, which proved to be the game-winner from Emily Huddleston (her 13th assist), with only three minutes remaining.

'Our response after they went up 1-0 was a character-exposing moment for us," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot Notre Dame 26-7. "Prep was orga-nized defensively and did a nice job keeping us off the board. I thought their keeper (Alex Arnoldy) was excellent.

Arnoldy made nine saves, while Ladywood's Sara Even had four stops. The win puts the Blazers in the championship match beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against either Birmingham Marian or Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Taylor earns All-Region

Grand Valley State University sophomore shortstop Briauna Taylor (Livonia Franklin) was named to the Daktronics Inc. **All-Midwest Region** Softball First-team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Taylor led the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in homers (13), slugging percentage (.689) and total bases (135), while placing second in triples (6) and RBI (56) for the 45-13 Lakers.

Taylor batted .398 as Grand Valley finished 24-8 in the GLIAC and earned their second straight NCAA Division II playoff berth.

She has a .408 career batting average and is fifth all-time in home runs (19) in just two seasons?

Tim Shaw football camp,

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

To register, visit online at www.timshawfootball.com.

Stevenson 3-peats in City tournament

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Stevenson definitely had its hitting shoes on Saturday en route to its third straight Livonia City baseball tournament title.

The Spartans improved to 19-6 overall by defeating Franklin in the championship game, 13-5, at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark, after a 10-1 semifinal victory over Churchill in a game

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played at Franklin. Stevenson unloaded for 15 hits to beat the Patriots, who slipped to 10-14 overall.

Top hitters for the Spartans included Mike Vomastek (2-for-5. five RBI); Chris McDonald (3for-4, two RBI); Nick Lagerstrom (3-for-4, RBI); Josh DeYonker (2for-4, RBI); Jake Semak (2-for-5, two runs); and Austin Stevens

(two RBI).

Semak, the winning pitcher, gave up two runs on four hits and four walks over four innings.

Franklin starter Alex De Yonker took the loss.

Josh Gorman and Garrett Fetner each had two hits for Franklin, while Joe Barczuk and Alex DeYonker each knocked in a run.

Earlier in the day, McDonald threw a five-hitter over seven innings and the Spartans took errors to post the first-round win.

Vomastek went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Semak and Justin Small added two hits and two RBI apiece. Travis Harvey also went 2-for-3.

Dan Cameron and Brent Ochodnicky each had two hits for the Chargers.

Starter Tyler Keeter took the

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advantage of seven Churchill

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loss. He gave up seven runs, but only three were earned, in four innings. Keeter gave up nine hits.

Reliever Chris Lewan allowed three runs (one earned) on three hits in three innings.

Connor Dwyer had three RBI, including a two-run triple as Churchill (15-6) defeated Clarenceville (8in the consolation final, 11-0, in five innings.

Alex Tsakos went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and Ochodnicky went 2for-2 as the Chargers scored one run in the first inning, seven in the second and three in the third.

Winning pitcher James Targus went all five innings, allowing just two

hits while fanning four and walking four. Clarenceville starter

Ben Gehan took the loss. In the other first-round

game, Gorman went 3-for-4 with a triple as Franklin downed the Trojans, 7-2.

Barczuk added a double, triple and RBI, while Joel Trudell also tripled in a run for the Patriots. who broke away from a 1-1 deadlock with two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Justin Forrestall, the Patriot starter, gave up five hits, walked six and struck out 10 in 5.2 innings before Gorman finished up.

Losing pitcher Damien Sanchez allowed 10 hits, walked four and struck out five in six innings.

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pitch sets up the next pitch. And it's like a baseball pitcher, and I think that was key."

It was 0-0 through four and a half innings before the Patriots struck for a run in the top of the fifth on a double by freshman first baseman Morgan Larkin, a sacrifice bunt by junior catcher Caitlin Milican and a single to right field by freshman third baseman Lauren Michael.

Franklin then put it away with three more runs in the sixth inning.

Freshman center fielder Becky Giacobbi led off with a single and later scored on a Churchill infield error followed

by a clutch two-run single from junior Maggie Leins

Although Lamble allowed her only walk to Missy Sidor to start the seventh inning, the Franklin right-hander ended the game with a pair of popouts and a ground out.

Sidor, who pitched all 11 innings the night before in an upset 4-2 victory over 18-2 Garden City, had also beaten Livonia Stevenson earlier in the day.

Against the Patriots, the right-hander allowed seven hits, struck out two and did not allow a walk.

'That was about Missy's 20th inning of pitching in less than 24 hours," Churchill coach Steve Gentilia said. "We've got an injury with another pitcher, so she toed the line last night (against Garden City) and shut Stevenson down this morning.

"I know I'm exhausted from playing three games within 24 hours and the girls are tired, but we still competed and were not going to go down without a fight. That's the way our team plays. We play hard and never give up, and we're in it until the very end. You can't ask for

girls."

The loss dropped the Chargers to 12-8 overall. "I just told them in the

outfield: 'Sometimes the breaks don't go your way," Gentilia said. "We hit the ball hard at them and they made some great plays. You've got to tip your hat off to the other teams some days, and say, 'Hey, you did a good job and beat us today.' That's the nature of the beast."

Franklin's calling card this season has been defense. The Patriots have committed only 20 errors in 22 games.

"We have a good outfield, a lot of speed out there," Jimenez said. "But the infield ... (Katelynn) Devers (at shortstop) ... she should be playing some place. She's got great range. I think Morgan (Larkin), most of her errors are first base with her leaning forward instead of dipping. We brought her up from JV

Lukas and Nicole Williamson sparked the Patriots to a first-round win over Livonia Clarenceville at Madonna **University Park**

Becky Giacobbi added two hits and an RBI as the Patriots were the benefit of six walks and four hit batters. Winning pitcher Nicole Williamson allowed just one hit — to Jodi Ankiel — and allowed five walks while striking out five.

Clarenceville starter Angela McAlpine took the loss. CHURCHILL 15, STEVEN-SON 1: Nicole Salloum went 3-for-3 with a double and homer as Churchill advanced to the final with a first-round win over the Spartans in a game played at Franklin. Julia Cavagnini also collected three hits, while Casey Bias went 2-for-2 with a homer. triple and two walks. Rachel Jason, Julia Twigg and Missy Sidor added two hits apiece.

Julianne Potvin had an RBI triple for the Spartans, who were outhit 16-5. Sidor was the winning pitcher, while Stevenson starter Jackie Johnson took the los **STEVENSON 14, C'VILLE** 1: Maddie Omietanski went 4-for-4 to pace a 24-hit attack as the Spartans (12-10) mercied Clarenceville (11-9) in five innings to take the Copperstone and Randall Clarenceville starter Jaki







LOCAL SPORTS

Warriors seize 1st-ever crown

The Lutheran High Westland girls soccer team had reason to celebrate on Tuesday.

Senior Taylor Wiemer scored four goals and added one assist as the Warriors wrapped up their first title in school history with a convincing 8-0 mercy rule victory over host Southfield Christian in a match played at Pebble Creek. Wiemer scored three unassisted goals, while, freshman Michelle Greening added two more as the Warriors jumped out to a 5-0 halftime lead. Wiemer than scored again in the second half from freshman Sadie

Schultz followed by goals from freshman Allie

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Lange and Greening (to complete the hat trick).

Meanwhile, junior goalkeeper Angela Morrison made four saves to earn the shutout.

"We played a much better game today," said Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer, whose team improved to 9-2-2 overall and 7-0-1 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. 'We were focused and it showed. Every player worked hard and it really showed."

The loss dropped Southfield Christian to 0-6 in the MIAC Red. JOHN GLENN 2, FRANK-

LIN 1: Sydney Climie's free kick with 2:27 left in the first half proved to be the difference Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (4-9-2, 3-5-1) downed Livonia Franklin (3-8-3, 2-5-2) in a KLAA South Division match.

Franklin's Mackenzie Meyers scored on a penalty kick in the third minute, but Glenn's Marissa Edwards answered five minutes later on a goal from Lexi Gagleard.

Franklin used two goalkeep-ers with Alexis Smith going the first half and Andrea Schweitzer making three saves in the second half. Jenna Redden went all the way in goal for the Rockets. After Franklin scored on the PK it was our best team effort of the year," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "Our forward made great runs and we transitioned well from defense to offense. And our defense stood tall." PLYMOUTH 2, CHURCHILL 1: Livonia Churchill (4-6-4, 43-2) turned in its best effort of the year Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as the host Wildcats (10-1-3, 8-0-1) clinched the **KLAA South Division title** outright.

Plymouth took a 1-0 halftime lead on a Madi Lewis goal and Sydney Rouse scored early in the second half to make it 2-0. Bailey Pizana then cut the deficit to 2-1 with a goal from Rachel Blackney on a play started by Erin Emmanuel, but the Chargers couldn't score the equalizer despite hitting a crossbar and being denied three times in the second half by Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb.

"I'm not happy with the loss, but I'm happy with the game," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It's the best we've played all year. We were attacking and had the ball more in our possession than Plymouth. Alexis Tzfaroglou also stood

out in goal for the Chargers. NOVI 4, STEVENSON 1:

In a KI AA Central Division match Tuesday, the stateranked Wildcats (9-1-5, 7-1-1) wrapped up second place with a victory over visiting Livonia

SALEM 4, STÉVENSON 3: On Monday, the host Rocks (6-6-1, 4-4) celebrated Senior Night with a wild victory over Livonia Stevenson (7-6-1, 4-4) at Centennial Educational Park.

It was 1-1 at halftime as Salem's Emily Barfuss found herself alone in the box from 12 yards out and scored from point-blank range in the fourth minute.

Stevenson then drew a penalty kick in the 26th minute on a foul in the box with Emily

Chrzasz converting. Salem then scored two of the next three goals during the first five minutes of the second half to take a 3-2 advantage and held on for the victory on goals by Nancy Krutty, Katelynn Krause and Sarah Martin.

Carlin O'Malley and Shannon Black countered with goals for

the Spartans. BERKLEY 7, C'VILLE 0: Morgan Swimmer and Roxanne Segal scored two goals apiece as the Bears (11-0-2) rolled to a victory Monday at Livonia Clarenceville (3-8-2). Defensive standouts for the Trojans, who trailed 6-0 at halftime, included Ashley Murphy and Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz

ROEPER 4, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: On Monday, host Lutheran High Westland (8-2-2) couldn't overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit in a Michi-

gan Independent Athletic Conference crossover loss to Birmingham Roeper. "We came out flat in the

first half," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "The second half our defense stepped it up and played much, much better only allowing one goal that was over our keeper's extended hands."

MIAC champs: Hawks gain share of Red Division title

Sophomore Dayna Schroeder proved to be the catalyst Tuesday going 3-for-4 with two RBI as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran gained a share of the MIAC Red Division girls softball title with a 10-8 victory over host Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Schroeder also scored twice, while freshman Anne St. John chipped in offensively going 3-for-3 with a sacrifice and RBI as the Hawks improved to 15-4 overall and 8-0 in the division.

"Greenhills came ready to play today," said HVL coach Eric Ruth, whose team overcame three errors "And wanted to compete for a share of the conference title. Errors definitely played a factor on both sides. We started slow, but battled back. Dayna had an outstanding day at the plate. She led us off three times at the start of innings and she set the table each time with two doubles and a single.'

Winning pitcher Julie St. John allowed three earned runs on 11 hits and a walk

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Lauren Abbott, who gave up six earned runs on 13 hits and a walk, took the loss for the Gryhons (8-2 MIAC Red), who committed four errors. BERKLEY 6-11, C'VILLE

2-0: On Monday, host Livonia Clarenceville (11-11) was swept in a twinbill by the Bears (6-14).

Berkley took the opener, 6-2, as winning pitcher Jennifer . Steele scattered six hits, hit one batter and struck out 12. Left fielder Andrea Lam had two hits and an RBI. Losing pitcher Angela McAl-pine (6-5) gave up nine hits, walked four and struck out four. She also went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI. Sophomore Mikala Kieling also collected two hit in the loss

Berkley took the nightcap, 11-0, thanks to a 7-run out-burst in the top of the sixth

inning. Lead-off hitter Megan McCray homered, doubled and added two singles for Berkley. Losing pitcher Jaki Bateman (3-5) allowed 11 runs on 19 hits and two walks. She struck out three.

Winning pitcher Becky Brandon gave up just three hits, walked three and struck out seven in six innings. McAlpine, Bateman and Nicole Kurdziel had the lone hits

CHURCHILL 5, STEVEN-SON 1: Livonia Churchill

(13-8, 7-7) exploded for four runs in the top of the fifth inning Monday to beat host Livonia Stevenson (12-11, 9-5) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

The Chargers were led offen-sively by Nicole Salloum who went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Winning pitcher Missy Sidor also doubled twice and Jackie Tolles contributed two hits in

the victory. Sidor scattered six hits, walked three and struck out four in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Morgan Cop-perstone allowed eight hits, one walks and fanned three in seven innings.

Sarah King collected two hits, while Ashley Avery knocked in the lone run for the Spartans S.L. EAST 10, FRANKLIN 1: Pitcher Olivia Nelson scattered nine hits Monday as host South Lyon East (20-7, 8-6) downed Livonia Franklin (16-7, 9-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Nelson struck out four and did not allow a walk in going all seven innings.

Franklin starter Tiffany Lamble (12-4) gave up nine hits before being pulled in the fifth inning with a muscle pull as the Cou-gars exploded for seven runs. Caitlin Milican collected two hits and knocked in Franklin's lone run, while Becky Giacobbi and Katelynn Devers also had two hits apiece.

some great relays," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. We tagged out three runners at third base and one at the plate. Freshman third baseman Lauen Michael played outstanding defense with four putouts and one assist. We got nine hits off Nelson, who did fantastic pitching. When we had runners on she stepped up her game. We stranded eight runners.

STEVENSON 13-3, SOUTH LYON 0-2: On Friday, host Livonia Stevenson (11-9, 9-4)

took both ends of a doubleheader from the host Lions (12-11, 4-8). Senior pitcher Jackie Johnson threw a two-hit shutout as Stevenson took the opener in five innings, 13-0. She struck out seven and walked only on a game that was suspended

from April 18. Allie Koestering collected went 2-for-4 with three RBI to pace Stevenson's 11-hit attack while Ashley Avery (two RBI), Julianne Potvin and Morgan

Copperstone contributed two hits apiece. In the nightcap, Johnson threw a three-hitter and struck out 10, while Molly Knoph went 3-for-3 with a solo homer in a 3-2 Stevenson victory Sarah King also went 2-for-3 with an RBL while Koestering 🐳 executed a hit-and-run to score to Potvin with the game-winning run in the top of the seventh inning. Johnson then struck out the

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the victory.



State champion

Kennedy Thurlow, a sixth-grader at Livonia's Riley Upper Elementary School, celebrated her birthday by capturing the all-around title with a personal best score of 37.225 in the Junior B Silver level USA Gymnastics 2012 Michigan X-CEL state meet held April 29-30, at Northwood University in Midland. Thurlow, competing in a field of 68, also captured the vault (9.425) while adding a third on balance beam (9.4), fourth on floor exercise (9.275) and seventh on the uneven bars (9.125). A member of Livonia Ultimate Gymnasticz where she is coached by Diane Coccia and Kelly Stevens, the 11-year-old Thurlow will be honored this July at the 2012 state champions banquet at the Rock Financial Show-Novi

Stevenson notches 20th victory vs. Chargers, 5-1

Livonia Stevenson starting pitcher Nick Lagerstrom didn't get the deci-

sion, but

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prominently in Livonia Stevenson's 5-2 baseball victory Monday over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Lagerstrom pitched four innings, allowing two runs (both unearned) on two hits and two walks before giving way to reliever Mike Kanitra, who threw three scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Lagerstrom, however, went 3-for-3 at the plate with a triple, double and RBI as Stevenson improved to 20-6 overall and 10-3 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Brandon Jurczysczyn. Chris McDonald and Josh DeYonker each added an RBI as the Spartans broke a 2-all deadlock with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and one more in the sixth.

Churchill starter Brent Ochodnicky, who went 5.2 innings allowing all five runs on six hits, took the loss. He walked five and struck out two as the Chargers fall to 15-7 overall and 9-5 in the KLAA South.

Dan Cameron went 2for-4 to lead Churchill's 6-hit attack and Nick Misiak delivered a 2run single scoring Ochodnicky and Derek Jakubowski in the top

of the fourth to knot the

count at 2-2. JOHN GLENN 11, NOVI 7: Daniel Ammons went 3-for-4 and Brendan Wetmore knocked in three runs Tuesday to lead Westland John Glenn (6-15, 3-10) to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over the visiting Wildcats (14-8, 8-5) Jeff Kennedy and Danny Croft each added two its for the victorious Rockets, who led 8-0 after five innings before holding on. Winning pitcher Zach Quinn gave up two runs on five hits, while Wetmore came on in the seventh to earn the save. Tyler Schwanz went 3-for-4 with two RBI for Novi. FRANKLIN 12, BEL-**LEVILLE 0:** Joe Barczuk pitched a three-hit shutout Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (12-14) rolled to a mercy-rule non-conference win over the

host Tigers (11-13). Barczuk struck out five and did not allow a walk in five innings.

Alex DeYonker knocked in three runs, while Daniel John-son went 2-for-2 with two RBI for the Patriots. Barczuk, Josh Gorman and Joel Trudell each chipped in with two hits, while Mike Haist contributed a 2-run sinale

FRANKLIN 19, S.L. EAST 0: Livonia Franklin (11-4, 4-10) scored eight times in the first inning and added 11 more in the third Monday to mercy host South Lyon East (4-14, 2-11) in a Kensington Conference crossover. Joel Trudell belted a 3-run homer and Joe Barczuk added a 2-run shot in the second inning for the Patriots. Kevin Nisun went 3-for-4 with four RBI, while Alex DeYonker and Josh Gorman each went 2-for-3 with three **RBI each. Trudell and Barczuk** also collected two hits each. Winning pitcher Kyle Madden allowed one hit and one walk in three innings while fanning six. NOVI 18,

WAYNE 0: Tyler Schwanz went 3-for-3 with five RBI as the Wildcats (14-7, 8-4) took three innings Monday to mercy visiting Wayne Memo-rial (12-13, 4-9) in a Kensington Conference crossover. Winning pitcher Ryan Davis retired all nine batters he faced while striking out five. Wayne starter Jordan Lowry, who was roughed up for 12 runs in 1.2 innings, took he loss.

Novi scored three times in the first inning and 15 more times in the third as Schwanz had a 3-run double and scored three times himself.

NORTHVILLE 14, JOHN GLENN 2: Brett MacDonald went 2-for-3 with three RBI Monday as the Mustangs (23-3, 14-0) clinched the KLAA Central Division title outright with a five-inning mercy-rule win over visiting Westland John Glenn (5-15, 2-10). MacDonald belted a 2-run homer in the first inning to key 3-run Northville surge. The Mustangs added two more in the second and nine in the third.

Connor Smith also went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while Matt Stojkov also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Jake Fox had two hits and an RBI for the Rockets. Daniel Ammons also collected two hits. while Brendan Wetmore knocked in the other Glenn run, both coming in the third inning.

Winning pitcher Matt Satterfield scattered seven hits, walked one and struck out three in five innings.

Glenn starter Brandon Smeltzer allowed four runs in 3.2 innings before giving way to Kvle Hunter

HARRISON 14, C'VILLE 0: On Tuesday, host Farmington Harrison used a 14-0 hit advantage to roll to a five-inning mercy rule victory over Livonia Clarenceville (8-10). Losing pitcher Zach Devon allowed 11 earned runs on 11 hits and three walks while fanning two in three innings.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, May 17 Churchill at Brighton, 4 p.m. C'ville at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m. Greenhills at L. Wsld, 4:30 p.m. HVL at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 (all DHs unless noted) Edsel Ford at Franklin, 11 a.m. Stevenson at Milford, 11 a.m. Chelsea Invitational, TBA. (at Southfield-Lathrup) C'ville vs. Lathrup, 11 a.m. Clarenceville vs. RU, 1 p.m. **GIRLS SOFTBALL** Thursday, May 17 L. Wisld at Parkway, 4:30 p.m. HVL at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 18 John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m. C'ville at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m. (CHSL A-B Semifinals) Regina at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 Lakeland Invitational, TBA. Hits for Heroes Inv., TBA. Gib. Carlson Invitational, TBA. (Madonna Softball Classic at Canton's Heritage Park)

Churchill vs. Salem, 8:30 a.m. Churchill vs. Truman, 3 p.m. (Madonna Softball Classic at Canton Softball Complex) Churchill vs. DC, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER Thursday, May 17 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Friday, May 18

Clarenceville at RU, 6 p.m. Church. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19 C'ville at Summit, 3 p.m. (CHSL A-B Division Final) Marian at Ladywood, 2 p.m. BOYS-GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Friday, May 18 (MHSAA Regionals) Division 1 at Canton, 11 a.m. Division 2 at Ladywood, 11 a.m. Division 3 at Lahser, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19 (MHSAA Regional) Division 4 at L. W'sld, 10 a.m. **GIRLS TENNIS**

Thursday, May 18

(MHSAA Regionals)

Div. 3 at Country Day, 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 19 (MHSAA Regionals) Division 1 at Novi, 8:30 a.m. Div. 1 at Woodhaven, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, May 17 Franklin vs. Wayne at Idyl Wyld, G.C., 3 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Liggett at Sycamore Hills, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 Livonia City Invitational at Idyl Wyld G.C., 2 p.m. **GIRLS LACROSSE** Thursday, May 17 Ladywood at Marian, 4:30 p.m. COLLEGE SOFTBALL (NAIA National Tournament at Gulf Shores, Ala.) Thursday, May 17 MU vs. Oregon Tech, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 18 MU vs. Shorter (Ala.), 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19 MU vs. St. Gregory, 10:30 a.m. TBA – time to be announced.

Riverside skaters win fair share of medals

Ten roller skaters from **Riverside Arena earned** top 10 placements at the recent Artistic Inter-Club skating competition held in Roseville.

Several skaters medaled in both individual and team events, while the Riverside RAS-Cals Precision Team also added first place in their competitive debut.

Taking firsts in their respective categories were Stephanie Cueva, Ryan Heersink, Sofia Cueva, Jillian Heersink, all of Livonia, along with Valentyna Stadnik of Northville.

Members of the win-

ning Riverside RASCals Precision Team included Jade Ross, Heersink, Stephanie and Sofia Cueva, all of Livonia; Amanda Smyser, Westland; Chloe LaMay, Plymouth; Hanna Denes, Garden City; Andrew Esser and Stadnik, both of Northville,

Both Heersink and Stadnik also captured bronze medals, while rounding out the club roster was Emma Chappell of Livonia.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the **Riverside Arena Skating** Club, which will be travelling to Romeoville, Ill.

and Lincoln, Neb. for the upcoming Regional and National Roller Skating Championships.

These skaters will be featured from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 in the Riverside Arena Spring Spectacular skating show.

Tickets, available in advance or at the door, are \$5 per person. Children under-5 will be admitted free.

Riverside Arena is located at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

For more information call, (734) 421-3542; or visit online at www.riversidearena.com.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

MIAC JAMBOREE BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 15 at A.A. Greenhills TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 225.5 points; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 88; 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 84; 4. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 57.5; 5. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 6; 6. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 3

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FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 41 feet, 6.5 inches; discus: 1. D. Davenport (LW), 120-3; 2. Jake Bartos (LW), 102-6; 3. Jake Buffone (WL), 99-0; high jump: 1. Jake Fairbairn (LW), -6: 2. Mitch Boehm (LW), 5-4: long jump: 1. Caleb Kempf (LW), 18-1; 3. Dan Roberts (LW), 17-6.25; pole vault: 1. Delaney (AAGH), 9-0; 2. Newman Harper (LW), 8-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Fairbairn (LW), 16.3; 3. Austin Olson (LW), 18.3; 300 hurdles: Fairbairn (LW), 40.8; 3. Olson (LW), 45.5; **100 dash:** 1. Perrin (OC), 11.9; **200:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 23.9; 400: 1. Kempf (LW), 54.9; 800: 1. Peterson (OC), 2:09.6; 2. Zach Foor (LW), 2:10.2; 3. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 2:15.2; 1,600: 1. Ashuyh (AAGH), 4:59.6; 3. Dan Bunge (LW), 5:12.8; **3,200:** 1. Ashuyh (AAGH), 10:51.5; 3. Pete Sillanpaa (LW), 12:07.8; 400 relay: 1. Parkway, 48.9; 2 Lutheran Westland, 49.3; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Bobby Miller, Jake Davenport, Roberts). 1:38.2: 1.600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Miller, Eric Smith, Zach Foor, Vince Voetberg), 3:56.2; 3,200 relay: 1. Greenhills, 9:36.7; 2. Lutheran Westland, 9:51.6. Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 20-1 overall, 15-0 MIAC.

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL May 12 at Luth. Westland BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (19 schools): 1. Garden City, 92 points; 2. Detroit Loyola, 74; 3. Redford Thurston, 72; 4. Lutheran Westland, 66; 5. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 59; 6. Plymouth Christian, 37; 7. Royal Oak Shrine, 32; 8. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 29; 9. Detroit Cristo Rey, 18; 10. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 16; 11. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. 13; 12. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 11; 13. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 6; 14. New-

port Lutheran South, 2. FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Ryles (RT), 48 feet; 2. Dawson Davenport (LW), 47-6.5; discus: 1. Shepherd (GC), 126-9; 2. D. Davenport (LW), 126-6; high jump: 1. Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC), 5-10; 4. Mitch Boehm (LW), 5-6; 5. (tie) Jake Faimbaim (LW) and Jake Davenport (LW), 5-6 each; long jump: 1. Eric Wilson (RT), 20-10.5; 4. Caleb Kempf (LW), 18-10.25; pole vault: 1. Kegan Mahar (DHC), 12-0; 4. Newman Harper (LW), 9-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Darrien Lankford (GC), 15.89; 3. Fairbairn (LW), 16.31; 300 hur dles: 1. Fairbairn (LW), 40.73; 100 dash: 1. Lankford (GC), 11.38; 200: Marzette (Loyola), 22.75; 400: 1. Marzette (Loyola), 51.29; 4. Kempf (LW), 53.26; 800: 1. Jackson (RT), 2:05.64; **1,600:** 1. Johnson (GC), 4:39.69; **3,200:** 1. Sullivan (OLL), 10;21.92; 6. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 11:04.16; 400 relay: 1. Thurston, 45.47; 5. Lutheran Westland, 50.07; 800 relay: 1. Loyola, 1:35.89; 4. Lutheran Westland, 1:38.69; 1,600 relay: 1. Loyola, 3;38.97; Lutheran Westland, 3:42.61; 3,200 relay: 1. Crestwood, 8:36.98; 5. Lutheran Westland, 9:04.72.

Area netters fare well in KLAA singles draw

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer 🦿

When it comes to girls tennis in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, the gap remains wide between Northville and Novi and the rest of the 22 schools.

That was never more evident than on Saturday as the Mustangs and Wildcats finished onetwo once again with 30 and 28 points, respectively, in the KLAA's 'A' tournament held at Plymouth. Northville captured two singles flights and added three more wins in dou-

bles. The 'A' field featured the top three dual meet finishers from the KLAA's Central, South, North and West divisions. Meanwhile, the 'B' tour-

nev, held at Novi Meadows and South Lyon East,

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Churchill's Quincy Banini proudly displays her firstplace medal after capturing the No. 2 singles title at the KLAA 'A' Division girls tennis tournament Saturday at Plymouth.

featured Salem as the runaway winner with 32 points followed by Howell and Walled Lake Central with 16 and 13, respectively.

Despite Northville and Novi's team dominance, there were some noteworthy individual performances led by Stevenson sophomore Aimee Moccia, who reached the finals at No. 1 singles before falling to top seed Abby Wang of Novi in the finals, 6-1, 6-0.

Moccia, seeded third, reached the finals by avenging a loss earlier this season to Northville's Erin Doud, the second seed, 6-1, 7-5, in the semifinals. Moccia is now 22-5 on

the season with her only losses coming against higher state-ranked opponents.

Stevenson, which placed fourth in the team standings with 10 points, also had a pair of doubles teams reach the semifinals in Josie Abdulbaki and Jenny Cami (No. 3) and Sam DiGiovanni and Sarah Morse (No. 4). Meanwhile, Churchill

senior Ouincy Banini. seeded first, captured the No. 2 singles crown with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Hartland's Rachel Byron following a 6-2, 6-1 semifinal victory over Novi's Erin Day.

Also reaching the semifinals for the Chargers, who took seventh in the team standings with eight points, included Rylie Fallu (No. 3 singles) and Mara Karageozian (No. 4 singles).

In the 'B' tournament, Livonia Franklin sophomore Carolyn McCullen rolled to the No. 1 singles crown with a 6-0, 6-0 win in the finals over Salem's Morgan Spencer followed by a 6-1, 6-0 semifinal victory over Stephanie Tomlin of Wayne Memorial.

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Thompson (GB), 6-4, 6-3; semifinals: Powers-Ma (N'ville) def. Emily Sheeran-Amy Zhou (Novi), 6-4, 6-1; Nowakowska-Thompson (GB) def. Lexie Hayes-Laura Seifert (H), 6-2,

6-2 No. 2: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Jordan Hermiz (N'ville) def. Emilv Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka(Novi), 6-3, 6-3; semifinals: Sakorafis-Hermiz (N'ville) def. Maddie Heatley-Rebekah Wright (B), 6-0, 6-1; Kwederis-Nagasaka (Novi) def. Morgan Ulseth-Hali MacMillian (GB), 6-4, 6-1. No. 3: Rebecca Chen-Asawari Kanitkar (Novi) def. Chloe Page-Libby Quinn (N'ville), 6-4, 6-2; semifinals: Chen-Kanitkar (Novi) def. Alyssa Pratt-McKenna Russell (B), 6-3, 6-1; Page-Quinn (N'ville) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami (LS), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Rachel Bailey-Dina Fawaz (Novi) def. Shannon Williams-Val Trupiano (N'ville), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; semifinals: Bailey Fawaz (Novi) def. Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS), 6-3, 6-3; Page-Quinn (N'ville) def. Sam Elias-Christine Colasanti

(GB), 6-4, 6-2. No. 5: Rachel Crittenden-Alison Kozerski (N'ville) def. Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (Novi), 6-2, 6-2; semifinals: Crittenden-Kozerski (N'ville) def. Kirstie Waller-Julie Hamlin (B), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Huang-Jiang (Novi) def. Madisyn Olivo-Haley Harasim (GB), 6-1, 6-1.

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'B' TOURNAMENT May 12 at Novi Meadows and South Lyon East TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 32 points; 2. Howell, 17; 3. Walled Lake Central, 16; 4. Milford, 13; 5. (tie) Livonia Franklin and South Lyon East,

11 each: 7. South Lyon, 10; 8. Pinckney, 9; 8. Wayne Memorial, 7; 10. Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott, 2 each; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0. FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals:

McCullen (LF) def. Stephanie Tomlin (Wayne), 6-1, 6-0; Spencer (Salem) def. Brenna Dougherty (Milford), 6-2, 6-3 No. 2: Ashley Walker (Salem) def. Victoria Meeder (WLC), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Walker (Salem) def. Jenny Quang (SL), no score available; Meeder (WLC) def. Amy Jackowski (P),

6-2, 6-4. No. 3: Sushmi Diraviam (Salem) def. Haley Linkous (WLC), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Diraviam (Salem) def. Janaé Strickland (Wayne), 6-0, 6-1; Linkhous (WLC) def. Shannon Parr (Milford), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. No. 4: Jordan Lewis (WLC) def. Sophie Welch (SL), 6-4, 6-4; semifinals: Lewis (WLC) def. Sarah Wagner (H), 6-3, 6-0; Welch (SL) def. Narges Pourmandi (Salem), 6-3, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Courtney March-Katie Vena (Salem) def.

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Abbie Fielding-Sam Raney (SL), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); **semifinals:** March-Vena (Salem) def. Jessica Rentsch-Krista Bagnick (P), 6-4, 6-1; Fielding-Raney (SL) def. Kylie Hartford-Courteney Schulke (H), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

No. 2: Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp (Salem) def. Lauren Bryne-Makayle Millington (H), 7-6 (7-5), 6-0; semifinals: Bellaire-Kemp (Salem) def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozata (LF), 6-2, 6-0; Bryne-Millington (H) def. Ashley Larmee-Kaielyn Zdanowski (P), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3: Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (Salem) def. Briana Browder-Kara Browder (H), 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; semifinals: Barry-Topolovec (Salem) def. Meghan Taylor-Rachel Erickson (Milford), 5-7, 6-0, 6-1; Browder-Browder (H) def. Nicole Kline-Leah Nonis (SLE), 6-4, 6-2. No. 4: Abi Collingwood-Julia Meireles (Salem) def. Alex Brown-Miranda Brunett (WLC), 6-3, 6-2; semifinals: Collingwood-Meireles (Salem) def. Holly Vasher-Alley Butler (P), 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5; Brown-Brunett (WLC) def. Kylie Gustafson-Keagan Belyk (H), 1-2 (retired). No. 5: Miranda Rios-Heather LaVanture (H) def. Mag-gie Sneideman-Liz Gonzalez (Salem), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Rios-LaVanture (H) def. Grace Beck-Katie Bell (Milford), 6-1, 6-4: Sneideman-Gonzalez (Salem) def. Emma Suris-Danielle Rubin (WLC), 6-1, 6-2.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MIAC JAMBOREE **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET** May 15 at A.A. Greenhills TEAM STANDINGS: 1.

Lutheran High Westland, 174 points; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 170; 3. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 51; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 45; 5. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 16.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Durrant (OC), 27 feet, 2 inches; 2. Aleijah Mol-lenhauer (LW), 26-9; 3. Leah Refenes (LW), 26-2.5; discus: 1. Refenes (LW), 79-8; 2. Janine Erickson (LW), 77-8; high jump: 1. Sawnders (SHP), 4-8: 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-6; long jump: 1. Haggard (OC), 13-11; pole vault: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 6-6; 2. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 6-6; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Flury (LW), 18.7; 3. Claire Gordon (LW), 21.8; 300 hurdles: 1. Flury (LW), 52.8; 3. Rachel Wiggins (LW), 1:02.3; 100 dash: 1. Grace (AAGH), 12.8; 200: 1. Grace (AAGH), 27.6; 400: 1. Wood (OC), 1:06.6; 2. Cheisea Kovacs (LW), 1:09.8; 800: 1. Siegle (SHP), 2:38.5; 2. Jess Rice (LW), 2:50.0; 1,600: 1. Yee (OC), :33.9; 3. Froman (HVL), 6:44.8; 3,200: 1. Lucido (OC), 13:35.3; 2. Froman (HVL), 15:02.6; 400 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 54.3; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:04.0; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Matthews, Rice, Lis ivey, Kovacs), 2:03.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Oakland Christian,

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL May 12 at Luth. Westland TEAM STANDINGS (19 schools): 1. Garden Citv. 96 points: 2. Roval Shrine, 79: 3. Lutheran High Westland, 60; 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian,

52: 5. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 48; 6. Redford Thurston, 47; 7. Plymouth Christian Academy, 43; 8. Detroit Cristo Rey, 43; 9. Newport Lutheran South, 19; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 17; 11. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 15; 12. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 12; 13. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 10; 14. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 4; Westland Huron

Valley Lutheran, 2. FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Smrcka (South), 31 feet, 7.5 inches; discus: 1. Leah Refenes (LW), 88-7; high jump: 1. Irene Peaslee (ROS), 4-10; 5. Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-6; Iong Jump: 1. Summer Lewis (Rey), 14-10.75; pole vault: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 7-6; 4. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 7-0; **100-me**ter hurdles: 1. Clare Romano (ROS), 17.77; 3. Terranella (LW), 18.18; 4. Flury (LW), 18.71; 300 hurdles: 1. Flury (LW), 51.37; **100 dash:** 1. Smith (RT), 12.85; 200: 1. Smith (RT), 26.49; 400: 1. Rouce (LNW), 1:01.52; 800: 1. Windle (PCA), 2:28.63; 4. Jess Rice (LW), 2:41.48; 1,600: 1. Crown (PCA), 5:43.24; 3,200: 1. Crown (PCA), 12:43.97; 5. Fromar (HVL),

KLAA GIRLS TENNIS 'A' TOURNAMENT May 12 at Plymouth TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30 points; 2. Novi, 28;

3. Grand Blanc, 13; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 5. (tie) Hartland and Brighton, 9 each; 7. Livonia Churchill, 8; 8. White Lake Lakeland, 7; 9. Plymouth, 6; 10. Walled Lake Western and Canton, 5 each; 12. Walled

Lake Northern, 1. FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Abby Wang (Novi) defeated Aimee Moccia (LS), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Wang (Novi) def. Sabrina Dass (GB), 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; Moccia (LS) def. Erin Doud (N'ville), 6-1,

No. 2: Quincy Banini (LC) def. Rachel Byron (H), 7-5, 6-2; semifinals: Banini (LC) def. Erin Day (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; Byron (H) won by default over Danielle Romano (N'ville). No. 3: Paige Baal (N'ville) def. Dhivya Sridar (Novi), 6-0, 6-4; semifinals: Baal (N'ville) def.

Rylie Fallu (LC), 7-5, 6-4; Sridar (Novi) def. Taylor Sims (WLL), 6-3, 6-4.

(N'ville) def. Caitlin O'Brien (Novi), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; **semifi**nals: Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Maddison Johnson (Canton), 6-0, 6-1; O'Brien (Novi) def. Mara Karageozian (LC), 6-4, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Mackenzie Powers-Claudia Ma (N'ville) SCHEER DAUG CORDA

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No. 4 singles: Alex Jeannotte def. Ala Nowakowska-Andrea

4:52.6; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:59.4: 3.200 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 13:23.6; 2. Lutheran Westland, 14:09.6. Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 20-0 overall, 14-0 MIAC.

4:54.56; 400 relay: 1. Shrine, 53.73; 800 relay: 1. Garden City, 1:53.29; 4. Lutheran Westland, 2:01.62; 1,600 relay: 1. Garden City, 4:25.29; 4. Lutheran Westland, 4:41.59; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian, 10:51.62; 5. Lutheran Westland, 13:01.06.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

TEMPERANCE BEDFORD BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL May 12 at The Legacy G.C. TEAM STANDINGS (22 schools): 1. Plymouth, 288 strokes; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 300; 2. Richland Gull Lake, 306; 4. Grosse lle (Red), 307; 5. Livonia Churchill, 309; 6. Northville, 312; 7. Ann Arbor Skyline, 316; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 320; 9. Swartz Creek, 321; 10. Livonia Steven-

son, 323. Individual medalist: Ryan Rieckhoff (Plymouth), 67. Churchill scorers: 6. Ben Proben, 73; 20. Andrew Ioanou, 77; 30. Brian Sexton, 79; 40. Eric Hill, 80; 59. Cory Dare, 83. Stevenson scorers: 15. Mike Blaesser, 76; 20. Connor Humitz, 77; 70. (tie) Ryan Zahm and Cam Tetrault, 85 each: 95. Rvan Linn, 95.

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May 9 at Brighton No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Rachel Raneses, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Caroline Hay (LS) def. Sydney Wisniewski, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Shannon Urban, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; No. 4: Mackenzie Stuenkel (B) def. Taylor Tinham, 6-1, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Lexie Willey-Rylie Haupt (B) def. Marissa Harris-Laura Shureb, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Maddie Heatley-Rebekah Wright (B) def. Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3; No. 3: Alyssa Pratt-McKenna Russell (B) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Kelsey Clements-Kenna Clements (B) def. Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5: Kirstie Walker-Julie Hamlin (B) def. Lauren Schaffer-Arryn Dochenetz, 6-2, 6-0. Dual match records: Brighton, 7-3 overall; Stevenson, 7-3 overall.

May 8 at Canton No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Janina Shanmuga, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Caroline Hay (LS) def. Hannah Feree, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Hayley Cook, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Maddison Johnson (C) def. Taylor Tinham, 6-4, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb (LS) def. Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay (LS) def_Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Anna Schepple-Kinari Shah (C) def. Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse, 6-2, 6-4; No. 5: Lauren Schaffer-Arryn Dochenetz (LF) def. Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau, 6-2, 7-6.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 7-2 overall; Canton, 4-4 overall.

May 3 at Hartland

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Abbey Haughie, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2: Rachel Byron (H) def. Caroline Hay, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Hadley Knudsen (H) def. Kathryn Malkowski, 2-6, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Taylor Tinham (LS) def. Clare Holden, 7-5, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Hayes-Laura Seifer (H) def. Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay (LS) def. Kelly Shanahan-Caite Helm, 7-6, 6-2; No. 3: Michaell Hoffman-Kara Schiller (H) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; No. 4: Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Alex Piper-Karlee Schweizer, 7-5, 6-3; No. 5: Arryn Dochenetz-Lauren Shaffer (LS) def. Lauren Harrison-Lauren Smith, 6-3, 6-7,

Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall; Hartland, 6-3 overall.

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Caroline Hay (LS) def. Keerthi Chekuri, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 7-5, 6-0; No. 4: Taylor Tinham (LS) def. Miranda Cerny, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Sarah Mitchell-Erin MacKenzie (P) def. Lexi Ranski-Laura Shureb, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2: Marlowe Susselman-Sarah Gamble (P) def. Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Sarah Dillon-Katie Bartek (P) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Julie Grammatico, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Lauren Chipman-Ellie Anderson, 7-5, 6-4; No. 5: Carly Curvin-Lindsay Dean (P) def. Lauren Shaffer-Arryn Dochenetz, 7-5, 5-1 (retired).

Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-2 overall; Plymouth, 4-2 overall.

Spartan 5K run

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

Donation entries are \$10 for the 1-mile and \$20 for the 5K (includes T-shirt).

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

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

Glenn-Wayne golf

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,

SPORTS ROUNDUP

call Glenn coach Steve Pilon at (734) 634-4622.

Football clinic

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

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8)

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan

and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization. To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) **432-5959**.

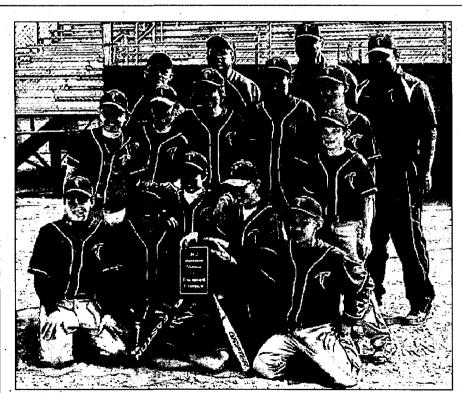
WYAA football

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

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football).

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.



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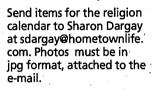
The Livonia City Thunder defeated the Motor City Riversharks, 5-3, to capture the 12-and-under Shiawassee Baseball Tournament held April 28-29 at Farmington High School. Members of the Thunder include (back row, from left): coaches Joe Jakacki, Dave Kubeshesky, Joe Chops and Dennis Bushart; (middle row, from left) Connor Jakacki, Jack Bushart, Parker Graham, Mike Harding, Spencer Weber, Cole Bushart; (bottom row, from left) Connor Beck, Carl Clapp, Joe Kubeshesky, Craig Jakacki and Zack Chops; and Jake Beaune (lying underneath the bats).

RELIGIÓN

Learn about Christian 12-step recovery program

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program at Connection Church in Canton, will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The event will begin with dinner followed by guest speakers Mac and Mary Owens of West Monroe, La. Mac is national director for Celebrate Recovery and Mary is the national encourager coach. Mac struggled with drugs and alcohol for much of his life and Mary wrestled with codependency. They will explain how their lives are being restored through Jesus Christ.



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ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch,

Redford **Details:** Special service celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven; followed by ice cream social

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausagè, scrambled eggs, applesauce,

coffee, tea, juice, milk; adults, \$3 and children, ages 2-10, \$1.50 Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton Details: "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734)404-2480

CONCERT

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Mac and Mary Owens will be the guest speakers at an open house for Celebrate Recovery, Friday at the Connection Church in Canton. Mac is the organization's national director and Mary is national encourager coach.

The Canton Connection Church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon, launched a local branch of Celebrate **Recovery in November** 2011. In a press release, Jonathan Sherman, Michigan Celebrate Recovery representative, said 'anyone with a hurt, habit or hang-up and a desire to change" is encouraged to attend the open house and see if the program is right for them. Family and friends also may participate.

Celebrate Recovery program associates specific Bible verses with each of the 12 Steps. The program has helped more than 17,000 people at Saddleback Church, in Lake Forest, Calif., where it was launched in 1991, 700,000 individuals worldwide and has grown to more than 19,000 ministries in churches around the globe.

A national leadership conference for Celebrate Recovery will convene Saturday, May 19, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Participants may attend one of two seminars during the conference, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. One session will explain how to establish a Celebrate Recovery ministry. It's designed for pastors and lay leaders interested in learning how Celebrate Recovery can reach out to their congregations and communities. The other will offer advanced training for Celebrate Recovery leaders whose programs have been in existence six months or longer. **Celebrate Recovery**

founder, John Baker, and his wife, Cheryl, will kick off the conference with an overview and history of the program.

Ward Presbyterian Church is located at 40000 Six Mile.

Anyone interested in attending the leadership conference should contact Patti at CR@wardchurch. org or call (248) 374-5964 to register. Walk-ins may register on the day of the conference.



Deadlines: Friday 4:15 p.m. for Sunday • Wednesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

BUCKNER, **ISABEL SUE**

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buchner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin (Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Guile) Buckner, Dearest sister of Nancy Bauer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other

family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 2:00PM AT THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARI-AN CHURCH, 38651 WOOD-WARD AVE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304, (248) 647-2380



RONALD CHARLES Formally of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away April 24, 2012 at his residence in Erin, Tennessee. He was born February 21, 1927 in Ontario, Canada. He was preceded in death by his wife Faith Ann Godfrey Hall of Pontiac, Godfrey Hall of Pontiac, Michigan. He was laid to rest at Cedar Valley Cemetery in Erin, Tennessee. Ronald Hall was loved, respected and honored throughout his life and will be truly missed. He is survived by his sister Marion Powers of Arizona, his children Rebecca Williams (Danny) of Tennessee, Bradley Hall of Michigan, Dawn Scott (David) of Michigan, and Laura Napier (Larry) of Ohio, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

KING, MARY E.

Age 61, of Royal Oak, died 5/06/12. Service Thurs., 5/17/12, service 2:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MACH, ARVEDA P. Age 91, of South Lyon, previous-

ly of Northville, passed 5/12/12. Service's were held 5/16/2012. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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in every edition of your hometown newspaper.

hometownlife.com **Observer & Eccentric** HOMETOWN Call

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills **Details:** Fourth annual Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival will feature a mass choir composed of members of the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Singers and guest singers from churches throughout the Metro area. Accompanists include St. John's organist, Wes Fishwick, pianist Brooks Hoste and Elaine Vermiglio, accompanist for the DTE Singers. Constance Markwick will play violin and Jeff Markwick will perform on trumpet. Troy Nelson, St. John's director of music, and guest director Dr. David Wagner will share directing duties. The program will include Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, Pachelbel's Canon in D, and other works. Free admission ---- a free-will offering will be taken — and refreshments will be served Contact: (248) 474-0584 CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 18

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren Road and Joy, Westland Details: The Michigan Concert Choir performs a spring concert, "A Garden of Sound." The group consists of members from different faiths across the Metro area who enjoy singing. Admission is free and registration is not required

RELIGION CALENDAR

CPR/AED

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22 🐰 Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburdh, Livonia

Details: Participants in the American Heart Association CPR/AED class will receive a two-year American Heart completion course card. Class fee is \$25 Contact: RSVP to (734) 464-

0990 by May 17

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Sunday, May 20 Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100

Merriman, Livonia

Details: Annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows will include music by the Offbeats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, is \$40 per person, with children, 12 and under, admitted without charge

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or e-mail to mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal. net; or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

DRIVER SAFETY

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield

Details: AARP Driver Safety has helped millions of drivers ance premiums. Although the course is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages Contact: (248)-569-2972 or (888) 227-7669 to register.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 Location: Our Lady of Vic-

Northville

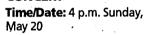
Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.good-' mourningministry.net or call the parish office. Contact: The church at (248)

349-2621, www.olvnorthville.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

tory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Details: The "Grieving with

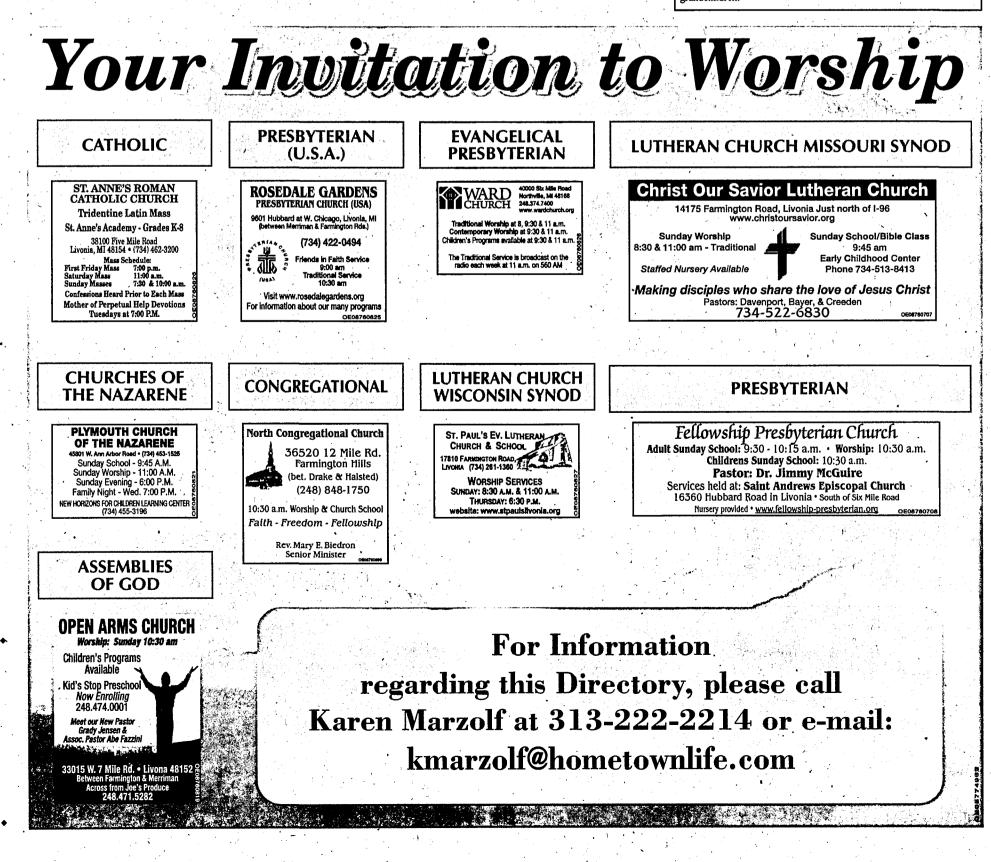


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Drive-in movies

Popular summer attraction starts this weekend

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Head for the great outdoors this weekend and track down The Lorax without leaving your lawn chair.

Then bring out the cream pies and get into the spirit of The Three Stooges --- just make sure to have a tarp on hand for your car upholstery.

The Compuware Arena Drive-in makes it all possible Friday-Saturday, May 18-19 with doublefeature sneak previews before it starts its daily summer schedule next month.

The animated feature based on the Dr. Seuss story, The Lorax, and the comedy, The Three Stoog-. es, share Screen 1 at the outdoor theater, located at 14900 Beck Road, between Five Mile and M-14 in Plymouth Township. If you're looking for heroics rather than laughs, try The Avengers-John Carter double feature on Screen 2, but bring a pillow the combined running time is four hours and 20 minutes. John Carter is adventure-action



A truck bed makes for a perfect viewing area at the Compuware Arena Drive-in, in Plymouth Township.

flick based on the classic novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs. The Avengers brings Iron Man and his Marvel Comics' superhero colleagues together to battle evil.

Screen 3 will show Battleship, an action-adventure in which the earth fights an invasion of space aliens. The film was inspired by Hasbro's Battleships game. The other half of the double feature, This Means War, stars Reese Witherspoon in a romance-comedyaction film about two CIA agents who fall in love with the same woman.

Drive-in fans

Peter Krupsky, director of communications and public relations for Compuware Arena, said patrons are eagerly

awaiting the start of the summer drive-in season. "We've had comments from families that love it on our Facebook page," Krupsky said. "We're get-

ting calls." "What have you decided to show? We are so excited!" a Royal Oak woman posted on the drive-in's Facebook page. A Plymouth man recommended seeing The Avengers ("Awesome") and a writer from the West Bloomfield area figured The Three Stooges would be a funny film and noted "We liked your movie. We will be there this summer!"

Krupsky said gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies will begin between 9:10 and 9:30 p.m. Another sneak preview weekend will run Friday-Sunday, May 25-27. The drive-in will begin showing daily features Friday, June 8. Its eighth full summer season runs through Sept. 2.

Stormy weather

Patrons can get rain checks for screenings that are cancelled because of inclement weather.

"It happens occasionally, if there are thunderstorms in the area. We're pretty cognizant of that. If it's bad for families to be out in a thunderstorm or if there is lightning, we'll postpone it for the night," Krupsky said,

Admission for the drive-in is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, 4-12, and free for kids, 3 and under. College and high school student tickets are available for \$7 with ID, Sunday-Thursday.

Patrons listen to the movies through the FM radio in their car. Or they can bring a batter-powered FM radio.

A full service restaurant, CJ's Brewing Company, is on-site, but concession fare also is available. Wednesday is \$5 pizza night. Visit http:// www.compuwarearena. com/drivein.html or call the drive-in movie hotline at (734) 927-3284 for more information.



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Event brings documentary storytellers together

By Sharon Dargay **O&E** Staff Writer

Got a story to tell? The Detroit Documentary Summit is designed to help you learn how to bring your story to life.

"The panelists come from all aspects of the industry and reflect a diverse populous of story telling. The purest form of documentary filmmaking is that everyone has a story, and if you let it unfold as you film — it can be an incredible journey," said Jennifer Champagne, an award-winning producer-director who teaches Madonna University's Capstone Film Class.

The class will host the Summit, which runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20 in the Franciscan Center Lecture Hall, room S100 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost for the two-day event, which includes informational panels and networking, is \$149. Tickets are available online at www.documentarvsummit.com and will be sold at the door throughout the weekend. Participants will learn about story structure, technology, crew, financial investment, distribution and more. They'll also get a chance to network with each other.

The authors of The Guerilla Film Makers Handbook series, Andrew Zinnes and Genevieve Joliffe, created the Summit, which also will be held in Boston, Mass., and London, England this year. Champagne said she asked Zinnes and Joliffe to bring the Summit to Detroit this year.

Her Capstone Film Class is team-taught by Charles Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts. The class last year was nominated for a 2012 Detroit Music Award for a music video they filmed. This year's class is developing a comedy feature and will shoot several music videos.

"Capstone is whatever the students want it to be. It's my job to teach them how to be filmmakers, it's up to them on what kind of film they wish to make," Champagne said. "This year's class is doing a

feature film, commercials, music videos and documentaries."

The Detroit Documentary Summit will look at other media in addition to film as vehicles for stories.

"We have a panel focused solely on radio, other panels on film and it all gets tied together though the social media panel," Champagne said.

Speakers include Zak Rosen, an independent radio producer; Bil- • ly Whitehouse, communications director for Michigan Film First, Lindsay Blackwell, Ingenex's social media director; entertainment and sports attorney Joe Bellanca; Harvey Ovshinsky, teacher at the College for Creative Studies and documentary producer; Oren Goldenberg, owner of Cass Corridor Films; Sue Marx, producer, director and writer; and Rachel Grady, who has produced documentaries for HBO, PBS and The Discovery Channel, along with many other professionals in the documentary field.

Motorcycle Mania roars into senior community

Residents, employees, family members and fans of Botsford Commons Senior Community will prove you're never too old to ride --- or at least look like you do — at Motorcycle Mania, 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday May, 19, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills.

Bikers of all ages may make a reservation to showcase their rides and share their travel stories with the senior community residents. The event will include food, live music and a photographer on hand to take souvenir shots of the seniors and

After the event, a ride will leave the campus and head to Boomer's Roadhouse in Waterford.

"Motorcycle Mania will be a thrill for our residents who are young at heart and continue to live life to the fullest," stated Barb Smith, senior recreation program coordinator, in a press release. "One resident and her husband plan to get their photo taken with one of the fiercest looking motorcycles to use for next year's Christmas card.'

The entry fee to display a motor-



GET OUT!

Comedy

OF ARTS Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

DETROIT INSTITUTE

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytell-

ing, performances, free with admission Exhibits: 75th Annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition through June 3 In Farmington Hills: The DIA and City of Farmington Hills present a free drop-in lecture at 1 p.m. May 23 at the Farmington branch library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. The topic of discussion will be the seven masterpiece reproductions placed in various locations around Farmington Hills." A trained docent from the DIA will cover the history, details, and artistic significance of each artwork.

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

DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON

Time/Date: Booth hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3

Location: On Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove, Farmington Details: More than 100 booths with paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, and mixed media; free entertainment, including live concerts and children's hands-on activities; and food booths

Contact: (248) 473-1848

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: Through May; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater Location: 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton Details: "US-12: Now and Then" a photo exhibit by Gwendolyn Day and Gregory Feight, features industrial cities, agricultural towns, churches, schools, and factories located along Michigan Avenue-the iconic stretch of highway connecting Detroit and Chicago. The exhibit showcases a wide variety of architecture that illustrates how mobility changed the look of US-12 and sparked an automobile culture Contact: (734) 394-5300; visit cantonvillag-

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

etheater.org.

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-24; artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "West of Center" 4th Annual All Media Show Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to art-

houseoffice@northvillearts.org

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

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

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY **CLUB OF LIVONIA**

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Kyle Grooms, through May 19; Kevin Zeoli, May 23-26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2: Steve Lott. June 5-8: Mark Poolos, June 13-16; Davin Rosenblatt, June 20-23

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

MARK RIDLEY'S **COMEDY CASTLE**

Time/Date: Jim Short, May 17-19; Bill Hildebrandt, May 24-26; Dave Waite, May 31-June 2; A.J. Finney, June 7-9; Nick Vatterott, June 14-16; Duncan Trussell, June 21-23

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

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

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

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-

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Details: "Corsets, Grains

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GET OUT

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soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Peter Baker is the caller **Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 7-9 **Location:** Four performance sites are WGS Gallery in the Pratt Building, 306 S. Main; Kline Gallery, Downtown Home and Garden on Liberty and Ashley, and the corner of First and W. Liberty

& Greenways" includes more than 90 minutes of contemporary dance performance. Audiences will walk along a four-block route to watch dance premieres by guest artists Monica Bill Barnes, Adesola Akinleye and Dance Works resident choreographers Jessica Fogel and Robin Wilson. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students and senior citizens

Contact: www.mutotix. com for tickets; www.annarbordanceworks.com for information

Mexican fiesta

FARMINGTON HILLS — Try south-of-the-border favorites, like fajitas, burritos and quesadillas at the Mexican Fiesta, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, May 18 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. The mood will be set with festive music, and the bar serve cervesas, margaritas, and tequila. Pre-registration is recommended. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call (248) 477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

Country lunch

LIVONIA — A Place at Catherine's Table includes a country lunch, tabletops showcasing cherished collections of china and linens, and door prizes at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 in the historic Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile.

Cost is \$30 per person. Call (248) 477-7375 for reservations.

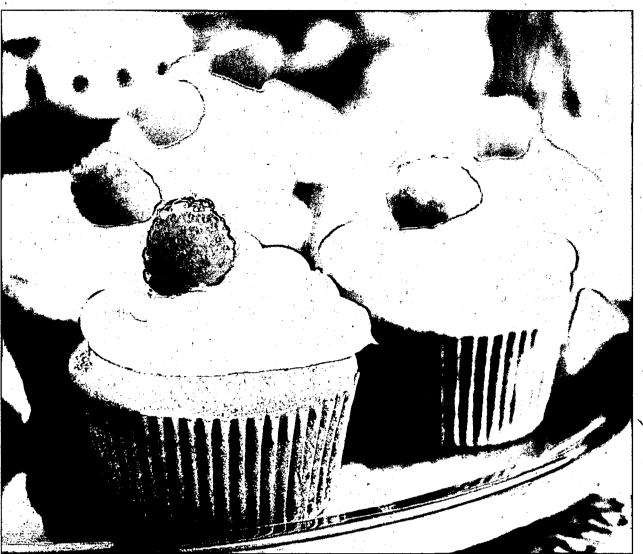
Slurpee Lite

CITY BITES

NATIONWIDE — Get a free 7.11 ounce Slurpee drink from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 23 at 7-Eleven stores. The giveaway celebrates the launch of Slurpee Lite, a reduced calorie version of 7-11's iconic frozen drink. The drinks contain 20 calories per 8 ounces, half the calories of an 8-ounce Fanta Wild Cherry Slurpee. Limited-release Slurpee summer flavors are sugar-free mango this month; Sluree Fanta Watermelon Lime for June; Slurpee Lite Fanta Sugar-Free Strawberry Banana and Slurpee Fanta Lemon Creme for July; and Slurpee Lite Fanta Sugar-free Cherry Limeade and Slurpee Fanta Orange Xplosion.



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Raspberry Cream Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

DRIVE TOP FOOD TRUCK RECIPES

o other trend has parked itself at the forefront of the culinary world quite like food trucks, but these aren't the stale doughnut and questionable hotdog stands of yore.

From coast to coast, a new generation of chefs has been putting unique cuisines on four wheels. But if you're not in an urban setting, that doesn't mean you have to miss out on these delectable dishes.

To celebrate the phenomenon, CanolaInfo partnered with four food truck chefs/owners representing different U.S. regions to create the Street Eats Recipe Collection, allowing home cooks everywhere to recreate delicious food truck fare.

The economic downturn has driven the street food trend in recent years along with Americans' love of all things fast and convedient," says Josh Henderson, owner of Skillet Street Food in Seattle, Wash. "There are all of these wonderful chefs looking for a way to bring their creations to the masses, and now with mobile kitchens, it's easier than ever. This recipe collection provides yet another way of sharing our love of flavorful foods."

Because of its versatility, canola oil is used in each Street Eats recipe. At 468°F, the smoke point (heat threshold) of canola oil is among the highest of all cooking oils, which means it's perfect for sautéing and baking. "I use canola oil in my food truck because it can take the heat and has a light texture and neutral flavor," says Henderson. "From my skillet dishes to my gravy, it is very adaptable, letting other ingredient flavors shine without weighing them down." Canola oil can also help kick saturated fat to the curb when used in place of solid fat or other oils in recipes. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a qualified health claim on canola oil's potential to reduce the risk of heart disease when used in place of saturated fat. For the complete Street Eats Recipe collection and list of food truck chefs, visit www. CanolaInfo.org or www.Facebook.com/CanolaInfo.

Raspberry Cream Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

By Frankie Francollo

Yield: 24 cupcakes Serving size: 1 cupcake with frosting

- Cupcakes:
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 🕻 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups raspberries, fresh or frozen
- Cream Cheese Frosting:
- 2 packages of cream cheese (8 ounces) at room temperature 1½ cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line muffin tin with 24 cupcake liners.

In small bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In medium bowl, combine sugar and eggs. Using electric mixer, combine until mixture thickens, about 1 minute. Add milk, canola oil and vanilla. Continue to mix. Slowly add flour mixture until fully combined, scraping sides of bowl with spatula to get out all lumps. Remove bowl from mixer.

Add 1 cup raspberries. Gently mix in raspberries by hand. Spoon mixture into muffin cups until about two-thirds full.

Bake for 20 minutes or until cupcakes spring back to touch. Remove from oven and cool cupcakes completely.

To prepare frosting: In medium bowl, mix cream cheese on medium speed until lump free. Slowly add powdered sugar and vanilla extract until fully combined. Spoon cream cheese frost-ing into pastry bag with medium round tip and pipe on top of cooled cupcakes. Top each cupcake with a raspberry. Serve right away or refrigerate until serving.



Kale Salad with Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Kale Salad with Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Yield: 4 servings Serving size: Just over 1 cup salad

Kale Salad:

- 4 cups chopped kale
- 2 tablespoons chopped, toasted hazelnuts 2 tablespoons dried cranberries 2 tablespoons
- blue cheese crumbles
- ½ cup flat leaf parsley, whole leaf
- Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette:
- & cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme

Cheddar-Parmesan Poutine with Gravy Yield: 4 servings Serving size: 1¹/₄ cups poutine

medium bowl, combine all ingredients except canola oil using immersion blender. Then slowly blend in canola oil until emulsion forms. Add Hazelnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette to Kale Salad, toss and serve.

½ teaspoon black pepper

½ cup canola oil

¼ cup crushed, toasted hazeinuts

hazelnuts, cranberries, blue

cheese and parsley. Set aside.

To prepare vinaigrette: In

In large bowl, combine kale,

Poutine Gravy Yield: 5 cups

Serving size: "L cup

X cup diced yellow onion 2 tablespoons diced carrot 2 tablespoons diced celery 🕯 cup canola oil 1 tablespoon chopped sage ½ teaspoon tomato paste አ cup all-purpose flour 4 cups beef stock 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce 1 teaspoon chopped garlic 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary 1 teaspoon salt & teaspoon pepper In large saucepan, sweat onion, carrot and celery in canola oil over medium heat until slightly caramelized. Stir frequently. Add sage and tomato paste and saute for 1-2 minutes. Sprinkle vegetable mixture with flour and combine to form roux. Heat for about 30 seconds. Add stock, Worcestershire sauce



Cheddar-Parmesan Poutine with Gravy

1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated 1 cup Parmesan or Grana Padano cheese, grated

3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

4 Russet potatoes, peeled and sliced

2 cups poutine gravy (recipe follows)

3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage \$ teaspoon salt

% teaspoon pepper

into uniform sticks

5 cups canola oil

Soak cut potatoes in cold water overnight. Before deep-frying, remove potatoes from water and pat dry.

Using deep-fryer, heat canola oil to 375°F. Deepfry for 8-10 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove fries from deepfryer and drain on paper towels.

If necessary, in saucepan, reheat 2 cups poutine gravy and set aside.

Return fries to deepfryer and fry for additional 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from deep-fryer to stainless steel bowl. Add gravy, cheese and herbs. Stir gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Serve.

Courtesy of Family Features

and garlic. Simmer for

Season with rosemary,

salt and pepper. Simmer for additional 10 min-

utes. Using immersion

blender, purée gravy.

Leftover gravy can be

frozen for future use.

35 minutes.

Basic safety steps reduce risk of electrical fire

REAL ESTATE

Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in an estimated 46,500 home structure fires reported to the U.S. fire departments in 2010, accounting for 13 percent of reported home fires. These fires resulted in 420 deaths, 1,520 injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association's Home Electrical Fires Report.

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NFPA is marking National Electrical Safety Month (May) by reminding the public to be aware of the risks associated with the use of electricity and providing safety tips and information to assist individuals in taking steps to reduce the risk of home electrical fires.

According to Lorraine Carli. NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The risk of electrical fire may not always be on your mind, but it probably should be — there are actions that can be taken to eliminate electrical hazards in your household and safety guidelines that can be followed to reduce the chances of having a home electrical fire."

Any type of equipment that uses electrical power can have an electrical failure or malfunction. In 2005-09, nearly half of the fires started by electrical failures or malfunctions involved some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, outlets, extension cords, and fuse or circuit breakers, per year. Other key findings in the

report include:

 Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as a factor contributing to ignition for 73 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.

• One-third (31 percent) of civilian deaths in these incidents began in the living room, family room, or den.

• Wire or cable insulation is what ignited first in 31 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.

"National Electrical Safety Month is the perfect reminder that it's time to review home electrical safety and put a plan into place that can be followed all year," said Carli.

NFPA is offering the following electrical safety tips: Replace damaged or loose electrical cords.

 Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.

• In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles.

· Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.

• Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging

an appliance into a receptacle outlet.

 Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.

• If outlets or switches feel warm, frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuits, or flickering or dimming lights, call a qualified electrician.

• Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended watt-age

• Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in the kitchen, bathroom(s), laundry, base-

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ment, and outdoor areas.* • Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) should be installed in your home to protect electrical outlets.

• When you are buying, selling, or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of ' life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Check with lawyer on boat slips

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By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: The developer of our condominium has constructed boat slips on its residential lot and has leased the spots to tenants. Does that constitute a violation of the restriction which prohibits trade or business of any kind?

A: In a recent case out of Louisiana, the court in citing Black's Law Dictionary and the American Heritage Dictionary, concluded that the restriction's purpose was to protect a lot's residential nature by ensuring nonresidential uses were prohibited. The court further indicated that the phrase "no trade or business of any kind" as used in the restriction should be interpreted as a ban of all gainful activity on



Association ` property except for forbidden business' activities that don't result in regular traffic. Of

course,

Robert Meisner

each case is fact-intensive and you should consult with your community association lawyer who presumably has experience and expertise regarding this issue.

Q: We have the old adage in our condominium that the coowner's car should be towed away as opposed to taking other legal action. What do you think?

A: For years, I have indicated that while the association may have the right to tow the vehicle, there

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

\$25,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 6-10, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON 43683 Abbey Cir \$190,000 2043 Centennial Dr \$405,000 \$86,000 286 Constitution St \$190,000 7561 Corbett Dr 45445 Fieldstone Dr \$178,000 \$90,000 \$330,000 45645 Graystone Ln 48660 Greenwich Cir 46497 Killarney Cir \$171,000 2053 Knollwood Dr \$65,000 1843 Lone Wolf Ln \$100,000 1608 Longfellow Dr \$118,000 \$108,000 44605 Lowell Ave 1828 N Morton Taylor Rd \$150,000 42065 Saratoga Cir GARDEN CITY \$125,000 \$55,000 6038 Belton St 29014 Florence St \$45,000

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28531 James St	\$70,000
32440 James St	\$82,000
• 31453 Marguette St	\$31,000
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19326 Antago St	\$38,000
36307 Fairway Dr	\$280,000
36036 Grennada St	\$150,000
11722 Haller St	\$48,000
11120 Karen St	\$68,000
9614 Loveland St	\$118,000
15529 Mayfield St	\$45,000
19547 Merriman Rd	\$105,000
36902 Munger St	\$175,000
34360 Parkďale St	\$107,000
31772 Perth St	\$140,000
19675 Saint Francis St	\$38,000
15621 Sunset St	\$127,000
28601 W Chicago St	\$135,000
27932 W Stanmoor Dr	\$103,000
17875 Woodside St	\$206,000
NORTHVILLE	•
16090 Brook Trout Ln	\$124,000
42424 Corlina Dr	\$149,000
16290 Forest Lake Dr	\$218,000
48776 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
15938 Johnson Creek Dr	\$120,000

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9157 Seminole	\$45,000
8855 Sioux	\$45,000
11319 Winston WESTLAND	\$43,000
36082 Abbey Dr	\$112,000
28914 Ann Árbor Trl	\$15,000
33694 Avondale St	\$45,000
34047 Aztec Dr	\$74,000
32351 Birchwood St	\$75,000
32846 Comanche St	\$90,000
6661 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
830 Denice St	\$82,000
6213 E Morgan Cir	\$98,000
36124 Fernwood St	\$75,000
' 36435 Hazelwood St	\$38,000
30492 Hiveley St	\$60,000
28356 Powers St	\$46,000
1331 Rahn St	\$37,000
7692 Rivergate Dr	\$70,000
7713 Rivergate Dr	\$50,000
1730 S John Hix St	\$48,000
29963 Shacket St	\$69,000
. 8201 Terri Dr	\$86,000
7325 Woodview St	\$25,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 23-27, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19200 Devonshire St \$440,000 22125 Valley Oaks Dr \$270.000 BIRMINGHAM 275 Bryn Mawr \$268,000 690 Hanna St \$980,000 \$129,000 868 Hazel St 200 Woodland Villa Ct \$1,150,000 BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 2375 Tilbury Pl \$1,400,000 COMMERCE TOWNSHIP 2847 Alorington Ct \$230,000 1719 Kinghill Dr \$50,000 5675 Lancaster Ln \$252,000 1730 Sadie Shore Dr \$133,000 FARMINGTON 23970 Wesley Dr \$166,000 Farmington Hills 29494 Beau Rdg \$101,000 29739 Eldred St \$39,000

27934 Gettysburg St \$136,000 21435 Hamilton Ave \$67,000 35324 Muer Cv \$252,000 20975 Ontaga St \$40,000 22065 Ontaga St \$42.000 25920 Ridgewood Dr \$255,000 29840 W 12 Mile Rd \$20,000 28397 Westerleigh Rd \$120,000 LATHRUP VILLAGE 27420 Lathrup Blvd \$157,000 MILFORD 611 River Oaks Dr \$255,000 630 Tower Ridge Ct \$220,000 417 Whitewater St \$255,000 NOVI 27330 Benjamins Way \$205,000 50709 Calvert Isle Dr \$508,000 44695 Ellery Ln \$75,000 24300 Meadowbrook Rd \$200,000 27839 Middleton Dr \$155,000 27841 Middleton Dr \$149,000 27843 Middleton Dr \$159,000 27867 Middleton Dr \$156,000 27878 Middleton Dr \$149,000 27882 Middleton Dr \$152,000 27886 Middleton Dr \$151,000 27910 Middleton Dr \$160,000 24636 Nepavine \$426,000

41437 Reindeer Dr \$362,000 45139 Roundview Dr \$263,000 22627 Woolsey SOUTH LYON \$40,000 \$40,000 25685 Coach Ln 24407 Peters Barn Ct \$78,000 871 S Parkwood Dr \$180,000 SOUTHFIELD 27319 Aberdeen St \$84,000 17235 Anna St \$40,000 29576 Brentwood St \$35,000 27135 Everett St \$65,000 21301 Evergreen Rd \$10,000 26925 Farmbrook Villa Dr # 2 \$54,000 20290 Lacrosse Ave \$86,000 18421 Lincoln Dr \$105,000 15833 New Hampshire St \$75,000 30060 Rambling Rd \$99,000 27735 Sutherland St \$83,000 21218 W Nine Mile Rd \$31,000 TROY 8226 Carpathian Dr \$225,000 8914 El Dorado Dr \$234,000 8714 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$120,000 1072 Maple Heights Dr \$143,000 790 Pembroke Ct \$275,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 Plymouth.

For more information, contact: Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@kw.com.

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

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

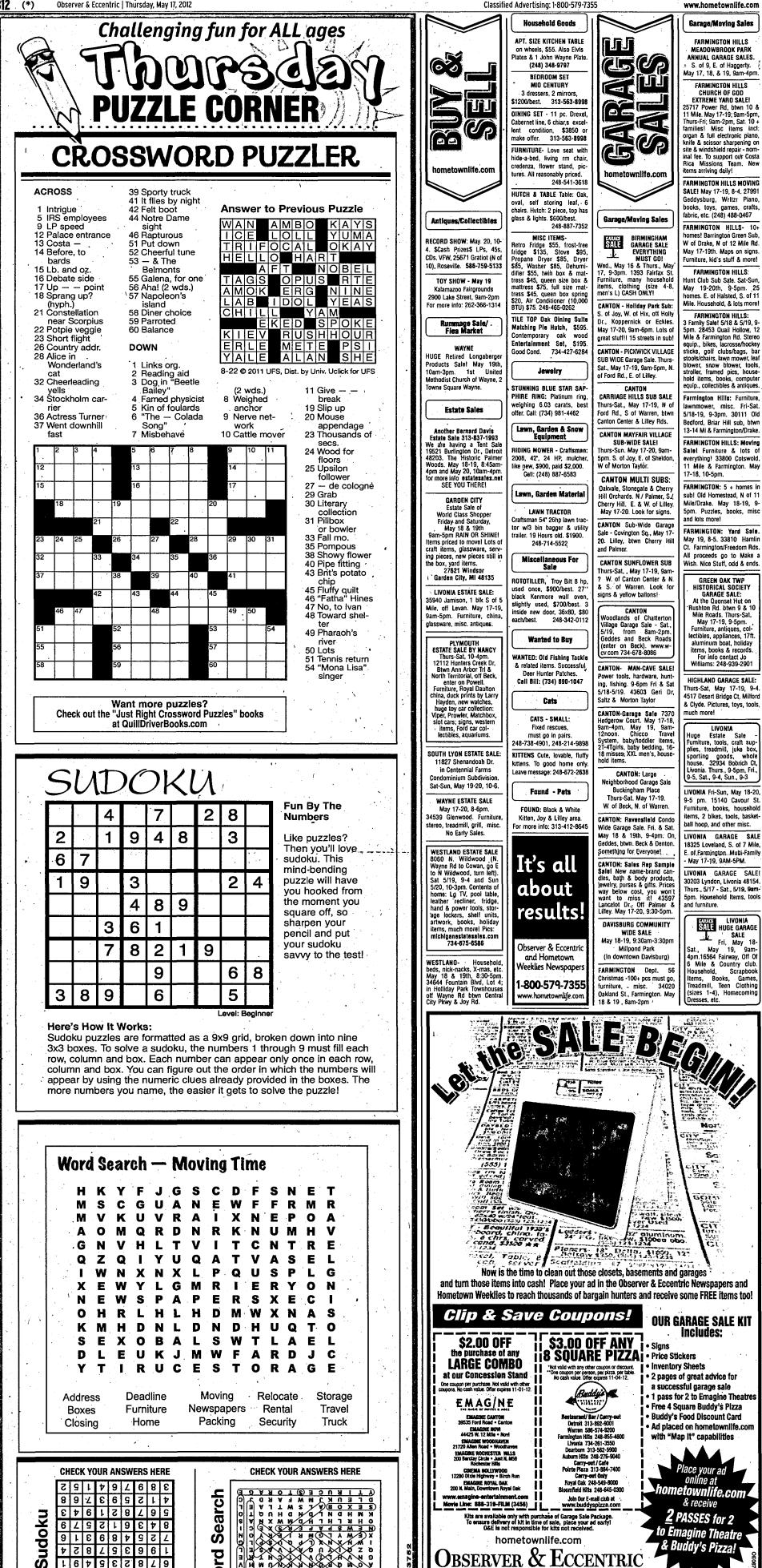
are obviously risks involved in doing so. I am aware of one situation where a handicapped owner without a handicapped tag on his car claimed a disability prevented him from recovering the car from the tow yard. He claimed that he had been discriminated against. This is just another example of what I have said for over 40 years, get a court order that the coowner is violating the restriction and if they do not remove the car within a certain time frame, they are in contempt of court and the association can tow. No board wants to hear this when they put a signature on a tow sheet at no cost to them and have the car gone immediately, but it is a lot better than being sued by the co-owner who has lost his million dollar sale because he didn't have his car or is otherwise disabled.

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