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Westland has the help wanted sign out for election workers. There will be two upcoming elections, the primary election on Aug. 7 and the general election on Nov. 6. It's a long day beginning at 6 a.m. and ending after 8 p.m., said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, adding the pay isn't bad — \$140 for inspectors, \$155 for the vice chair and \$165 for the chair. "I expect a big turnout," said Schoof. "I guarantee it won't be a boring day, you'll be busy. Just fill out an application at the Clerk's Office. We'd love to have you." Applications are available during regular business hours at the Westland City Hall on Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

Summer hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-District 12, will not be conducting office hours in her communities of Westland, Inkster and south Livonia during the months of June, July and August. Gebhardt is undecided as to when office hours meetings will resume at selected locations inside her district. "I found that during the summer months, constituent attendance at office hours declined because constituents were involved in their families with children being out of school as well as vacations," Gebhardt said. "I encourage anyone to contact my office directly to discuss anything they wish." Gebhardt's office can be reached by phone at (313) 224-0907 or by e-mail at district12@co.wayne.mi.us.

Holiday closings

Westland city offices, including the William P. Faust Public Library, recycling center and 18th District Court, will be closed on Monday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday. There also will be no rubbish collection or recycling pickup on Memorial Day and the schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

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Council OK with court's revised budget

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The cuts weren't as large as requested, but Westland City Council members were satisfied with a reduced budget presented Thursday for 18th District Court. Judges Sandra Cicirelli and Mark McConnell presented a \$3.174 million budget, which was down about \$100,000 from the earlier \$3.275 million proposal for the 2012-13 fiscal year. That

puts spending \$125,000 under projected revenues. "I appreciate the court looking at the numbers. I'm more comfortable with a \$125,000 delta between revenues and expenditures than I was with \$25,000," Council President James Godbout said. At an earlier budget study session, council members had asked the court to take a second look at its budget and get spending in the \$2.8 to \$3 million range. Cicirelli had said a bud-

get under \$3 million wasn't realistic for the court operation. Council members and Mayor William Wild had expressed concern that a shortage in court revenues would result in the general fund balance being forced to make up the difference. Earlier this year, an \$800,000 revenue shortfall had been projected by the court, resulting in police officers being reassigned to traffic enforcement. "Obviously there was concern

about whether we would meet our expected revenue," Cicirelli said. "There are only a few business days left in May. We are on target for \$320,000 revenues for May." Additionally, Cicirelli said the court expects that by the end of the fiscal year June 30 to have \$78,000 in excess revenue that would be returned to the city. Acknowledging the court's role isn't to generate revenue, Please see BUDGET, A2



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brenda Dzedzic releases butterflies to their new "home" at the butterfly garden at Barson's Greenhouse in Westland.

**Butterflies
take wing at
new 'house'**

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The butterflies are flying. The new butterfly house next to Barson's Greenhouse doesn't officially open until June 1, but Brenda Dzedzic has already started releasing butterflies she has raised into their new habitat. "They didn't like the Gatorade I was giving them at home. They want some real food," Dzedzic said as many of the released butterflies headed straight for flowering plants inside the butterfly house. The butterflies included giant swallowtails, American ladies and question marks, the latter preferring to dine on a piece of watermelon that Dzedzic had provided. The monarchs will be hatching soon. "It's beautiful," said Debbie Barson, who owns the Westland greenhouse



Among the butterflies released in the garden last week were the American Lady. with husband Joe, as she took photos of the butterflies. For the past decade, Dzedzic's avocation has been cultivating butterflies. From a hobby, Dzedzic developed into a butterfly expert, giving lectures and last year writing a book. Her first lecture was at Barson's, which specifically grows Please see HOUSE, A2

**Humanities grant funds
Glenn World War II project**

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A teacher at John Glenn High School is looking for World War II veterans and people who worked in defense industry as part of a project planned for the 2012-2013 school year. Michele Anderson plans to have students to interview members of the country's "Greatest Generation" for the project which will culminate in a World War II style USO dance for them. "I want to make sure their story is told and I want students to understand what they did," she said. "I think that's important because we're losing these peo-

ple now." The project is being funded through a \$6,545 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. Anderson, chair of the high school's social studies department, had applied for the grant. "I thought we real hit the goal of the humanities council had a good chance going in," said Anderson, the chair of the high school's social studies department. "I was hopeful, but it was a complicated application with a lot of forms and documentation. I was worried I'd mess something up." The grant was one of six given out in Wayne County and among Please see PROJECT, A2

**Church puts faith to work
in Norwayne cleanup**

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The Norwayne area will be getting spruced up thanks to a cleanup day set for Sunday, June 3, and a local church will be putting its philosophy of service into action. About 180 volunteers from Ekklesia are expected to participate in the cleanup, which is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will start off at the Dorsey Center. "They'll cut any yards needing to be cut. If a senior or disabled person has garbage that needs to be taken out, they will help," said Hen-

ry Johnson, who chairs the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "This is our first major cleanup in four years." For Ekklesia members who normally have Sunday services at Westland John Glenn High School, the cleanup day will be part of their new First Serve Sunday program. "The first Sunday of each month, we don't meet at Glenn, we go out into the community to serve," said Chris Lambert, an Ekklesia pastor. "There are no strings attached. We are there to lav-

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Firefighters move annual golf outing to Western Club

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

For 16 years, a charity golf outing sponsored by Westland Firefighters has been a successful fundraiser.

This year, the June 4 benefit will be at a new location — the private Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

"We have some spots

open, we're trying to fill 36 foursomes," said Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams, who chairs the Children's Golf Classic. "We've upgraded the venue, the prizes and food to get back on calendars."

With the current economy, Adams said maintaining the \$125 per golfer price provides a great value.

"This is really the best

golf outing in southeast Michigan," said Adams. "It's a great venue and a very reasonable rate."

Holding the golf outing at Western also gives golfers an opportunity to play at the private golf and country club. The outing includes a box lunch at the turn and all drinks, adult and non-adult, with an open bar for dinner.

"It will be a wonderful

meal. There is three-star food in their dining room," said Adams. "There will be access to the 19th hole and the locker room."

A range of sponsorships is available for the golf outing, which also has a 50/50 raffle and auctions of items ranging from televisions and gas grills to Detroit Tigers tickets.

"This is a high quality event. It supports

our charity which helps seniors and children," said Adams. "It says thanks with a nice day on the links."

The public awareness committee sponsors fire safety programs but also helps families after fires and provides support to other community groups and events.

Along with the golf outing, the other big fund-

raiser for the public awareness committee is the annual spring carnival. The recently held carnival raised \$21,000.

For more information or to register for the golf outing, visit www.cityof-westland.com/firedepartment/childrens-fire-safety-golf-classic.html.

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BUDGET

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Godbout said the city would like to have more police officers.

"That affects the court revenue. Without the revenue, we can't have the staffing to help with those (court revenue) numbers and keep crime down," Godbout said.

Based on statistics compiled by the state court administrator, McConnell noted that 18th District Court is busy.

"We're more busy than the Plymouth (35th Dis-

trict) court, which has more judges and staff," he said.

While the judges and deputy court administrator David Wiacek were in attendance, there was also an update on plans to use probationers assigned to the court work program for cleanup following the Westland Summer Festival.

"In the past we would schedule double the number of people needed to have plenty of workers," Cicirelli said. "A lot didn't show up, so now we will schedule three times the number."

The plan also calls

for court workers to be assigned to start the cleanup at 7 a.m. July 5 so that much of the cleanup can be completed before city hall opens for business.

Council took a second look at the budget for the Municipal Golf Course, which could be approximately \$15,000 short in revenue, if concessions, the pro shop and new pricing structure aren't successful.

Council is expected to adopt the budget next month.

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Eastern Tiger Swallowtail gets nectar from a flowering plant in the garden.

PROJECT

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30 statewide. It will be used to fund a year-long project in which students in U.S. History and American War classes will interview veterans and their families, do documentation and research that will be put on a DVD. The students also will create posters about their work.

"Anyone who has contributed will receive a free DVD of the com-

pleted project," Anderson said.

All the work will culminate in a World War II USO dance at the high school on May 8, 2013 — Victory in Europe Day.

Anderson estimates that 300 students in all will be involved. In addition to the history classes, members of the JROTC and Interact Club will be involved. The high school band and choir will provide the music and songs of the era at the dance.

She's also getting help with the project from the

Westland Rotary Club and American Legion.

While the main body of work will be done during the 2012-2013 school year, the process is starting now. Anderson is looking for veterans and/or their families and people who worked in the war industry who are interested in being interviewed. People can call her at (734) 419-2300, ext. 5227, or send her an e-mail at andersonm@wwc-sd.net

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HOUSE

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the plants suggested by Dzedzic for people who want their own butterfly gardens.

"This is another facet for the greenhouse. ... We have ponding, fish, annuals and perennials, now we have butterflies," Joe Barson said. "We've grown the plants for Brenda for five years or longer. It's really starting to take off."

As Dzedzic points out, if you want butterflies in your yard, it's not enough to have flowering plants to provide nectar. Host plants where the butterflies can lay eggs also are needed. That could be a herb like parsley or milkweed, which provide a home for the resulting caterpillar to develop into a chrysalis and eventually hatch.

In the butterfly house, Dzedzic has signs posted showing the plants that host specific types of butterflies. Smaller butterflies have a couple of weeks lifespan, she said, while larger butterflies may live four to six weeks.

"If I have nectar out,



Brenda Dzedzic waits for the butterflies to leave the mesh bin for their new environment.

a butterfly will smell it from mile away and come. Host plants are specific to specific butterflies that lay their eggs on them," said Dzedzic, who now raises more than 30 species of butterfly.

Since all of the butterflies are native Michigan species, Dzedzic said people will be able to observe their entire life cycle in the butterfly house. It's also a tranquil place.

"It's therapeutic and relaxing to have a butterfly garden," she said.

It's not clear yet how much demand there will be for butterfly-related plants, but Joe Barson said it's a relatively inexpensive hobby.

"For \$15-\$20, you can have a butterfly garden in your yard," he said.

The grand opening will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 1. Dzedzic said she was planning to dedicate the butterfly garden to God at 3 p.m. today (Sunday). Admission to the butterfly house is free.

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CLEANUP

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ish compassion on people."

The volunteers will focus on cleaning up public areas, such as the overgrown open ditches along Venoy and Dorsey, cleaning up graffiti and providing some assistance for some residents upon request.

"We'll be mowing a lot of grass and edging sidewalks, we'll help elderly residents move trash out to the side of the road,"

said Lambert, whose church built a home for a low-income family on Oscoda last year and built a handicapped ramp for a resident using materials provided by Westland Rotary.

On the first Sunday in May, youngsters from the church built two flower pot holders — one for their parents and one to give to a Norwayne family.

"It was a big hit. We are surprised at the reception," Lambert said.

Other upcoming service projects will

include a totally free car wash — no donations accepted — in July and a free garage sale in August, where items will be given away, not sold.

"We're doing this to learn a lifestyle of stewardhood. Unfortunately, a lot of people think Christianity is going to church on Sunday," Lambert said. "This is faith in action. Serving is the heart of God."

Norwayne residents seeking assistance with their yards can call the Dorsey Center for more information at (734) 595-0288.

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'Great find': Friends get Model T for Nankin Mills

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Two months ago, the Friends of Nankin Mills put out a call for a Model T. Wednesday evening, they took delivery.

"It's just beautiful, we got a great deal," said Friends member Don Nicholson who found the vehicle in Niles, Mich., by way of the eBay website. "It's a good barn find. We can fix it up, put on a nice coat of paint and put it in the mill."

Nicholson found the Model T on the eBay website. No one had met the owner's \$2,500 reserve, so he thought he give him a call to see if the group might get it for less. The Friends had a budget of \$2,000 to buy the car and \$500 for restoration. The man had purchased the car at auction and had been "gently restoring it."

"I told him what we were going to do with it and he thought that was a good idea, he sold it to us for \$2,600 and then gave us a donation of \$1,000 to



Happy to take delivery of the Model T are Friends members Carol Clements, a naturalist at Nankin Mills (from left), Jim Franklin, Don Nicholson, Daryl Bailey and Eric Rasmussen.

help pay for repairs."

The Friends plan to put the car in a blocked off area on the second floor of Nankin Mills where youngsters will be able to climb in, get behind the wheel and experience driving in its early form. It will be part of a display devoted to Henry

Ford and the automobile heritage of the former grist mill. Nankin Mills was one of 19 Village Industries Ford started beginning in 1920. Hubcaps and engraved plates were made there for Ford's cars.

"We want them to be able to climb in the car,

sit in the seat, put their hands on the wheel and feel like they're driving a Model T," he said. "It's one more tool to educate kids about the history of Nankin Mills."

Nicholson and Friends member Jim Franklin picked the car in Niles on Wednesday and had

it at the mill in time for the board's monthly meeting. They got a lot of "thumbs up" as they drove along I-94 and when they stopped to get gas, a man who had just finished restoring a Model T told them he had a lot of spare parts they could have.

"It still has the wooden spoke wheels and they're all in good shape," said Nicholson. "We need some paint, some upholstery. We have to do some floor boards and there's some welding that needs to be done."

Friends members will provide some of the elbow grease in working on the restoration, but more volunteers are needed. Nicholson is working on a deal with a body shop to get work done in exchange for a sponsorship for August's Hines Park Cruise.

His hope is to have it done in time to have it on display at the cruise.

"We're not worried about it running, we're not concerned about driving it up and down

the street," he said. "It's for educational purposes."

The Model T is just one of many ideas the Friends have for bringing "fun" back to Nankin Mills. They're waiting to hear if they've gotten a grant to restore a generator that was built by Thomas Edison. Housed on the west side of the mill, the generator was powered by water and provided electricity to the community of Pike's Peak located across Ann Arbor Trail from the mill. They also would like to open a gift shop in the Miller House located west of the mill.

More information is available on the Friends of Nankin Mills Facebook page. Anyone would like to donate either time get the car ready for display can call Don Nicholson at (734) 658-5296. Donations of money can be sent to Friends of Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.

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Answers about woman's death could take months

By LeAnne Rogers
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It could take one to two months before an official cause of a death is established for a Westland woman who died a week ago at a Detroit hotel.

Lydia Cohn, 76, was found unresponsive May 20 in the pool and spa area of the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Detroit.

Bart Cohn, her husband of 56 years, is also trying to get answers about what happened to an additional large

amount of money — more than \$30,000 — that was believed to be in his wife's possession when she died. He said that it may take hiring a lawyer.

"I got back \$11,000 that was in the room and two rings. Her purse might be at (Detroit) Receiving Hospital," Cohn said. "I know she had a gold watch which wasn't returned."

Cohn's niece took him to the hotel, where the manager confirmed that his wife had a purse with her at the pool before she died.

They also went to the hospital and talked with Detroit police.

"A sergeant and two officers went into her room and found the box (containing \$11,000)," Cohn said. "EMS came and took her. Her purse went to Receiving Hospital. Why wouldn't they have given us her belongings and her purse?"

There had also been some question about where Lydia Cohn was on the night before she died, since she hadn't checked into the hotel. Lydia Cohn didn't drive and would

use a car service, which seems to be what happened the night before she died.

Having talked to the driver, someone known to Lydia Cohn, Cohn said his wife was picked up at their home, went to dinner and drove around for a while before returning home to get some belongings.

"I didn't know she came back home," said Cohn, who expects his wife died of natural causes. "The driver took all of her belongings up to the room at the hotel."

Neither Detroit police nor the medical examiner's office are providing many answers, Cohn said. There was also no response to requests for comments from either agency.

"I feel as if they are giving me the runaround and it's wrong. There should be a detective on the case to find out where the purse is," said Cohn, who concedes he had no way to prove how much money his wife had with her when she died.

Initial media reports were that Lydia Cohn had

a large amount of cash winnings from a casino. Cohn said his wife wasn't a gambler, but didn't trust banks and kept the money from Social Security checks in cash.

"She saved up the money. She'd do what she wanted. Maybe she would take a trip," Cohn said. "This has to be resolved one way or another. I may have to let my nephew, who is a lawyer, get me an attorney. It's just not right."

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The Western Wayne Skill Center, a Livonia Public Schools special education program serving 16- to 26 year-old special needs students from 12 Western Wayne County school districts, graduated 24 students from its unique program on Friday.

The curriculum is a community Work-Based Universal Life Skills Program where more than 50 community organizations and local businesses partner with the school to provide practical work-based experience for students in settings that simulate the real work world.

The program's objective is to provide students with the required Universal Life Skills to function as independently as possible in an adult world. Students learn these skills through classroom programs and in the community.

The Universal Life Skills focus on four adult life roles - that of family member, worker, involved citizen and recreation participant.

The graduates include:
 • John Strobl of Livonia, who has overcome many changes in his life. After the passing of his mother, he moved in with his aunt, uncle and cousins. He participated in all of their family activities and routines. Knowing that the 2011-12 school year would be his last, he contacted his Personal Agent about moving out on his own. In August 2011, Strobl moved into a house with a roommate and they have staff that provides transportation to various functions in the community. He is anxiously looking



Among the graduates are (front row, from left) John Strobl, David Riley and Hiba Jawad and (back row, from left) Brian Kielytyka, Katie Perkins and Sharra Bowens.

forward to getting a part-time custodial job.

• Brian Kielytyka of Livonia, who educates himself about science and natural history by looking up information on various websites on the computer. His excellent reading skills allow him to share a variety of information with peers and staff. An artist, Kielytyka designed and created a classroom bulletin board this spring in the Supported Transition Program classroom featuring natural history images.

• Hiba Jawad of Inkster, who ended her formal schooling by coming to school consistently and participating in activities both in the classroom and out in the community. She learned to follow a dress code and work schedule and enjoys going out to her work sites, where she completes tasks independently and asks for more work as needed. Jawad was named the 2012 Supported Transition Program Student of the Year.

• David Riley of Northville enjoys socializing with friends, attending school dances and coming to school in general. After graduation, he is looking forward to continuing his job working at an assisted living home, where he works part-time in the laundry room. He will also continue to volunteer as opportunities become

available.

• Sharra Bowens was born in Orlando and lives in Westland. She has attended the Western Wayne Skill Center since the fall of 2007. Bowens plans to continue working with Michigan Rehabilitation Services and would like to enroll in a local training school to study cosmetology after graduation. She plans to work at her cousin's salon where she currently assists with various tasks. With the assistance of her interpreter and because of her excellent signing skills, Bowens has been a guest speaker in many classrooms teaching others about her disability as well as basic sign language skills.

• Katie Perkins is a resident of Livonia and has been attending classes at the Western Wayne Skill Center since the fall of 2004. Perkins really likes to - and is good at - organizing things. One of her favorite classroom assignments was training at Michael's craft store as part of her Work Based Training class. Perkins loves scrapbooking and doing other arts and crafts projects. After graduation, she plans to help out around her house, work at St. Collette Church helping with the children and performing clerical tasks in the parish office.

Seven W-W schools set for upgrades

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has given its approval to upgrades for the kitchens at John Glenn High School and Stevenson Middle School.

The district will spend just over \$205,000 to replace the original equipment installed in the Glenn kitchen when the school opened in 1963 as well as replace steamers at Stevenson.

According to William Weinrauch of TMP Architecture Inc., when they looked at the steamers at Glenn they realized there were power issues. The end result was to look at how to make the kitchen more efficient.

"The kitchens were built for bringing in lunches from home," said Weinrauch. "Glenn should have a nice face-lift. It should be real nice when it's done."

According to Weinrauch, the oven will be relocated, the prep area enlarged and stainless steel counters installed.

Envision Builders of Wixom will do the work, which also includes replacing lighting and ceiling tiles and painting the glazed block walls.

Weinrauch was pleased that bids can in under the \$250,000 that was budgeted for the project. It will be paid for with Food Service funds.

The approval comes on the heels of board approval last month of \$1.9 million in sinking fund projects at six Wayne-Westland school buildings.

In April, the school board approved bids for the work, which will begin after school is out in June and be done in most instances by the start of school in the fall.

"All of the projects would disrupt school, so we'll wait until it's out," said Doug Underwood of McCarthy and Smith, the

district construction manager. "We selected the bidders now so they can get what they need in place."

The projects include classroom remodeling at Marshall Upper Elementary, media center remodeling at Franklin Middle School, a media center upgrade at Stevenson Middle School, partial roof replacement at Franklin and John Glenn High Schools and a bus drive and parking expansion at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center.

The largest of the projects are the partial roof repairs at John Glenn and Franklin, which total \$1.08 million. Disappointed with the number of bids for that work, Underwood told the board that McCarthy and Smith polled contractors and discovered bonding companies "are clamping down on bond capabilities" given to some contractors.

"It's not that they're considered bad or had problems in the past, it's more of the bonding companies running scared on providing insurance for the project," Underwood said. "Because of that, a lot of contractors don't want to use their entire cap on one job."

The winning bid went to J.D. Chandler Roofing in Livonia, which provided voluntary alternatives, including insulation with an R-18 value in lieu of R-20 and the use of pre-finished metal copings and gravel stops.

"Voluntary alternatives are things many contractors use as a bidding strategy," Underwood said. "It's something that could offer value in savings for the contract."

In the case of the roofing bid, the district will save almost \$53,000.

National Block in Westland will benefit from the masonry work that was awarded to Navetta Mason Contractors in Brighton for masonry work at Stottlemeyer, Marshall and

Franklin. The company provided a voluntary alternative to get the cement blocks from National for a savings of \$1,200.

"That's probably the shipping cost, the other manufacture of those blocks is out of Grand Blanc," Underwood said.

He added that the media centers work is different in that there is a lot of disassembly and assembly once the work is done. The work will run an estimated two or three weeks into the new school year with getting the books and things "back in place."

Board Vice President John Goci asked whether an estimated provided to the district's 21st Century Schools Committee of \$100 million over a 10-year span to maintain school buildings was still correct, only to be told the figure had not been updated in some time and that it included the six elementaries that were closed in 2009.

"It's not an amount for over the next 10 years, it was based on building needs if the board were to go for a bond issue," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "That's a decision the board will have to make moving forward on a bond issue at the appropriate time."

"I know the sinking fund we just renewed will not meet the demands as they have been projected that the buildings need," Goci said. "Something we as a board need to consider is how are we going to keep our buildings up to the conditioned that's warranted."

The board also approved spending more than \$142,000 for furniture for the two libraries. That money will come out of the district's building and site fund. The district can only use sinking fund money for major improvements and renovations.

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Pixie Printz owner forms foundation to charm families who lose children

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Carrie Stanley admits there were comments when she and her husband Charles decided to suspend cancer treatments for her daughter Leiryn, who was diagnosed at 20 months of age with stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer. They decided to choose "quality over quantity."

But Leiryn Stanley has defied the odds. Two years later, she looks like any other 4-year-old, playing with her younger brother Kaelen on the living room of the grandparents' home in Garden City. She's not cancer-free, but the disease has not progressed. She's in hospice, but may end in the fall in light of her stable condition.

That could change in an instant. It could flair up in an instant or stay dormant for years. Leiryn's doctor has seen a similar situation with a 5-year-old boy with neuroblastoma who lived with the disease until age 27.

Whatever the case, Carrie Stanley calls her daughter "our miracle." "God has done an amazing thing," she said.

The thought of losing her daughter — two years ago she was given three to five months to live — caused Stanley to look into getting a fingerprint charm to capture what she calls "God's signature" of Leiryn, but the high cost of the jewelry prompted her to start Pixie Printz, a business that creates the silver charms for a much lower price.

Working with computer software and precious metal clay, Stanley individually shapes, imprints, sands, fires, coats the charm with a chemical to



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Carrie Stanley calls her four-year-old daughter Leiryn a "miracle." Diagnosed with stage 4 cancer at 20 months of age and at one point given three to five months to live, the youngster is doing well. She still has cancer, but it has not progressed.

highlight the imprint and then polishes it.

One step further

The business has taken off and she's hired her first employee. And she's taking Pixie Printz one step further, creating a non-profit foundation, Imprints of the Heart, to provide fingerprint, handprint and footprint keepsakes for families who are losing or have lost a child.

"I knew the business would grow quickly, but not at this rate," said Stanley, who does play dates, a

spinoff of in-home shows, art and craft shows and has been at stores in Ann Arbor and East Tawas. "Based on my research, I'm the only one doing this in several states outside of a person in Ohio. There's only five to eight of us using a similar process in the country."

She is working on making Imprints of the Heart a 501(c)3 nonprofit. She is setting up a board of directors and needs two more. She isn't allowed to serve on the board because she owns the business. She

prayed for an employee and God delivered and she's confident He will send the right two board members her way.

To help fund it, she's staging a community event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the AmVets Hall, 1217 Merriman, in Westland. Admission is \$3 per person and \$10 per family and features bounce houses, crafts for kids provided by Maxwell's Art and Treasures of Garden City, magic shows by Gordo the magician at noon and 1:30 p.m. and a butterfly garden workshop by Barson's Greenhouse of Westland at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. with live butterflies and caterpillars.

Also available all day will be concessions, snow cones and ice cream, face painting and flair provided by FaceFlair, 50/50 raffles and a bake sale benefiting Cookies for Kids Cancer (cookiesforkidscancer.org). Black Rooster Coffee Co. of Garden City will be supplying coffee all day.

Crafts and vendors
In the hall will be ven-

dors like Tastefully Simple, ViSalus, a dietary supplement company, and Thirty-One bags, purses and accessories, and crafters selling jewelry, handmade purses, aprons and candles. American United Precious Metals also will be on site, exchanging gold, silver and platinum for cash as part of the craft and vendor show.

Crafters can still get a spot by calling Stanley at (734) 674-0708 or by email at pixieprintz@gmail.com. The fee is \$30 and 10-15 percent of sales. The \$30 covers the cost of the hall rental, a table, light breakfast and lunch. The percentage of sales will go to Imprints of the Heart.

"I'm trying to keep everyone local, all the crafters are local, all the vendors are local," Stanley said.

Stanley will have a table displaying her Pixie Printz charms so visitors can see how the money will be used. She won't be taking orders, but cards will be available to book play dates and for more

information.

She has an amount in her heard she'd like to raise, but won't say how much. What she will say is that she would like to see 1,000 people turn out for the event.

"I want to get the word out about Imprints of the Heart. I want people to know about it," she said.

While Stanley initially did charms with finger, hand and footprints, she's expanded. She can now do lip prints as in a kiss, artwork, even a pendant with a note from a loved one.

"I have pieces all over the country," she said. "I got a call from the mother of a 3-year-old and went to her home. I made pieces for her and her husband. She told me when she's having a rough week, she puts her finger in the print and she feels high and it takes the pain away."

More information about her products and prices can be found on the Pixie Printz website at www.pixieprintz.com.

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Livonia Public Schools Opens the Prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to Out-of-District Students in Wayne County

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) to Limited Schools of Choice students from Wayne County for the 2012-13 school year. This program is a two year college preparatory plan of study that takes place during a student's junior and senior year of high school. IBDP students are required to take IB exams in order to earn the highly acclaimed and internationally recognized IB diploma.

Registration will be open from June 1-June 29, 2012 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the IBDP selection criteria.

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Troop donations

Paragon Properties is coordinating a donation drive for Michigan's National Guard 1-126th Cavalry - Charlie Troop at its 11 apartment communities throughout Michigan, including Woodland Villa and Westwood Circle in Westland.

Anticipated to be the last combat arms unit of the Michigan National Guard sent to Afghanistan, Charlie Troop has requested donation of items soldiers can give to the Afghanistan children while on patrol. Paragon Properties is asking its residents and community neighbors for donations of school supplies, hard candy, Ziploc bags, small stuffed animals and hacky sacks.

Items can be brought new and unwrapped to the company's leasing office/clubhouses through Thursday, May 31. Paragon Properties will then package and mail the items overseas.

The property management company's Westland community locations are Woodland Villa located at 7360 Drew Circle No. 9, and Westwood Village at 37830 Westwood Circle.

Bowlapalooza

The Westland Veterans Association is holding its first annual Bowlapalooza at 5 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh, Westland, to benefit the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. The cost is \$15 per person, with four bowlers per team, and includes a T-shirt, prizes, bowling, pizza and a drink. For more information, call Normie Brazier at (734) 788-7753.



Awrey Bakeries is a familiar Livonia landmark on Farmington Road.

Awrey union to meet Tuesday; plant closed

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The future of Awrey Bakeries remains in limbo.

The 160-member union that rejected a contract Wednesday afternoon calling for a \$2-per-hour wage concession and the layoff of 26 employees is supposed to meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge in Livonia, said Brian Corrigan, a union steward from Garden City who has worked at Awrey for 33 years.

He said he doesn't know if there will be another contract to vote on or if members will be given information about unemployment. "Anything is

possible," he said.

Members of Council 30 voted against the proposal 73-63. It was the second time they voted down a contract within one week.

In the meantime, the plant was closed Thursday and Friday on what would have been normal work days. "The parking lot is empty," Corrigan said, adding employees were told not to come in. "They've got a guard out there and he's not letting anybody in."

The store, however, remained open for business.

Jim Pallarito, lead security officer, said Thursday there were no updates to report. "There is no change in the status

right now. When there is, they'll be happy to make it public," he said.

Bob Wallace, CEO of Awrey Bakeries, could not be reached for comment Thursday or Friday.

Barry Kasoff, the president of Realization Services and a turnaround specialist, according to Realization Services' website, who met with the union members Wednesday to try to convince them to ratify the agreement, was at a funeral Thursday and unavailable for comment. A message left Friday was not returned.

After the rejection, Kasoff was meeting with union leaders, presumably to discuss liquida-

tion.

According to employees, the company is \$5 million in the hole despite previous concessions from the union.

Awrey Bakeries, in business for 102 years, has called Livonia home since 1967, when it relocated from Detroit to its current plant on Farmington Road. Awrey Bakeries got its start in 1910 in the home of Fletcher and Elizabeth Awrey, who were living in Detroit after moving there from Canada.

Awrey Bakeries makes a number of items including cakes, cookies, Danish pastries, doughnuts and croissants, which are used by restaurants,

hotels, schools, hospitals and other institutional customers. About 10 percent of the firm's business comes from retail sales of its own branded goods, which are available only in Michigan.

The Awrey family no longer owns the company. The company was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheesecake and high-end desserts.

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All-Star event honors outstanding students

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* honored the 27th annual Academic All-Stars Team in a breakfast awards ceremony Wednesday attended by students, parents, O&E staff, sponsors and guests at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey welcomed the All-Stars and guests. He encouraged them to take advantage of business internships while they are in college and then "stay in Michigan" when they share their "great talents with the world around" them.

The All-Stars program is sponsored by the O&E in partnership with Madonna University and DMC Children's Hospital.

"Students and soon to be graduates — today is your day. Enjoy it and remember it. Your achievements in high school have been tremendous and we salute you," said Susan Rosiek, execu-

utive editor and publisher of the O&E.

This year's All-Stars Team is made up of 27 students from public and private schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The students were recently profiled in a special section distributed in print to O&E subscribers and online (www.hometownlife.com).

All-Stars received a gift bag with copies of the section, along with movie tickets to Emagine Theater, Buddy's pizza vouchers, a gift card, a flash drive, a special certificate naming them a 2012 All-Star and other items.

Joining in the ceremony Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University and Anika T. Corbett Director, public relations and marketing at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

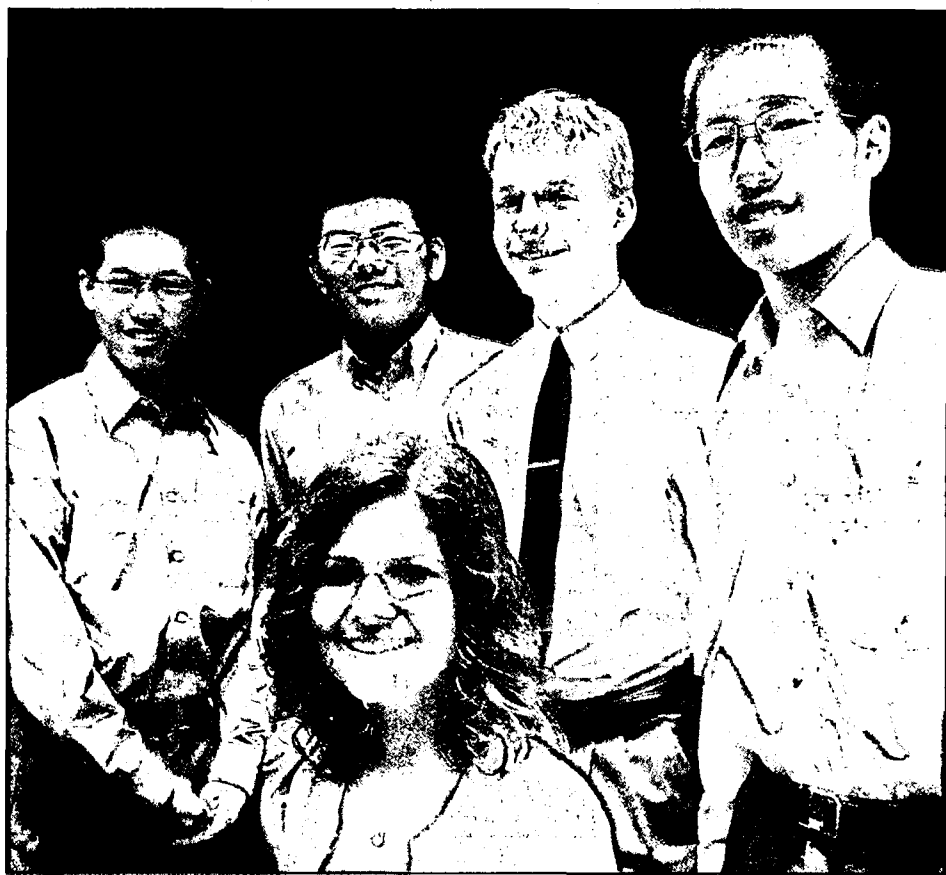
The All-Stars are selected based solely on academic credentials (grade-point average in academic subjects and ACT and/or SAT scores). A panel of

high school principals — Carolyn Witte of Mercy High, Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School — verified test scores and nominations in March.

All public, private and parochial schools in the O&E circulation are invited to nominate two students for the All-Stars competition.

New to this year's All-Stars program was a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union to Steven Marion, an All-Star from Canton High School. Heather Gatewood, marketing specialist, and Connie Gladki, accounting manager, represented Parkside Credit Union at the event.

Members of the All-Stars Team were invited to write an essay about financial responsibility. Marion's essay will be published in a future edition of the O&E. All of the essays will be posted online at hometownlife.com beginning June 1.



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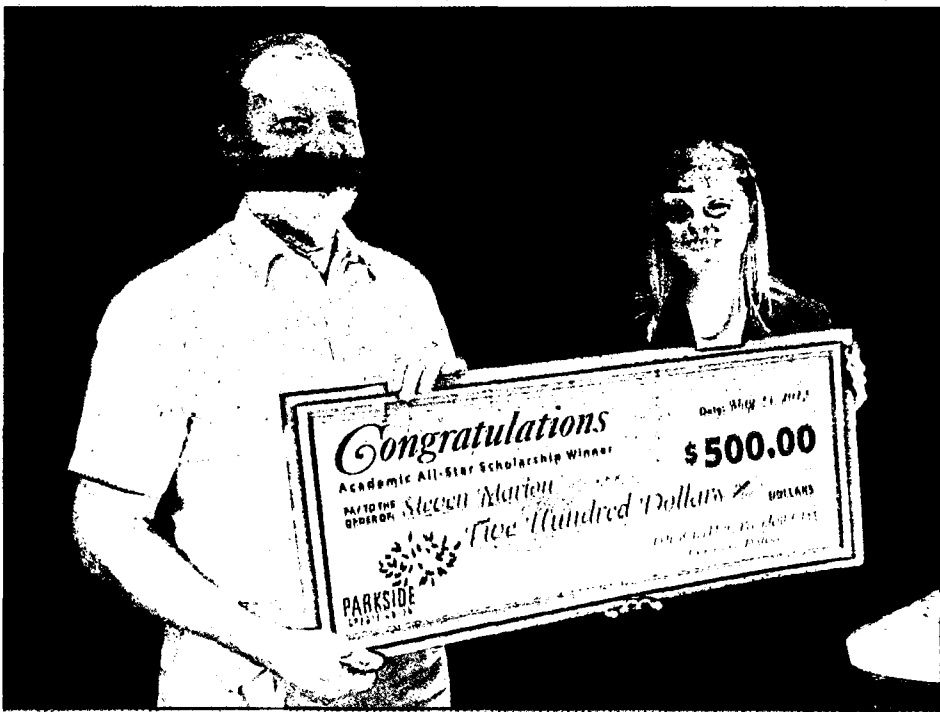
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Academic All-Stars honored last Wednesday at the awards ceremony are Peter Su of Salem, Brett Jia of Plymouth, Todd Maslyk of Plymouth, Scott Su of Salem and Emily Southern of Canton.



Karen Sanborn hands Kathryn Jarvis of Churchill High School her O&E bag filled with gifts.



Shruthi Subramaniam of North Farmington High School receives a gift bag from Karen Sanborn of Madonna University.



Mike Marion accepts the scholarship award on behalf of his son, Steven Marion of Canton High School, from Heather Gatewood, of Parkside Credit Union.



Lillian McGill of Harrison High School receives her all-star gift bag at Wednesday's awards breakfast.



Anika Corbett presents a certificate of achievement to Daye Kim of North Farmington High School.



Observer & Eccentric Executive Editor/Publisher Susan Rosiek welcomes the 2012 Academic All-Stars, parents and guests.



The 2012 Academic All-Stars attending the event are, left to right, sitting; Andrew Sun of Detroit Country Day, Shruthi Subramaniam of North Farmington, Molly Pantelic of Roesper, Vic Sun of Andover. Standing, middle row; Daye Kim of North Farmington, Lillian McGill of Harrison, Erik Burbulla of Roesper, Larissa Sambel of Cranbrook Kingswood, Emily Southern of Canton, Scott Suh of Salem, Katherine Lobaza of Seaholm, Brett Jia of Plymouth. Back row; Pete Suh of Salem, Zachary Prebay of Andover, Imran Nahin of Lahser, Kathryn Jarvis of Churchill, Stephen McShane of Groves, David Bender of Seaholm, Jessica Turner of Groves and Todd Maslyk of Plymouth.

'You never give up'

Students get message they can change their lives

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Reggie Dabbs knows how to connect with students.

He can elicit loud clapping when he points out that he got them out of class. He can get them singing when he belts out Justin Bieber's *Baby, Baby, Baby* on his soprano saxophone.

But the best thing the national recognized motivational speaker does is send the students off with a message that they can never change their past but they can change their future by the choices they make.

"Life is like a roller coaster. Some days you're at the top of the hill and everything's great, and some days you're going downhill so fast, but you don't want to get off," he told students at Stevenson Middle School. "You want to stay on because it'll get fixed. You never give up."

Dabbs made 17 presentations to more than 8,000 students in the Wayne-Westland's upper elementary, middle and high schools and with teachers and the community over three days last week. His visit was almost two years in the making and happened as the result of a recommendation by the Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association.

"His message has been inspirational," said Aaron Baughman, the district's director of professional development. "His message of hope



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Stevenson Middle School students Megan Suchan, Bailey McGeorge and Kendra Pennington react as Reggie Dabbs belts out Justin Bieber's "Baby, Baby, Baby" on his soprano saxophone.



Reggie Dabbs not only motivates with the spoken word, he also uses his soprano saxophone to catch students' attention.

resonates with the students. We're hearing all kinds of stories. One student came up to say that he had written a suicide note two years and had looked at it that morning. After hearing Reggie, he was going home and tear it up."

"A senior at Wayne Memorial buried his face and cried because he didn't think he could do it until he heard Reggie. Now he feels he can," he added.

Life story

Dabbs shared the story of his life with students, talking about being given up by his mother and fostered by an older couple who later adopted him. When he was 8 years old he realized his friends' parents were young and his parents were old, so he asked them why.

"Baby, when we get home we have to have a talk," Dabbs remem-

bered his momma saying. "When my momma said baby, I thought it was magic."

Dabbs was told his mother was a pregnant teenager who didn't know what to do, so she turned to a teacher who had given her students her phone number and told them to call if they ever needed anything. They cared for his mother and after she gave birth, the fostered her son until he was in the fourth grade when they adopted him.

"I'm the best at doing this because I want to please my momma, but she told me she wasn't my momma," he said. "I found out I grew up in a foster home and that I have a brother and twin sisters. What hurt was being told my momma kept my brother and sisters and gave me away."

Dabbs let the students know how important teachers are to him. At

13, he asked his parents why they were raising him and heard the rest of the story. His momma told him, "your momma gave you to me because I was her favorite 10th-grade English teacher."

"I want to thank you for what you do," he told the Stevenson staff. "Boys like me don't grow up to be men like me without a teacher."

Dabbs used humor to catch the students' attention. He poked fun of his large frame, telling students the noises he heard after his friends talked him into riding a roller coaster for the first time. According to Dabbs, the momentum pushed his weight behind him and the noise was the sound of a girl, trapped in it, calling for help.

He explained that he also learned not to care about the color of a person's skin because his momma told him that

everyone is chocolate.

"My momma told me there's white chocolate, milk chocolate and dark chocolate," he said.

He also taught them the a hand sign and message, "I got you back," and had them signing a part of the Motown hit *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, to drive home the point that there is nothing that can keep them from succeeding.

"I know what it's like to hurt and hide behind a smile," he said. "I know my story is sad but don't feel sad. My future is my destiny. I can't change how I got here, but I change how I live my life."

Dabbs' visit to the school district was the last in the U.S. for the current school year before heading out for a tour that will take him to places like New Zealand, Africa and England for the Summer Olym-

pics. His coolest job, he said, is working with NFL players.

It was because of a cancellation that the district was able to bring him in, and Baughman hopes to bring him back again.

"He had 900 students at Marshall Upper School chanting Reggie, Reggie," said Baughman. "At the high school, it was more intense about staying on the roller coaster because they'll fix. You never know what chord he's going to strike with students."

School Superintendent Greg Baracy also praised his presentation, saying that he "had a real impact on our kids."

"Many, many of the students came up afterwards and hug him, I believe he probably saved a few lives," he said.

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Safeguard your skin and sight from the sun

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Too much of a good thing isn't always good for you. Even though sunshine helps us produce vitamin D and summer sun makes us all feel great, overexposure to its rays can do more harm than good, especially for our eyes. Dr. David Crowl, internal medicine specialist at Garden City Hospital (GCH), offers some timely insights about protecting you and your "peepers."

First, a little earth science. Sunlight has two types of harmful rays: ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB). UVA rays (they pass through window glass) penetrate deeper into the skin's thickest layer (dermis), weaken your immune system and its ability to ward off skin cancer. Premature wrinkling and age spots are two unpleasant reminders of overdoing your sun time.

UVB rays are damaging, too. These rays burn (they're blocked by window glass) - blame them for that patch of bright red skin on the back of your neck, for example. Excessive exposure to both kinds of UV light can lead to skin cancer.

Artificial light also produces harmful UV radiation. Electric arcs,

specialized lights, like black lights; even metal halide bulbs are suspect. Over time, exposure to UV rays causes permanent damage. For most folks, one painful burn is enough to convince them that too much sunshine is a foolish practice.

That's why dermatologists recommend frequent applications of sunscreen. Regardless of skin type, use water-resistant products to guard against UVA and UVB rays. Look for a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. Apply sun block year-round; some suggest wearing sunscreen indoors on exposed areas - remember, those pesky UVA rays pass through window glass.

Focus on guarding your eyesight with the same zeal. "Both kinds of UV exposure have immediate and long-term effects on our eyes," said Crowl. "This includes photokeratitis, early onset of cataracts, defective vision and skin cancer around the eyelids."

Photokeratitis is a burning of the cornea (the clear, front surface of the eye), much like sunburn scorches the skin.

"It's temporary and

it comes from tanning with a sun lamp or prolonged sun exposure - even reflections off snow and pavement," Crowl said. "You may not notice the burn for up to 12 hours, but your eyes will become red, irritated and itchy, and your vision may be temporarily affected."

Be careful. Photokeratitis can increase your risk of cataract, a cloudy area in eye's lens that can blur vision. Surgery is the only effective remedy for cataracts. And while eyelid cancers are rare, some can be malignant and spread to other areas of the body.

Crowl advises that people "avoid sunlight when you can," especially from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when sunlight is most intense. Sun visors, wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses also help. Apply sunscreen to your face to prevent sunlight from reflecting up to your eyes.

Use the same precautions for infants and toddlers. Many experts say your eyes get 80 percent of their total lifetime exposure to the sun's UV rays by age 18 - so it's never too early for kids to wear protective sunglasses outdoors.

UV-protective lens-

es are especially critical for anyone who tans artificially, as well as swimmers, skiers and snowboarders.

Not all sunglasses are equally protective. Your sunglasses should block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB radiation, and be distortion-free. Ask your ophthalmologist or optometrist to check them if you want to be certain. Look for styles that cover the total eye and wraparound models that offer optimum safety.

"Pale faces" - those with fairer skin and lighter eyes - have increased risk of eye damage as they age. When work or fun time outdoors involves prolonged sunlight exposure, eye damage is especially likely. The reason: light eyes/skin contain less melanin, a natural protective pigment. However, everyone is at risk of UV eye damage, regardless of eye and skin color. So, don't forget - protecting your eyes is always cool.

Some little-known sunscreen facts are:

• Myth: "I slather on SPF 8 foundation, SPF 15 moisturizer, then SPF 25 sunscreen. Heck, I get a total of SPF 48."

Fact: Are you sure? It's not as easy as simple math. You only end

up with the highest SPF protection. So that's SPF 25.

• Myth: "I stay indoors most of the time. I don't need sunscreen!"

Fact: UVA rays can easily penetrate all windows and shades. Vehicles, offices, homes, airplanes too.

• Myth: "I cover my face and arms with sunscreen. I don't need it for areas covered with clothes."

Fact: That's fine for short sun 'trips'. But for prolonged exposure like outdoor sports or job, cover your entire body with sunscreen. Did you know the average cotton shirt has an SPF of only 5.

• Myth: "I'm using sunscreen with built-in moisturizer. Double the benefits!"

Fact: Double benefit, yes. But for proper protection, apply your sunscreen 15 minutes after moisturizing. And it is best when you apply sunscreen a half hour before going outside.

Lycopene boosts skin's natural SPF. You can get it from red fruits and vegetables - tomato, watermelon, pink grapefruit and guava.

For Garden City Hospital's Find a Physician Information call 877-717-WELL, or visit www.gchosp.org.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School reunion of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from 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 Tasselmyer, 11901 Algonquin Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169.

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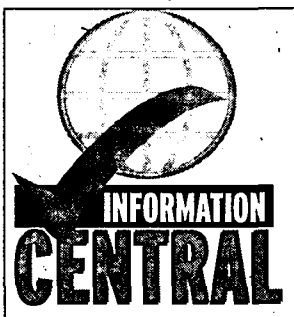
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Bollywood: Indian film industry eclipses Hollywood

Compared to Bollywood, Hollywood seems so minor. Producing around 900 films a year, the Indian movie industry, known as Bollywood, eclipses the movie industries of all other nations. What really sets Hindi movies apart from the rest are the unique genre combinations of romance, action, comedy, drama, suspense and musicals portrayed in some of the most epic and infectious ways imaginable.

The Indian film industry began in 1913. Bollywood movies are predictable, but do not shy away from taking on big themes in the course of their storytelling. The formula consists of at least six songs and two lavish dance numbers about love, family conflict, revenge, survival, redemption, honor and self-respect and the quest to uphold moral and religious values. These are themes Hollywood often glosses over.

Watching a movie in an Indian theatre is quite the experience in itself. The audience interacts with what is happening on the screen by whistling, yelling, cheering and applauding. Much of the Indian population is composed of avid moviegoers. These films are wide-



ly popular among all Indians, no matter the age or whether they live in villages or cities. For many Indians who now live in Europe, Canada or the United States, Bollywood movies are an active link and a powerful reminder of their home.

To get a taste of what these movies are like, we carry many Bollywood movies, ranging from classics like *Devdas* to contemporary hits like *My Name is Khan*, *Monsoon Wedding* and *3 Idiots*. To read more on the background of this massive industry, some good places to begin are with Stephen Alter's *Fantasies of a Bollywood Love Thief* and Jonathan Torgovnik's *Bollywood Dreams*.

And don't forget to stop by the library for our Bollywood for All Ages program at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, to learn how to stay in shape while watching one of the library's Bollywood movies.



A stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner, and relatives from around the world create much ado about the preparations for an arranged marriage in India in director Mira Nair's "Monsoon Wedding."

Stop by the library to pick up some books and DVDs and find out what makes Bollywood movies the most popular movies in the world. Visit us online at www.westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123.

The William P. Faust Public Library summer hours begin May 27. The hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Book Club: 7 p.m. May 30

Join us for a discussion of George R. R. Martin's *Game of Thrones*. Martin's Seven Kingdoms resemble England during the Wars of the Roses, with the Stark and Lannister families standing in for the Yorks and Lancasters. The story of these two families and their struggle to control the Iron Throne dominates the foreground; in the background is a huge, ancient wall marking the northern border, beyond which barbarians, ice vampires and direwolves menace the south as years-long winter advances. Abroad, a dragon princess lives among horse nomads and dreams of fiery conquest. Copies are available at the Reference desk. Snacks and hot cocoa will be provided.

Special event - Westland Writes Book Release Party and Reading: 7 p.m. May 31, Adults and Teens

Join us for the book release of our fourth annual *Westland Writes ... Poetry and Short Stories* book. Local poets and authors will be on hand to read and discuss the work in the book. Contributors to the book will also receive a copy of their book at this time. All other audience members are welcome.

Refreshments and light appetizers. Reserve your seat online at www.westlandlibrary.org/events or call (734) 326-6123.

BollyFit for All Ages: 1 p.m. June 2

Find out what all the talk is about. Join us for a BollyFit class at the library. BollyFit is a popular fitness/dance class inspired by Bollywood dance. An instructor from BollyFit in Ann Arbor will be here to teach us how to dance Bollywood-style. Make sure to dress in comfortable clothing. Reserve your spot online at www.westlandlibrary.org/events or call 734-326-6123.

Super Smash Brothers Video Game Tournament: 3:30-8:30 p.m. June 7, Teens

Join us for our Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tournament. The tournament starts at 4 p.m., so be sure to check in by that time, if you want to participate. Small prizes are available for the individual tournament date winners, and a big prize will be awarded to the overall tournament champ (points accumulated over all three tournament dates - April 5, May 10 and June 7).

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and

1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

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

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, Homebound Delivery Coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Schoolcraft offers classes to offset 'summer learning loss'

"Summer learning loss" refers to the academic skills and knowledge students lose over the course of summer vacation. Although the loss in learning varies across grade level and subject matter, studies indicate that students score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer

than they do at the beginning of summer (on the same test).

Schoolcraft College offers academic skills classes for middle school and high school students through its Kids on Campus program.

"Summer learning loss is very real and has important repercussions

in the lives of children," said Heather Rawat, program coordinator with the college's Continuing Education and Professional Development department. "Our summer program allows students to be engaged in subject matter while still having fun. Plus, these camps are from 9 a.m.

to noon so they still have time to have fun and enjoy most of their day."

The Kids on Campus week-long summer academic classes are offered July 9 - Aug. 3 and are taught by professionals and content experts. The academic classes are specific to individualized subject areas in English, reading, math,

algebra, geometry, trigonometry and science as well as camps focusing more broadly on enhancing study skills. Students will be taught organization, time management, test-taking strategies and enhance their content knowledge.

Registration is going on now. For more information on the Kids on Cam-

pus program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/koc or call the Continuing Education and Professional Development department at (734) 462-4448.

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PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

Please take notice that, on June 11, 2012 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2012-2013 budget.


The Board may not adopt its proposed 2012-2013 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2012-2013 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

CINDY SCHOFIELD, Secretary

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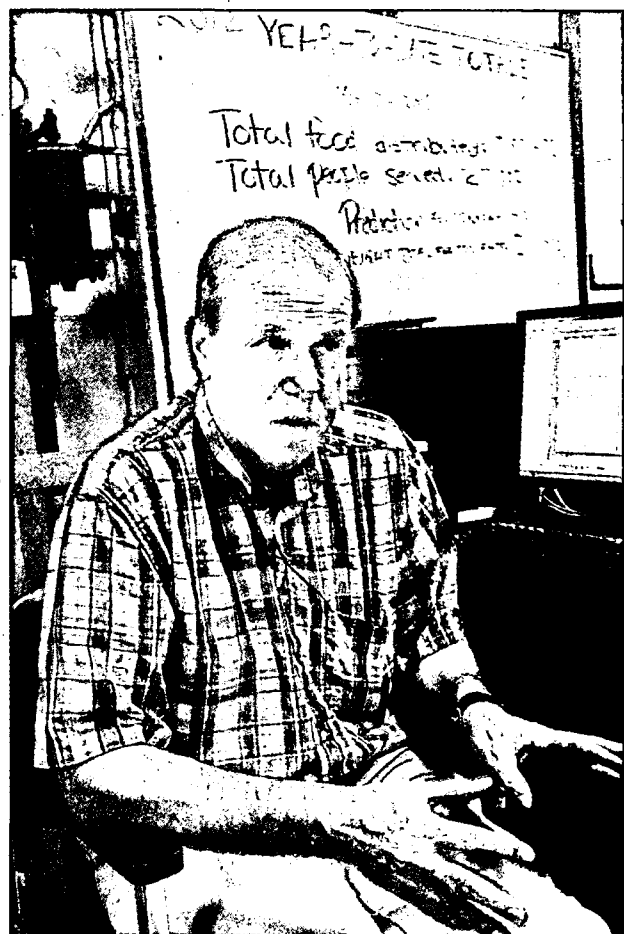


Ministry races clock to buy home



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Volunteer Chris Levesque bags produce for distribution. He lives in Plymouth.



Open Door Ministry director Steve Darr said the ministry has a chance to keep its home if it can raise some \$250,000.

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that every week feeds 460 families across a wide swath of metro Detroit, feared its nine-year charity efforts could screech to a halt after the warehouse it leases was offered for sale for \$1.1 million.

Directors Steve and Jackie Darr believe God led them in late 2003 to the sprawling warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue where Greif, Inc., once made cardboard boxes.

"What they do here is monumental," 26-year-old volunteer Chris Levesque of Plymouth said Thursday, packing squash for hungry families who drove up that evening to load much-needed food into their cars. "I know what it's like to be hun-

dry. I've been in that situation."

Open Door Ministry, spearheaded by Canton's Connection Church, has a chance to keep its 48,600-square-foot warehouse after signing a sales agreement to buy it for \$290,000 — far less than Greif's original asking price.

More needed

After raising \$40,000 in mere weeks, the nonprofit ministry still needs to raise \$250,000 by late June to buy the warehouse — or face long-term debt that could force Open Door to scale back the number of people it helps from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Farmington, Wayne, Ypsilanti and other communities.

"I see the people lining up here to get food," 69-

year-old volunteer Kathleen Taylor of Ypsilanti said, packing onions into plastic bags. "They need this food."

Steve Darr said an appeal is being made to area churches, businesses, corporations, private donors and others to help Open Door, which this year already has collected and distributed 772,455 pounds of food it has given to 27,805 people, most of them repeat clients.

To donate, go to www.opendoorfoodministry.org or send a check payable to Open Door Ministry, 4301 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI, 48188.

Darr said Open Door Ministry simply can't afford to move. He said the charity would have to pay at least \$9,000 a month — far more than the \$1,000 it has been paying — to lease another building large enough to

accommodate its needs. Moreover, bank representatives have told him it would cost more than \$1.6 million to buy a suitable facility.

Despite reports of an improving economy, Darr said appeals for help to Open Door Ministry have steadily grown. He believes many people have simply fallen off the unemployment rolls, though they might have a chance of rebounding through a jobs bank Open Door sponsors at its warehouse.

Helping families

Open Door started in November 2003 helping 80 families a week — a number that has grown to 460. Fortunately, the nonprofit agency has had room to grow at its location, where it has freezers, hi-los, pallets, computers, enough space to

accommodate 100 cars at once and a loading dock where food donors drop off everything from meat to vegetables.

"It would be difficult if not impossible to find another place where we could serve as many families as we do," Darr said.

Though initiated by the Darrs and Connection Church, Open Door Ministry has drawn other churches, schools and civic organizations into its fold.

"It's all the churches and schools and civic organizations working together," Darr said.

Open Door has named its fundraising campaign "Building a Heart of Caring." Inside the warehouse, organizers have built a large plywood


heart that is colored black. As donors give money, their names are placed on the heart on red-colored aluminum tags.

Darr hopes the heart will become completely red, if Open Door can reach its fundraising goal. The heart will become a symbol that remains in the warehouse.

Smiling as she packed onions into a bag, Taylor is hopeful that area communities will help their needy residents by supporting Open Door Ministry and keeping alive the dream started by Connection Church and the Darrs.

"They do a great service to humanity," she said.

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Heroes honored as military families rededicate memorial

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Army Spc. Chazray Clark's grave sits alone in the Garden of Mercy section at Detroit Memorial Park. Spc. Ian Stauffer wishes the section was still empty.

"The one I wish you could talk to is over there," the Pennsylvania native said, pointing to Clark's grave. "He was an excellent combat engineer. He did his job tremendously."

Clark was remembered during a ceremony Friday at the cemetery, located at 25200 Plymouth Road, to rededicate the memorial to the Red Arrow 32nd Division. The division was created in 1917 and consisted of soldiers from Michigan and Wisconsin.

Troops from the Red Arrow 32nd Division have served during World Wars I and II, as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While not a member of the Red Arrow 32nd Division, the Ecorse native was still recognized at the end of the ceremony. He died Sept. 18 in Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device went off during an attack by insurgents. His body now rests in Redford, complete with photos, birthday candles and flowers adorning his grave.

Stauffer, who was injured from an IED while serving overseas, said he knew Clark for more than two years, working next to him as a combat engineer in the 1st Infantry Division.



Chauncey Spencer, the son of an original Tuskegee Airman pilot, spoke at the ceremony.



Meron Woldemriam, an employee of Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery, handed out flags.

"The level of hardship we went through, I can't believe he's not here," he said. "It gets to me."

Clark's family was recognized during the ceremony, and stood up to applause of the more than 75 people in attendance.

"For people to come out and honor him, it means a lot," said Christina Clark, the soldier's widow. "He was a very proud soldier. He would have liked this."

The ceremony was also to honor all those who died serving their country, as representatives from the VFW Post 345 in Redford, Michigan Veterans Foundation and ROTC from Livonia Stevenson and Churchill high schools were some of the organizations represented. Students from Highview Elementary School in Dearborn Heights were out during the ceremony, placing flags at veterans graves.

A bagpiper and bugler were on hand to perform during the wreath-laying ceremony, and to conclude the event as well.

Lindsay Schmidt, quartermaster from the Dunham-Ray Post 2645 VFW



ROTC members from Livonia Stevenson and Churchill high schools lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

in Southfield, spoke about the importance of remembering Memorial Day weekend as a time to honor those killed defending the United States and not just as the unofficial kickoff of summer.

"Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance," he said. "Whenever I see the stars and stripes go by, I get that queasy feeling inside. 'Too many of us don't

take the time to say thanks.'"

Chazray Clark's mother, Keyko Clark of Romulus, said attending ceremonies that honor her son has helped her through the grieving process. She said the city of Ecorse is also having a dedication for her son Monday.

"It's touching," she said. "He always wanted to be a hero, and he is. He's our hero."

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Soldier proud to have guarded Tomb of Unknown Soldier

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

John Sassaman is proud of his time as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

"Oh, absolutely," said the owner of Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, noting few in the service hold that role.

He served at Arlington National Cemetery as a sentinel or tomb guard with the Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment of Ft. Myer, Va., with roots back to 1784. Sassaman was assigned in June 1970 through November 1971.

"I was a sentinel toward the end of 1970 until I got out of service," said Sassaman, who had earlier served at the Kennedy grave site in Washington, D.C.

He was in the Army ceremonial unit for such functions as state funerals. "I was in the right place at the right time," he said, explaining he twice had orders for Vietnam which were canceled.

Sassaman had a low draft number, then determined by birth date. Enlisting helped him get the assignment, as did having top security clearance and college completion.

'One thing led to another'

His new sergeant when Sassaman was stationed in Louisiana for training had a friend



John Sassaman of Northville Township is proud of having served as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

recruiting, and "one thing led to another. I ended up going there" following an interview with the officer.

Sassaman was scheduled to go to officer candidate school at

Ft. Benning, Ga., and then Vietnam. Washington, D.C., intervened.

In Washington with the Company E honor guard, soldiers were assigned to three reliefs

at the tomb, on 24-hour guard duty. Their uniforms and shoes had to be perfect.

"Your day was extremely busy," he said. He'd arrive at 6 a.m., with a schedule made up for the soldiers, then take a tour of duty at 7 a.m. or 0700.

In summer, guards were changed every half hour due to extreme heat. Once away from the public eye, there was a drying rack for uniforms "and maybe drank a Pepsi, you were up for your next walk."

There were less stringent two-hour walks when the cemetery was closed, but the tomb is always guarded. Soldiers were still required to pass by every 10 minutes during closed hours.

Soldiers would then sleep and come back the next day to train new trainees. There was then a free day, and Sassaman became close to the men he served with, but saw less of the others who were working that day.

"I met a ton of people," said Sassaman, 67, who has a daughter and two sons. He met the king of Spain and others he never would have otherwise. They were often introduced after wreath-laying ceremonies.

'Great honor'

"Your chances of meeting somebody like that were slim to none. It was a great honor to have that assignment," he said.

He and others have in more recent years formed the Soci-

ety of the Honor Guard, which has a website. They hold a reunion every other year and give college scholarships to service members and their families.

One man was killed in Iraq, Sassaman said, but that's unusual for the group.

Sassaman has a son in the Army now at Ft. Benning, Ga., with all infantry training done. He'll attend airborne school and likely be stationed in Alaska.

The elder Sassaman grew up on the east side, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and doing his mortuary science studies in Wisconsin. He's glad to have served and stayed in touch with the other men.

"We were all pretty tight and they are today," he said, noting the great precision the work required.

Upon further reflection, Sassaman wrote of the honor of serving at Arlington, visited by many tourists during the days. "It was after hours when the crowds were gone, the cemetery closed and the sun faded off of the horizon that Arlington became a serene and tranquil place of beauty. We could look out over thousands of graves in any direction and reflect back on each and every one's contribution they made to the defense of this country," Sassaman wrote.

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Detroit Mayor Bing to speak to Livonia, Westland chambers

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing is scheduled to speak in Livonia on Thursday, June 14, to a joint gathering of the Livonia and Westland chambers of commerce.

Mayor Bing, also a Hall of Fame professional basketball player and successful businessman, will be at the Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center for the 11:30 a.m. luncheon. Burton Manor is on Schoolcraft Road, just west of

Inkster Road.

It is a unique opportunity for the suburban Wayne County communities to hear directly from Mayor Bing as he discusses his city's financial situation, the importance of regional cooperation across southeast Michigan, and shares stories about his career in sports, business and politics.

"Mr. Bing is a successful man who has proved his value both on the basketball court

and in the business world," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. "We all know that his current position as mayor of Detroit provides the most difficult challenge of his career. I'm very interested in hearing his plans for trying to turn things around since we all want Detroit to succeed."

Westland Mayor William Wild said he is looking forward to the joint event with Livonia and hearing from Mayor Bing

as he recognizes the importance of regional cooperation to solve municipal issues.

"While our cities may have their own unique problems, they also share enough common ground to warrant a collective attempt to address the challenges we face each and every day," Wild said. "Our region should be supportive of our efforts to work together."

The luncheon is sponsored by Parkside Credit Union, NYX

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Admission is \$30 for members of the Livonia or Westland chambers, \$40 for non-members. For more information or to reserve seats, Livonia members can contact Laura Sweeney at (734) 427-2122 or Sweeney@livonia.org. Westland members can contact Brookellen Swope at (734) 326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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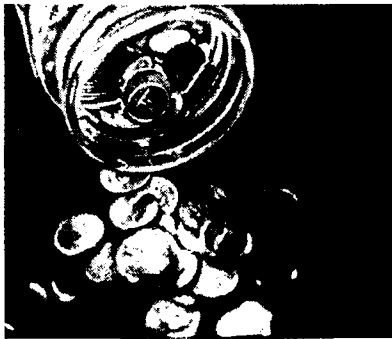
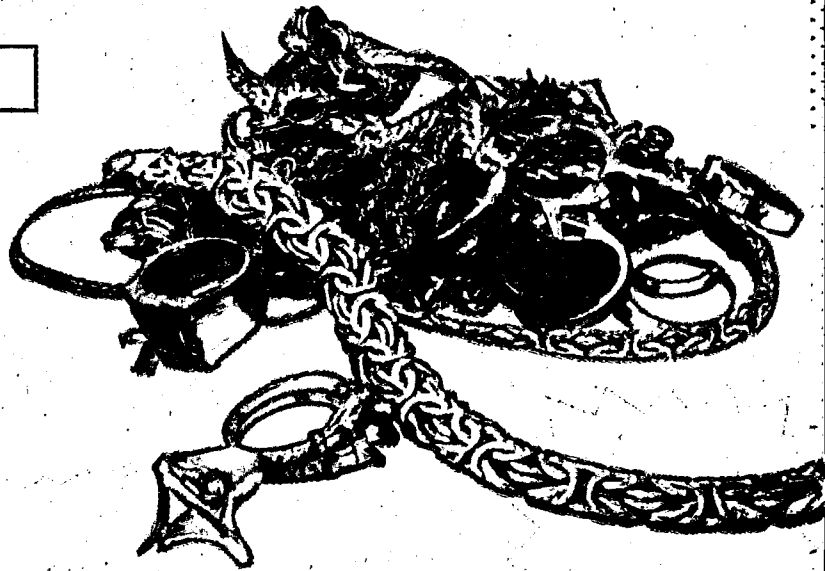
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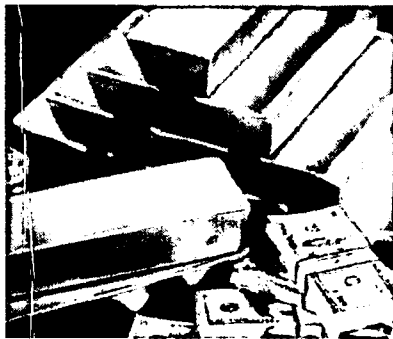
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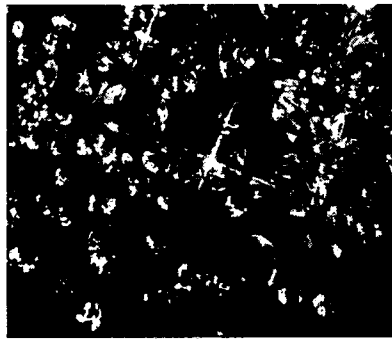
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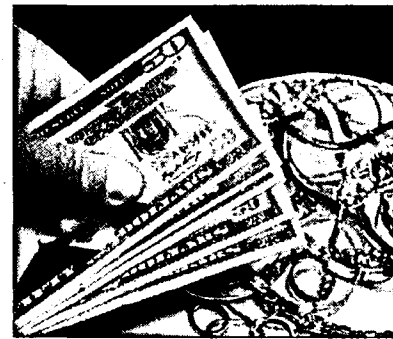
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Don't leave yourself short of retirement income

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I was asked the following question May 22 at the Observer & Eccentric Senior Expo.

Q: I'm in a situation where I am forced to retire from my place of employment. I'm in good health and I wanted to work for a few more years, but it wasn't meant to be. I'm 69 years old, but by the time I finish my severance pay I will be 70. I guesstimate that in addition to mine and my wife's Social Security, I will need about \$2,000 a month to cover my living expenses. I have no debt and my house, which is free and clear, is worth in today's market around \$150,000. Between my wife and me, our IRA has about \$300,000. In addition, we have about \$50,000 outside of the IRA. My question is do you think I can afford to retire or do you think I should get a part-time job?

A: In reviewing your situation and considering that to cover living expenses you will need about \$24,000 from your portfolio, I would recommend that you consider a part-time job. After factoring in a variety of issues, including the need for a rising income and the fact that you will likely be around many years from now, I believe that working for a few more years would provide you a cushion that would be very helpful in the future. By working a few years to use that money to help cover your living expenses, it will ensure a rising income throughout your lifetime. My thought is that I'd rather be safe than sorry.

In determining whether someone can afford to retire, the first thing I look at is what they will need from their portfolio to cover their living expenses. Generally, when someone is retiring in their 60s, I want to make sure they have 20 to 25 times their income needs. This will ensure a rising income throughout their lifetime. After all, if it takes you \$24,000 to currently cover your living expenses today, that amount will never go down. I've always



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Rick Bloom

believed that in retirement you need to ensure a rising income, not a fixed income or a shrinking income. The fact that you will be retiring at 70 means that instead of 20 to 25 times of income needed, 15 to 20 times would be acceptable. Based upon that, it does appear you were right at the limit you set as to whether you could safely retire or not.

One of the most difficult aspects of retirement planning is how many years could someone live in retirement. When I first got involved in this business, the general consensus was that at most you'd have a 10-

year retirement. Fast forward to today and you realize that, at a minimum, you have to plan for a 20-plus-year retirement. In fact, I always try to tell people that if they retire in their mid-60s, they should have a strategy that lasts at least 30 years. I recognize that a 30-year retirement seems long today, however, just think about how many strides we've made when it comes to health care over the last decade. I have no doubt that in the next number of years, we are going to see even more changes that will increase the quality and the length of our life.

It used to be that someone either retired or they

continued to work. In today's world, many people are going to have to take a hybrid approach, which means they'll have to work part time to help cover their needs. It is much more preferable to have to work part time for a few years when you're in your 60s or even early 70s, as opposed to having no options and running out of money when you're in your 80s. Good luck!

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

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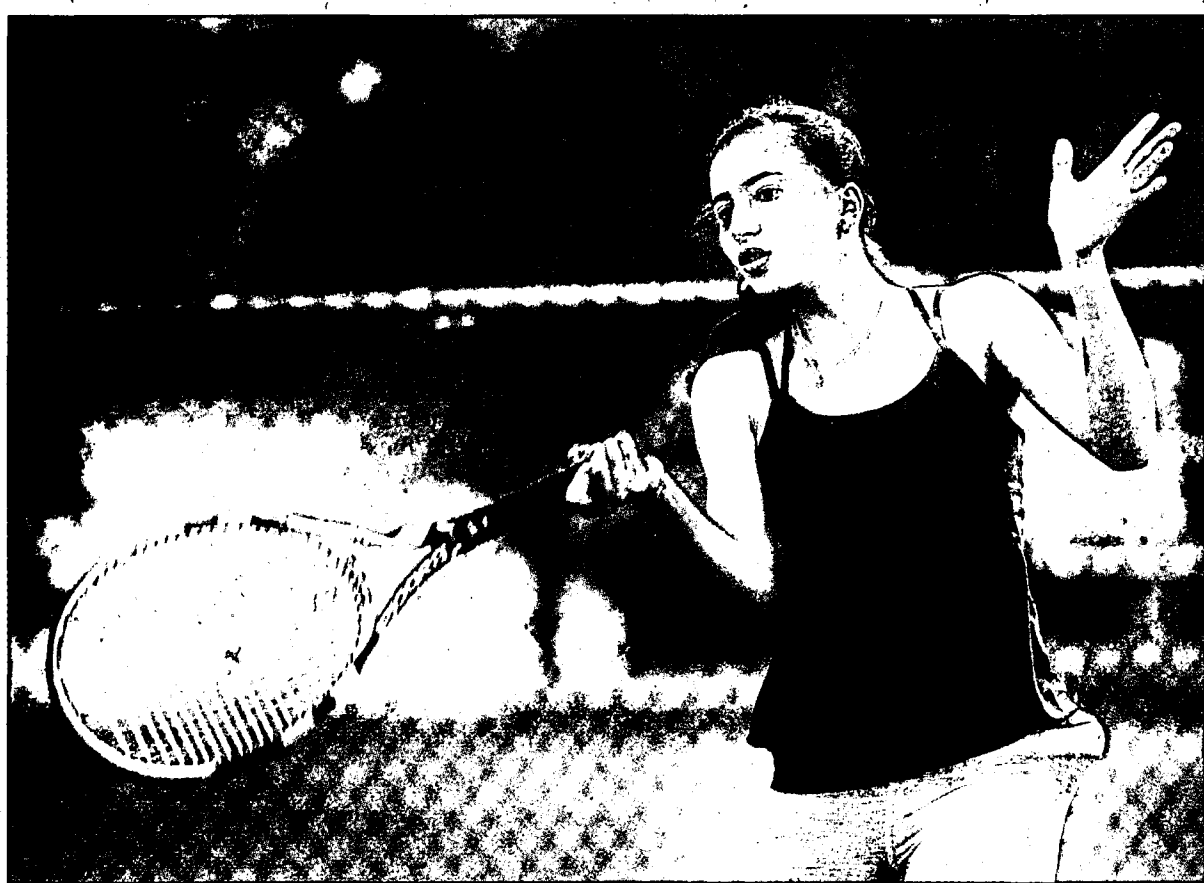
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Livonia's Bianca Moldovan plays an aggressive style while showing off her forehand during a warmup session at Rotary Park.

Warriors win pair of titles

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If you going to wager on an area boys track and field team to win a regional or conference meet, look no further than Lutheran High Westland.

In a span of four days on their home track, the Warriors completed their Daily Double by winning their second Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title in three years on Tuesday after edging Detroit Loyola, 146-136, for the Division 4 regional crown on Saturday.

Seniors Jake Fairbairn and Dawson Davenport figured prominently as the Warriors' captured their eighth boys regional track championship since the school opened in 1988.

Fairbairn swept the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 15.59 and 40.41, respectively. He also added a third in the high jump (5-7) and combined with Caleb Kempf, Zach Foor and Bobby Miller to earn a second place and a Division 4 state qualifying berth in the 4 x 400 relay (3:38.4).

Fairbairn's best event is the 300 intermediate hurdles where he finished third a year ago in the MHSAA state finals.

Davenport added firsts in the shot put (48 feet, 1.75 inches) and discus (131-11). "Davenport has been improving almost every meet, he's done very well," said Lutheran Westland coach Mike Unger, who is in his 25th season with the Warriors. "We had a good day in field events the other day at the regional."

Unger also credited a trio of first-year performers. "We have a lot of new people on the team and some seniors out that had never been out before - Mitch Boehm, Seth Whitehouse and Zach Foor," the Lutheran Westland coach said. "All the sudden they came out this year and have helped us out tremendously. They've added depth. Boehm is a good high jumper and long jumper. The other two guys are distance runners that

Please see WARRIORS, B3

Blazers post lacrosse win

Senior Emma Ellswood pumped in seven goals Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood opened MHSAA Division 2 regional play with a 16-3 girls lacrosse victory at Temperance Bedford.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley had to make only one save for the Blazers, who improved to 13-5 overall. Emily Davis scored two goals and goalie Ashley Pasko made six saves for the winless Kicking Mules.

Ladywood returns to regional semifinal action 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Farmington High against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

MU's Barley All-American

Madonna University junior shortstop Jackie Barley recently earned NAIA Softball honorable mention All-American honors.

Barley, the 2012 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year, led MU in nearly every offensive category, posting a team-best .394 batting average with 63 hits including 16 doubles, six home runs and 43 runs batted in.

She was also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association 2012 NAIA All-Great Lake Region first-team joining sophomore first baseman Erin Mayes (Ida), who had six homers, 30 RBI and a .350 average.

Named to the All-Great Lakes second team was junior outfielder Arielle Cox (Monroe Jefferson), who hit .358, and freshman pitcher Angela Pavilanis (Flat Rock), who went 17-3 with a 1.32 earned run average in 134.2 innings.

MU, an NAIA National Tournament qualifier, finished 34-14 this season winning both the WHAC regular season and playoff titles.

Tim Shaw hosts camp

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

To register, visit online at www.timshaw-football.com.

Spartan 5K race winners

Peter Walkuski, 17, of Livonia, and Kimberley Bedigian, 42, of Novi, were the overall male and female race winners May 20 in the Spartan 5-kilometer race hosted by the Livonia Stevenson High Booster club.

Walkuski covered the 3.1-mile course in 18 minutes, 15 seconds (5:53 per mile), while Bedigian was clocked in 22:03 (7:07 per mile).

Adan Gomez, 47, of Livonia, was the male masters winner in 20:44 (6:41 per mile), while Michelle Avery, 49, of Livonia, was the female masters champ in 24:43.

On the rise

Livonia netter Moldovan, 15, eyes pros

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Bianca Moldovan might be a relative unknown in area tennis circles.

But the 15-year-old freshman from Livonia Stevenson High School is starting to make a name for herself on a national scale and is no longer blip on the radar screen.

The 5-foot-7 Romanian transplant, who trains endless hours at the Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield, had a coming-out-party of sorts when she knocked off four seeded opponents to capture the Girls 18 singles crown at USTA Level 2 National Open held May 12-14 in Grand Rapids.

And Moldovan did it as a last minute replacement, filling a slot as an alternate after a player from California pulled out because her airline flight had been cancelled.

Moldovan made the most of her opportunity and captured all five matches in straight sets starting with a 7-5, 7-6 (7-2 tiebreaker) win against Brooke Austin of Indianapolis, the No. 1 seed.

Austin is ranked fourth nationally in the Girls 16s and labeled a Blue Chip 5-Star player among sophomores nationally by *Tennis-Recruiting.com*.

"I was just going there as an



Bianca Moldovan was all smiles after winning USTA girls 18 singles title in Grand Rapids.

alternate and hoping to do the best I can, just play my game and see how good I do against good players, and I guess I completed my mission and did very well," said Moldovan, who speaks perfect fluent English. "I was just trying to do my best and seeing how I can do against her (Austin) being in the top four in the nation. I just wanted to see what level I could be at against her. And I guess I could by beating her. I was confident and I'm real-

ly proud."

Got on a roll

Moldovan obviously didn't stop there beating Mackenzie Bowman of Bothell, Wash. 6-3, 6-2, in the Round of 16 followed by a 7-5, 6-1 triumph over Jargal Altan Sarnai, the fifth seed from Hinsdale, Ill. in the quarterfinals.

Both Bowman and Sarnai are high school seniors headed to Toledo and Stony Brook (N.Y.), respectively.

But even more impressive was her 6-4, 7-5 semifinal victory over Gull Lake's Sara Remynse, the 38th-ranked junior and a 5-star recruit, followed by a 6-3, 6-3 triumph in the finals over Ronit Yurovsky of New Kensington, Pa., who is the 18th-rated senior in the country and a 5-star Blue Chip recruit.

Remynse and Yurovsky are both headed to the University of Michigan.

Moldovan's coach of four years, former Redford Catholic Central High player Phil Eagleson, was there to witness the transformation from a player - who at this time last year was ranked in the 1,500s in the Girls 16s nationally - and now has leapfrogged all the way up to No. 79.

"What I saw was a whole lot of

Please see MOLDOVAN, B3

Trojans' Sanchez is perfect

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Damien Sanchez turned in a Justin Verlander-type performance Friday - only better.

The senior right-hander retired all 15 batters he faced, 13 via the strikeout

route, as host Livonia Clarenceville took five

innings to mercy Plymouth Christian Academy, 12-0, in a non-league baseball game.

"Damien was outstanding, it's the best I've seen him pitch by far," Clarenceville coach Dan Miller. "With his fastball he was able to hit the spots and at the same time he was able to keep the hitters off-balance."

"He got ahead in the count and he just attacked the strike zone."

Please see BASEBALL, B2

MU golfers wind up 17th

The Madonna University men's golf team wrapped up the 2012 NAIA Men's Golf National Championships on Friday with a 17th place finish at Creekside Country Club in Salem, Ore.

The Crusaders advanced to the final round for the first time in program history and capped off one of the most successful seasons by capturing their third Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship. MU also claimed its second bid to the NAIA National Championships in the last three seasons.

MU, which rallied from 10 positions down after Day One to make the cut in order to play the final round on Friday, posted a team total of 308 in Round Four for a 1,232 total for the 72-hole event.

Senior Vince Carango led the Crusaders in his final collegiate round posting a 1-over par 73 to tie for 16th place overall. The Lawton native carded three birdies and played holes one through nine at 1-under.

Carango finished with team best 297 after posting rounds of 74-71-73 during the first three days.

Despite slipping to an 82 on Friday, Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers, a junior, wound up tied for 54th overall after rounds of 78-76-69 during the first three days.

Sophomore David Good (Allen



STEVE MATO

Madonna University's Andy Myers, a Westland John Glenn grad, lines up an iron shot in the NAIA National Men's Golf Championships held in Salem, Ore. He was 54th overall with a best round of 66.

Park) tied for 85th after carding rounds of 79-81-76-81 for a total of 317.

Senior Nick Sears (Flint Powers Catholic) also bid adieu to the MU program in 87th shooting a 6-over 78 in his final round after carding 84-77-80 over the first three days for a 319 total.

Sophomore Erik Taurence (Wyandotte Roosevelt) shot a 4-over 76 Friday to make amends after going 85-86-91 over the first

three days. He finished in 92 with a 338 total.

Oklahoma City edged Oklahoma Christian by three strokes for the team title 1,176-1,179. Rounding out the top five were British Columbia, 1,186; Johnson & Wales (Fla.), 1,187 and University of Cumberlands (Ky.), 1,188.

Carson Kallis of Victoria (B.C.) shot a final round 66 to take home individual medalist honors with a 283 total.

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The Trojans, who improved to 10-14 overall, scored five runs in the third inning and added seven more in the bottom of the fourth to put the game away. Tyler Howard and Donovan Watts finished with three RBI apiece with each delivering a 2-run single. Ben Gehan also contributed a 2-run single in the victory.

The loss dropped Plymouth Christian to 12-7 overall.

CHURCHILL 8, HOWELL 3: After going 21-10 a year ago, the Livonia Churchill (20-9) reached the 20-win mark for the second straight season following a KLAAs crossover victory Wednesday over the host Highlanders (22-10).

The victorious Chargers used an 11-hit attack led by Connor Dwyer (2-for-3, three RBI); Alex Tsakos (2-for-4, two runs); and Nick Misiak (2-run single, two runs).

Winning pitcher Tyler Keeter allowed all three runs on seven hits and three walks in six innings. Keeter struck out six before giving way to Tsakos in the seventh.

Nick Schuler and Brett Risacher each collected two hits for Howell.

Brett Arnold, the Highlanders' starter, lasted 1.1 innings allowing four runs and suffered the loss.

STEVENSON 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: Nick Lagerstrom sent 3-for-3, including a pair of doubles Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson (22-11) edged host Walled Lake Western (17-13) in a KLAAs crossover.

Justin Small went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Mike Vomastek doubled and knocked in four runs for the Spartans.

Jake Semak, the winning pitcher, gave up two runs on four hits and three walks over four innings. Reliever Mike Kanitra, who earned the save, pitched three scoreless innings allowing just one hit while fanning four.

Losing pitcher Cam Vieux went all seven innings for the Warriors, allowing three runs (all unearned) on nine hits and four walks. He struck out eight.

Michael Schmidt and Chris Stapek each knocked in a run for Western.

GRAND BLANC 8, WAYNE 5: Chris Flattley allowed just one run on five hits over six innings Wednesday to give the host Bobcats (19-11) the KLAAs crossover triumph over Wayne Memorial (12-17).

Flattley struck out six and walked three. Grand Blanc was led offensive by Tearon Jamieson (2-for-2, three runs) and Michael Lake (2-for-4, two RBI).

Wayne starter Chris Briggs gave up six runs on four hits and five walks in three innings in taking the loss. Reliever Jacob Lefler allowed two runs on three hits. The two combined for eight strikeouts.

Tyler McCurry went 2-for-3 with a run scored thanks to an RBI sacrifice fly by Jordan Lowry. **FRANKLIN 6, KETTERING 1:** Pitchers Alex DeYonker and Joe Barczuk combined on a four-hitter Wednesday leading Livonia Franklin (14-18) past host Waterford Kettering (8-12) in a KLAAs crossover.

DeYonker, who got the victory, worked the first four innings before giving way to Barczuk, who finished up. The two combined for five strikeouts and allowed just one walk.

Franklin's top hitters included Kevin Nisun (3-for-3, two runs); Barczuk (3-for-4, two runs); and DeYonker (2-for-4, including a 3-run triple).

PINCKNEY 10, JOHN GLENN 9: Despite 13 hits, Westland John Glenn (6-19) couldn't hold a late three-run advantage in falling Wednesday to the host Pirates (6-23) in a KLAAs crossover.

Daniel Ammons (two RBI), Zach Quinn (RBI) and Adam Singleton (RBI) each went 2-for-4 in a losing cause. Devin Spalding also contributed an RBI triple.

Pinckney, which rallied to tie it with three runs in the sixth inning and one in the bottom of the seventh, were led by Trevor Leszczynski, Tanner Tulgetzke and David Kelley each going 2-for-4. Kelley, who finished with three RBI, delivered a 2-run homer in the third inning to cut the deficit to 7-5.

GROSSE ILE 3, C'VILLE 0: Brian Christen struck out 12 and scattered six hits and a walk to led the Red Devils (11-10) to a victory Wednesday over host Livonia Clarenceville (9-14).

Losing pitcher Ben Gehan also went the distance, allowing two earned runs on six hits and four walks. He struck out nine.

Gehan also went 3-for-3, while teammate Kyle Kissandi added two hits.

Jeff Brohl had two RBI and Tommy Daly went 2-for-3 with a double for Grosse Ile.

Churchill notches 10th straight win in KLAAs crossover game

The Livonia Churchill girls softball team continued its hot streak Wednesday with a 3-2 KLAAs crossover victory over host Brighton.

The Chargers, who captured their 10th straight, improved to 22-8 overall.

Winning pitcher Missy Sidor scattered seven hits, walked one and struck out six in going all seven innings.

Providing offensive support included Rachel Jason and Casey Bias, each going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Jackie Tolles also collected two hits, while Katie Shereda also added an RBI for Churchill.

Kumi Lelei Amituanai led the Bulldogs (17-14) going 3-for-3, including a solo homer and two runs scored.

Losing pitcher Jordin Meadows allowed eight hits, struck out five and did not allow a walk.

HVL 10, OAK CHRISTIAN 0: Freshman right-hander Julie St. Johns allowed just two hits over five innings Friday to lead host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (19-4, 8-0) to a MIAC Red Division win over Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

St. Johns, who struck out seven and did not allow a walk, also went 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and two walks.

Brooke Kuehn also contributed to HVL's 10-hit attack going 2-for-3 with three RBI in the five-inning mercy.

C'VILLE 5, PCA 2: Senior Angela McAlpine scattered six hits over seven innings to lift Livonia Clarenceville (14-14) to a victory Friday at Plymouth Christian Academy.

McAlpine (9-6) struck out eight and walked only two.

Offensively, senior Rachel Grefke went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while senior Nicole Grings added two hits, scored twice and knocked in a run for the Trojans.

Losing pitcher Amy Shook gave up eight hits, walked four and struck out six as the

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Eagles committed five errors.

HVL 15, SOUTHWESTERN 0: In a four-inning mercy Thursday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (18-4) rolled to a non-conference victory over Detroit Southwestern as winning pitcher Julie St. John threw a no-hitter and went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and two RBI. St. John struck out 11 and allowed just one walk. The Hawks committed one error.

Sophomore Emma Bogenschutz also went 2-for-2 with two RBI to help pace Huron Valley's 11-hit attack.

HOWELL 8, FRANKLIN 3: Livonia Franklin (21-12) collected a total of 14 hits, but left 11 runners stranded in a KLAAs crossover setback Wednesday to the host Highlanders (18-16).

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lambie (15-7) allowed all eight runs on 12 hits, including six doubles.

Top hitters for the Patriots included Mackenzie Lukas and Katelynn Devers, three hits apiece; Nicole Williamson and Morgan Larkin, two hits and one RBI each; and Maggie Leins, two hits.

"This was a frustrating game," Franklin's Linda Jimenez said. "As a coach I got a runner thrown out at third base and one at home in the early innings, which I feel gave them some momentum. Sometimes you have a game where nothing goes your way and this was one of those games. We will regroup and stay positive."

Katie Lamerand was the winning pitcher for Howell.

GROSSE ILE 14, C'VILLE 0: Megan Burr pitched a three-hit shutout Wednesday as the Red Devils downed host Livonia Clarenceville (13-14) in five innings.

Burr struck out seven, walked one and hit one batter.

Top hitters for Grosse Ile included Melanie Swick, who went 4-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. Cassie Nellenbach went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three runs.

The Red Devils broke it open with 11 runs in the second inning.

Losing pitcher Angela McAlpine allowed all 14 runs on 17 hits and two walks. She fanned three.

McAlpine, Mikala Kieling and Erica Katz had the lone Clarenceville hits.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 164
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 172
May 24 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Churchill scorers: Alec Kondrath, 39; Doug Simpson, 40; Zack Colosimo, 42; Chris Massa, 43; Chad Macorkindale, 48.

Franklin scorers: Brian Bekkala, 35 (medalist); Chad Tweedy, 44; Adam Stadler, 45; Alex Regish, 48; Tyler Gerhard, 50; Steve Barczuk, 52.

Dual match records: Churchill, 6-4 overall, 6-4 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 1-8 overall, 1-8 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 148
SOUTH LYON EAST 153
May 24 at Links of Novi

Stevenson scorers: Austin Harris, 36; Mike Blaesser and Eric Attard, 37 each; Dante Cicchelli, 38; Sebastien Iavasile, 42; Nick Massa, 46.

S.L. East scorers: Spencer Fleissner, 35 (medalist); Matt Sherry, 37; Alec Adgate, 40; Mike Sadowski, 41; Eric Caruso, 42; Grant Braeckenvelt, 46.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 7-3 overall, 7-3 KLAAs Central Division; S.L. East, 1-9 overall, 1-9 KLAAs Central.

SALEM 145
LIVONIA STEVENSON 157
May 23 at Fox Hills G.C.

Salem scorers: Brian Patterson, 34 (medalist); Eric Duprey, Brandon Duprey and Brady Cole, 37 each; Connor Cole and Jake Leib, 41 each.

Stevenson scorers: Eric Attard, 35; Dante Cicchelli, 40; Cam Tetrault and Daniel Vayis, 41 each; Austin Harris, 42; Nick Marsh, 43.

Dual match records: Salem, 3-7 overall, 3-7 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAAs Central.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 155
SOUTH LYON 156
May 21 at Coyote G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Eric Attard and Connor Humitz, 38 each; Cam Tetrault, 39; Dante Cicchelli and Austin Harris, 40 each; Nick Marsh, 45.

South Lyon scorers: Kyle Koehler, 37 (medalist); Gavin Garris, 38; Derek Knauss, 40; Alex Cristen, 41; Zach Deline and Nate Copp, 44 each.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall, 6-2 KLAAs Central Division; South Lyon, 5-4 overall, 5-4 KLAAs Central.

CANTON 166
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 170
May 21 at Hilltop G.C.

Canton scorers: Donnie Trospier, 38 (medalist); Tyler McMahan, 40; Brent Perry and Alex Chapagne, 44 each; Josh Maxam, 45; Justin Legel, 46.

Churchill scorers: Eric Hill and Cory Dare, 42 each; Ben Proben and Dom Dilisi, 43 each; Nick Proben, 45; Brian Sexton, 49.

Dual match records: Canton, 7-2 overall, 7-2 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 5-4 overall, 5-4 KLAAs South.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday, May 29
RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1

WAYNE MEMORIAL (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Belleville vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Inkster vs. A-B winner, noon; Westland John Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial, 2 p.m.; **Championship final:** 4 p.m.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (Host)
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SALEM (Host)
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MADONNA UNIVERSITY ILTCH BALLPARK (Host)
Saturday, June 2: South Lyon East vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child, noon; **Championship final:** 1:30 p.m.

DIVISION 4
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host)
Saturday, June 2: (A) Plymouth Christian vs. Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; **Championship final:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 31
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Tuesday, May 29: (A) Canton at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Plymouth vs. (D) Salem, 6 p.m. at CEP; (E) Livonia Churchill at (F) Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 29: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Novi vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 2: Championship final, noon.

at WOODHAVEN
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Taylor Truman vs. (B) Brownstown Woodhaven, 3:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Wayne Memorial, 5:15 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn vs. (F) Belleville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 31: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Garden City vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 1: Championship final, 5 p.m.

DIVISION 2
LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) South Lyon at (B) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (C) Dearborn Heights Crestwood at (D) Livonia Ladywood, 5 p.m.; (E) Redford Union at (F) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. E-F winner, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 2: Championship final, 11 a.m.

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Detroit University Prep at Romulus Summit Academy, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Allen Park Cabrini at (D) Livonia Clarenceville; (E) Grosse Ile at (F) Flat Rock, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, site and time to be announced; Detroit Cesar Chavez vs. E-F winner, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 1: Championship final, 6:30 p.m.

DIVISION 4
MADISON HEIGHTS BISHOP FOLEY (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Southfield Christian vs. (B) Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 8 p.m.; (C) Lutheran High Westland at (D) Royal Oak Shrine, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cristo Rey vs. (F) Plymouth Christian Academy, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 31: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 2: Championship final, 2 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK MHSAA FINALS
(10 a.m. Saturday, June 2)
Division 1 at E. Kentwood. Div. 2 at G. Rapids (Houseman). Division 3 at Comstock Park. Division 4 at Jenison.

GIRLS LACROSSE (Division 2 Regional)
Wednesday, May 30
Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Tuesday, May 29
Kensington Conf. Tourney at Pheasant Run, 8:30 a.m.

MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNEYS
Thursday, May 31
Division 1 at Whispering Willows, 9 a.m. at Huron Meadows, 9 a.m.

Division 4
at Leslie Park, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS MHSAA FINAL
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Keeping a close watch on Bianca Moldovan's tennis development is coach Phil Eagleson of the Franklin Racquet Club.



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confidence," Eagleson said. "I saw her looking like she was on a mission. She pretty much never let her foot off the gas. She went as an alternate, got into the tournament and never looked back basically. She got up on people and closed them out. There were no split sets. There was no 'I lost the first set, what do I do to come back?' She strictly went straight sets all the way through the tournament.

"To me as a coach - pretty impressive - considering you got in as an alternate. And I know - because I coach her - that she's a great player. And I know what to expect out of her, but to expect an alternate at 15 and go into the 18s and beat some of the best players in the country in the 18s - all in straight sets - took a lot of drive and desire out of her."

High praise

Moldovan might be the best player to come out of Livonia since Carrie Cunningham, a former U.S. Junior Open champion who played seven years on the WTA Tour (1987-1994) where she was ranked as high as No. 37 in the World. (Eagleson grew up and remains friends with Cunningham, now Dr. Carrie Lubitz, an instructor of surgery at the Harvard Medical School.)

Eagleson also coached Kristi Miller of Marysville, the most highly decorated women's tennis player ever to come of a Georgia Tech (2004-2007). Miller was ranked No. 2 in doubles and No. 13 singles player in the USTA Girls 18s.

"Both have very penetrating baseline games, take high balls out of the air, close the net when need to," Eagleson said. "Bianca is more vocal and verbally aggressive as far as showing confidence out there. It's 'Lets, go, come on,' that kind of thing. More in-your-face style than Kristi, who was a little more laid back than that. Play-style wise they're very similar."

Eagleson has tried to harness and refine Moldovan's game as it evolves.

Attacking style

"She's always been an aggressive player, but I think she's found even more confidence different methods of being aggressive," he said. "She's always been aggressive at the baseline, but now she's aggressive transitioning to the net. Getting to the net is much more comfortable now whereas before it was comfort back at the baseline. Now it's

comfort at the net, comfort at the baseline, comfort in the transition area and getting there. She's become more aggressive all-around besides being just aggressive at the baseline. And I think it's allowing her to convert more points that maybe would have slipped away don't slip away so easily because of that."

Eagleson also has a willing and eager student. Mother Andreea and daughter Bianca, an only child, shuttle back-and-forth from Livonia to Southfield almost daily for private and group lessons.

"Bianca is a very hard worker," Eagleson said. "Pretty much anything I ask her to do she's ready to do whether it's on the court or off the court, whatever it takes to succeed. In doing this for 17 years you don't always get that out of a player. Many times you ask them to do something and they don't, and don't necessarily do what you want them to do, but with her she pretty much - whether she likes it or not - she's doing it, and she'll do it well."

Moldovan attended kindergarten and first grade, along with fourth grade, in Michigan before going back to her hometown of Piatra Neamt (population 77,000), which is one of Romania's most picturesque cities nestled in the Bistrita River Valley surrounded by the Eastern Carpathian mountains. (It's approximately 350 kilometers north of the capital city Bucharest.)

Andreea Moldovan had no real tennis background coming from Romania, but said she is somebody "who loves the game." She started Bianca off at age eight taking lessons at the Livonia YMCA.

Making a move

The Moldovan family spent summers and holidays in Michigan before moving from the Six Mile and Telegraph area in Detroit. Last year they relocated full-time into Livonia. Her husband Mihai is in the trucking business.

"We moved to the U.S. when Bianca was five," Andreea said. "She went to fourth grade here, but we decided to have her go back to Romania for school. It was back-and-forth during summer and winter time for almost eight years. We decided to bring her for high school here."

Moldovan began to play competitively in local junior tournaments and added a singles title in 2010 at the Derby Festival in Kentucky.

In April, Moldovan got into the main draw the prestigious ITF Easter Bowl Girls 16s Level 1 singles draw, an international tournament in

Miami where she captured her first-round match before losing in the Round of 64 to Carolyn Xie, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Since Dec. 27, 2011, Moldovan is 34-9 in singles play and credits her rapid development to Eagleson.

"He's a great coach," Bianca said. "I do everything he asks me to do. He really helped improve my game as far as coming to the net and attacking. As he said, I was more of a baseliner just trying to hit every ball hard and he told me this is not the way to play. You have to be calm, see your opportunities, be patient, aggressive, and that's what I did."

It also appears that Moldovan has made a smooth adjustment to life and school in the U.S. on a full-time basis.

"I like school here a lot," she said. "It's different, but I got used to it. I did kindergarten and first grade here. Learn English then, went back and learned Romanian, came back spoke English and got a hold of both. My favorite subject? Math."

First priority

Moldovan, meanwhile, has opted out of playing high school tennis.

"It doesn't fit her schedule," said Andreea Moldovan. "I still want to have her lessons with her coach. It would be too much for her."

But when school lets out at Stevenson, Moldovan knows exactly where she's going each and every day - to practice - which doesn't leave a lot down time.

She has an extremely big summer coming up starting with the Court One Memorial in Okemos followed by the SEMTA Qualifier (at Plymouth High School) and Midwest Closed (in Indianapolis) followed by possible trips to Super National events in Girls 16 or 18s, both on hard courts and clay.

"My free time ... don't have a lot of it," she said. "I usually go out and play with my dogs, spend time with my family and watch the movies."

Her favorite players on the pro tour are Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters. And it's that exact stage that Moldovan would like to share some day.

"They're players that are aggressive like me, the same type of play," said Bianca, who grew up in her native country playing on red clay. "Eventually I want to go on the tour and go pro, maybe win some grand slams, be a world number one. I'm thinking pro first, but if that doesn't work out, then definitely college, yes."

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Lutheran Westland girls get runner-up in MIAC, regional

The Lutheran High Westland girls track and field squad turned in a credible showing with runner-up finishes in last week's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and MHSAA Division 4 regional meets.

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian took the conference crown with 110 points followed by the host Warriors (96), Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (63) and Plymouth Christian (55). A total of 12 schools participated.

Birmingham Roeper's Briana Ratchford was the individual star of the MIAC meet taking four events including the shot put (39-3.5), long jump (14-11), 100 hurdles

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(15.11) and 300 hurdles (47.73).

Meanwhile, Lutheran Westland's Elizabeth Matthews and Alissa Flury took one-two in the pole vault at 8 feet.

On Saturday, Royal Oak Shrine captured the Division 4 regional with 173.5 points with the host Warriors placing second with 141.5.

Individual regional champions for Lutheran Westland included Amanda Terranella in the 100 hurdles (17.04) and 300 hurdles (51.17); Leah Refenes, discus (97-1); and Flury, pole vault (7-6).

The Warriors' 4 x 400 relay team of Chel-

sea Kovacs, Terranella, Jess Rice and Flury also captured first place in 4:35.66.

Other state qualifiers with second-place finishes for the Warriors included Refenes, shot put (27-4.5); Matthews, pole vault (7-0); Flury, 300 hurdles (52.87); and Rice, 800 (2:36.11).

Lutheran Westland's 4 x 200 relay team of Matthews, Allison Johnson, Lis Ivey and Kovacs placed second (2:00.5) and are also headed to Jenison.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Maria Froman became the school's first state finals qualifier after placing second in the regional in the 1,600 (6:22.37).

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA ASSOCIATION TRACK & FIELD MEET May 22 at Milford

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 141 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 108; 3. Brighton, 82; 4. Northville, 81; 5. Plymouth, 68; 6. Hartland, 64; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 61; 8. Walled Lake Central, 56.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Pavlika (Novi), 38 feet, 8.25 inches; **discus:** 1. Lusk (WLC), 123-2; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 121-8; **high jump:** 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-5; 5. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; **long jump:** 1. Knox (P), 15-10.25; 6. McDonnell (LC), 14-11.75; **pole vault:** 1. Engstrom (P), 11-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Downs (Novi), 15-0; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16-0; **300 hurdles:** 1. McCloskey (Novi), 46-1; 3. Jarvis (LC), 47-4; **100 dash:** 1. Buffa (H), 12-3; 5. Ellyssa Hofmann (LC), 13-1; 6. Demi Crossman (LC), 13-2; **200:** 1. Ward (Novi), 25-3; 4. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27-0; 7. Hofmann (LC), 27-6; **400:** 1. McMahan (Novi), 1:00.6; 3. Heinzelman (LC), 1:02.3; **800:** 1. Evenson (H), 2:15.6; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 2:24.2; 3. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:24.5; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:26.6; **1,600:** 1. Cliff (WLN), 5:10.5; 4. Riley (LC), 5:15.7; 8. Pilat (LC), 5:23.1; **3,200:** 1. Lunau (B), 11:22.9; 8. Megan McFarlane (LC), 12:23.2; **400 relay:** 1. Novi, 48.9; 2. Churchill, 50.3; **800 relay:** 1. Hartland, 1:47.9; 7. Churchill, 1:52.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi, 4:05.8; 2. Churchill, 4:10.1; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northern, 9:32.6; 2. Churchill, 9:35.0.

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET May 22 at Luth. Westland

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 110 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 96; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 63; 4. Plymouth Christian Academy, 55; 5. Birmingham Roeper, 47; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 37; 7. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 33; 8. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 27; 9. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 25; 10. Southfield Christian, 14; 11. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Briana Ratchford (Roeper), 39 feet, 3.5 inches; 5. Leah Refenes (LW), 28-2; 6. Aleijah Mollenhauer (LW), 26-11.5; **discus:** 1. Abby Pierce (LW), 96-5; 4. Janine Erickson (LW), 79-3; 5. Refenes (LW), 77-6; **high jump:** 1. Melaina Saunders (Parkway), 4-7; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 4-5; **long jump:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper), 14-11; **pole vault:** 1. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 8-0; 2. Alissa Flury (LW), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper),

15.11; 4. Flury (LW), 18.54; 5. Allison Johnson (LW), 20.07; 6. Claire Gordon (LW), 20.89; **300 hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (Roeper), 47.73; 2. Terranella (LW), 51.85; 3. Flury (LW), 53.65; 6. Rachel Wiggins (LW), 56.48; **100 dash:** 1. Grace Gardner (AAG), 12.78; **200:** 1. Gardner (AAG), 27.53; 5. Flury (LW), 28.63; **400:** 1. Akwia Tilton (FR), 1:00.27; **800:** 1. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:28.56; 3. Jess Rice (LW), 2:37.17; **1,600:** 1. Terra Crown (PCA), 5:53.79; 4. Maria Froman (HVL), 6:24.07; **3,200:** 1. Crown (PCA), 12:48.34; 3. Froman (HVL), 14:35.35; 6. Emma Buffone (LW), 15:22.63; **400 relay:** 1. Oakland Christian, 54.62; 5. Lutheran Westland, 103.95; **800 relay:** 1. Southfield Christian, 1:59.73; 3. Lutheran Westland, 2:01.13; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Northwest, 4:30.5; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:32.85; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 10:52.16; 4. Lutheran Westland, 12:33.0.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION TRACK & FIELD MEET May 22 at Liv. Ladywood

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 173.5 points; 2. Pontiac Notre Dam Prep, 96.17; 3. Warren Regina, 91.33; 4. Birmingham Marian, 59; 5. Farmington Hills Mercy, 53; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 23.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Ashley O'Neill (DDC), 37 feet, 5.75 inches; 4. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 32-8; **discus:** 1. O'Neill (DDC), 117-2; 3. Sarah Wojnarowski (LL), 94-8; **high jump:** 1. Andrea Pangori (NDP), 5-1; **long jump:** 1. Christine Palazzolo (WR), 15-8.25; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Mallory Myler (DDC), 15.41; 6. Hannah Gove (LL), 18.23; **300 hurdles:** 1. Myler (DDC), 46.48; 4. Gove (LL), 50.94; **100 dash:** 1. Ashley White (WR), 12.74; **200:** 1. Paige Patterson (DDC), 25.53; 6. Amber Riethmiller (LL), 28.07; **400:** 1. Patterson (DDC), 57.59; 6. Pilar Furlong (LL), 1:04.33; **800:** 1. Sarah Barron (NDP), 2:15.35; **1,600:** 1. Barron (NDP), 4:47.35; **3,200:** 1. Heather Smith (FHM), 11:45.49; **400 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Kayla Gandy, Liz Mullen, Hannah Korpis, Rosanna Reynolds), 49.82; 6. Ladywood (Kimberly Soalk, Maria Bloem, Mackenzie Darr, Jillian Tuba), 56.82; **800 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Myler, Gandy, Mullen, Patterson), 1:43.61; 6. Ladywood (Furlong, Molly McCloy, Reithmiller, Wojnarowski), 1:54.22; **1,600 relay:** 1. Divine Child, 3:58.91; 6. Ladywood (Furlong, McCloy, Riethmiller, Wojnarowski), 4:36.46; **3,200 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Olivia Hauser, Mullen, Ellayna Iaquaniello, Nicole Urbanicki), 9:49.79; 5. Ladywood (Megan Taity, Katherine Taylor, Hannah Pereira, Serenity Tyll), 10:57.8.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA ASSOCIATION TRACK & FIELD MEET May 22 at Milford

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grand Blanc, 184 points; 2. Novi, 102; 3. Milford, 101; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 96; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 55; 6. Livonia Franklin, 48; 7. Walled Lake Western, 45; 8. Canton, 21.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Gjakaj (WLW), 48 feet, 9.25 inches; **discus:** 1. Gjakaj (WLW), 170-7; **high jump:** 1. Cingel (Novi), 6-4; **long jump:** 1. Taha (Novi), 20-6.5; 5. Nick Podulka (LS), 19-9; 8. Brett Gutowski (LF), 18-7; **pole vault:** 1. Fisk (WLN), 13-6; 6. Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 12-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Lilla (Novi), 14.9; 2. Tom Brokaw (LF), 14.9; 7. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 15.1; **300 hurdles:** 1. Dade (WLW), 40.7; 2. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 41.2; **100 dash:** 1. Cureton (GB), 10.9; 4. Dan Duncan (LF), 11.1; 6. Podulka (LS), 11.4; **200:** 1. Yarbrough (GB), 22.5; **400:** 1. Smitt (WLN), 50.3; 4. Zaid Shareef (LS), 52.0; **800:** 1. Asum (M), 1:59.7; 3. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:02.9; 6. Mike Sopko (LS), 2:05.5; 8. Ben Lambert (LS), 2:06.8; **1,600:** 1. Welch (M), 4:18.7; **3,200:** 1. Truesdell (GB), 9:46.2; 3. Ste-

phen Fenech (LS), 9:54.1; **400 relay:** 1. Grand Blanc, 43.1; 3. Franklin (Brokaw, Alex Perelli, Andrew McGaughey, Duncan), 44.1; 5. Stevenson, 45.0; **800 relay:** 1. Grand Blanc, 1:29.0; 2. Franklin, (McGaughey, Gutowski, Perelli, Crechiolo), 1:31.2; 4. Stevenson, 1:32.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Grand Blanc, 3:26.2; 5. Franklin, 3:34.4; 6. Stevenson, 3:35.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Grand Blanc, 8:13.6; 3. Stevenson, 8:19.4; 4. Franklin, 8:19.7.

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET May 22 at Luth. Westland

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 159 points; 2. Plymouth Christian, 98; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 68; 4. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 58; 5. Southfield Christian, 43; 6. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 30; 7. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 28; 8. Newport Lutheran South, 14; 9. Birmingham Roeper, 9; 10. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 4; 11. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 2.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Dawon Davenport (LW), 46 feet, 7 inches; **discus:** 1. D. Davenport (LW), 135-1; 4. Jacob Bartos (LW),

116-3; 5. Thomas Krueger (LW), 108-2; **high jump:** 1. Mick Noel (PCA), 5-10; 2. Mitch Boehm (LW), 5-6; 3. Jake Fairbairn (LW), 5-6; 4. Jacob Davenport (LW), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Drew Perrin (OC), 20-8; 2. Caleb Kempf (LW), 19-11; 3. Dan Roberts (LW), 18-7.25; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Harper (LW), 9-9; 2. Josh Kuhn (LW), 8-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 16.03; 4. Austin Olson (LW), 18.84; **300 hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 45.9; **100 dash:** 1. Perrin (OC), 11.31; **200:** 1. Jimmy Parks (PCA), 23.48; 4. Roberts (LW), 24.74; **400:** 1. Parks (PCA), 51.76; 2. Kempf (LW), 51.92; 4. Bobby Miller (LW), 55.82; **800:** 1. Alex Irwin (LW), 2:08.18; 4. Zach Foor (LW), 2:11.26; **1,600:** 1. Evan Carter (LW), 4:37.6; **3,200:** 1. Carter (LW), 10:19.26; 6. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 11:05.6; **400 relay:** 1. Lutheran Northwest, 48.49; 4. Lutheran Westland, 49.45; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Miller, J. Davenport, Dan Roberts), 1:37.41; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Miller, Foor, Fairbairn), 3:40.96; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 8:48.24; 2. Lutheran Westland, 8:52.72.

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have really helped us out."

Kempf also qualified individually for the state finals June 2 at Jenison with seconds in the long jump (19-3.5) and 400 (52.21).

As a tune-up for the state meet, Lutheran Westland participated in Saturday's MITCA Meet of Champions in Gobles, which featured the regional meet team

winners from across the state.

In the 12-school MIAC meet, the Warriors' final margin of victory was more comfortable than the regional as they scored a team-high 159 points.

Plymouth Christian Academy and defending champion Auburn Hills Oakland Christian finished second and third with 98 and 68, respectively.

Davenport once again swept the shot put (46-7) and discus (135-1),

while Fairbairn captured the 110 hurdles (16.03) and 300 hurdles (42.48).

Fairbairn also teamed up with Kempf, Miller and Foor for a first in the 1,600 relay (3:40.96). The 800 relay team of Kempf, Jacob Davenport and Dan Roberts also emerged victorious (1:37.41).

The Warriors' Newman Harper added a first in the pole vault.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Franklin football

The Livonia Franklin Football Future Patriots Camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 (Session 1) and for grades 7-9 from 12:30-3 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, June 16 at the high school fieldhouse and stadium.

The cost is \$25 per session. You will be guaranteed a camp T-shirt if registered by June 8. Registrations will be accepted the day of the camp.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity football coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livonia-publicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will be from 8-9:30 a.m. and 11-12:20 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 25-29 at Edgar Arena.

The cost is \$175 and registration is limited. For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

MU volleyball

Madonna University has scheduled three sessions for summer volleyball camps including:

Advanced (Elite) and General All-Skills - Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; **Setters and Youth** - Friday through Monday, June 29-July 2; and **Hitters and Defensive** - Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

The cost for the setters, hitters and defensive specialty camps are \$135 per player, while the youth camp (ages 5-10) is \$110.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com. For more information,

call the MU Volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

You can also e-mail MU volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net.

Madonna soccer

Madonna University will stage a boys and girls soccer camp from 9-11:30 a.m. (ages 6-12) and from 6-8:30 p.m. (ages 13-18) at the new field, located on Newburgh just south of Five Mile Road.

The cost is \$100. For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Franklin hoops

Livonia Franklin will stage a pair of summer basketball camps including grades boys in grades 4-9 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28 (cost \$65); and boys and girls in grades 1-3 from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27 (cost \$50).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com; or e-mail franklinball@gmail.com.

Kelser hoop camp

The Gregory Kelser 2012 Basketball Camp (boys and girls ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 9-13, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

The cost is \$225 per camper (includes lunch provided by Kelser, Inc. on Thursday and Friday).

For more information, visit www.ljal.com/basketball/camps.

MU boys hoops

Madonna University

will stage a series of summer boys basketball camps including:

All-Star - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (must register at the LCRC, cost \$200); **9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, Monday through Friday, July 23-27; and **9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, both at Madonna (cost \$200 each); **Post/Perimeter**, 4:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 (cost \$150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

MU girls hoops

The 2012 Crusader Nation individual girls basketball camps will offer two sessions from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 and July 16-19 (cost is \$150 for each).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Youth cage camps

Coach Paul Tripp's 2012 Basketball Academy summer skills development camp will be offering four different sessions at St. Mel's Gymnasium, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.

The girls camps will be from 9 a.m.-noon (grades 3-5) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 6-9), Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

The boys camps will be from 9 a.m.-noon (grades 3-5) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 6-9), Monday through Thursday, July 16-19.

The cost is \$75 (if registered by May 30) or \$85.

For more information, e-mail BasketballAcademy@hotmail.com; or call (248) 563-0858.

Last-second goal enables Warriors to secure 4-4 tie

There were plenty of fireworks to go around in Thursday's girls soccer match between Lutheran High Westland and host Romulus Summit Academy.

Goals came in rapid fire as the two non-conference foes battled to a 4-4 draw.

Lutheran Westland, now 9-4-3 overall, led 3-2 at halftime on goals by senior Taylor Wiemer (unassisted), freshman Sabrina Morrison (from Wiemer) and sophomore Beth Cross, her first goal of the year (from Sabrina Morrison).

Sophomore Sahdia Washington countered for Summit (10-3-1) with the first of her three goals in the opening half. Senior Catearia West tallied the other.

In the second half, Washington's two goals gave the Dragons a 4-3 advantage, but Wiemer tied it with only six seconds remaining on a direct free kick.

"The score does not reflect how well the team played in the heat against a very physical and aggressive team," said Lutheran High Westland coach Sara Schafer, whose team outshot the Dragons, 20-9. "Everyone played solid and never gave up. We kept possession and maintained the tempo of the game."

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Angela Morrison made nine saves.

PCA 6, CVILLE 0: Martha Mullett's hat trick propelled Plymouth Christian Academy (13-3) to a victory Friday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (5-11-2).

Lauren Paulson, Abby LeMerise and Emily Gerulis also scored for the Eagles, who tallied five second-half goals.

Clarenceville freshman goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made 18 saves, while PCA counterpart Abigail Aitken had to make just two stops en route to the shutout.

Junior Ashley Murphy stood out for the Trojans at sweeper, midfield and forward along

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with sophomore Jeana Mariani in the midfield. **STEVENSON 1, HOWELL 0 (OT):** Senior Dayna Stevens scored on a header off a cross from fellow senior Katie Reamer with a minute to go in the first overtime Wednesday to propel Livonia Stevenson (9-8-1) to a victory over the host Highlanders.

Stevenson then held through the second 10-minute overtime for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover win.

Goalkeepers Rylee Jayson and Kristen Trybus each played 50 minutes and combined for five saves and the shutout.

W.L. CENTRAL 1, FRANKLIN 0: Rebekah Witkowski scored a second-half goal off a scrum in the box following a free kick by Kennedy McMurren to give Walled Lake Central (2-10-6) the KLAAC crossover victory over Livonia Franklin (3-10-4).

"We had our chances, but couldn't find the net," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. **GRAND BLANC 4, CHURCHILL 0:** In a KLAAC crossover Wednesday, the host Bobcats (8-6-2) posted the shutout victory over Livonia Churchill (4-9-5).

Alexis Tzafaroglou was in goal for the Chargers.

KETERING 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Shelby Watts notched a hat trick and added one assist Wednesday to power Waterford Kettering (7-9-5) to a KLAAC crossover win over visiting Westland John Glenn (4-12-2).

Lisa Zaffina added a goal and assist, while goalkeeper Taylor Roscoe (four saves) added the other Kettering goal.

CRANBROOK 4, CVILLE 0: Four different players scored Wednesday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (10-3-3) downed host Livonia Clarenceville (5-10-2).

Madi Heimerdinger, Katie Payne, Betsy Hafke and Madison Rowney each scored for the Cranes, who enjoyed a 2-0 halftime lead.

Lexi Higbee recorded the shutout in net for Cranbrook, while Clarenceville's Jillian Bunker stopped 20 shots.

The Trojans also got strong play from junior sweeper Ashley Murphy and outside defender Summer Reddick.

Warriors snap out of drought

Lutheran High Westland got back on the winning track Monday with an 18-2 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division baseball win over visiting Southfield Christian.

Top hitters for the Warriors, who improved to 7-11 overall and 3-9 in the MIAC Blue, included winning pitcher Taurrek Fikes (two doubles, four RBI); Nick Planery (two hits, two RBI); Aaron Rosin (three RBI); Matt Sylvester (two hits, two RBI); Thomas Winterstein and P.J. Gusè (two RBI each).

Fikes allowed three hits over four innings. Both runs were unearned as he struck out four and walked two.

The loss dropped Southfield Christian to 3-15 and 1-11.

CRESTWOOD 21, CVILLE 1: Winning pitcher Badih Jawad aided his own cause going 3-for-5 with a triple and three RBI as Dearborn Heights Crestwood (19-9) exploded for 11 runs in the seventh inning to beat host Livonia Clarenceville (9-13).

Jawad scattered 10 hits over six innings, while Clarenceville starter Tyler Weed took the loss allowing six earned runs on seven hits and three walks.

Tanner Doumont also went 3-for-5 and scored three runs, while Tommy Jakubiec added a triple and three RBI for the victorious Chargers.

Damien Sanchez went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Ben Gehan also added two hits, including a double, for the Trojans.

STEVENSON 17-8, MILFORD 10-13: On Saturday, Livonia Stevenson (21-9) and the host Mavericks (7-17) divided a non-conference twinbill.

Stevenson won the opener with a 20-hit attack, 17-10, as Nick Lagerstrom led the way going 3-for-3 with a solo homer, triple and three runs scored.

Other Spartan offensive standouts included Josh DeYonker (3-for-6, two doubles, two RBI); Chris McDonald (2-for-3, two doubles, RBI); and Brand Jurczynski (2-for-2, RBI); and Travis Harvey (3-run homer).

Top hitters for Milford included Alex Larson and Josh Corey each going 2-for-4 with three RBI apiece. Larson and Jacob Lee both homered.

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Stevenson reliever Cody Coleman, who pitched the final 3.2 innings and allowed two runs, earned the victory.

Milford starter Courtland Kinte took the loss.

In Game Two, Milford mounted a 14-hit attack in a 13-8 victory.

Chris Orr and Dan Jaklic each went 3-for-4 for the Mavericks with winning pitcher Conor Walkers going 5.2 innings to pick up the victory.

Austin Stevens knocked in two runs, while Mike Vomastek went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI for the Spartans.

Stevenson starter Alex Anderson, who lasted a third of an inning, took the loss. He gave up eight runs on six hits and a pair of walks.

EDSEL FORD 9-0, FRANKLIN 4-13: On Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (13-17) salvaged a split of its non-conference double-header against Dearborn Edsel Ford (18-9) by winning the nightcap in five innings, 13-0, as winning pitcher Joe Barczuk went 4-for-4 with five RBI.

Barczuk allowed just two hits, struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Josh Gorman added two hits and two RBI, while Alex DeYonker scored four runs.

DeYonker took the loss in the opener as the Thunderbirds earned a 9-4 victory.

Trevor Gilbert went 2-for-3 with four RBI, while Cody Cowart and Ryan Flum each added two hits for Edsel Ford.

Kevin Belvitch was the winning pitcher.

Kevin Nisun, Kyle Madden and Joel Trudell each collected three hits in a losing battle for the Patriots.

HVL 10, CALVARY 2: On May 17, winning pitcher Ryan Schaffer went 3-for-5 including a double, homer and four RBI to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (10-4, 9-3) past Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (7-5 MIAC Red).

Schaffer also threw a complete game, scattering eight hits. He struck out eight and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Jordan Elwart went 2-for-3 for the Cougars.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 4 May 18 at Woodhaven

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Dearborn, 23 points; 2. Monroe, 20; 3. Livonia Churchill, 14; 4. Livonia Franklin, 10; 5. (tie) Southgate Anderson and Dearborn Fordson, 9 each; 7. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8; 8. Brownstown Woodhaven, 7; 9. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn, 0 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Nicole Kruse (LC), 6-0, 6-2 (SQ); **semifinals:** McCullen def. Allison Range (DF), 6-2, 6-0; Kruse def. Leslie Reynolds (Dbn.), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Quincy Banini (LC) def. Amanda Dziama (M), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Banini def. Jennifer Pagador (LF), 6-1, 6-1; Dziama def. Nora Mcheik (DF), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3: Kylee Bezeau (M) def. Anna Stassen (Dbn.), 6-2, 5-7, 10-6; **semifinals:** Bezeau def. Rylie Fallu (LC), 6-7, 7-6, 6-1; Stassen def. Sam Pendrick (Wood.), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Katie Knapp (M) def. Christina Dubicki (Dbn.), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Knapp def. Mara Karageozian (LC), 6-2, 6-1; Dubicki def. Gabby Kabeth (Wood.), 6-0, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Dema Fawaz-Deema Hagehassan (Dbn.) def. Emily Sigler-Celina Dusseau (M), 0-6, 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Fawaz-Hagehassan def. Heba Chahrouh-Mariam Nassrallah (DF), 6-3, 6-1; Sigler-Dusseau def. Ashley Mattern-Vicky Ledford (DF), 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Angela Grahl-Dena Makled (Dbn.) def. Becky Snyder-Sneha Patil (LC), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Grahl Makled def. Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozota (LF), 6-1, 6-2; Snyder-Patil def. Isabella Deladurantaye-Anna Bishop (SA), 7-6, 6-4.

No. 3: Rebeka Cashmer-Emily Roldan (SA) won by default over Tamara Mackie-Lara Fawaz (Dbn.); **semifinals:** Cashmer-Roldan def. Mircale Mason-Haleigh Delisle (M), 6-3, 6-7, 6-0; Mackie-Fawaz def. Mawrah Farhat-Zeinab Aode (DF), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 4: Liesel Stemas-Megan Bolger (Dbn.) def. Mariam Khan-Janet Pusta (Wood.), 6-4, 6-2; **semifinals:** Stemas-Bolger def. Batool Hakim-Maya Khreizat (DF), 6-1, 6-3; Khan-Pusta def. Miranda Brandstator-Alyssa Hernandez (SA), 6-0, 6-2.

DIVISION 1-REGION 2 May 18 at Novi Meadows

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Northville, 27 points; 2. Novi, 26; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 14; 4. Hartland, 13; 5. Brighton, 12; 6. White Lake Lakeland, 6; 7. Walled Lake Central, 5; 8. (tie) Milford and Howell, 3 each; 10. (tie) Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western, 1 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: 1. Abby Wang (LS) defeated Aimee Moccia (LS), 6-2, 6-2 (SQ); **No. 2:** Erin Day (Novi) def. Caroline Hay (LS), 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Paige Baal (N'ville) def. Hadley Knudsen (H), 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Alex Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Caitlin O'Brien (Novi), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Mackenzie Powers-Claudia Ma (N'ville) def. Emily Sheeran-Amy Zhou (Novi), 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Elizabeth Sakorafis-Jordan Hermiz (N'ville) def. Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (Novi), 6-1, 6-3; **No. 3:** Rebecca Chen-Asawari Kanitkar (Novi) def. Chloe Page-Nicole Khamis (N'ville), 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Val Trupiano-Shannon Williams (N'ville) def. Rachel Bailey-Nina Fawa (Novi), 6-2, 7-5.

MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS DIVISION 3-REGION 20 May 17 at Country Day

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 29 points; 2. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 27; 3. Livonia Ladywood, 15; 4. South Lyon East, 6; 5. (tie) Ferndale and Hazel Park, 5 each; 7. Warren Fitzgerald, 4; 8. (tie) Madison Heights Lamphere and Dearborn Divine Child, 2 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Alexandra Najarian (BHC) defeated Amabel Karoub (DCD), 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Madelyn Karoub (DCD) def. Kendra Sweet (BHC), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Marina Selenica (DCD) def. Sarah Lipworth (BHC), 6-3, 6-4; **No. 4:** Jane Zieck (DCD) def. Alissa Rowens (BHC), 1-6, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Megan Simmons-Meg Phyle (BHC) def. Chelsea Dahline-Sarah Carroll (DCD), 7-5, 6-2; **No. 2:** Claire Huttenlocher-Maria Landi (BHC) def. Ellie Miller-Sarah Shea (DCD), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Briana Leticia-Holly Meers (BHC) def. Catherine Blotner-Sara Dassanayake (DCD), 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Lauren Lanzon-Christina Roualet (BHC) def. Lauren Mamaril-Samatha Prince (DCD), 6-0, 6-4.

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Wine cruise to Europe benefits Michigan Philharmonic

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Correspondent

Visiting Rome and Pompeii left Westland resident Allen Leonard with so many unanswered questions that he's certain he must return. A self-described "foodie," Lynn Wonn of Farmington Hills soaked up the history, culture, and of course, Italian cuisine.

Livonia residents Jeff and Cheryl Doelker enjoyed the Amalfi coast and a countryside tour overlooking the Isle of Capri. Croatia and the Adriatic coast were top-notch for Canton resident Diana Bisio, but the opera at the renowned LaScala in Milan was unbelievable.

Busy fulfilling her bucket list, Karen Schweim of Northville is already anticipating lunch at the Eiffel Tower in September when the Michigan Philharmonic sets sail to the heart of Europe on its third fundraising international cruise.

"We're always working on fun ways to introduce ourselves to donors," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director.

So much fun in fact that what started out in 2010 as a fundraising raffle — the winning prize an international cruise for two — has become a much-anticipated annual journey by increasing numbers of Philharmonic fans, donors and others who just can't resist.

The 2010 cruise traveled to ports-of-call on the western Mediterranean, including Monte Carlo in Monaco. The Philharmonic's second cruise took donors and friends to the eastern side of the Mediterranean, including Milan and Venice.

For a nonprofit organization, fundraising is just a way of

life. It's not always easy finding new ways to attract attention to your organization and its mission, Stewart said.

And then Kate Rosevear had an idea. The owner of Travel Leaders in Plymouth suggested "an outstanding cruise" for the Philharmonic's annual fundraiser. "I thought, why not look for a cool trip and make it into a raffle?" Rosevear said. "It had to be somewhere that sounded impressive so people would buy tickets. So let's go to Europe!"

After the first year's cruise drawing, however, a number of losing ticket holders still wanted to go on the cruise — at their own expense.

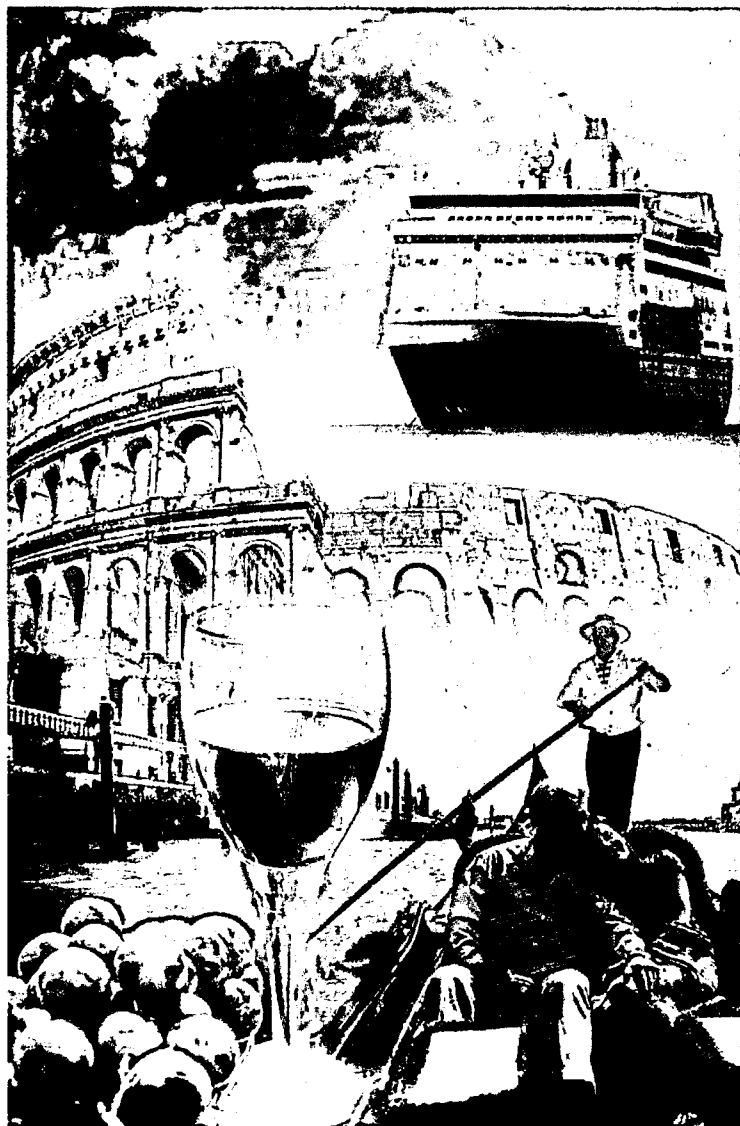
It was a great idea that made plenty of business and marketing sense to Stewart. What better way to generate interest in the Philharmonic than to have supporters and friends want to be involved with the former Plymouth Symphony. "It's something we can make money on, build relationships and do something our supporters can look forward to," Stewart said.

And the more people who book cabins on cruise lines, such as Royal Caribbean and Princess, the greater benefit for the Philharmonic, which receives a \$150 return on each booking. That's in addition to the \$15,000 earned on raffle ticket sales.

Tickets on sale

Armed with an itinerary, the Philharmonic now has raffle tickets for sale for its third annual cruise. Only 300 tickets will be sold and all tickets are \$50 each. The drawing is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, June 29.

Dubbed a 12-Night Immersive Wine Cruise, this year's



cruise, Sept. 18 to Oct. 1, sets sail from Southampton, England, and visits are planned to Spain, Portugal and France.

"Europe is such a great place to have good wine, good fun and good music," said Rosevear, who travels with guests on each of the philharmonic's cruises.

With two fundraising voyages to its credit, the Philharmonic is experiencing continued

interest from former guests who had a chance to learn more about the symphony and its work. "It's a great relationship builder for donors and supporters," Stewart said.

The 57 guests who traveled in 2010 and another 30 who cruised last October had either purchased raffle tickets, lost and decided to travel anyway, or had heard of the cruises from others. The Doelkers, for

example, had attended a number of Michigan Philharmonic concerts at which the cruise raffle was announced.

Yet the cruises are not built around music even though one of Stewart's goals is to take along the entire symphony sometime in the future. "No matter what town in Europe you visit, they all have concert halls," Stewart added. "Last time, we visited the LaScala and took in an opera."

Camaraderie

Following an unpleasant cruise some 20 years ago, Wonn had to be talked into the Philharmonic's cruise. "I really wasn't sure if I was doing the right thing," Wonn said. But it didn't take long for her to change her mind. "It really is a great value. I did not regret a thing. It is so much easier than doing it on your own."

Plymouth resident Jeanne Knopf DeRoche and her husband, Fred, booked a cabin on the second Philharmonic cruise. But Fred died before the trip, leaving Jeanne wondering whether to skip the voyage.

DeRoche finally decided to go and took the first few days onboard to herself for emotional healing. Making new friends and sharing the trip of a lifetime with others helped DeRoche through the voyage. "It really made it a very special trip for me."

Traveling with people who are friendly, want to share their experiences and who are interested in the sights, sounds and cultures of other lands is a favorite for Schweim.

"These cruises really pull in friendly, positive and intelligent people." Please see CRUISE, B6

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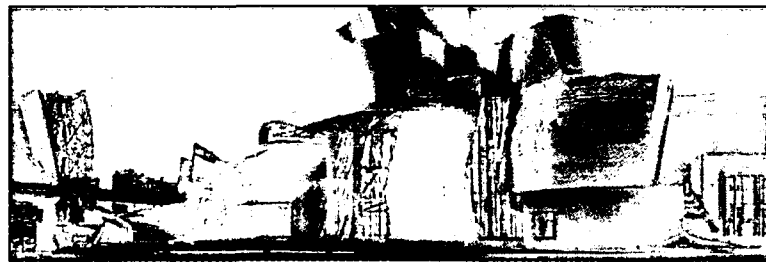
Cruise raffle tickets on sale

By Joanne Maliszewski
Correspondent

Some would-be cruisers are busy buying raffle tickets, others are just cutting to the chase and booking their spots on the 2012 Michigan Philharmonic's annual raffle cruise through Europe's famed wine country.

The Michigan Philharmonic has kicked off ticket sales for its third annual Cruise Raffle. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each and the winning ticket holder will earn a roundtrip cruise for two aboard the Celebrity Constellation, plus roundtrip airfare. To purchase tickets, call the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112 or www.michiganphil.org.

Philharmonic leaders know that the ship will



Bilbao, Spain, which is Basque country is home of the new Bilbao Guggenheim Museum. It's a stop on this year's cruise itinerary.

carry more symphony fans, donors and friends than just the two winners. Patrons are already booking the trip, even if they are also buying raffle tickets, said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director.

Called the Immersive Wine Cruise, the voyage will treat travelers to the home of Europe's most renowned wines. But it's not just about wine. The trip offers up healthy

slices of history, culture, good food and good music.

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- Bilbao, Spain, which is Basque country; home of

has been produced in the area since the ninth century.

- LeHavre, France, a port city on the mouth of the Seine River off the English Channel. It serves as a port for the Parisian metropolis and provides access to the historic Normandy Beaches
- Three days at sea that will be highlighted with wine tastings with famous European wines.

the new Bilbao Guggenheim Museum

- Bordeaux, France, a port city on the Garonne River in southwestern France.



Last year's cruise included Dubrovnik in Croatia.

CRUISE

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ple. It seems everyone is there to have a great adventure," she added.

Leonard didn't mind traveling alone on both of the Philharmonic's cruises. "Yes, I went solo but I also knew several people on the tour," he said. "It is always nice seeing familiar faces in unfamiliar places and nice to be part of a tour group. Just follow the tour leader and don't be late for the bus."

of the Guardian Angel aspect to this," Schweim said.

Despite the guidance and the planning, cruisers are free to do what interests them and no one is required to join any of the excursions, Stewart said.

Nan Washburn, Michigan Philharmonic conductor, cruised in 2011. Her interest in music led her to stay at a bed and breakfast at an old monastery where Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi had lived and taught young unwed mothers. "Several of them became composers like him," Stewart added. "Nan walked the halls and learned more about Vivaldi."

On the first two cruises, Rosevear set up special land tours, based on her knowledge and personal ties in certain ports of call. This year, travelers will pick from the cruise line's excursions.

"For anyone who is interested in wine, this is the best cruise," Rosevear said.

Guardian angel

Wonn and her fellow cruisers — on both trips — believe that Rosevear is a key to the success of the trips because of her experienced and personal knowledge of European and Mediterranean countries.

"Kate (Rosevear) travels with us. Any issue, she takes care of. She is experienced, friendly and thoughtful. She is sort



Venice was a stop on 2011 cruise. Venice has played an important role in the history of symphonic and operatic music, and it is the birthplace of Antonio Vivaldi.

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Guest Columnist

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Appliance Doctor

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hair to get whiter. A lady named Cindy called me who had an under counter microwave delivered along with a new dishwasher. After installing the microwave she turned it on and it worked for 30 seconds. That's it, one half of a minute and that was the life span of her new product. That same day the old dishwasher was pulled out and the new one slid into place and plugged in. It filled with water and began the washing action for three minutes. All of a sudden it stopped working and did nothing but make ticking sounds. She couldn't get it to come back on. Can you imagine the feeling, not even

long enough to wash a load of dishes?

The next day Cindy called the retailer and voiced her displeasure and wanted all her money back and removal from her home of these products. She insisted that she get every penny back and not be charged re-stocking fees, delivery charges or the like. She was not happy and the retailer agreed with her. They were going to make her happy and that was all there was to it. Cindy asked me what I thought about the whole situation.

I told Cindy that the retailer didn't have to give her a refund on these products. Under the terms of the warranty they are required to repair an appliance for only a one-year period. The law does not dictate any other measure, but in this case their compassion became more important in trying to appease a customer. I suggested that

Cindy take this into consideration and instead of asking for a full refund, she might think of continuing her shopping at this very same store. Naturally her confidence in this big name brand microwave and dishwasher is shot but she could look at other brands and make another selection. The store might even be willing to give her an upgrade at the same price. I again suggested that Cindy give this retailer just one more chance to make things right. It was not their fault, but then, who was at fault?

I've given you this sermon so many times, I know it by heart. The many manufacturers of appliances are at fault and until they give their quality control departments a good kick we will continue to receive expensive products that fall into the category of just plain junk. Years ago they

began losing so much money doing their warranty work that they cut off completely their extended warranty of five years on major components. Now the majority offers only a full one-year warranty and if you need service after that, it's coming out of your pocket. If Cindy has a problem one year and a week from now, she will again demand satisfaction. That time might mean dealing directly with the manufacturer and as many homeowners already know, that's no picnic. My advice these days is to look seriously at the appliance plans offered by our major utilities. They may be the answer to customer satisfaction needs today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.r.com

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Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens

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Northville walk

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Art House, 215 Cady; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 Custer Mile, Northville; Servard Time Plaza, on Seven Mile, west of Main, in Northville; Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River Ave., Novi; and Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth. The self-

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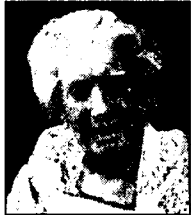
BAASE, RONALD LEE, SR.

Age 68, May 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving father of Ron (Carylyn) Jr., Bianca (Dave) Sarns and David (Paula). Grandfather of Donnielle, Shalen, Colin, Zach and Megan. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Ron at www.rggharris.com.



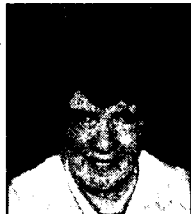
BOVA, CARLO J.

May 23, 2012 age 90. Dear father of Michael (Monica) Bova. Grandfather of Karen and Brian Bova. Also survived by nine brothers and sisters. Visitation Wednesday, May 30, 2012 from 1pm until 9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Services Thursday 10am at the funeral home. Contributions suggested to Angela Hospice.



BEADLE, ALICE KATHLEEN

Age 93, May 22, 2012. Retired from the Redford Twp Police Dept in 1988 after 30 years of service. Beloved wife of the late Cyril J. O'Neil and the late Harvey J. Beadle. Loving mother of Kathleen A. (James H.) Thompson and step mother of Terry A. (Margaret J.) Beadle. Cherished grandmother of six and great-grandmother of seven. Preceded in death by brother Guy M. Paul. Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Park, Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



BODNER, LENORA "Nora" (nee Kinsella)

Age 83 passed away May 23, 2012. Beloved wife of Tom for 58 years. Devoted mother of Tom, John (Judy), Paul (Valerie), Jim (Victoria), and Julie Konselman (John). Proud grandmother of Gail, Ben, Marcus, Alex, Nathan, Hannah, and Leila. Dear sister to Madeline, Maureen (deceased), and Jack (deceased). Nora graduated from St. Theresa Catholic High School and Mt. Carmel Mercy Nursing School, retiring in 1990 from her position as a registered nurse at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. Often sweet and always feisty, she enjoyed traveling, spending time with family, and debating politics. A private Catholic memorial service will be held at the Knollwood Cemetery chapel in Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nora's name to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.



BOUGHTON, ROBERT CARL

Was born in Wayne, Michigan February 13, 1979, the oldest son of John and Louise Boughton. He attended Livonia Churchill High as a member of the Math, Science and Computers Program. He went on to attend Michigan Tech University, where he received a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Secondary Education. Rob always enjoyed working with people. For many years he served as the Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge League. Robert also played Bridge and had reached the status of a Bronze Life Master. He also worked for the Observer Newspapers and was an Eagle Scout. Robert enjoyed playing trivia every Thursday with his family. Robert is survived by his parents, John and Louise Boughton as well as his sister April (Clark) Smalley and brothers Ryan and Ross Boughton. He is the grandson of Robert (the late Anna) Boughton and the late Carl Arthur (the late Dorothy) Nelson. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia and took place earlier this week. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com To leave condolences for Rob's family.



CLAY, RICHARD

May 19, 2012, age 90 of Westland, formerly of Dearborn. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth and the late Alice. Beloved friend of June Eanes. Loving father of William (Linda) Clay, Richard Clay, Kathy (Richard) Urban, Karen Clay, Sharon Trapp, and the late Daniel Clay. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Gathering time Friday 9 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., (btwn Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



KENYON, RAYMOND B.

Asheville, NC. Raymond Burdette Kenyon, age 86, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 at Mission Hospital. Ray was born in Woodland Township of Barry County in Michigan on June 3, 1925 to the late Ernest Adelbert Kenyon and Ina Mae Will Kenyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Granger Kenyon. Ray came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Hastings High School in Michigan, class of 1943, and was class President. He then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ray was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1960's, he was a proud member of the Garden City School Board. Ray worked for Ford Motor Company from 1962 to 1985 in Dealer Development and was a member of Lake Lure Fairfield Chapel in Lake Lure. Ray is survived by his three children; a son, Frederick Kenyon; two daughters, Pavanne Kenyon Lapham and Amy Kenyon; two sisters, Lois Finkbeiner and Jean Jowett; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and Margy Herrmann, his close companion for seven years, and her three daughters. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at Lake Lure Fairfield Mountains Chapel, 1384 Buffalo Creek Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746 with Reverend Everett Chapman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, Arden, N.C. is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online at: www.grocefuneralhome.com

DEQUIN, JESSE MICHAEL

Age 33, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012. In addition to Danielle, his beloved wife of nearly 11 years, Jesse is survived by his parents Michael and Linda Dequin; sister Nicole (Kenneth) Martin; grandparents Marilyn & the late Joseph Hauser, Alberta & Henry Dequin; aunts & uncles Joseph (Jayne) Hauser, the late Lawrence (Lori) Hauser, Christine (Alan) McDonald, the late Catherine (Tim) Moore, Gail (John) Tolson, the late Gwynn (Steven) Grist, Rebecca (Rick) Vrtis, Rachel (the late Steven) England, & Mark (Debbie) Dequin; mother-in-law Elaine Hartlieb; also his constant companion Benjamin the Schnoodle, extended family & friends. Memorial Service to be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trl, Plymouth, on Monday, May 28, 2012, at 11AM. Brother Steven Carlson to officiate. Memorials encouraged to: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DESROCHERS, II JOSEPH

Age 68 of Livonia, May 20, 2012. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Joseph DesRochers III. Dear brother of Ann (Harvey) Hamel, the late Ernest, and Joseph (Carol) Santelio. Joseph leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan) Livonia. Thursday May 24, 2012 from 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary Service. Funeral services will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd Livonia, Mi. Friday instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



RODRIGUEZ, RANDY RAY

MAY 20, 2012 Born January 19, 1950. Age 62. Lived in Westland for over 55 years. Husband of Donna (nee Blackwell). Son of Etta (Cochran) and the late Andrew. Father of Robert, Andy, Natalie (fiance David). Brother of Caroline, Rodney, Kathelene, Andrew Dean (Sherrill). Randy left behind many Uncles, Aunts, cousins and their families, and friends who gathered in Irish Hills for family reunions. Worked with friends and his brothers from Local #412 at Detroit Diesel in Redford for over 30 years. Attended the Wayne-Westland school system and graduated as the State Champion wrestler in his weight class from Wayne Memorial High School in 1968. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 22nd at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Memories and thoughts can be made at griffinfuneralhome.com.

TAFT, WILLIAM D.

May 18, 2012, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Joann. Dear father of Gregg (Ann), Susan (Gary) Matthews & William (Maggie). Loving grandfather of six & great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Lois Simmons. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan or Lapham Cemetery. For further info or to leave a memory or condolence, please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Milestones

55th wedding anniversary

Leonard and Donna (Werner) Keller celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 27. The couple was married in 1957 at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Leonard is retired from Recreational Leisure Corp. of Farmington and Donna retired from the insurance industry after 55 years of working in agencies representing Citizens Insurance Co. of Howell.

Donna is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and has done much charity work over the years. During their younger years the couple enjoyed bowling. Leonard used to work in a bowling alley as a pin setter to pay for practice time. Later, he bowled on two leagues. As members of Pet A



Leonard and Donna Keller

Pet, the couple took their dog, Sugar, to nursing homes. Their major hobby over the past several years was travelling. The couple has four children: The late Kenneth Keller, the late Brian Keller, Steven (Karen) of Westland

and Dawn Ziegler (Tom) of Canton. They also have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

They celebrated a quiet anniversary this year.

50th anniversary

Ken and Barbara (Listerman) Kelsey of Northville marked their 50th wedding anniversary on April 28. The couple married in 1962 at Redford Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The couple have two children, Janice Erickson of Livonia and Karen Henry of Dexter, and four grandchildren.

Both Ken and Barbara are promotional products consultants.

They're involved in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Adcraft Club, Michigan Promotional Products Association, and Promotional Products Association. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, travelling and golf.



Ken and Barbara Kelsey

They celebrated their milestone anniversary

with family.



Kennedy Hope Slatton

Kennedy Hope Slatton was born May 10, 2012, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

Proud parents are Lance and Tina Slatton of Westland.

Grandparents are Jan Scicluna of Farmington, Marvin Slatton of Carleton, and Ed and Merry Harshman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Virginia and Stanley Worrell of North Vernon, Ind., and William and Betty Gillette of Farmington.



Thomas Robert Kolozsvary

Thomas Robert Kolozsvary was born March 12, 2012, at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Thomas joins his parents, Andy and Michelle Kolozsvary, and siblings, Andrew, 5, and Nora, 3, at home in Plymouth.

Proud grandparents are Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance of Clinton Township, Andrew Kolozsvary of Macomb Township, and Mary and Dan Mouthaan of Traverse City.



Gilbertson-Neale

Lisa Gilbertson and Chadd Neale announce their engagement.

Lisa, daughter of Richard and Annemarie Gilbertson of Livonia, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. She received a master's degree in counseling from Wayne State

University. She is the counseling department head at Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Chadd is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in criminal justice. He is a youth specialist at Oakland County Children's Village.

A wedding is planned for September.



Byk-Tomczyk

Lisa Byk and Scott Tomczyk announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Joseph and Diana Byk of Howell, attended Livonia Churchill High School, Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She is employed as a creative ad designer with Livingston County Daily Press &

Argus in Howell.

Her fiancé, son of Helen Tomczyk of Belleville, attended Crestwood High School, William D. Ford Votesh School and Henry Ford Community College. He is employed as a test technician at TGR Technical Center, LLC in Plymouth.

A September 2012 wedding is planned at Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Hot weather can be deadly for children left alone in cars

With summer weather approaching, Safe Kids Huron Valley has a message for caregivers: Never leave children alone in a vehicle.

A child left unattended in a vehicle can suffer from hyperthermia or heat stroke when temperatures are as low as the mid-50s. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes.

Since 1998, more than 500 children have died from hyperthermia or heat stroke as a result of being left alone in a vehicle.

"We simply must get that number to zero," stated Amy Teddy, Safe Kids Huron Valley and injury prevention program manager for Mott Children's Hospital. "We want to remind parents that there is no safe way to leave a child unattended in a vehicle — even for one minute. The inside of a car acts like a greenhouse and because children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults, this makes them much more susceptible to heat stroke."

Here's what parents and caregivers need to know and can do:

- Lock cars and trucks. Thirty percent of the recorded heat stroke deaths in the U.S. occur because a child was playing in an unattended vehicle. These deaths can be prevented by simply locking the vehicle doors to help assure that kids don't enter the vehicles and become trapped.

- Create reminders. Many child heat stroke deaths occur because parents and caregivers become distracted and exit their vehicle without their child. To help prevent these tragedies parents can:

- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or something that is needed at your next stop on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This will help you see your child when you open the rear door and reach for your belongings.

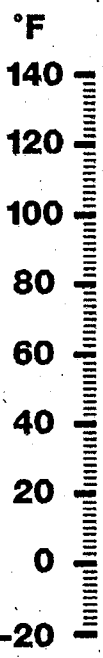
- Set the alarm on your cell phone/smartphone as a reminder to you to drop your child off at day care. If you have a smartphone check out the Baby Reminder app, which was created to help prevent these tragedies. This application will automatically monitor and determine when you are driving and when not.

- Set your computer calendar program to ask, "Did you drop off at day care today?" Establish a plan with your day care that if your child fails to arrive within an agreed upon time that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially mindful of your child if you change your routine for day care.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble. Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child is missing.

Safe Kids Huron Valley, a nonprofit organization, works to prevent unintentional childhood injury,

NEVER leave your child alone in a car.



Temperatures inside a car rise quickly and can become deadly to children in just minutes — even on moderate days!

Take them with you.



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the leading cause of death and disability to children through age 14. Safe Kids Huron Valley is a member of Safe Kids Michigan and Safe Kids Worldwide.

For more information on preventing child heat stroke deaths, visit www.gweather.com/heat and www.safekids.org/nlyca.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

May

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

A sampling of hospital's offerings this month:
Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 29; 6:15 p.m. May 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.
The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

June

ALZHEIMER'S CAMP FOR KIDS

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900. Garden City Hospital

- Diabetes Self-Management Education is at 9 a.m. June 2, 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.
- Focus on Living Cancer Sup-

port is at 7 p.m. June 14 and is designed to bring together cancer patients with a nurse facilitator who helps all share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

- Blood pressure and cholesterol testing runs 10 a.m.-noon, June 5 in the hospital lobby. Blood pressure checks are free. Get a cholesterol test for \$5 and lipid panel for \$10. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.
Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

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

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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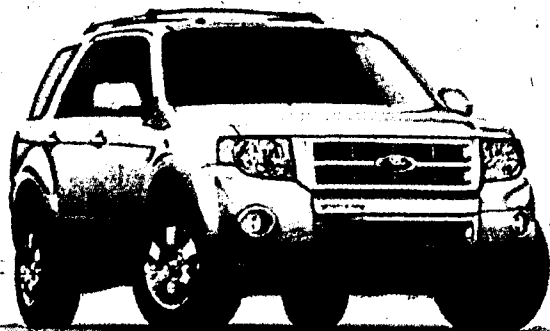
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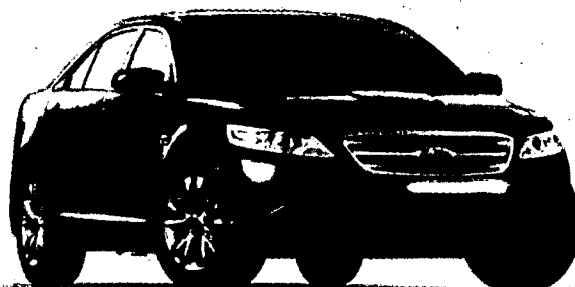
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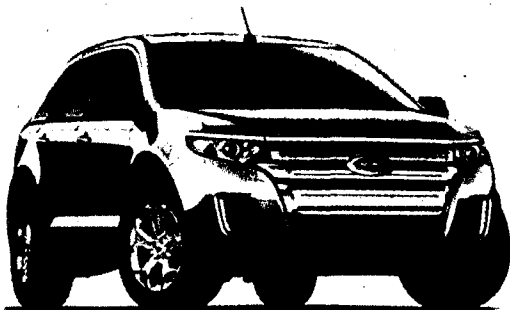
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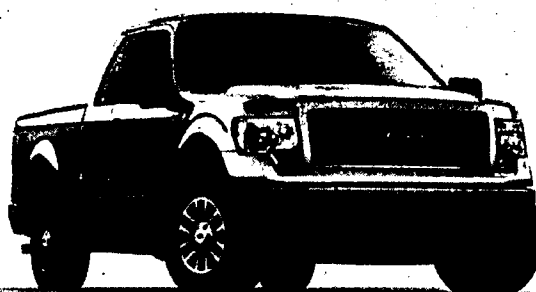
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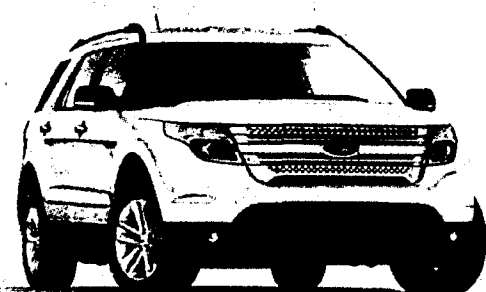
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