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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER P. D. Graham Elementary School fourth-graders Laney Blair (left), Kyrah Liddell and Nevaeh Smith compare ideas during the mock legislature.

Cleanup Day

Wayne Ripple Effect is inviting residents to help with some spring cleaning Saturday.

The organization is holding a Downtown Cleanup beginning at 9 a.m. The cleanup is a family-friendly event. People interested in participating should meet in the parking lot of Wayne City Hall at 9 a.m. Volunteers will be picking up trash and debris from the downtown area and getting things spiffed up for spring.

Wayne Ripple Effect also is looking for businesses, organizations or families to Adopt-A-Planter. Wayne Ripple Effect will prepare and place planters in downtown Wayne. Sponsors will select and purchase plants for their planter which is approximately three feet in diameter. They will plant the flowers, water and weed and dead-head the flowers for the full season (May through September/October).

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Students get to be lawmakers with Rep for a Day

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

It's said that every dog has its day but it won't be a day out at a restaurant, if students at Westland's P.D. Graham Elementary School were in charge.

Students from three fourth-grade classes and a third/fourth-grade split class got a taste of what it's like to be a lawmaker, debating and voting on a proposed bill that would allow people to bring their dogs to outdoor seating areas of restaurants.

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, hosted the Rep for a Day program to let the student simulate the legislative process. He selected a real pending bill for the students to discuss one that proposes letting



Caucus leader Daniel Walker (left) has an idea for Reece Easterling during the Rep for Day mock legislature at P.D. **Graham Elementary School in Westland.**

restaurants allow nonservice dogs to be with their owners in outdoor seat-

ing areas. Two sessions were held during which the students were divided into two caucuses — green and blue - to discuss the bill and share their views before reconvening for

discussion and a vote. Before going into caucuses, the bill appeared to be a slam dunk — the first two classes seemed initially to be enthusiastic about being able to bring their pets to restaurants.

Following their caucuses, Please see REPS, A2

Westland man gets prison

By LeAnne Rogers

sentenced to 27 to 60 years in prison in the beating death of his 3-

Joshua Wilson, 21, was sentenced Tuesday in **Wayne County Circuit** Court by Judge Edward Ewell. He had pleaded guilty April 5 to a charge of second-degree murder, which carries a maximum sentence of up to life in prison, in the death of Joshua Wilson Jr.

December of blunt force trauma to the chest, according to court testimony. The baby was described as having been severely beaten, with bruises from head to toe

and broken bones. Wilson and the baby's mother, Kelli Worth-McBride, also 21, had been charged with felony murder and first-degree

A criminal responsi-Worth-McBride. That canceled a scheduled April 22 trial date. She before Ewell on July 8. EMS and police were

called to the couple's apartment on Venoy about the baby not breathing. The baby died a short time later at the hospital.

Wilson and Worth-McBride both made statements to police that described the baby being struck, thrown into a bed or car seat and "bear hugged" so that he would stop crying.

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Wayne eyes police-fire retirement millage

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Continuing decreases in property values are forcing Wayne officials to look for alternate funding sources, including a possible millage request to fund police and firefighter retirement costs.

With voter approval, state law allows a city to establish what is called a 345 plan to provide separate funding for police and firefighter pensions and retirement medical coverage. As a result, that expense no longer would come from the city's strapped general fund.

The proposal outlined by City Manager Robert English would ask voters to approve a levy of up to 5 mills for 10 years. The amount of millage levied each year

would be the amount required to fund the retirement plan based on the actuarial.

Westland operates a 345 plan established when the city was incorporated. That plan has no sunset date and no millage cap.

"We looked to see if we could go to voters for millage to get out from under some bonds that we still have and spread it out over a number of years," English said. "The city attorney did a lot of leg work and the answer was no.

Council members were getting their first official overview of the budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The impact of the city's declining property values has been severe.

One mill levied on real

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Westland gives consultant new one-year pact

See story about Strategic **Communication Solutions on** Page A9.

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

As two grant-funded contracts were awarded last week, the Westland council also approved an agreement for another year of lobbying and consulting services.

This will be the third year the city has contracted with Strategic Communication Solutions. Under the new contract, the cost will be \$7,500 per month or \$90,000 annually.

"I appreciate your moving forward on the Strategic Communications contract," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "It's ironic that two grants due to them (Strategic Communications) were on the agenda."

Specifically, those grants were \$81,000 to develop and promote the Westland Farmers Market and a \$404,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency that will be used for new dispatch consoles at the police department.

• At the same meeting, the council approved a contract with Growing Hope Inc. which will manage the Westland **Farmers Market which** opens Thursday, May 2. The market will have new hours — 3-7 p.m. and is moving from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

The city will have zero out-of-pocket," said Economic Development Director Lori Fodale.

Growing Hope, which also manages the Wayne Farmers Market, will be paid \$36,000 the first year and \$27,700 during the second year of the contract. The higher payment the first year reflects the additional work that will be done on the website and other administrative setup needed.

There are expected to be some joint promotions of the two farmers

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Wayne council eyes change in running for mayor

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

If you want to run for Wayne mayor, in the future you might not be able to do that while serving as a City Council member.

Wayne council members have requested language for a proposed city charter amendment ballot question that would require a council member who is running for mayor in the middle of their term to resign from council.

The council had already asked the administration to work with the city attorney on language that could eventually ask voters to amend the city charter to elect the mayor to a four-year term. The mayor is currently elected for two-year term while council members all have four-year terms.

At a subsequent meeting, Councilman James Henley proposed having the mayor elected for a three-year term the first time and four-year terms subsequently.
That would put election

of the mayor as the lone city office to be filled on the even-year presidential elections. If a fouryear term for mayor was approved beginning in an odd-year election, three council members could

run from safe council seats while the other three would always be in a cycle of having to decide to run for council or mayor.

Noting the city attorney had reported it was unlikely Henley's proposal would get the required Michigan Attorney General approval, City Manager Robert English asked the council for clarification. Additionally, Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller has already been investigating the cost-savings benefit of consolidating elections and moving city elections from odd to even years.

Responding to the request for clarification, council members also wanted the fouryear term for mayor to be immediately effective, if approved by voters in November. That would mean mayoral candidates would appear on the November ballot running for a two-year term but could end up with a four-

year term. Resident Ron Roberts, who has proposed some additional charter amendments for November, said he agreed the mayor needed a longer term but questioned having it take immediate effect.

"There was no mention of it being effective in November. You have to file in May to run for a two-year term as mayor,' said Roberts. "If this is to give a new mayor time to get their legs under them, why are you converting this term to four years?"

Roberts was referring to current long-serving Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, who wouldn't have a learning curve if he runs and is re-elected in November.

"The current mayor may not need to worry about getting his feet wet but this may be the time to do this," said Councilman Skip Monit. "Others will run for mayor and they will have an opportu-

nity serve as mayor.' Once council gets the

proposed language for ballot questions from the city attorney, they will have to vote to submit the language to the attorney general. If the language is approved, then council would have to vote to actually place the questions on the ballot.

Roberts will also have to submit any ballot proposals, including language on terms limits and electing council members by wards, to the attorney general after obtaining sufficient petition signa-

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property — the primary funding source for local government -- will currently generate about \$380,000 in Wayne.

Just a few years ago in 2009, before property values plummeted, one mill in Wayne would have generated \$630,000. Property values are expected to down at least another 5 percent this year.

The impact on the city's finances is clear. Wayne's general fund revenue in 2009 was \$22.2 million. For the 2014 fiscal year, general fund revenues are projected to come in at \$16.2 million — almost exactly \$6 million less.

"We started this process with a \$3 million deficit. The city manager and I met with the departments more than once in February through Thursday (April 18) to get the budget balanced," said Wayne Finance Director James

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Ghedotte, during a budget overview presentation to the council. "We still have a \$758,000 deficit. At that rate, we would use our entire fund balance. That's clearly not a good

way to go." And even if the budget is balanced for 2013-14, Ghedotte said the impact of changes to the personal property tax will have a negative impact the following year.

While there is no limit on how quickly property values can drop, with a corresponding drop in property taxes resulting, Ghedotte noted property values can only increase 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, annually.

"If we did something wrong, we could see what to do. We did nothing wrong," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

While all city departments are impacted, Ghedotte said that the Wayne Library, with a \$604,000 budget coming largely from a 1-mill levy,

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The library budget is projected to be in deficit by the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year with spending projected to be \$176,000 over revenues and a

\$110,000 fund balance. "In the past, we were able to take DDA (Downtown Development Authority) money to help. The DDA generated \$6 million at one point," said Ghedotte. "Now it is \$1.2 million and can't help anyone. There is no money to help the library out."

Library Director Paulette Medvecky and the Library Board had approved a plan to cut another \$85,000 from the budget.

"That concerns me when you cut \$40,000 from the book budget." said English, adding he had talked with Ford Motor about a donation to the Friends of the Library.

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State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, explains the legislative process to students at P.D. Graham Elementary School in Westland.

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students had a number of concerns and conditions for allowing the dogs into restaurant seating areas:

 Where would the dogs go to the bathroom? What if a dog did its business and it was blown around by the wind getting on people's food?

 If dogs got into a fight, who would break it up? There was discussion about requiring the restaurant to provide staff to effectively serve as dog nolice.

 What if a dog had fleas that could get on other customers and animals,

along with the food? What if other customers are allergic to dogs? Or servers who might

also have allergies. Some students were OK with allowing dogs but wanted to specify the dogs had to be on a leash and ban breeds like pit bulls and Rottweilers from the

restaurant visits. "I brought that up. I don't want to be eating a steak with a Rottweiler who might want to eat it," said Kosowoski.

Another student wanted to require dogs visiting restaurants to have their shots and suggested a slogan — "No shots, no service." And one student suggested that restau-



Elementary School students worked on a bill regarding dogs in the outdoor areas of restaurants during a mock legislature.

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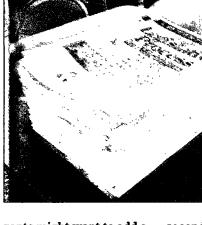
ers sit to work," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "The consoles have reached the end of their useful life."

The new consoles will continue to provide work space for up to six dispatchers, he said, although currently four dispatchers generally work each shift.

Westland handles emergency dispatching for Inkster and, since the merger resulting in the Wayne-Westland Fire Department, fire and EMS runs for Wayne also. Talks are under way to merge the combined Wayne-Garden City dispatch center, which handles police runs in both cities and fire/EMS for Garden City, with the Westland operation.

The existing dispatch center in the Westland Police Department could accommodate the additional dispatchers. Jedrusik said that would continue to be the case with the new consoles.

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rants might want to add a dog food section to their menu to accommodate canine customers. After a lot of discussion,

the first group approved the bill by a 24-23 vote. The bill lost steam with the second session and ended up defeated by a 58-32 total combined vote.

"I'm hoping that the students learn that it's not as simple as yes or no. They have to pull a group together," said P.D. Graham Principal Jennifer Curry. "You have to listen before you make a final decision. Your vote is important and you have to work together.'

For Kosowski, whose younger son, Austin, is a second-grader at Graham and older son Andrew has moved up to Marshall Upper Elementary School, it was a chance to get youngsters energized and informed about the legislative process.

"I can't believe what great ideas you came up with, there are things we didn't think of," said Kosowski, who promised to take the students' ideas back to Lansing to share with fellow legislators.

Once the vote was taken, the students enjoyed a pizza lunch courtesy of Kosowski.

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Westland unveils upgraded recycling center

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

An improved dropoff recycling center, including an opportunity to earn Recyclebank rewards, was unveiled at Westland's annual Earth Day program Monday.

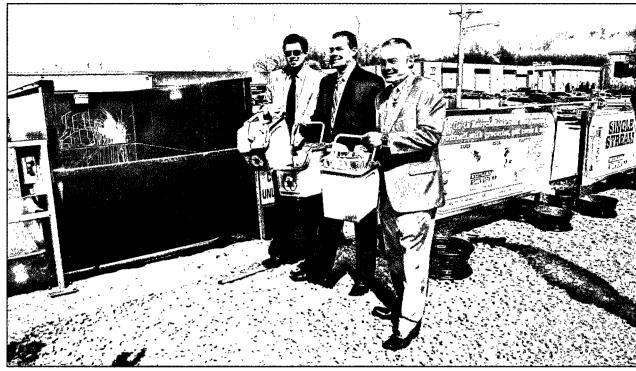
On Earth Day 2009, we kicked our Cash for Trash recycling program. This is the next phase," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "We delivered 25,000 96-gallon containers to single family homes. We wondered at first if people would use them."

Residents have used the curbside recycling program - over 70 percent participate — which was simplified by a single stream collection method. That means all the accepted recyclables could go into the wheeled cart - no more bundling newspapers or separating glass and metal.

The Cash for Trash element came from the Recyclebank program. Residents who recycle earn points that can be redeemed for gift cards, discounts and other rewards. A computer chip on the wheeled recycling cart credits the Recyclebank account of the resident.

Until now, residents of condominiums, apartments and other multiple residential developments have been able to use the drop-off recycling center but not participate in the Recyclebank program.

Now at the upgraded drop-off center, residents who bring recyclables to the facility at the Westland Department of Public Services on Marquette can earn rewards. too. After dropping off their recycling, residents can stop in for a fli-



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From left, Mike Logan, president of Synergy, Westland Councilman Adam Hammons and Westland Mayor William Wild get ready to try out the solar-powered compactor at Westland's Recycling Drop-off Center.



Joe Chehadi, owner of the Mobil and Exxon gas stations at Ford and Hix, received a Mission: Green award for selling E-85 gas from Westland Mayor William Wild.

er with a code number to enter on the Recycle-

bank account. 'You'll get 25 points at homes they average 50 points per month," said

The recycling center itself also has single stream for recyclables. It also now accepts electronics of all sorts,

household hazardous waste except gasoline and brake fluid, all kinds of a batteries and a category known as white goods.

"That means things like washer or dryer. It doesn't mean we won't take black or stainless," said Wild. "Someone left a toilet — that is one few items that is non-recyclable."

A solar-powered compactor has been added to the site to make sure full loads of recyclables are taken from the drop-off center.

Wild also presented Mission:Green awards recognizing the Norwayne Community Garden and the Westland **DTE Energy Community** Garden, which last year grew 9,761 pounds of produce that was donated to Gleaners Food Bank. It was the highest producing of the 10 DTE

community gardens in the metro area.

Joe Chehadi, owner of the Mobil and Exxon gas stations at Ford and Hix, was honored for being the second station in the city to sell E-85 fuel.

Resident Kelly Bates. active in Mission:Green, took time off work to attend the Earth Day program.

"The world needs to realize anything we buy and have to get rid of has an impact. We treat it as a disposable world." said Bates. "We're trying to get people out of that thinking. We can upcycle it."

Westland reports 550 tons are recycled each month by residents material that in the past would have gone into a landfill.

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Registration under way for Salvation Army day camp

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will again offer its popular summer day camp, set for June 17 through Aug. 16.

"We're doing nine full weeks this year," said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with his wife, Capt. Joanna Rose. "It's going to be a lot of fun. We're planning on having a good day camp."

The camp, for kids ages 6-12, runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

"They go swimming every week. They go to a park every week," Derek Rose said. "They're doing a lot of fun stuff."

The campers also visit such places as the Detroit Zoo and Kensington Metropark.

The camp costs \$50 a week per child, with reduced fees for each additional child in the family. Camp has averaged 50 kids in past years.

"We're encouraging people to sign up early," he said.

The camp is for kids from Westland, Wayne, Romulus and New Boston, with an additional charge for other residents. Registration should be done in person at the Wayne-Westland corps, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

Staffer Andrew Barylski has additional details or call (734) 722-3660 for more information.

—By Julie Brown



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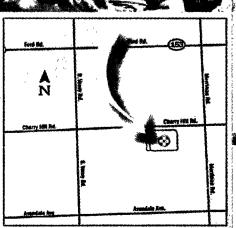


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Westland resident scares off would-be thief

Attempted larceny

A resident in the 35000 block of Florane told police that he went outside to leave for work before 5:30 a.m. April 17 to find a man standing by his car. The man claimed to be searching for a lost dog.

Uneasy about the man being in his yard, the resident said he asked the man for his number in case the dog turned up. The resident told the man he was going back into the house to get his cell phone to capture the number and the man

The resident was able to provide a description of the suspect and his vehicle. It was only after the man had fled that the resident said he realized his unlocked vehicle had been ransacked and side door to his garage had been kicked in. A number of tools were piled near the garage door, apparently in the process of being stolen, the man

Larceny

On April 17 about 6 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of South. Hanlon told police he was awakened by the sound of something being dragged down his driveway. He said he looked out the window and saw his garage door was open.

When he got to the back door, the resident said he saw a man loading items from his garage into a silver pickup truck parked in front of a neighbor's home. The vehicle fled as the resident went to conWESTLAND COP CALLS

front the suspect. Reported stolen were

assorted tools, a shop vac, a snow blower, a power washer and lawn mower valued at \$1,550.

Larceny

The air conditioning unit was reported stolen from a home in the 27000 block of Van Born April 17. The home is vacant and someone had last seen the air conditioning unit five days earlier.

There were fresh pry marks on the door near the door knob which had a lock box.

Vandalism

An employee at Woodland Villa Apartments, 7360 Drew Circle, told police April 18 that around 1:30 a.m. he found a wooden pallet propped up against the fence and external door knob broken off the pool filter room door.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 1600 block of Norris told police April 18 that his father, who lives next door, had let him know someone had broken into his vehicle. The resident found that the sub woofers and amplifier had been stolen. The owner said the 1999 Chevrolet 1500 pickup has a broken door handle which might have enabled someone to get into it.

At the same time, the resident's brother, who

lives next door, told police that someone had stolen the radio/CD player from his 1993 Ford Ranger. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Larceny

A resident at Holliday Park Cooperative, 34000 Fountain Blvd., told police April 18 that someone had stolen a plastic container of assorted ammunition from her vehicle. She said she had just brought the ammunition from her cabin and had left it in the car.

Larcenv

On April 18, a resident in the 2000 block of Kaley told police that a cell phone had been delivered to her home on April 10. She said she was hospitalized at that time and someone had taken the phone from her front porch.

Larceny from a vehiclé

Four wheels and tires valued at \$2,000 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 34000 block of Donnelly April 19. The vehicle was found sitting on landscaping bricks.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Westland woman told police April 21 that someone had stolen the factory installed GPS unit and a pair of prescription sunglasses valued at \$2,200 from her 2008 **Buick Enclave while it**

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Police arrest man found in GC Hospital restricted area

Trespassing

Garden City police arrested a 42-year-old Dearborn Heights man about 9:30 a.m. April 18 at Garden City Hospital. 6245 Inkster Road. because he was trespass-

The police were called by the hospital security when they found the man washing himself in the surgical unit bathroom, a restricted area. He had locked himself in the bathroom.

Security said that the man had trespassed at the hospital two prior times to this incident.

Alarm

The police responded to an intrusion alarm about 9 a.m. April 18 at Wearmaster, 32121 Ford. Someone had tried to use a vehicle to enter through the closed vehicle door bay.

No entry was made because of the sharp glass that resulted. Wearmaster has closed all of its locations, according to the police report.

Larceny

A Garden City man who lives in the 29000 block of Elmwood reported April 18 that someone searched through his Ford F150 and took his wallet that was left in the center console. The wallet contained his driver's license and Social Security card.

There was no sign of forced entry. The vehicle was parked in the drive-

Vehicle theft

Someone stole a 2008

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Harley Davidson, valued at \$8,000, April 18 that was parked in front of a home in the 33000 block of Kathryn. The owner said that he might have left a key in a motorcycle compartment.

Theft

A resident in the 1300 block of Radcliff told police that someone entered his 2012 Ford and stole his credit card and his family's Social Security cards April 19. There was no sign of forced entry.

Bank of America notified the owner later that his bank card was used at a Marathon gas station in Detroit.

• A resident in the 1400 block of Radcliff reported April 19 that someone entered his unlocked 2004 Chevrolet and stole his Visa card.

The suspect searched the glove box and center console. The bank card was later used at a Marathon gas station in Detroit.

 Someone entered an unlocked 2012 Ford Escape parked April 19 in the 33000 block of Donnelly and stole a wallet which was left in the center console.

A bank card was later used to make a \$69 purchase at Garden City Fuels gas station.

 The owner of a 2010 Ford Fusion reported April 19 that someone shattered her passenger side window.

The thief took the wom-

an's work apron which contained \$100.

The vehicle was parked in the 1200 block of Venoy.

• A resident in the 32000 block of Cherry Hill discovered that someone stole the wheels and rims from his 2001 Ford Mustang April 19. He found his car still jacked up in front of his house.

There are no suspects. The police confiscated the jack as evidence.

• A resident in the 32000 block of Brown reported that someone entered his vehicle April 21 and stole his Bank of America credit card. It was then fraudulently used three times at other locations.

Stolen bike

A resident in the 33000 block of Sheridan reported that someone stole a children's mountain bike valued at \$130 from her unlocked garage April 20. She could not provide a serial number to police.

Trash can thefts

Several thefts of garbage cans were reported recently.

Cans were reported stolen April 19 from a home in the 6100 block of Cardwell, April 19 from in front of a home in the 3300 block of Alta and April 22 from a home located in the 6600 block of Golfview Drive.

Republic Services, the city's waste management firm, requires that homeowners file a police report when their garbage cans are stolen.

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Westland woman receives top Girl Scouting award

A Westland resident has been honored by the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan.

The GSSEM presented Frances Osowski with a Volunteer of Excellence Award, which is presented at a special recognition ceremony and luncheon on April 13 at the **First United Methodist** Church of Troy.

Osowski is a lifetime member who returned to Girl Scouting as a troop leader after a long break. She is a leader for her niece's troop, and is assisting a new Brownie troop leader as a mentor. She has also been very active in the GSSEM Alumnae Association, and assisted in developing the first GSSEM Alumnae Tea.

"Girl Scouts is a volunteer driven organization. We could not fulfill



Frances Osowski

our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place without them." said Denise Dalrymple, GSSEM CEO. "They lead troops, oversee our annual cookie sales in their area, serve on committees and on our board. and perform administra-

tive duties, often at the same time. Their dedication and hard work makes lifelong impact on girls' lives and advances the Girl Scouting movement."

"We honor these volunteers at a crucial time when women's leadership and success are hot topics of conversation," added Susan McGraw, COO of GSSEM. "Girl Scouts is focused on engaging society in supporting girls and helping them develop leadership abilities, even before they enter the workforce as young adults. The volunteers we are honoring exemplify commitment to helping girls reach their full potential, and we are so pleased to have them as part of our organization."

Fellow volunteers, or GSSEM staff who can vouch for their "above

and beyond the call of duty" level of service to girls and other adult volunteers in the GSSEM service area must nominate all honorees. National awards are presented to volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the National Program Portfolio, or who have contributed outstanding service to GSSEM's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

GSSEM serves more than 40,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Counties. For more information. visit the GSSEM website at www.gssem.org.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Ice show

Wayne's 38th Annual Ice Show at the Community Center Ice Arena will be presented 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids 4-17 in advance, \$7 and \$6, respectively, at the door.

The Wayne Jazz synchronized skating team has been undefeated for the past three seasons.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will hold a Spring Plant Exchange 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Janet at (734) 728-4008.

Two master gardeners will be on hand during the exchange. If you don't have plants to exchange, you can still attend there are always extra plants available.

Armed Forces Day

Celebrate Armed Forces Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Westland Historic Village Park, Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill in Westland.

There will be reenactors from four American Wars, a flag raising at noon, a fife demonstration at 12:45 p.m., an MRE lecture at 2 p.m. and a reenactor showcase at 3:15 p.m.

Admission is free. Food and beverages will be available. Parking will not be allowed on site but is available at the doctor's office next door.

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POLICE

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was parked at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy. The driver's side rear window had been smashed to get into the vehicle.

Vandalism

Police were called to Kirby Vacuum, 35211 Ford, April 19 after the owner noticed a BB hole in a door window. The door was also severely dented inward but the officer noted it didn't appear to be an attempt to enter the building since the door swings

Larceny

A Trenton woman told police that someone had stolen a credit card and four gift cards - two from Subway and two from Panera - from her unlocked vehicle while she was parked in the 1400 block of Norma April 15-16.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 20, a resident in the 100 block of Bedford told police that someone had broken into her vehicle while it was parked on the street. She said she located her purse, wallet and backpack in a neighbor's

yard. The woman reported \$250 in cash stolen from the wallet.

The resident said her mother's vehicle had also been searched but it was unclear if anything was missing.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Canton man told police April 21 that someone had stolen a cell phone charger and an iPhone valued at \$420 from his vehicle while it was parked in the 39000 block of Palmer.

Larceny from a vehicle

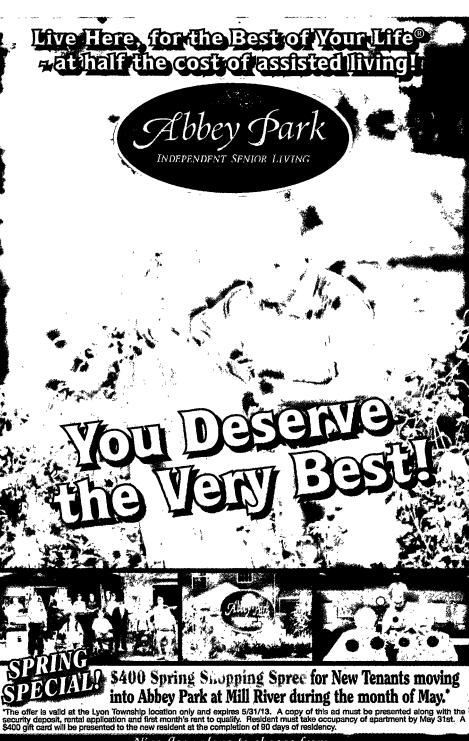
A Carhartt jacket, a

pair of shoes, the vehicle title and a payroll check were reported stolen from a vehicle April 21 while it was parked at the MJR Westland Grand, 6800 N. Wayne Road. The owner said he may have left the vehicle unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers







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Active adults get information, answers at O&E's Spring Expo

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Zoltan Karassy of Plymouth was glad the Observer & Eccentric Media presented its Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) in April this year instead of May.

"I golf in May," Karassy said Tuesday at the 10th annual event, held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

An April date made it more convenient for him to get to the expo, which he attends every year to get information from the more than 50 exhibitors specializing in an array of services ranging from health care and finance to transportation, housing and home improvements.

Knowledgeable exhibitors

"Everyone is so friendly, and they have all the answers," he said, prais-

ing the food as well. McDonald's of Novi and Northville and Awrey Bakery of Livonia provided morning refreshments.

Nancy Schneider of Westland brought a small bus load of members from her church, Faith Baptist in Dearborn Heights, where her husband, Marvin, is associate pastor. A retired registered nurse recommended the expo. It was their first time there.

"It's definitely worth it," she said. "I think it's lovely, very well-organized.'

Barbara and Paul Pomeroy of Livonia have attended the expo annually for about three or four years. "We look to see what's updated for senior care because one day we're going to need it." Barbara Pomeroy said.

Ruby Giessler of Novi started attending last year and plans to be back again next year. "It's very informative," she said, adding she was looking for information on senior and assisted living in case she and her husband need it in the future.

Paul Szymusiak of Farmington Hills was gathering information not only for himself and his wife but also for their parents. "This is great," he said of the event, which they attend every year. "Very informative."

'Great exposure'

Amie Schulz, sales manager of Brookdale Senior Living, was thrilled by the number of people stopping by their booth. "There's so many people here," she said. "That's why we come back to this every year because it's

great exposure." She said attendees were talking about all the great classes offered like Healthy Eating for Healthy Living presented by Priority health and Zumba Gold, presented by American Health and Fitness.

Schoolcraft College, a co-sponsor, gave a presentation on continuing education and professional development.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia sponsored the entertainment, a performance by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans.

St. Mary Mercy's booth was manned by John Elkins, senior services liaison. He wanted to get the word out about two new programs at the. hospital, a free Healthy Aging Conference 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15, and the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute, which opens July 1. Seniors can get a twohour consultation, covered by insurance, that is customized to meet their needs.



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Gospel singer Vickie Winans entertained the crowd at the Spring Expo.



Westland resident Crystal Miller plans her tour of the event.



Sue McLane from Gaggos Law Firm in Bingham Farms talks with Livonia resident Jackie Boyle.



The event got off to a great start.

"It's going great," Elkins said of the expo, adding the number of people he talked to this year was double the number last year. "People are very interested in what we have to tell them about. People are aware of things they can do to detect any difficulty in

advance of it happening."

Close-by venue

Jennifer Lombardo, patient scheduling coordinator for the University of Michigan Livonia Vein Center, said she was answering a lot of questions about compression stockings and treatment

options for spider and varicose veins. She said the location of the expo works for their center, located right up the street from Schoolcraft College at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

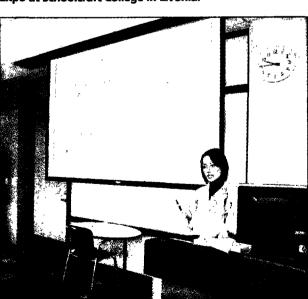
Mosin Askari, director of Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills,



Claudette Benzinger from Westland has her spine analyzed by Dr. Wendy Slinkard of HealthQuest, located in



Maria Schloss from West Bloomfield and Gwen McPhee from Detroit were the first people in line for the Spring Expo at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



The "Are Your Veins Blue?" seminar was lead by Dr. Lisa Pavone of the U-M Livonia Vein Center.

the exclusive golden-level sponsor of the expo, said he liked this year's improvements, which included dropping the word senior from the name to attract active adults of all ages. "I think the management is doing a great job," he said. His only suggestion, he said, would be to move the event from a weekday to the weekend. "The timing is so only seniors can

come," he said. Health Quest, the official chiropractor for the Detroit Lions, was offering complimentary spinal analyses. "This is always fabulous," Sandy Kresch of Health Quest said of the expo. "It's always well-organized and wellattended. That's why we do it." She said that because Health Quest is a returning exhibitor at the expo, a lot of attendees remember them from year to year.

More importantly, "a lot are patients" now, she

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Award recipient makes Wayne 'great place to live'

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Mr. Rouge River that's how Wayne Mayor Al Haidous describes Kurt Kuban.

And it's probably an appropriate moniker

appropriate in for Kuban, who has coordinated Wayne's annual Rouge Rescue efforts for the last 12 years.

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12 years.
Recognizing that and other contributions to the community,
Kuban has been named

the 2013 recipient of the James J. Poplin Award. It's an award presented annually by the Wayne Recreation Advisory Committee to recognize outstanding volun-

teer contributions to rec-

reation.
Presenting the award at the recent city council meeting, Wayne Recreation Advisory Committee Vice Chairman James Cipriani noted the success of the Rouge Res-

cue in Wayne. He noted Kuban was also instrumental in getting the city moving on the now-completed removal of the Wayne Road dam near city hall.

"Kurt has had a 12-year commitment to the Rouge Rescue and brought it back," Cipriani said. "He also leads recreation activities like paddling trips and walks."

Kuban, 43, also led efforts to clean up Dynamite Park on Michigan Avenue with volunteers picking up trash and planting native plants.

"He has helped make Wayne a great place to live." Cipriani said.

To get a feel for the impact of Kuban's efforts and the time involved, Haidous said just take a look at the banks of the Rouge River.

"If you the saw the Rouge River before, you know the difference. You can see all the time and effort the volunteers put in," Haidous said. "I thank you on behalf of the city, the council and the

see the Rouge as a lifeline for the future."

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For Wayne, the hope is that the cleaned up and navigable river can be a recreational attraction to spur revitalization and growth.

A Wayne resident since 1988, Kuban said that there many people who have been involved in the Rouge Rescue.

"I have to be honest, I'm a little embarrassed by the attention. My involvement has always been a labor of love," he said. "I saw the light at the end of the tunnel when people talked about the Rouge as a sewer."

Noting the Rouge Rescue has drawn up to 80 volunteers, Kuban said a lot of other people also deserve a lot of credit.

Married with three children, Kuban is employed as community editor of the Northville Record, which is part of the company that publishes the Wayne-Westland Observer.

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Applications are being taken for two Wayne Recreation Foundation scholarships to benefit Wayne-Westland Community Schools students.

The Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship goes toward the expenses of tuition, room and board, fees, books and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college, or other educational institution.

The scholarship is for one year only.

This \$500-1,000 scholarship was established to assist students in fur-

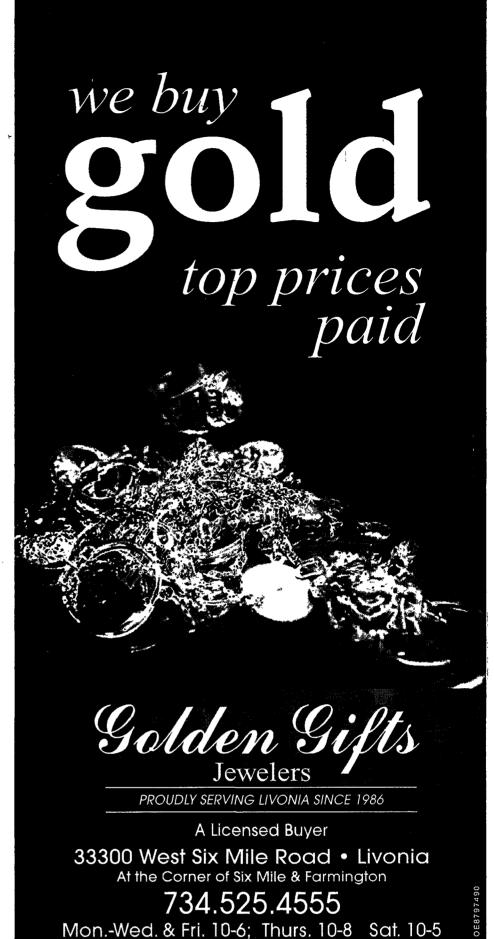
thering an education in the Arts and humanities, including art, dance, theatre, visual, vocal, instrumental, cinematography, photography and writing.

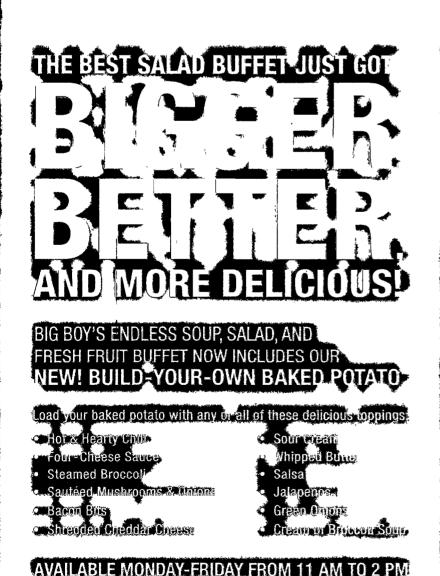
Wayne residents attending Wayne-Westland schools are eligible for the Bower scholarship. The deadline to apply is May 3.

The Jack Demmer Scholarship was established to assist students in furthering their education toward a business related or other career goal. The \$500 scholarship is to be used for tuition, room and board, fees, books and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college, or other educational institution. The scholarship is for one year only.

Students attending
Wayne-Westland Schools
are eligible for this scholarship. Applications must
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For the scholarship requirements and applications, visit the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7400 or visit www.ci.wayne.mi.us.







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Bookstock shoppers load up on favorite authors, topics



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By Karen Smiti Staff Writer

Elsie Waterman has an advantage over other shoppers at Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale going on through this Sunday.

Not only does she live in Livonia, she walks the city's Laurel Park Place mall daily, where the event is being held.

"I'll be back tomorrow so if I don't find anything today, I'll find it tomorrow," she said while perusing a table of art

books Tuesday morning.
Waterman loves to read.
She especially likes autobiographies and books about art, crafts, health and cooking. "I'm addicted to cookbooks," she said.

Waterman is one of thousands of book lovers shopping the sale this week. Other shoppers on Tuesday morning had come from as far away as Grosse Pointe, Ferndale and Commerce.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices. The sale continues through Sunday, April 28. All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Attendance 'great'

"Our attendance has been great," said Hanet Berman, Bookstock cochair. "It's hard to judge the numbers, but it seems to be just as good, if not



Mike Sage of Livonia looks for music to add to his collection.

better, than last year."
Dave Nelson of Canton attends Bookstock each year looking for books on astronomy, photography, woodworking and home improvement. He said he's found that used books often have the same core information on those topics as new books. "It's the same verbiage and examples but for \$5 (instead of \$40 for a new book)."

Marilyn Kellman of Novi was searching for books on quilting. It was her second time attending Bookstock. "This is a great event, and it goes to a great cause," she said.

a great cause," she said.
Kathy and Alan Tykoski of Canton were there picking up DVDs and CDs for the grandkids and seeing what else they could find. They come every year. "I like to look around," Kathy said. "I don't need anything, but I always take something home."

This year, it turned out that Alan Tykoski was the one to take something home: history books about the early years of the Cold War.

Dorothy Post and Donna Eko, both of Farmington Hills, attended Bookstock for the first time this year.

Shopping at opposite ends of the sale, they were both impressed by the number and variety of books.

"Oh, there's so many,"
Post said, admitting she
was a little overwhelmed
by the large selection.

"Oh, I love it," Eko said. She was excited to have found a CD she was considering buying new, Cristofori's Dream by David Lanz. She had heard the piano song on Pandora Internet Radio and loved it

She also found a book by Bill Bryson, a favorite author, on one of her favorite topics: English.

Volunteer-run

Cathy Podvoll of Northville was volunteering at Bookstock for the first time Tuesday, handing out bags and directing attendees to tables with the types of books they were looking for. "It looked like a good thing to do," she said of volunteering.

She was encouraged to donate her time by Dena Lederman of West Bloomfield, who's been helping out at Bookstock for three years now as one of about 700 volunteers.

"It's a great organization, and I like to support it," Lederman said. Bookstock has generated more than \$800,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past 10 years.

But Lederman likes the fringe benefits as well: "I like to pre-shop for books, and it's fun to meet all the people." she said.

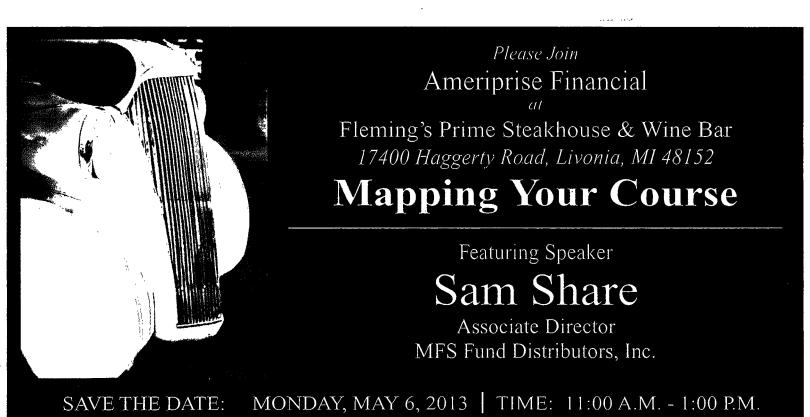
people," she said.

Bookstock features special promotions. From 3-9 p.m. today (Thursday), shoppers can buy three books and get the fourth for free. Those who spend \$25 or more will be entered into a drawing to win a Red Wings jersey signed by the 2011-12 Red Wings. On Bookstock's final day, Sunday, April 28, all books will be sold for half price.

Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile east of I-275 in Livonia.

For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, Ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.

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Lisa Nocerini (left) and Stephanie Moran talk about their work at Northville Township's Winchester Consulting Group.

Public-private partners

New consulting firm offers many services to cities

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

At a time when many municipalities are still suffering the effects of the economic freefall that crippled the nation, a new consulting firm based in Northville Township believes it can help provide many services that were traditionally done by public employees that some towns can no longer afford.

The Winchester Consulting Group is the brainchild of attorney Paul Bohn, a partner with the firm Fausone Bohn, LLP; Lisa Nocerini, who has extensive experience as a lobbyist; and Stephanie Moran, a former journalist. The three bring their various talents to the table and allow the firm to offer a number of services everything from grant writing and public/community relations to economic development and communications exper-

"It's really across the board," said Nocerini, a 38-year-old Green Oak Township resident.

Bonn, who lives in Hamburg Township, said many municipalities have been so strapped by the recent economic downturn that staff members are doing two and three jobs. That's why he believes Winchester should be attractive, because it can do the work municipal staff no longer has the time to perform. He also didn't see many other firms out there that can offer all the

services Winchester can perform.

"Communities really need to look at alternative resources, whether it be through grant writing or grass-roots efforts," he said. "We looked out in the market and all we saw were old guard lobbying firms that offered the cigar-and-Scotch-type of approach. That doesn't necessarily work in the current climate."

With Bohn's law experience, Nocerini's extensive contacts in Lansing and Moran's success at writing grants, the three believe they have much more to offer.

"Our services just make sense together," said Moran, a West Bloomfield resident who is the firm's director of communications and grant services.

The firm has already done grant writing work for the cities of Westland and Wayne, which recently merged their fire departments. With Winchester's help, the cities received a \$750,000 grant to help make the merger a more seamless effort.

The city of Wayne, wnich has seen its duoget dry up in recent years due to a plunge in property values, was so impressed with the grant that city council hired Winchester to perform a number of services. Ultimately the goal is for the firm to secure outside grants to help offset budget cuts.

According to Wayne City Manager Robert English, the contract calls for the city to pay Winchester

\$60,000 annually. If Winchester delivers the way that is hoped, the sum will be a small price to pay.

"They have a proven track record of getting grants. And that is what is attractive to us. We just don't have the staff anymore to even seek these grants. Plus they have a lot of contacts — they know where to look," English said. "For \$60,000 a year, it just seems to make sense. And it's a monthto-month contract, so if we're not seeing a bang for our buck, we can terminate the contract. If they are able to get a couple hundred thousand dollars for us, then it's money in the bank."

Bohn understands the firm will be judged by its success

"There is an expectation for a return for our services. Our business model is to show results," he said.

While it is difficult to find money these days, Nocerini said there is: also a certain satisfaction that comes when they can

"We love doing this. It is fulfilling to us. Sure it is a challenge, but when you are successful, you can really see the difference you make for these communities," she said.

For more information about the Winchester Consulting Group, visit www. winchesterconsultinggroup.com or call (248) 430-9841.

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Now on staff

Garden City Hospital has added several doctors to its medical staff.

The new staffers, who supplement the realm of services available to the public, include:

• Dr. Soumitra Datta, emergency medicine. Dr. Datta is board certified in emergency medicine. He is a graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and he completed his residency program at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. He is located at Garden City Hospital.

• Dr. Haissam El-Takech, pediatrics. Dr. El-Takech recently opened Kid Care Pediatrics in Dearborn. His office is currently accepting new patients, from newborns to up to 18 vears and provides wellness visits, hearing and vision screening, vaccinations, sports physicals and allergy shots. Dr. El-Takech is board-certified in pediatrics and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. His office is at 23351 Ford Road, Dearborn.

 Dr. Michael Ellenberg, physical medicine and rehabilitation. Dr. Ellenberg is a board-certified, physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist at Rehabilitation Physicians, P.C. After receiving his medical education from Wayne State University, Dr. Ellenberg served a one-year internship at St. John's Hospital in Detroit before moving on to his physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at University of Michigan. He has offices at 19850 Middlebelt, Livonia.

• Dr. Pankaj Guglani, pain management. Dr. Guglani is board certified in pain medicine and anesthesiology and is currently practicing at Prizm Pain. Dr. Guglani actively treats all aspects of pain including acute and chronic pain, neck pain, back pain, cancer-related pain, complex-regional pain syndrome and pediatric pain. His office is at 6200 N. Haggerty, Can-

• Dr. Miss W. Hall, pain management. Dr. Hall is a 2007 medical school graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her fellowship program at the University of Texas Health and Science Center. Her office is at 1819 E. Big Beaver Road, Suite 210, Troy.

 Dr. Vinay Malviya, Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Malviya is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and gynecologic oncology. Dr. Malviya completed his fellowship program at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He has his office at 22301 Foster Winter Dr., Bloomfield Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral Line at 877-717-WELL or visit GCH.org.

Closed for remodeling

If you're in the mood for lunch at Westland Applebee's Restaurant at 36475 Warren Road, you'll have to wait until Saturday, April 27. The popular restaurant is temporarily closed while it undergoes \$300,000 in exterior and interior renovations. It will be open for dinner only on Thursday and Friday, April 25-26, at 5 p.m. The grand reopening will take place 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 27.

The exterior renovations include the installation of decorative stone work to the front of the building, along with the addition of a new metal canopy. The work also includes a new standing metal roof, new building lighting, pre-finished metal cornice and new window awnings.

The interior of the restaurant also will get a makeover with new furnishings and new decor. The renovations also include new seating, more TVs and revitalization of the bar area.

Westland Applebee's was purchased in September 2012 as a part of a 65-restaurant deal by the TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants. TEAM Schostak is a Livoniabased, family owned company. Located on the corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, in the heart of Westland's Shop and Dine District, Applebee's is situated in one of Westland's busiest corridors.

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Game is on to stay competitive

By Clarity Patton Newhouse **Guest Columnist**

e've probably all heard some version of the concept that it's insane to repeat the same behav-

ior and expect different results. This of course implies that repeating the same behavior will in



fact produce the same results. However, these days we can only wish that doing the same thing would produce the same results. Instead, in the business world the reality is this.

Doing the same things we've always done WILL NOT produce the same results we've always got-

Today's fast-moving business environment demands that we tune up our game and learn new plays, if we want to achieve the same results in the current economy that we used to achieve during better economic

times. This is even more critical, if we want to

achieve superior results. Today, companies are at risk, if they assume that the same old marketing or customer service techniques from past years will continue to produce the same results. Likewise, employees are at risk if they think the skills they had when they got the job are the same skills that will be required keep the job. We absolutely must continually "brush up" to improve our competitiveness or risk becoming irrelevant.

Just look around. Many college students graduating today have great new skills. Many veteran employees getting laid off have great professional experience. For those of us with a job who want to stay at the front of our field, it's game on. People who are unemployed already know how competitive the marketplace is. It's those of us who are currently employed that need to wake up and smell the new economy -

or risk getting benched. So today, let's ask ourselves what enhancements we can make to our skills - or what improvements we can make to our businesses - to ensure that we remain the top choice for our employers and customers.

Let's stay in the game and have a sunny day! Clarity

P.S. "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting dif-

ferent results." Albert Einstein

(According to some Internet sources. This quote has been attributed to other people as well after Einstein.)

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fatal accident, McCon-

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fault in the accident and

had fled. She was later

being arrested in Brigh-

McConnell continued a

\$1 million cash bond for

"She (Bickham) stays in

Judge reduces charges in fatal confrontation

A simmering argument between several women, a can of mace and wrench thrown at a vehicle windshield escalated into an incident that left a Westland mother dead.

That was the testimony Thursday, April 18 in 18th District Court at the preliminary examination of Shannon Marie Gruden, 30, charged with running over and killing Amanda Hall, 25.

Following the testimony, two of three charges, including a count of second-degree murder, were dismissed against Gruden, an Inkster resident. Gruden is still facing a charge of failing to stop at the scene of a fatal accident, a 15-year felony, in the March 21 death of Hall.

During the preliminary examination, 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell cited the testimony of witnesses Talayla Fickling, a passenger

in Gruden's vehicle, and Hall's mother Mary Bickham, in dismissing

the charges. "With Ms. Bickham, I

found a lot of testimony that was not believable." McConnell said. "She is either trying to get the person who killed her daughter or she is trying to mitigate her own culpability.' The women gave con-

flicting accounts of the incident, and McConnell said he didn't find Bickham's testimony credible. In fact, McConnell commented that it was Bickham who triggered the events leading to Hall's death.

"Ms. Fickling had some issues with her testimony. With what I know of her, she has some challenges in her intelligence," said McConnell.

"The environment (in court) of the questioning caused her to be confused. I was able to get a good sense of what happened."

Earlier dispute

The testimony of both Fickling and Bickham was that Hall and her sister had some type of dispute earlier in the day with Gruden's sisters although Gruden was not present at that point. Gruden and Hall were reported rivals over an unidentified man.

Fickling said she was present during the argument, then joined Gruden and one of her sisters in a vehicle to go shopping. In the interim, Bickham had been called about the dispute and headed to Hall's home on Manistee Court along with her roommate and the roommate's boyfriend.

Bickham testified that her daughters had "been jumped" by Fickling and Gruden's two sisters, who also live on Manistee. After a brief visit at Hall's home, Bickham testified that she and her

companions were driving away on Manistee when they saw Gruden in her vehicle, followed by a car driven by Gruden's sis-

Bickham's version was that she got out of the car to confront Fickling, the back seat passenger, and sprayed her with mace when she saw Fickling start to get out of the vehicle.

Fickling, however, had testified that Gruden had received the bulk of the chemical spray from Bickham through an open vehicle window. Prior to Hall being hit by the vehicle, the man who came to the scene with Bickham threw a wrench at the windshield of Gruden's vehicle, according to Bickham.

Both witnesses agreed that Gruden then backed up her Jeep and struck the car behind her driven by her sister before going forward when she hit Hall.

In her testimony, Bickham said that Gruden

had attempted to hit her with the vehicle and swerved to hit the roommate and her boyfriend before striking Hall. Bickham described her daughter as standing near the curb in an area that would have been on a straight path in front of Gruden's vehicle.

Incident escalated

The incident escalated so quickly that there wasn't time for Gruden to form an intent to kill Hall, a requirement of the second-degree murder charge, McConnell said. Additionally, McConnell noted there were several people in the street who were being assaultive to Gruden and an object had been thrown at her vehicle. "The defendant tries to get out of there, anyone would try to get out quickly," he said. "She hits a car behind her she can't go that way. She accelerates rapidly forward."

Gruden as a flight risk, noting that she had fled the area and that there was testimony that she had talked of leaving the

state. **Wayne County Circuit** Court arraignment for Gruden has been set for April 25.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 8 4/15/13

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves 60: Appr. WWVPC Memorial Day Parade on 5/26.

Appr. Run Wild 5K 4/20/13.

Appr. VFW #6896 poppy sales 5/9-12 @ Wayne & Warren.

- Appr. admin. fee for daily storage of vehicles on PD property; amt. \$21/day.
- Bid for demolition of condemned bldgs. @ 32570-76 Mackinac to Leadhead Construction; amt. \$8,850 & 2204-10 Emerson; amt. \$9,850 & to Universal Consolidated for 32245-47

Hillsdale amt. \$8,900.

- Purchase Agrmnt. w/Newco Westland LLC for purchase of 7368 Nankin; amt. \$275,000. Appr. Professional Services Agrmnt. w/ Strategic Communication Solutions from 7/1/13 to 6/30/15; amt. \$7.500/month.

- Appr. 2 amendments to SME Contract for environmental services at Central City Pk. - Adopted resolution approving FEMA grant & contract w/Motorola Solutions for dispatch consoles; FEMA's portion \$404,086.00, City's portion \$140,000.00 max.

- Adopted Prepared Resolution for 1 NSP acquisition; 31905 Saginaw. - Appr. Farmer's Market every Thursday in City Hall parking lot commencing 5/2/13.

- Appr. contract w/Growing Hope for management of Westland Farmer's Market for 2 yr.

pertiod from 3/13-11/13; amt. \$36,000 & 3/14-11/14.
- Appr. WYAAA carnival 5/3-5 @ 6615 N. Venoy.

61: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/1/13.

62: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XXXIX. 63: Appr. Cinco de Mayo event at Case Fiesta, 7667 Wayne Rd.

64: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. elevation updates to Westway Plaza, 35640 Warren Rd. w/ contingencies.

65: Appr. checklist: \$13,626,279.92 & Prepaid: \$362,913.09. Mtg. adj. at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

Publish: April 25, 2013

CITY OF WESTLAND LIVONIA SCHOOL BOARD BOND SPECIAL ELECTION May 7, 2013

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, (living in the Livonia School District) County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Livonia Schools Bond Special Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following item will be voted upon: Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Five Million Dollars (\$195,000,000) and issue, in one or more series, its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities, in part, for facility infrastructure, building security and entryways, energy conservation improvements, and performing arts centers and associated classrooms; acquiring, installing and equipping educational technology for school facilities; constructing, equipping, developing and improving play fields, playgrounds, and athletic facilities for press boxes; purchasing school buses; and developing and improving sites? YES

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 10, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing	Date of	Voted	Years In
Authorities	Election	Increases	<u>Effective</u>
County of Wayne	11-3-2010	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	8-7-2012	.9381 mill	2021 .
Wayne County Parks	11-2-2010	0.25 mill	2015
Wayne County Comm. Coll.	11-6-2009	1.25 mills	2020
Wayne County DIA	Aug. 2012	0.2 mill	2021
Livonia Schools	11-2009	18.4568 mills	2015 (non-homestead)
Livonia Schools	11-2009	1.12 mills	2014
City of Westland	Operating	6.4834 mills	
City of Westland	Pol. & Fire Ret.	4.50 mills	
City of Westland	Act 359	0.0302	
City of Westland	Sanitation	2.0 mills	
City of Westland	Other	$6.5302 \; \mathbf{mills}$,
City of Westland	Gen. Fund	13.0136 mills	
City of Westland	Library	0.9477 mill	•
City of Westland	Library	0.99 mill	2021

Dated: March 27, 2013

Publish: April 18 & 25, 2013

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/ Treasurer

The places of voting for the Livonia School Board Bond Election to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, will be as follows:

Precincts 12, 25 & 35 Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct. 15 Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd. 16 21 & 42 Johnson School, 8400 Hix Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz 27 & 36 Hayes School, 30600 Louise St. Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy 40 & 41

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Westland City Clerk

Eileen DeHart, CMC

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Wrestling

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will present Collision, a free of charge all-ages event at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Filmed on location and edited for television, the event will feature an allstar lineup of wrestlers, including the U.S. champion "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, The Bradford Dynasty, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson and Jay Abrahms. There will be 10 matches to discover who will be the next to hold the U.S. championship title.

The Devil Elvis Band will perform live, and there will be concessions. including hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, pop and

Bickham went to Man-

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance is a local sports entertainment group. For more information, visit its website at

www.mympwa.webs.com.

Fashion show

Check out the latest styles and fashions from retailer Forever 21 at a Spring Fashion Show Saturday, April 27, at the Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland.

Hosted by Radio Disney AM910, the event takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features a visit by Billy Unger of Disney's Lab Rats. There also will be games and prizes. Enter

to win a VIP Forever 21 shopping spree with Unger. Visit Forever 21 to enter. The winner will be announced at the spring fashion show.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its chili cook-off at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at **Dorsey Center, 32715** Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held on May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@ robinwood.com.



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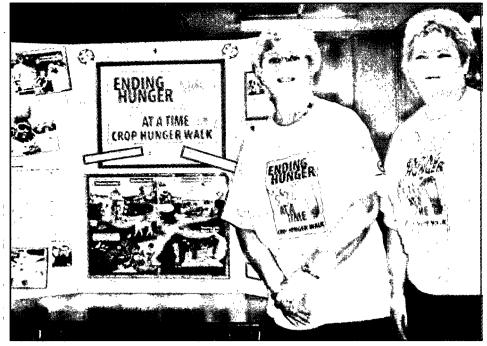
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Marlea Pfeil (left) and Linda Bierbaum hope to make the 19th annual CROP Hunger Walk bigger and better. It will be held Sunday, May 5, in Westland and involves churches from Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Westland.

9 churches participate in annual CROP Walk

Members of nine churches in Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Inkster will take a walk on Sunday, May 5, to help fight hunger as part of the 19th annual Church World Service CROP

Hunger Walk. CROP is an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. The annual walk will be held in Westland and start at 3 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh. Registration will be at 2:30 p.m.

The participating churches are Wayne First United Methodist Church, Wayne First Congregational Church, Wayne St. Mary Catholic, Garden City Good Hope Lutheran Church, Inkster St. Mark's Baptist Church and Westland Grace Moravian, Kirk of our Savior Presbyterian, Prince of Peace Lutheran and St. Richard Catholic Church.

This year's walk route goes through the neighborhoods near P.D. Graham Elementary on Hix and Stevenson Middle School on Palmer.

"We hope to increase awareness of this worthwhile event," said organizers Marlea Pfeil and Linda Bierbaum. "We will have infants and people up into their 80s doing the walk. The walkers have obtained pledges, and truly believe that one person can make a difference one step at a time."

Last year's CROP Walk had 140 walkers and raised almost \$13,000.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised through the CROP Walk will be given to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, FISH of Wayne, Good **Hope Lutheran Church** Food Pantry in Garden City and St. Mary's Bolde Memorial Food Bank

When CROP began in 1947, under the wing of Church World Service, its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walk was held on Oct. 17, 1969, when 1,000 people in Bismarck, N.D., walked and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Today, more than 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks.

Pfeil and Bierbaum hope to increase participation and raise even more money. People interested in participating in the CROP Hunger Walk can call Prince of **Peace Lutheran Church** at (734) 722-1735 for more information.

"It is a way to participate in God's work throughout the world," they said.

Last chance to see Wayne Jazz before summer break

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Local skaters are ending their season with a look at past Wayne Ice Shows during three performances over the week-

It will be the 38th annual ice show and the 10th directed by Julie Marchand, director of figure skating at the Wayne Ice Arena.

"The theme this year is Back in Time. We're doing a couple of numbers from past years,' said Marchand.

The show will feature 67 skaters from 3 to 17 years old. The skaters will come from a combination of the competitive skaters from the Wayne Jazz synchronized skating team - undefeated for three seasons - and less experienced skaters in the arena's learn to skate program.

"The synchronized team will perform in the show. There are 11 girls in the Wayne Jazz and all

ANNUAL ICE SHOW

Who: the Wayne Jazz and other skaters What: the 38th annual. Wayne Ice Show Where: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe,

Wayne When: 7:30 p.m. Friday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: Adults \$6 in

advance/\$7 at the door; \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door for seniors and kids age 17 and younger.

of them compete individually," said Marchand, who coaches the team. "Not all of them could participate but members will be in the group numbers and do solos.'

Coming at the end of the competitive season, the ice show brings an end to skating until fall at the Wayne Community Center, which doesn't have ice over the sum-

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Along with showcasing the skills of the skaters, the ice show also helps generate interest in the skating program and the Wayne Jazz, in particular.

"We do actually get a lot of interest after the ice show. Kids come to see their friends and decide they would like to try skating," said March-

That's the Wayne Jazz are hosting a team skating clinic 4:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday at the arena.

"No experience is needed. There is no age limit. We can form tot teams,' said Marchand. "If they are interested, people can sharpen their skating skills over the summer.'

The annual ice show draws an average of over 200 people per performance. That number might increase this year, Marchand said, since the Wayne Jazz have had a higher profile lately.

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Earth Day

Helping the earth is more than a 24-hour commitment

Monday, the world paused to celebrate Earth Day. What began as a nationwide protest has become a global event, with more than one billion people in more than 180 countries around the world participating in initiatives and events to spur action to protect our planet.

The late Sen. Gaylord Nelson, a Democrat from Wisconsin, came up with the idea for Earth Day in 1969. He envisioned a large-scale environmental demonstration, much like the anti-Vietnam teach-ins on college campuses, to catch the attention of the federal government. And it did.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. Twenty million people across the United States participated in rallies celebrating nature and decrying activities that put it at risk. That event brought about the founding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that year and within five years, the banning of the insecticide DDT, passage of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the setting of emissions and efficiency standards for vehicles, among other things.

Four decades later, reducing, recycling and reusing is very much part of the American way of life. People understand that "going green" isn't a catchy phrase, it's a matter of survival of the planet They recycle at the curb or at centers, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. They line up at Wayne Countysponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days to properly dispose of such things as fertilizer, pesticides, batteries, antifreeze, motor oil and electronics. The first such collection of 2013 was held earlier this month. Three more are planned for Saturday, June 22, Henry Ford Community College; in Dearborn, Saturday, Aug. 24, at Westland Shopping Center in Westland, and Saturday, Oct. 12, at Southland Shopping Center in Taylor.

They turn out to help clean up waterways and restore them through events like the annual Rouge Rescue. In the 25 years since the Rouge Rescue started, more than 46,000 cubic yards of trash and debris and 63 vehicles have been removed from the river. As a result, the river's health has improved and the sensitive stonefly can now be found in its waters.

Cleaning up the river also has opened it up to recreational opportunities. In the city of Wayne, the annual cleanup, as well as the removal a dam under Wayne Road last year, has opened up the lower branch of the river to canoeing and kayaking within the city limits.

This week, the message of Earth Day is being shared with adults and children alike. In Westland, officials used Earth Day to announce the second phase of the city's recycling program and unveil its the newly updated Recycling Center. Children at Hoover Elementary School in Wayne are participating in tree plantings, and with students at St. Damian School in Westland who are using recyclables to create works of art.

But Earth Day shouldn't happen just once a year. Every day is a good day to do something for the earth like participating in the cleanup of Tonquish Creek, a tributary of the upper branch of the Rouge, on Saturday, May 4. The Holliday Nature Preserve Association and the City of Westland need 60 volunteers for a cleanup of the creek where it flows under Wayne Road on the southern edge of Livonia.

Gaylord was correct in his observation that "the wealth of the nation is its air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats and biodiversity" and that they are "the sustaining wealth of the world." Great strides have been made to preserve them since the first Earth Day. But a lot remains to be done. We now know that every little bit does mater in reversing the effects of decades of neglect. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get involved. The earth needs our help now not later.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

As seniors, what your feelings about leaving high school?

We asked this question at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.



"I think it's pretty scary, but it's also exciting. It's scary because you don't know if your plan for your life will work out, but if it does, you have a success story."

"For me bitterswe percent is limited to it will work out, starting my life."

Loren Hubbs Wayne



"For me, it's 30 percent bittersweet and 70 percent sweet because I'm really excited about starting a new part of my life."

> Amy McGregor Wayne



"It's exciting because you're starting a new chapter in your life and you're no longer being held down by the limits of high school."

Tyler Barber Westland



"I'm excited because I'm finally graduating and beginning a new life and going to college. But it's scary because I don't know if my dreams come true. As much as I want to get out, I'm going to miss this place."

Eric Pohl Wayne

LETTERS

Ordinance is restrictive

This letter is being written in response to a page one article in Thursday, April 11, Wayne-Westland Observer, titled "New ordinance regulates garage sales in Westland."

I thank the city for the new ordinance on garage sales. For years, there has been a need to provide guidelines. Nearly 20 years ago, I presented a research document to the city, with statistics from the citizens of Westland on garage sales. Included were the guidelines of surrounding cities. Westland is an active recycling city, and garage sales are a vital part of the city's recycle program. Without garage sales, many of these items could end up in landfills.

These sales are Westland's opportunity to not only recycle but provides families the ability to buy and sell items at a reasonable price. Socialization, especially for our seniors, is another plus, and does provide social interaction with people at a time when many don't even know their neighbors.

My concern with the new ordinance is its limitations. Those restrictions put a burden on those of us who are conscientious citizens and have held garage sales in a responsible way. It limits the outcome for a successful garage sale. Success is more than money!

First, the \$12 and \$15 permit cost seems unreasonable compared to other cities.

Second, 24 hours to clean up is not enough time. It takes a lot of effort to set up and pack up a "good" garage sale.

Third, for the time it takes to organize a garage sale, four days does not justify the effort. Normally, a seven-day sale, not four, provides adequate exposure, especially with potential inclement weather.

Fourth, to limit four garage sales a year, spaced 90 days apart, is impractical. In reality, this only allows for two garage sales a year—one at the beginning and one at the end of summer. Who has a sale in the winter months? Two or three sales 30–60 days apart is more realistic.

Finally, there is no defined sign format like some cities have. And the placement of those signs is another issue that needs a remedy. Besides restricting sign placement on city property at the ends of streets, the ordinance now requires a sign to be three feet inside any property line. And if this sign ordinance is in effect, it should go across the board and include candidates at election time, realtors, and other posting to sell mattresses, etc.

Westland's new ordinance on garage sales was long overdue. In its attempt to provide guidelines, the ordinance's restrictive nature seems to limit those of us who have always been responsible.

> Mary Ann Clos Westland

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Thanks, hospice volunteers

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and Compassionate Care Hospice wishes to recognize their dedicated volunteer force for paying visits to patients, assisting with operations in the office, helping with special events such as bunny, dog and cat visits at care facilities, Providing musical companionship and sitting vigil with

patients at the very end of life. The following volunteers are appreciated by the staff and patients of Compassionate Care Hospice: Barbara Adkins, Gloria Arreguin-Ison, Steve Avery, Billy Brooks, Barbara Burleson, Deanna Call, Mollee Chowen, Su Mei Dixon, Marita Dyer, Jeanne Edwards, Kayla Evans, Greg Green, Heather Gruszczynski, Marie Guglielmotti, Renee Greger, Bruce Hanks, Hwa Kwon, John Harris, Jake O'Connor, Ben Iacoban, JoAnn Mackrain, Maggie Maly, Kim Messer, Brian O'Connor, Kirstie Lowe, Nick Pisano, Tiffany Porter, Carl Quinn, Judy Rea, Sonali Reddy, Simran Reddy, Jana Riutta, Kira Schwartz, Harvir Singh, Pat Theisen, Anita Thompson, Jerry Austin, Deborah Morgeson, Sanaa Uddin, Lisa Wright, Chelsea Miller, Mary Ellen Navin, Carol Parkinson, Carol Riley, Mary Ann Schrock-Hoffman, Elizabeth Seiler, Sam Watters, Susie Zaroni, and pet therapy animals Bonita the bunny, Lilly the cat, and

dogs Ginger, Chester and Cooper.
These volunteers will be formally recognized at Compassionate Care Hospice's Annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Thursday, April 25. They will need to dodge the paparazzi on the Red Carpet at the Emagine-Canton Movie Theater.

Anyone wishing to join our dynamic volunteer program may contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, at (888) 983-9050. The next orientation is fast approaching.

Justine Galat volunteer coordinator Compassionate Care Hospice

True bond cost

On May 7, Livonia residents will

vote on a school bond proposal, a bond proposal which asks the voters of Livonia to borrow \$195 million for the construction of new buildings and the remodeling of old ones. Of course it's "for the children." The catch?

The real price-tag will be \$370 million — \$195 million in principal and \$175 million in interest, according to a projection done by Stauder, Barch & Associates Inc. That means that almost half, 47 percent, of what will come out of each taxpayer's pocket will go to big financial firms and bond dealers, not Livonia schools or children.

Moreover, school enrollment in Livonia has shrunk by almost 3,000 students since 2000 — from 18,500 to a little over 15,500 in 2012. These trends are expected to continue. Instead of spending more money, schools should be cutting spending to reflect lower enrollment.

With Livonia having less than 100,000 residents, this school bond proposal will cost more than \$3,700 per Livonian. That is a heavy burden to put on taxpayers — especially on those who will be paying the bulk of the new taxes: small businesses which create jobs and provide services in our city.

The bottom line is that this school bond proposal will grease the palms of big financial firms and bond dealers as well as construction companies and big union bosses who will do the building and remodeling, at the expense of families and small businesses struggling to make ends meet.

Alex Witoslawski

Livonia Stop and think before voting yes

I think we should all stop and think before we vote May 7 for the \$195 million school bond proposal. This is the school board that gave the current school supervisor a \$50,000 raise when the general public, the teachers and school staff were taking pay and benefit cuts plus many were being laid off.

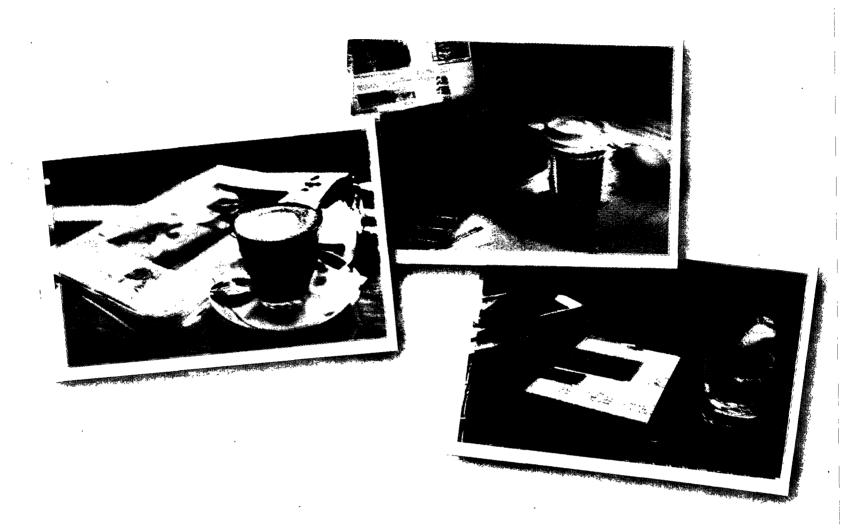
We all know our property values were dropping, which cut into the school budget but they are rising again. This is also the same supervisor and school board that proposed a May vote at a cost of thousand of dollars instead of including it with the August election at no cost. These actions make me feel that they are too loose with our money and do not show the restraints that should be enacted in these times. They should be working within their current budgets. With property values, increasing school revenue will also increase.

They say the money will not be used for salaries or medical and retirement benefits but it will free up more of the regular funds for these benefits. I say there needs to be restraint and until all current bonds are paid off, we should not vote for 30 more years of debt.

Joseph Abdalla

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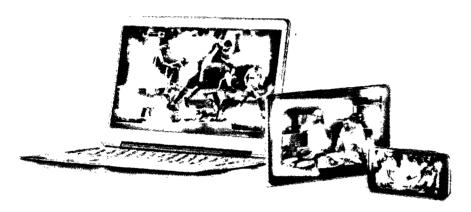
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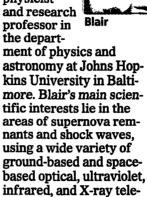


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1971 grad is John Glenn Distinguished Alumnus

A professor at John Hopkins University will be honored as John Glenn High School's Distinguished Alumnus for

William P.
Blair, a 1971
John Glenn
graduate,
is an astrophysicist
and research
professor in
the depart-



Blair has more than 250 publications, primarily refereed research papers. He has presented invited review talks at international conferences in China, Spain, Italy, and many conferences around the United States and Canada.

After graduating from John Glenn, Blair obtained a bachelor of arts degree in 1975 from Olivet College, where he majored in physics and mathematics. He received a master of science degree in 1977 and a doctoral degree in 1981 in astronomy from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After three years as an astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., Blair moved to Johns Hopkins University where he was deputy project scientist for mission planning and operations for the Hopkins Ultraviolet Telescope (HUT) project which flew two missions on the space shuttle, Astro-1 (STS-35) in 1990 and Astro-2 (STS-67) in March 1995. Blair was involved in mission operations at NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center during both missions.

In 1996, he joined the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (FUSE)

mission, a NASA-funded space telescope developed by and then operated from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He was the chief of observatory operations for FUSE, which has been called "the largest astrophysics mission to be operated in a university setting." Prior to joining the FUSE project in 1996, Blair was also a member of the **Instrument Definition** Team for the Faint Object Spectrograph, an original instrument on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Since 2009, Blair has worked on ground system development activities for the James Webb Space Telescope slated for launch later this decade.

Married, and he and his wife, Jean Shaffer Blair, have two children, Amy, 26, and Jeremy, 23. He will be honored as part of John Glenn High School's commencement ceremonies on June 1 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

New laws will affect 2013 tax filing

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

ost people believe that since they've filed 2012 tax returns, they don't

they don't have to think about taxes for another year. Unfortunately,

the case.

Unfortunately, that is not Rick Bloom

To be efficient and to make the tax laws work for you, you do have to think about taxes 12 months a year. It is important to have an understanding of our tax laws.

laws.
This year, several new tax laws will impact many filers. Some of the changes are due to the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which was signed into law this year as a compromise to the fiscal cliff issues. Other new tax laws go into effect because of Obamacare. Following is a sampling of some tax law changes.

Health care act

This year, because of Obamacare, a new 3.8-percent Medicare investment tax will be imposed on investment income regarding such things as interest, dividends and capital gains. This new tax is not for everyone,

but does impact single taxpayers with adjusted gross income that exceeds \$200,000 and for married couples with adjusted gross income that exceeds \$250,000. This tax is in addition to the new Medicare tax on earned income. Earned income is income from your wages. This new Medicare payroll tax is 0.9 percent and it applies to the same taxpayers as the new Medicare investment tax.

Another change this year in the tax law deals with the medical expense deduction. In the past, there was a 7.5-percent income threshold for deducting non-reimbursed medical expenses. This year that number is increasing to 10 percent. It applies to all taxpayers up to age 65. Taxpayers older than 65 can continue to use the 7.5-percent number until 2017. The result of this change is that less people will be a able to deduct medical expenses on their tax returns.

Talking about deductions, one nice thing the IRS did for 2013 is reduce the record keeping requirement for home office deductions. If you qualify for a home office deduction, you can use a new optional deduction which is calculated at \$5 a square foot and is capped at \$1,500 a year. This relieves taxpayers of burdensome record keeping.

High-income taxpayers

The year 2013 will also bring other increases for high-income taxpayers. The ordinary income tax bracket is raised to 39.6 percent for those single with taxable income over \$400,000 or married with income over \$450,000. In addition, when you reach those thresholds, your capital gain rate will rise from 15 percent to 20 percent.

Also in 2013, certain tax breaks were renewed, such as the qualified tuition deduction and the ability to contribute up to \$100,000 of your minimum required distribution directly from your IRA to a charity.

I believe the goal is to have more money in your pocket. Therefore, don't do anything for tax reasons alone, do things that make good economic sense.

You don't have to be an expert on tax laws. However, being informed about taxes will help you be more efficient and ultimately means more money in your pocket—exactly where it

belongs.
Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email Rick at rick@ bloomassetmanagement.

Wayne-Westland offers students high school choice

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2013-2014 school year for students in grades 9-11.

The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school.

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Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a high school other than their school of residency must submit a 2013-2014 Schools of Choice application that are available in each Wayne-Westland high school.

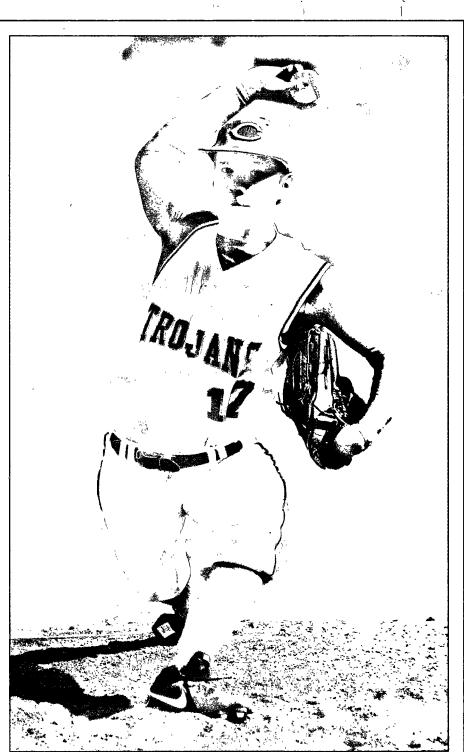
Schools of Choice applications for high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, through May 8. The applications received according to the time lines will permit selected students, if space is available, to begin the 2013-2014 school

year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at that time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2013-2014 school year.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her home school, if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied.

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Call to arms

Livonia Clarenceville's Tyler Weed threw his second consecutive shutout in Monday's 7-0 WWAC victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis. For a more on the story and other prep baseball games, see page B???

Crusaders sweep, stay atop **WHAC**

N'western Ohio latest victim

Madonna University maintained its grip on first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball race Sunday by sweeping a double-header against host University of Northwestern Ohio, 7-5 (10

innings) and 3-1. MU, now 27-7 overall and 14-1 in the WHAC, completed the sweep as starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) improved to 4-1 by allowing just one earned run on four hits over five

Josh Vandemark came on to earn his first college save with two scoreless innings in relief.

Alex Charles and Justin Cook each knocked in a run for MU.

Northwestern Ohio (18-19, 12-10) got two hits from Ben Smith, while starter Engel Diaz (1-2) went the first 4.2 innings to suffer the loss.

After squandering a four-run lead in the bottom of the ninth, MU

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had to go extra innings and used a two-run single from freshman right fielder Christian Holder in Game One.

Holder finished with two hits and a careerbest four RBI, while senior center fielder Alex Charles went 3-for-4 with a RBI and a run scored.

Senior left fielder Steve **Pelletier (Farmington** Harrison) matched Holder with two hits.

Madonna starter Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/ Dearborn Divine Child), who did not get the decision, went eight strong innings allowing just one earned run on three hits and four walks. Reliever Matthew Cook (6-1), who was roughed up for four earned runs on five hits in the final two innings, got the victory.

Reliever Junior Santos (0-1) took the loss for the Racers, while Cesar Loiz and Geoff Bowers each collected two hits.

Meijer West icers named

Seven area players have been selected to represent the Metro West high school hockey team in the Meijer State Games, June 21-23, in the Grand Rapids area.

Among those selected from Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson include junior forwards Devin Kelly, Tyler Irvine and Dominic Lutz.

Also named to the squad from Livonia Churchill are junior defenseman Drew Puishes, junior goalie David Turel and junior forward Andrew Sparks.

Livonia Franklin iunior forward C.J. Cromie also earned a spot in the squad that will be coached by Salem's Ryan Ossenmacher assisted by Gerry Vento (Plymouth) and Dan Whitener.

MU athletes earn salutes

 Madonna University Victor Barron (Fowlerville), who batted .476 and led the Crusader baseball team to a perfect 6-0 record, was named Wolverine-Hoosier-Athletic **Conference Player of** the Week.

Barron had two doubles and two triples among his 10 hits and also made 12 putouts along with 25 assists defensively.

 Madonna University senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was the second Crusader in as many weeks to earn WHAC Player of the Week in men's golf.

Myers finished the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational with a 1-over 73-72-145 two-day total to tie for first place medalist honors before losing to Davenport's Jorge Benitel in a one-game playoff.

It's a stand-off

Rivals Glenn, Wayne fight to 2-2 draw

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

The old adage "You can throw the records out of the window" when two rivals meet certainly applied Tuesday when underdog Wayne Memorial earned a 2-2 girls soccer draw with host Westland John Glenn.

"We dominated the game." said Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo, whose team enjoyed a 24-8 shots-on-goal advantage, "but they took advantage and finished when they had to."

Glenn, now 4-1-2 overall and 0-1-1 in the KLAA's South division, got a goal in each half from Sydney Climie (from Evelyn Acerrano) and Kaitlyn Mitchell (unassisted).

Wayne (1-2-1, 0-1-1) countered with goals in each half from Crystal Fletcher (from Savannah Monette) and Victoria McKague (from Summer Elbaadani).

Wayne goalkeeper Nikki Tolentino made 21 saves, while Glenn's Jenna Redden had six

CANTON 3, CHURCHILL 2: Madeline Lucas scored all three goals to lift the Chiefs (2-4, 2-0) to a KLAA South Division win Tuesday over visiting Livonia Churchill (3-4-1, 1-1-1). Churchili junior Kelsey Parrinello scored twice with Lauren Wynns and Kathleen Rubenson picking up assists.



DOUGLAS BARGERTOCK

Wayne's Victoria McKague (21) and John Glenn's Lori Thompson (12) get locked up battling for the ball in Tuesday's KLAA South Division match.

Canton led 1-0 at halftime and went up 3-1 in the second half before Parrinello's goal cut the deficit to 3-2. The Chargers then hit a post with the potential game-tying goal with three minute left.

"There was a stretch for 10 minutes in each half where we did not step

up mentally or physically," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Canton out-muscled us for every ball and they were more physical. That's where we lost the game.

Alexis Tzarfaroglou went the first 75

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Fraser's 1st in Ladywood Tournament

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Fraser emerged the winner Saturday in the Livonia Ladywood Invitational girls soccer tournament with a 3-2 victory over Haslett in the championship final.

Livonia Stevenson placed third in the eight-team tournament winning two of three match-**GIRLS SOCCER**

es, open-

ing with a 1-0 victory over Dearborn Divine Child as Sari Rakowicz tallied the game-winner on a pass from Carlin O'Malley in the first half.

Goalkeeper Emily Kubeshesky made two saves to post the shutout.

In the second round, Stevenson fell to Haslett, 4-1, going down 2-0 in the first 20 minutes

despite some good attacks. Stevenson recorded its only goal when Emily Mulcahy's corner kick found Taylor McLaud, who headed it Katelyn Foster, who then headed it home.

In the final match of the day,

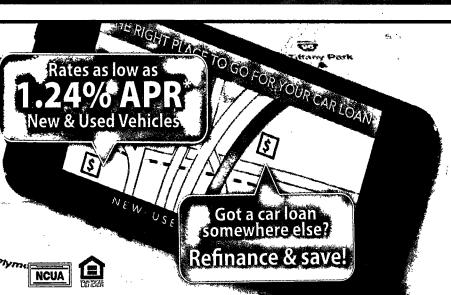
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Blazers romp in lacrosse

Juniors Jessica Snyder and Megan Leon tallied five and four goals, respectively, leading unbeaten Livonia Ladywood to a 17-5 girls lacrosse victory Monday at Warren Regina.

Senior Jaclyn Snyder also added three goals and senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 15 saves as the Blazers improved to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the Catholic League.

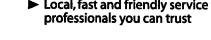
Kayla Parks scored twice for the Saddlelites, while goalie Maggie Golia made 12 saves.



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MU ends losing streak as Meek hurls 3-hitter

The Madonna University softball team's bats continue to be cold in Sunday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opening game suffering. a 5-1 setback o Aquinas College.

But the host Crusaders rebounded with a 3-0 win in the nightcap as Carlee Meek pitched a completegame three-hitter to snap a four-game losing streak at University Field.

Meek (10-1), faced just 24 batters and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Emma Cook, Erin Mayes and Amber Rafko each knocked in a run as the Crusaders improved to 26-16 overall and 8-5 in the WHAC.

Rebecca Shineldecker (6-9) took the loss for the Saints, who slipped to 1813 and 4-4.

In Game One, Aquinas pitcher Carlie Giarmo limited the Crusaders to three hits and four walked over seven innings to improve to 8-3. Giarmo struck out six.

Losing pitcher Bree Crampton (13-12) allowed four earned runs on five hits over the first four innings before Meek came on in relief and held the Saints scoreless over the final three.

Caitlyn Keuvelaar had the lone RBI for MU, while Irma Cruz and Renae Tubergen each knocked in two runs for the Saints.

DAVENPORT 4-3, MU 0-2: In a WHAC twinbill Saturday, host Madonna University (25-15, 7-4) lost twice to Davenport University (26-11-1, 9-3) at University Field. Sam Cole blanked MU on

three hits in the opener. She struck out one and walked four over seven innings en

route to a 4-0 shutout. Losing pitcher Bree Crampton struck out a career-high 13 in suffering the loss. She allowed two earned runs on seven hits and four walks.

K.C. Dunne went 2-for-3 with two RBI to pace the Panthers. In Game Two, Davenport got the game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning to pull out a 3-2 victory.
Cole (17-6) came on in relief

of starter Kyleigh Linebaugh in the sixth inning to earn the victory.
Carlee Meek started for MU,

allowing two earned runs on nine hits over five innings. Crampton (13-10), who pitched the final three innings allowing one run and fanning seven, took the loss.

Kristen Drabek went 3-for-3 in the loss, while Katie Fenech went 2-for-3 with three RBI including a homer.

Carli SanMillan (Livonia Ladywood) went 3-for-4, while Kelly DuCharme knocked in a pair of runs for Davenport.

TOURNEY

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goals by McLaud (31st minute) and Allie Corp (54th minute) gave Stevenson a 2-1 victory over the host Blazers.

Kennedi Bullard's penalty kick staked Ladywood to a 1-0 lead in the 19th minute.

Kubeshesky made a pair of saves for the Spartans (4-3), while Bauriedl and Katie Miller combined for four stops for the Blazers (7-2-1).

"After a long week and a tough first two games today we wanted to make sure we got our entire bench into the last game," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Without a JV team this year we have to find the proper moments to try and get the end of our bench some game experience and playing time. That being said, Ste-

venson scored two good

goals and did a nice job defensively against us."

The host Blazers, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, notched its lone victory against Dexter, 3-1, the team that knocked them out of last year's regional.

Ladywood fell behind 1-0 against the Dreadnaughts in the 13th minute on an own goal, but stormed back with three unanswered goals starting with Domenique Sarnecky scoring the gametying and game-winning goals in the 17th and 40th minutes off assists from DeYana Walker.

Walker added an insurance goal in the 52nd minute off Emily Huddleston's free kick.

"I thought we responded well after scoring on ourselves," Ken Shingledecker said. "Dom and DeYana did a nice job creating chances for us."

Dexter goalkeeper Stephanie Misevich made four saves as the Dreadnaughts fell to 5-1-1 over-

Meanwhile, Whitney Bauriedl had to make only one for the Blazers, who held a 12-3 advantage in shots.

In Game Two, eventual champion Fraser knocked off Ladywood, 3-1, on first half goals by Emily Bondy (13th minute), Rachel DeLuca (20th minute) and Casey Denys (29th minute).

Walker scored her second of the day in the 35th minute from Abby Pelon.

Julia Stewart made seven saves for the Ramblers (7-0-1), who were outshot 14-5.

"Our back half really struggled in the first half," Shinglecker said. "Fraser did a nice job making us uncomfortable back there. The story of the game was the Fraser goalkeeper. She made three-to-four huge saves for them. It's seemed like she would make a big save and then they would come down and score."

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Recovery mode

Franklin rebounds, rips Dearborn, 13-3

It was a bounce back game Tuesday for the Livonia Franklin baseball team.

The Patriots, who committed four errors in a 7-1 KLAA Kensington Conference crossover setback Monday at home to Salem, righted the ship with a 13-3 victory over Dearborn in a nonleaguer to improve to 3-2 overall.

Josh Gorman went 2for-2, walked twice and hit a 3-run double in the third inning to put the Patriots up 10-3. Franklin then added three more in the bottom of the fourth to end the game on the 10-run mercy rule.

Kyle Riley also chipped in with two hits for Franklin.

Winning pitcher Travis Barnes worked the first four innings allowing three earned runs on three hits. He struck out four and walked three before Mike Haist came on to pitch a scoreless sixth.

Sophomore left fielder Brandon Gillen went 2-for-3 with three RBI to pace Salem (4-1, 1-1) in the win over Franklin.

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Nick March, who notched his second victory, pitched into the fifth allowing just one run before Tyler Brooks and closer Jeremy St. Laurent finished up. Starter Alex DeYonk-

er took the loss for the Patriots, who slipped to 0-2 in the conference.
GLENN 8, SOUTH LYON
EAST 3: Clark Boston's pinch-hit 2-run double in the fourth inning sparked Westland John Glenn (6-2, 2-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover victory Monday over the visiting Cougars (0-3, 0-3). The Rockets trailed 3-0 through 1½ innings before rallying for three in the second, two in the third and

Brendon Wetmore, Chase Bovia and Adam Singleton each collected two hits for Glenn. Brandon Smeltzer also added an RBI double in the third after Brandon Martin worked his way on with a lead-off walk after fouling off several pitches.

three more in the fourth.

Winning pitcher Ryan Wheeler went the first 4.2 innings, allowing three runs on three hits and five walks. He fanned five before giving way to Kyle Hunter, who held East scoreless over the final 2.1 innings.

Jeremy Dinsmore went 2-for-3 with a an RBI and reliever Dan McCarthy took the loss for East

1: Travis Harvey drove in four runs and Jason Rakowicz went 2-for-2 with an RBI as Livonia Stevenson (6-3, 3-0) rolled to a five-inning mercy rule win Monday at Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-1). Also collecting RBI for the Spartans included Mike Vomastek (two), Matt Hunt and Mitch Deacon. Josh DeYonker also scored four

Winning pitcher Jake Semak went all five innings allowing just three hits and two walks while fanning six. Losing pitcher Josh Lowry gave up nine runs on four hits and seven walks over four innings.

Tyler Harnos knocked in the

lone run for Wayne.
SOUTH LYON 11,
CHURCHILL 8: Ninth-hitter John Essenmacher went 3for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored to propel the Lions (2-3, 2-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover victory Monday at Livonia Churchill (1-1, 1-1).

Joe Stephenson also went 2-for-5 and scored pair of runs for South Lvon, which broke a 4-4 deadlock with seven runs in the top of the sixth inning.

John Szymanski went 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs to lead Churchill's eight-hit attack. Nick Misiak added two hits, including a 2-run homer in the fifth inning.

Churchill starter Matt Vincentini, who went the first 5.1 innings, took the loss. Jason Conrad got the win in relief for the Lions.



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Clarenceville's Mikey Weiss (right) tags out Annapolis runner Tyler Butzin in Monday's

Trojan horse

C'ville pitcher throws another shutout

Tyler Weed is off to quite to the 2013 prep baseball season.

The senior right-hander from Livonia Clarenceville, fresh off his no-hitter in the season opener over Dearborn Fordson, pitched a complete-game seven-hitter Monday as the host Trojans blanked Dearborn Heights Annap-

Weed, who improved to 2-0, struck out four and did not allow a walk in a 91-pitch effort.

"Tyler's fastball was the out pitch today," said Clarenceville first-year coach John Rogatski, whose team is 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. "He challenged the Cougar hitters following our game plan. He was

again very much in control."

Designated hitter Nate Moldovan gave the Trojan offense a boost going 2-for-3 with a walk and stolen base.

Senior catcher Kyle Kissandi also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Trojans led 1-0 through four innings scoring on a bases loaded walk to junior Zach Devon in the second inning.

Clarenceville added two more in the fifth on an Annapolis outfield error to make it 3-0.

The Trojans broke it open with three runs in the bottom of the sixth with four runs as Weed, Kissandi and Chris Kanagy each singled, while Moldovan and Evan Gregg walked.

BAPTIST PARK 0: Lutheran High Westland (2-0, 2-0) used a 13-hit attack Tuesday to earn a MIAC Red Division victory over Taylor Baptist Park (3-2, 1-1) in a five-inning mercy. Nick Andrzejewski, Nick Flanery, Mark Mika and Bran-don Ruelle each collected two hits in the win.

Andrzejewski also scored three runs, while Jordan Williams, P.J. Gusé and Ruelle added two runs apiece. Williams, the winning pitcher, worked the first four innings allowing two hits and three walks while fanning seven. Ruelle completed the shutout by striking out three while giving up two hits and a walk in one Inning. "We did a lot of good things

despite not playing in two weeks due to weather," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We had some timely hits and were able to take advantage of some errors by Baptist Park. We have to just continue to get better and hopefully get good weather to get more games in for experience:"

Spartans go 1-2 in South invitational

Things started off well enough Sunday for Livonia Stevenson in the Grosse Pointe South Invitational baseball tourna-

The Spartans opened with a 5-4 win over the host Blue Devils, but fell to Detroit Western International, 5-3, and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 6-0, in the final two games of the tourney.

Stevenson, which slipped to 5-3 overall, got a 2-run homer from Mike South.

Brandon Jurczyszyn also went 2-for-2 and knocked in two runs, while Josh DeYonker contributed two hits and scored a run.

Stevenson starter Mike Kanitra, who pitched the first 5.2 innings, got a rare win and a save when he reentered the game in the bottom of the sixth to earn the save.

Andrew Eaton, Steve **Brengman and Cameron** Benedetti each collected two hits for South.

in Game Iwo, Iodo Samcedo went 2-for-3 to lead Detroit Western to a victory over the Spartans. Nick Marcon, the sec-

ond of three Stevenson pitchers, took the loss. The Spartans collected

just four hits with DeYonker, Josh Harvey and Kanitra each collecting a hit and scoring a run. In the final game

against Liggett, Stevenson had just four hits with Jurczyszyn going 2for-2 in the loss. Adam Fiema led the

Knights going 2-for-4, while Conner Fannon also scored two runs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 25 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m. C'ville at Truman, 4:30 p.m. Calvary at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m. Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26

Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m. Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m. Franklin at W. Bloom., 4:30 p.m. S'field Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27 (all double-headers)

Edsel Ford at Franklin, 11 a.m. Thurston at Glenn, 11 a.m. W.L. Cent. at Stevenson, 11 a.m. Annapolis at L. W'sld, 11 a.m. **GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Thursday, April 25 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Luth. W'sld at HVL, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m. Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m. C'ville at Truman, 4:30 p.m. S'field Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.

Lake Orion Invitational, 9 a.m. Chelsea Invitational, 10 a.m. Annap. at L. W'sld (2), 11 a.m. Sunday, April 28 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER Thursday, April 25 Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Calvary at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 6 p.m. Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 26 Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m. RU at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27 Lady. at Williamston, 9 a.m.

Steve. at Troy Athens, 1 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK Thursday, April 25 **Livonia City Boys Meet** at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. **Public Schools of Livonia Girls** inv. at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 N.F. Raider Relays, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27

Crestwood Charger Inv., 9 a.m. GIRLS TENNIS Thursday, April 25

Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Friday, April 26 Frank. at Garden City, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at Belleville, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 Howell Invitational, 9 a.m. Livonia City Quad at Stevenson, 9 a.m. **BOYS GOLF**

Thursday, April 25 Churchill vs. Franklin at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Friday, April 26 Livonia City Tournament at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers) Saturday, April 27 MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m. COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Saturday, April 27 Siena Heights at MU, 1 p.m.

Almost there

Dundee pitcher foils Churchill, 2-1

Livonia Churchill nearly completed a hat trick in Saturday's round-robin girls softball tournament.

But Dundee pitcher Vanessa Ewing had other ideas as she threw a three-hitter, walked only one and struck out 12 to beat the host Chargers,

Dundee, going 3-0 on the day, scored once in the fourth and got the game-winner in the top of the sixth against Churchill starter Melanie Richardson, who suffered the loss.

Richardson struck out one and did not walk a batter in seven innings.

Senior shortstop Nicole Salloum went 3-for-3, including a double, for the Chargers, who slipped to 2-2 overall.

In the tournament opener, Richardson tossed a complete-game four-hitter in a 5-0 triumph over Belleville. She struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

Salloum paced the offense going 3-for-3, including a 2-run homer.

In Game Two, Katie Shereda pitched a four-hit shutout. fanning four and walking only one in seven innings, as the Chargers turned back Milan, 6-0.

Casey Bias and Salloum each went 2-for-3 with a double to pace the Chargers' offense.
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2: Sophomore Jessie Strauch

triple and four RBI to propel

had two hits, including a

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-0, 1-0) to a MIAC

Blue Division victory Tuesday over visiting Southfield Christian (1-2, 1-1). Junior Brooke Kuehn also

went 2-for-2 with a 2-run homer, three RBI and four runs scored.

Winning pitcher Julie St. John, a sophomore, allowed just two hits in five innings. She struck out six and walked only one.

Southfield Christian starter Christina Guerra gave up five hits and walked seven. HVL had three errors, while the Eagles made five. "I'm very pleased with our

batting today," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We put the bat on the ball and had no strikeouts. It was good to get a game in, but we have to clean up our fielding."
FRANKLIN 5, SALEM

4: Lauren Michaels' sharp two-out single to center field scored Katelynn Devers with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh Monday to give host Livonia Franklin (2-0, 2-0) the Kensington Conference crossover victory over the Rocks (0-2,

Michaels finished with two hits and three RBI, while Devers also singled twice, scored three times and had a stolen base.

"The (Salem) catcher had the ball as Devers avoided the tag sliding pass home then reaching back with her hand to touch the plate," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "This was a great comeback, being down four in the fourth inning. Devers' slide was amazing.

The Patriots also got a 2-run single from Mackenzle Lukas and an RBI single from Morgan Larkin.

Winning pitcher Courtney Garbarino (2-0) scattered six hits over seven innings. She struck out one and did not

"Courtney showed much poise after the fourth inning," Jimenez said. Losing pitcher Kristi Zink

gave up seven hits, walked one and struck out two in seven innings of work. **Elliott Mitchem collected** two hits and scored a run for

Salem.
STEVENSON 17, WAYNE **0:** After going 0-4 in Sunday's Farmington Hills Mercy Tournament, Livonia Stevenson (2-5, 2-1) bounced back Monday to beat host Wayne Memorial

(0-3, 0-3) in a Kensington

Conference crossover in five inninas. Leading Stevenson's 11-hit attack was winning pitcher Morgan Copperstone (2-for-5, five RBI); Becca Koestering (2-for-3, two doubles); and Natalie Reilly (2-for-4, three

Copperstone worked the first three innings allowing two hits while striking out seven and not allowing a walk. Reilly then pitched two scoreless striking out five. Jade Walls took the loss for

SOUTH LYON 8, CHURCHILL 7: On Monday, the visiting Lions (3-0, 2-0) rallied from a 5-2 deficit with six runs in the top of the sixth inning to stun host Livonia Churchill (3-2, 1-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover. Jessica Mehr homered and tripled, while Lindsay Brandon added two doubles for victorious South Lyon. Churchill, which out-hit the Lions 16-12, was led by Katie

Shereda (3-for-4, three RBI) and Victoria Lupher (3-for-3, two RBI). Julia Twigg, Nicole Salloum and Julia Cavagnini each added two hits.

South Lyon starter Maddie Moser went all seven innings to pick up the victory. Shereda, the Churchill starter, went the first 6.1 innings and took the loss. Melanie Richardson came on for the final two outs in the seventh.

Pats earn top 2 singles crowns

Livonia Franklin's top two singles players did not lose a game in three matches Saturday as the Patriots finished runnerup at the South Lyon Invitational; girls tennis tournament.

The host Cougars captured the team title with 23 points followed by Franklin (17), South Lyon (14) and Westland John Glenn (0).

Junior Carolyn McMullen improved to 5-0 on the season at No. 1 singles with a trio of 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Freshman Kendall Payne, also 5-0 on the year, duplicated McCullen's perfect effort going 3-0 to earn the No. 2 singles crown.

Madison Eisenhauer (No. 3) and Samantha Voss (No. 4) added runner-up finishes for Franklin in singles each going 2-1 on the day.

Second-place doubles teams for Franklin included Stefani Hudi and Kelsey Hanson (No. 2) and Ki-Jana Malone and Han**GIRLS TENNIS**

nah Cook (No. 5). Third places went to Chelsea McWilliams and Carla Yanez (No. 1); Allison Karczynski and Blake Newberry (No. 3); and Snigda Thyagaraj and Ashley Mahoney (No. 4).

"It was tough conditions with high winds and cold weather but our girls played very hard and had good wins," Franklin coach Rick Clack said. "We had to really adjust the lineup with two key players missing and the girls really stepped up to the challenge.'

> **DUAL MATCH RESULTS** SALEM 6 LIVONIA STEVENSON 3 April 23 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Ashley Walker (Salem) defeated Aimee Moccia, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); **No. 2:** Chelsea Yu (Salem) def. Caroline Hay, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Laura Shureb (LS) def. Tiffany Chan, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; No. 4: Kylie Enright (Salem) def. Batool Hussain, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sam DiGiovan-

ni-Arryn Dochenetz (LS) de. Julia Miereles-Kalaya Thomas, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Josie Abdulbaki-Shelby Seay (LS) def. Abi Collingwood-

Kylie Flynn, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Rachel Hershock-Kendall Berghofer (Salem) def. Julia Grammatic-Maddie Chimento, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Natasha Consul-Courtney Simpson (Salem) def. Sam Cyrus-Sarah Morse, 6-1, 6-2; No. 5: Ashmi Nagar-Madison Kulik (Salem) def. Caitlin McCamant-Clarissa Smith, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2. **Dual match records: Salem,** 3-2 overali, 2-2 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8

WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 April 23 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Carolyn Mc-Cullen (LF) defeated Janae Strickland, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def. Adriana Broccardo, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Madison Eisenhauer (LF) def. Kendelle Hood, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Angelia Baker (WM) def. Kayla Madaj, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Samantha Voss-

Chelsea McWilliams (LF) def. Sarah Shurge-India Williams, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Stefani Hudy-Kelsey Hanson (LF) def. Katie Penrose-Breanna Pate, 7-6, 6-4; No. 3: Lauren Campau-Blake Newberry (LF) def. Clara Casey-Kira Leach, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Carla Yanez-Kaity Swenson (LF) def. Tiffany Baker-Danielle Lynn, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; No. 5: K-Jana Malone-Hannah Cook (LF) won by injury default over Kaileen Horvath-Taylor Mowry. **Dual match records:** Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 72 WAYNE MEMORIAL 64 April 23 at John Glenn Shot put: 1. Shane Rambaldo (WM), 35 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Leon Crawford (WJG), 34-10.5; 3. Journey (WM), 33-4.5.

Discus: 1. Hall (WM), 99-1; 2. Turner (WM), 90-6; 3. Jacob Chiles (WM), 88-6. High jump: 1. Michael Sollars (WJG), 5-8; 2. Micah Orr (WJG), 5-3; 3. Shamen Hall

Long jump: 1. Cooper (WM), 18-7; 2. Odell O'Bryant (WM),

18-2.25; 3. Crawford (WJG), 17-8.25. Pole vault: 1. Quinn Dupraw

(WJG), 9-6; 2. Jason Morhan (WJG), 9-6; 3. Hall (WJG), 9-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Miltin Rickett (WJG), 18.89; 2. Angelo Wiggins (WM), 20.0; 3. O'Bryant (WM), 20.03. 300 hurdles: 1. Freddie Thompson (WJG), 45.45; 2. Rickett (WJG), 47.8; 3. Trecel

Wade (WM), 48.17. 100 dash: 1. Martin Ballah (WM), 11.85; 2. Austin Hick-erson (WJG), 11.95; 3. Darryl Wood (WIG), 11.99 200: 1. Shakarri Hill (WM), 23.72; 2. Hickerson (WJG), 24.11; 3. Ballah (WM), 24.37 400: 1. Sollars (WJG), 56.03;

800: 1. Jewell Jones (WJG), 2:09.67; 2. Orr (WJG), 2:18.64; 3. Kenyatta Mason (WJG), 2:19.19.

58.16; 3. Andrew Chant (WM),

2. Derek Merschman (WJG),

1,600: 1. Orr (WJG), 4:53.9; 2. Daniel Malcolm (WM), 4:56.32; 3. Jordan (WM), 5:02.54. **3,200:** 1. (WM), 10:52.58; 2. (WM), 11:07.44; 3. (WM),

11:09.05. 400 relay: 1. Wayne (J'Ionti Cooper, Harris, Devonta Cook, Hill), 45.71; 2. John Glenn, 46.86; 800 relay: 1. Wayne (Ballah, Harris, Cooper, Cook), 1:36.87; 2. John Glenn, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn (Jones, Sollars, Wood, Kimari Johnson), 3:57.02; 2. Wayne, 4:11.9; 3,200 relay: 1. John Glenn (Jones, Orr,

Johnson, Ed Maya), 8:55.57; 2. 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

Wavne, 9:22.0. **Dual meet records: John** Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South; Wayne, 0-3 overall; 0-3

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KLAA South. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 76 **CANTON 61 April 23 at Canton**

Shot put: 1. Olaniyi Owagbemi (Canton), 42 feet, 5 inches; 2. Zack Barrick LC), 41-1; 3. Demarco McKinney (LC), 39-0. Discus: 1. Barrick (LC), 111-1; 2. McKinney (LC), 110-5; 3. Seth Suida (LC), 101-7. High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon

(Canton), 6-2; 3. Romello Brown (LC), 5-8. Long jump: 1. Dixon (Can-

ton), 20-6.75. Pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage (LC), 14-0; 3. Stephen Fedak

110-meter hurdles: 1. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 16.65; 2. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16.93. 300 hurdles: 1. Zoltowski

(LC), 42.28; 3. Jon Shatter (LC), 100 dash: 1. Colby Morris (Canton), 11.59; 2. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.98; 3. Darius Lambert (LC), 12.01.

200: 1. Morris (Canton), 23.55; 2. Hunter Rimatzki (LC), 24.27; 3. Parys Brown (LC),

400: 1. Andre Abram (LC), 54.62 800: 1. Matt Cohan (LC), 2:05.61; 2. Brendan Meakin (LC), 2:09.69; 3 Jon Alessan-

drini (LC), 2:10.26. 1,600: 1. Ben Yates (LC), 4:41.86; 3. Alessandrini (LC), 4:47.15

3,200: 1. Evan Dunklee (Canton), 10:19.93; 2. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:22.76; 3. Colin Murphy (LC), 10:38.19. 400 relay: 1. Churchill, 45.08; 2. Canton, 45.33; 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:33.08; 2. Churchill, 1:34.53; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 3:40.05; 2. Churchill,

3:44.56; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill, 8:50.51; 2. Canton, **Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Canton,

PLYMOUTH 69 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 68 April 23 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Kyle McMillan (P), 44 feet, 8 inches; 2. Asa Hattar (LF), 43-6; 3. Juan Gam-boa (LF), 41-7. Discus: 1. Tony Vella (LF), 122-2; 2. Hattar (LF), 104-5; 3.

Gamboa (LF), 104-0.5. High jump: 1. Nathan Harris (P), 5-10; 3. Charlie Roth (LF),

Long jump: 1. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-8.5; 2. Brett Gutowski (LF), 18-7.5. Pole vault: 1. Alex Teasdale (P), 11-6; 2. Damon Currier

(LF), 11-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Richie Wieczorek (LF), 17.8. 300 hurdles: 1. Wieczorek

LF), 43.2. **100 dash:** 1. Dan Duncan (LF), 10.9. 200: 1. Alex Rogers (P), 22.4;

2. Nathan Rodgers (LF), 22.5; 3. Duncan, 22.6. 400: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 50.8; 2. Gutowski (LF), 51.6 800: 1. Max Rogowski (P), 2:03.1; 3. Danny Koponen (LF),

1,600: 1. Keenan Jones (LF),

2:04.5

3,200: 1. Jones (LF), 10:04.3. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Bickham, Danny Cline, Rodgers), 45.3; 2. Plymouth, 46.5; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Bickham, Gutowski, Rodgers), 1:34.1; 2. Plymouth, 1:35.9; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 3:33.0; 2. Franklin. 3:37.1; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 9:27.9; 2. Franklin,

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

QUNITET MEET RESULTS April 23 at Luth. Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 112 points; 2. Allen Park Cabrini, 108; 3. Harper Woods, 58; 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 40; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 20. Shot put: 1. Smrcka (South), 42 feet; discus: 1. Smrcka

1. Gass (Cabrini), 5-6; long jump: 1. Gass (Cabrini), 18-2; pole vault: 1. Newman Harper (LW), 9-6; 2. William McMain (LW), 7-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Austin Olson (LW), 16.6; 300 hurdles: . Krieg (Oakland), 43.4; 2. Olson (LW), 44.0; 100 dash: 1. Abbott (HW), 11.5; 3. Darrien Brown (LW), 12.1; 200: 1. Brown (LW), 24.9; **400:** 1. Harper (LW), 55.5; 2. Jacob Davenport (LW), 57.7; **800**: 1. Cabrini, 2:14.7; 2. Hunter Roedel (LW), 2:18.9; 3. Eric Smith (LW), 2:22.7; **1,600**: 1. Roedel (LW), 5:12.6; 400 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 47.5; 2. Lutheran Westland (Weslee Warren, Jeonghun Han, Garrett Kempf, Brown), 1:41.6; 800 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 1:39.1; 2. Lutheran Westland (Harper, Olson, Davenport, Brown), 1:41.6; 1,600 relay: 1. Cabrini, 3:56.0; 2. Lutheran Westland (Davenport, Warren, Kempf, Harper), 4:02.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Cabrini, 9:28.3; 2. Lutheran Westland, Eric Smith, lan O'Banion, Matt Parent, Brandon Wyman), 9:41.1. Lutheran Westland's dual

(South), 128-7; high jump:

meet record: 7-0 overall. **APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS April 20 at Dexter BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:**

1. East Kentwood, 112 points; 2. Saline, 97; 3. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 53; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 52; 5. Monroe, 41; 6. Toledo Central Catholic. 27: 7. Macomb Dakota. 21; 8. Livonia Franklin, 19; 9. Dexter, 16; 10. Brighton, 9 (15 schools).

Franklin placers: 2. long jump relay (Brett Gutowski, Jordan Bickham), 36 feet, 10.5 inches; 3. sprint medley relay (Bickham, Gutowski, Nathan Rodgers, Keenan Jones), 3:50.29; 5. shot put relay (Asa Hattar, Juan Gamboa), 80-106. shuttle hurdle relay (Richie Wieczorek, Randy Murawski, Nathan Leonard, Jeremy Shep pard), 1:15.12; 900 hurdles relay (Wieczorek, Sheppard, Murawski), 2:24.57.



DOUGLAS BARGERTOCK

John Glenn's Evelyn Acerrano (right) fends off Wayne defender Shaleah Spencer during Tuesday's KLAA South

Division encounter.

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minutes in goal for Churchill before Christina Vakratsis came on for the final 15. SALEM 3, STEVENSON O: In a KLAA Central Division game Monday, host Livonia Stevenson (4-4, 0-2) fell to the Rocks (5-2-1, 2-1).

Salem led 2-0 at halftime thanks to a penalty kick after a Stevenson defender knocked down a cross with a hand followed by a counter

After a back-and-forth second half, Salem iced the victory with a goal in the final three minutes after the Spartans committed numbers

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN O: Stephanie Dillon scored four goals and Madi Lewis chipped in with a hat trick as the Wildcats (6-0 2-0), ranked No. 1 in Division 1, invoked the eight-goal mercy rule with 1:41 left Monday against host Livonia Franklin (2-3-1, 0-1-1). Franklin goalkeeper Andrea Schweitzer proved heroic in defeat making 12 saves.

"She had a remarkable game, just spectacular and made some great saves," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. "If not for her it could have been 8-0 at halftime.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 91 CANTON 37

April 23 at Canton Shot put: 1. Amber Warren (Canton), 32 feet, 2 inches; 3. Emily Norscia (LC), 30-10. **Discus:** 1. Norscia (LC), 119-6; 3. Pummill (LC), 93-2. High jump: 1. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10; 3. Juliet Hope

(LC), 4-6. Long jump: 1. Natalie Spala (LC), 14-11.75; 2. Cochran (LC),

100 hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16.68; 3. Spala (LC), 300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC),

48.28; 2. Spala (LC), 50.94. 100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 13.52; 2. Janel Green (LC), 13.87; 3. Chanel Gardner (LC). 200: 1. Lucia Azcunaga (LC),

29.11: 2. AnnMarie Lumette 400: 1. Sydney Anderson (LC),

1:00.73; 2. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.82; 3. Kourtney Strong (LC), 1:05.36. 800: 1. Olivia McIntee (Canton), 2:35.21; 2. Erin Em-manuel (LC), 2:38.05; 3. Jenna

Hickson (LC), 2:38.44. 1,600: 1. Michelle Azar (LC), 5:30.27; 3. Lauren Bernhardt

(LC), 6:13.94. **3,200:** 1. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:04.06. 400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman, Gardner, Green, Hofmann), 51.18; 2. Canton, 54.65; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Green Anderson, Jarvis, Hofmann), 1:46.91; 2. Canton, 1:54.19; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:26.24; 2. Churchill, 4:36.77; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Emmanuel, Hickson,

Alexis Lombardo, Szuba), 10:49.24; 2. Canton, 11:28.24. **Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 70.5

PLYMOUTH 66.5 April 23 at Franklin Shot put: 1. Tionne Johnson (P), 34 feet, 2 inches; 3. Sophia Modes (LF), 29-6. **Discus:** 1. Johnson (P), 92-1: 2. S. Modes (LF), 86-9.5. High jump: 1. Katherine Harris (P), 5-0; 3. (tie) Maddie Osborn, 4-6.

Long jump: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 15-7.25; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-0.25. Pole vault: 1. Jane McCurry

(P), 10-6. 100 hurdles: 1. Kelly O'Brien 300 hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF),

100 dash: 1. Madison Agnew (LF), 12.6; 2. Bryah White (LF),

200: 1. Agnew (LF), 26.6; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 26.7 400: 1. Wonch (LF), 1:02.8.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

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April 23 at Fox Hills Classic

Plymouth scorers: Kyle

Rodes, 33 (medalist); Ryan

40: Rvan Melnick, 41. Churchill scorers: Brian

47; Alec Kondrath, 52

Rieckhoff, Chris Kozler, John

Tatti, 37 each; Evan Chipman,

Sexton, 39; Doug Simpson, 45;

Spayd, 46 each; Zack Colosimo,

Dual match records: Plym-

outh, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA

overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

South Division; Churchill, 0-1

Chad Macorkindale and Sam

800: 1. Natalie Douglas (LF),

1,600: 1. Douglas (LF), 5:44.9; 2. Ellary Marano (LF), 5:51.4. 3,200: 1. Brianna Lax (P), 12:23.8; 2. Marano (LF), 12:35.1; 3. Natalie Martinez (LF), 12:41.5.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Jasmine Crowley, Michelle Wilson, N. Modes, Agnew), 52.7; 2. Plymouth, 54.7; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Wonch, O'Brien, N. Modes, Agnew), 1:50.5 2. Plymouth, 1:55.0; **1,600** relay: 1. Plymouth (Gabby Alfera, Ashley MacBrien, Jewel Davis, Jada Woody), 4:20.3; 2. Franklin, 4:21.6; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Mandy Prokryfky, Katelyn Kovach, Marano, Douglas), 10:22.3; 2. Plym-

outh, 10:26.0.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**

117 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 21** April 23 at John Glenn Shot put: 1. Quay Nichols (WM), 31 feet, 8 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 31-1; 3. Falisia

Farmer (WM), 27-6. Discus: 1. Jasmine Williams (WJG), 74-5.5; 2. Nichols (WM), 73-3.5; 3. Hart (WM), 69-0. High jump: 1. Taelour Phillips (WJG), 4-8; 2. Barb Messics (WJG), 4-6; 3. Dominique Williams (WJG), 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 15-6; 2. Fayonnah Jackson (WJG), 13-11.5; 3. Ashé Lewis (WM), 13-3; pole vault: 1. Caroline Mahalak (WJG), 8-0; 2. Kayla Hall (WJG), 7-6; 3. Courtnie MacQuarrie (WJG),

100-meter hurdles: 1. Phillips (WJG), 16.5; 2. Christina Ballinger (WJG), 18.1; 3. Bria Hunt (WJG), 19.4. 300 hurdles: 1. Phillips

(WJG), 56.07; 2. Hunt (WJG), 57.21; 3. Ballinger (WJG), 100 dash: 1. Jones (WJG).

13.67; 2. Rheana Allen (WJG), 13.76; 3. Honia Williams (WM), 14.02. 200: 1. Asia Gardner (WJG),

27.59; 2. Allen (WJG), 28.45; 3. Williams (WM), 28.98. 400: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 1:02.66; 2. Gardner (WJG),

1:03.74; 3. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:05.12. 800: 1. Mahalak (WJG), 2:51.5; 2. Hannah Mitchell (WJG), 2:58.7; 3. MacQuarrie

(WJG), 3:00.41. 1,600: 1. Messics (WJG), 6:38.0; 2. Mitchell (WJG), 6:48.0; 3. Carissa Root (WJG), 7:06.0. 3,200: 1. Messics (WJG),

14:28.3; 2. MacQuarrie (WJG), 15:21.81; 3. Kayla Hood (WM), 15:28.73 400 relay: 1. John Glenn

(Gardner, Smith, Allen, Jones), 51.31; 2. Wayne, 58.25; **800** relay: 1. John Glenn (Gardner, Smith, Allen, Jones), 1:48.31; 2. Wayne, 1:55.28; 1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn (Kayla Hall, Breylin Mecks, Monet Jackson, Phillips), 4:55.0; 2. Wayne, no time; **3,200 relay:** 1. John Glenn, Mitchell, Hall, Mahalak, Messics), 11:55.44; 2. Wayne, 13:20.0.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

SOUTH LYON 71 LIVONIA STEVENSON 66 April 23 at South Lyon Stevenson 1sts: Olv Nwankwo, shot put (31 feet, 11 inches); Rachel Collins, high jump (4-5); Emily Brewer, 400-meter run (1:04.1); Karlie Gallagher, 800 (2:33.0); Bayne Froney, 1,600 (5:46.2); 1,600 relay (Alison Timberlake, Brewer, Haley Knochel, Amy Freed), no time available; 3,200 relay (Gallagher, Brenna Gabrielson, Barbara Scupholm, Jackie Deacon), 10:54.2; 2nds: Brianna Jed, long jump (no mark); 100 dash (13.8); Freed, 400 (1:04.8); Gabrielson, 800 (2:38.2); Emily Kwasnik, 3,200 (13:23.1); Erica Burgess, 300 hurdles, 56.7; Chelsea Billingsley, shot put (31.9.5); 3rds: Anna Lectka, long jump (no mark); Audrey Stahrr, shot put (24-5); Amanda Schultz, 100 (14.5); Jed, 200 (27.8); Melissa Flan-

nigan, 1,600 (5:55.4); Burgess, 100 hurdles (20.4). **Dual meet records:** South Lyon, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1

2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central. **WARREN REGINA 76 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 52**

April 22 at Ladywood Shot put: 1. Amy Lewandowski (LL), 33 feet, 7.75 inches; 3. Krystyna Kitlinski (LL), 28-5; discus: 1. Lewandowski (LL), 100-6; 2. Sarah Wojnarowski (LL), 97-9; **high** jump: 1. Gabby Buscemi (WR) 4-8; 3. Hannah Gove (LL), 4-6; long jump: 1. Marissa Lesch (WR), 14-7.5; 2. Callan Tigani (LL), 14-2.5; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Lesch (WR), 18.36; 2. Gove (LL), 18.65; 300 hurdles: 1. Lesch (WR), 53.37; 2. Gove (LL), 54.53; 100 dash: Joi Reddick (WR), 13.91; 2. Devon Yearn (LL), 14.19; 200: 1. Amber Riethmiller (LL), 28.93; 400: 1. Cassie Bloch (WR), 1:01.35; 2. Pilar Furlong (LL), 1:07.0; **800**: 1. Jenny Ponkows-ki (WR), 2:36.64; 3. Sinead Cox (LL), 2:48.76; 1,600: 1. Elizabeth Bloch (WR), 5:51.37; 3,200: Cassie Bloch (WR), 12:31.72; 400 relay: 1. Ladywood (Wojnarowski, Yearn,

1. Ladywood (Gove, Furlong, Riethmiller, Riga), 1:55.36; 2. Regina, 2:05.67; 1,600 relay: 1. Ladywood (Wojnarowski, Hannah Pereira, Sarah Wilson, Furlong), 4:32.57; 2. Regina, 4:36.93; 3,200 relay: 1. Regina, 11:16.57; 2. Ladywood, 11:36.85. Ladywood's dual meet re-

cord: 0-3 overall; 0-3 Catholic League (Central Division).

QUAD MEET RESULTS April 23 at Luth. Westland **TEAM STANDINGS: Lutheran** Westland, 92.5 points; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 84: 3. Allen Park Cabrini, 39.5: 4. Harper Woods, 30. Shot put: 1. Anajai (HW), 31 feet, 4 inches; 2. Leah Refenes (LW), 29-9.5; **discus:** 1. Refenes (LW), 91-7; 3. Janine Erickson (LW), 76-8; **high** jump: 1. Wurm (Oakland), 4-6; long jump: 1. Haggard (Oakland), 14-0.5; pole vaul 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 8-0; 2. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 7-6; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Snyder (Oakland), 17.4; 2. Flury (LW),

17.9: 3. Sahrina Morrison (LW) 19.7; **300 hurdles:** 1. Flury (LW), 53.8; **100 dash:** 1. Cooks (HW), 13.1; **200:** 1. Cooks (HW), 27.1; 400: 1. Wood (Oakland), 1:06.5; 2. Matthews (LW), 1:08.1; 3. Chelsea Kovacs (LW), 1:11.1; 800: 1. Jenna Wisner (LW), 2:35.0; **1,600:** 1. Wisner (LW), 5:43.3; 3. Emma Buffone (LW), 7:22.0; 3,200: 1. Lucido (Oakland), 13:04; 3. Buffone (LW), 16:04.0; 400 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 54.4: 3. Lutheran Westland, 59.0: 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kovacs, Morrison, Abby Schaffer, Matthews), 2:02.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kovacs, Morrison, Wisner, Matthews), 4:47.5;

3,200 relay: 1. Oakland Christian, 11:55.0. Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-2 overall.
APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS

April 20 at Dexter GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 115 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 70; 3. East Kentwood, 67; 4. Brighton, 46; 5. Macomb Dakota, 33.6; 6. Detroit Renaissance, 28; 7. Dexter, 19; 8. Davison, 13; 9. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Toledo Central Catholic, 11.6 each; 15. Canton, 5; 19. Livonia Ladywood, 2 (20 schools). Franklin placers: 2. sprint medley (Kelly O'Brien, Michelle Wilson, Madison Agnew, Julie Wonch), 1:51.; 5. long jump (Natalie Modes, Brianna Gutowski), 28 feet, 1.75 inches; high jump (Sheila McKinley, Wonch), 9-0; 6. 400meter relay (Jasmine Crowley, Wilson, Modes, Agnew), 53.1. Ladywood placers: 6. shot put (Amy Lewandowski, Krystyna Kitlinski), 59-0.

Warriors impress in MIAC Blue win

Everything was clicking Tuesday for the Lutheran High Westland girls soccer team.

The Warriors improved to 2-0-1 overall and 2-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 6-0 win over host Southfield Christian at Pebble Creek Park.

Lutheran Westland jumped out to a 4-0 halftime lead on goals by Christa Kasprowicz (unassisted), Michelle reening (from Yancy), Yancy (unassisted) and Samantha Benner (from Kasprowicz).

Kasprowicz (from Benner) and Benner (from Katie Schultz) completed the scoring in the second half.

Goalkeeper Angela Morrison, who made five saves, recorded the shut-

"Everyone played hard and worked well as a team," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said.

LADYWOOD 4, DIVINE CHILD 0: Domenique Sarnecky tallied a pair of goals and Conner Huggins added two assists Tuesday as host Livonia Ladywood (8-2-1, 5-0-1) blanked Catholic League foe Dearborn Divine Child (0-4-4, 0-2-2).

Sarnecky scored back-to-back goals at the 27- and 28-minute marks from Liz Danger and Huggins.

Ani Ramon added a goal from Huggins in the 57th minute and Mary Kate Szuma completed the scoring from Abby Pelon in the 62nd minute.

"Two really good passes led to both of Dom's goals and the defense was solid from start to finish," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Falcons, 20-3. Ladywood goalkeeper Sara

Blazers notched their sixth shutout of the year. Keegan Flack had six stops for Divine Child.
FORDSON 2, C'VILLE 1:

First-half goals by Jamiley Cheihk and Janna Berry enabled Dearborn Fordson (4-2-1) to escape with a Western Wayne Athletic Conference win Monday at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3-1, 0-2).

Clarenceville, which outshot the Tractors 28-11, got a second-half goal by Ashley Murphy off a corner kick from Lindsey Fosth. Clarenceville goalkeeper Jil-

lian Bunker made nine saves, while Fordson counterpart Heather Bazzi had 27 stops. Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody also singled out the play of Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz and Megan Strachan offensively, along with Summer Reddick and Tristyn Bean defensively.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

College Realities

Former college coach Jack Renkens will make a 60-minute presentation on "The Realties of College Athletic Recruiting" at 7 p.m. Monday, May 1 at Churchill High's Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The clinic is free for both parents and student-athletes. For more information, visit www. recruitingrealities.com.

Tim Shaw camp

The fourth annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" Football Camp (grades four-12) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Clarenceville High School.

The linebacker and special teams player for the Tennessee Titans, a former Clarenceville and Penn State standout, will host the free camp assisted by current and former NFL and college players,

along with area coaches. The camp is open to the first 150 registrants (includes T-shirt).

To register, visit www. timshawfootball.com. For more information,

e-mail johnshawfamily@

gmail.com.

Summer kickball

Wavne Westland Parks and Recreation will offer summer co-ed kickball leagues on Thursdays starting the week of June 10 at Anderson Ball Fields (Atwood Park) in Wayne.

The season includes 10 games, plus playoffs with a limit of 12 teams per night. Game times are 6:25, 7:35, 8:45 and 9:55

Registration will be April 15 through June 3. The cost is \$200 per team.

All teams must register at the Wayne Community Center. (A managers meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10 at the Wayne Community Center.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400; or visit www.cityofwestland.com (click on parks and recreation, then athletics).

BOYS GOLF RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 154 SOUTH LYON 156

April 23 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers: Eric Marsh, 37 (medalist); Connor Humitz and Austin Harris, 38 each; Eric Attard and Ben Zam-

mit. 41 each. South Lyon scorers: Nate Coop, Gavin Garrison, Kyle Koehler and Mitchell Stump,

Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division: South Lvon. 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 184 WAYNE MEMORIAL 256**

April 23 at Idyl Wyld G.C. Franklin scorers: Greg Bo, 41 (medalist); Tyler Gerhard, 46; Josh Dudek, 48; Adam Stadler, 49; Dan Butler and Alex Regish, 50 each.

Riethmiller, Sam Riga), 53.84; 2. Regina, 54.07; 800 relay:

Wayne scorers: Austin St. Peter, 47; Miguel Smith, 55; Ken McKay, 59; Chris Barlow, 95. **Dual match records: Frank**lin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall,

0-1 KLAA South.
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM **INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS** April 22 at Red Run **TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi**

306 strokes: 2. White Lake Lakeland, 321; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice, 322; 4. (tie) Jackson Lumen Christi and Hartland, 324 each; 6. Portage Central, 325; 7. (tie) Brighton and Canton, 326 each; 9. Howell and Dearborn Divine Child, 327 each; 16. Livonia Churchill, 343 (26 schools). Individual medalist: Austin

Detroit Catholic Central

Kolezar (CC), 73. Churchill scorers: 8. Doug Simpson, 78; 42. Brian Sexton, 83; 56. Sam Spayd, 85; 105. Luke Otto, 97; 98. Zach Co-

Traveling memorial headed to Farmington Hills

RELIGION ...

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

A sea of American flags will turn the front lawn of the Farmington Hills Church of God into a memorial next month for U.S. troops killed in

Afghanistan and Iraq. The 6,600 flags are a traveling exhibit called "Field of Flags" that began in 2005 at a church in Somers, Conn.

"It has travelled up and down the East Coast.

We're the first church east of Pennsylvania to get it," said Chris Weaks, a member of the church and coordinator of the event.

The flags will be on display through Memorial Day. The Rev. Gordon R.G. Steinke, pastor of Farmington Hills Church of God, will lead the opening ceremony, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at the church, 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills. The events will include bagpipes, a 21-gun salute, a recognition of soldiers' families and planting of 200 flags that represent fallen troops from Mich-

A closing, sunset cer-emony will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 27.

Weaks said the exhibit is open to the public and that community groups and other churches interested in holding their own memorial event at the site may call him at (734) 546-7818 or the Farmington Hills Church of God office at (248) 546-7818.

"We're not basing it on religion or politics," he added. "We're trying to keep it for remembering the soldiers and honoring the families."

He said the event's mission is "belief" in human freedom, "honor" for those who have served and "sacrifice" to love oth-

The display will be available daily from May 4-27 for personal reflec-

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RELIGION CALENDAR

April

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland, Contact: For appointments call (734) 722-1735 or (800) RED-CROSS

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through

Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week **Bible/Homework Enrichment** Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

CELEBRATING FAMILIES Time/Date: After all Masses

from April 27-28 Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington

Road, Livonia **Details:** "Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society" will include a Catholic bookstore's display, refreshments and supervised LEGO

play area for kids Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, between Freedom Road and **Grand River Ave., Farmington** **Details:** Annual Marie Walck

include works by Beethoven, Bach, Handel and others sung by a mass choir composed of members of the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Sing-

Memorial Hymn Festival will

ers, and guest singers from churches throughout the Metro area. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be collected

Contact: Wesley Fishwick at (248) 474-0584

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 27

Location: St. Matthew Church, 5885 Venoy, north of Ford Road, east of Merriman,

Details: Variety of crafts, treats and more. Vendors representing different services and wares will be on hand, too. Lunch, bake sale and snack bar available. Sponsored by St. Matthew Women's Missionary League

Contact: Ruth Flunder, (734) 788-9357

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free screening of the movie, "Up," a 2009 3D computer-animated comedyadventure. A meal of sloppy joes, baked beans, chips, and brownies will be offered for a free will donation

Contact: RSVP at (248) 553-

3380 **FILM**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27

Location: Livonia Church riman, must north of Five

Mile, Livonia **Details:** Free viewing of

"Courageous" for adults and the Disney movie, "Brave," for children

Contact: (734) 427-8743 **FILM**

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: The church and **AAA Pregnancy Resource** Center, show the film, "October Baby," which tells the story of a woman adopted by loving parents after a failed abortion. Free child care will be provided. Snacks will be available. The film is not recommended for children under 13

Contact: (734) 459.3333

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 25-26 **Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden

Details: A bag sale for \$2 per bag is set for 3 p.m.

Contact: (734) 427-3660

SINGLE PLACE Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thurs-

day, April 25 **Location:** First Presbyterian

Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

Coming up: Play Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. Snacks and soft drinks provided. Ice cream will be available. \$5 donation. Single Place is designed for mature singles Contact: www.singleplace.

May

ASCENSION SERVICE Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thurs-

day, May 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Service celebrates Jesus' ascension and will be followed by a free ice cream social

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

COMMUNITY GARAGE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11 Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden

Details: Rent a space and keep the profit from your sale. Space rental is \$25 Contact: (734) 326-7000

CONCERT Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The Concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will present a concert of sacred songs. The 31 singers, under the direction of Leonard A. Proeber, have toured annually since 1955, with appearances in more than 30 states, Canada and Europe. No admission charge, but a free will offering will be accepted

Contact: (313) 532-8655 **LADIES BRUNCH**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11

Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile near Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Robin Sullivan of WMUZ 103.5 is the guest speaker. Reservations deadline is May 8. A love offering will be taken at the event to help offset costs **Contact:** RSVP to (313) 535-3100

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BRIGGS, ROBERT HAROLD

Age 60, passed April 16 2013. Proceeded in death by wife Barbara Saczyk Briggs, parents Har-old & Frances (Warner) Briggs, daughter Rachel, grandson Zachery. Dear Father to Michelle & Jim Obuchowski and Kris & Jackie Robertson. Brother to John Briggs, Laura & David Loviska, Grampa to Brody, Jenna Bean, & Sophie. Uncle to Stephen M. Christian Jr., Stephanie Irwin (Mike), and Nick Batey. Loved by Courtney Christian, Michael Irwin, Kayla Irwin Ashley Christian, Mr. T. and PePe, and many friends and rela-

HENSON, VIOLA

April 21, 2013; Age 90 of Westland. Dear mother of Richard. Half sister of Carman Grandy. Funeral services from the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday 3pm. Visitation at the funeral home Saturday noon to 3pm. Cremation to follow. Family suggests memorials to Michigan Humane Society in lieu of flowers.

Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



BROOKMAN, ARTHUR

Age 79, formerly of Detroit, MI died April 20, 2013 in Saratoga, CA. 1951 graduate of Cass Technical High School. 1955 Graduate of Michigan Technological University. Husband of the late Ruth Keskinen-Brookman, father of Jay (Sara) Brookman, Marc (Leslie) Brookman, & Brenda (Mike) Sinclair, Grandpaw to & Chase Brookman, Grandpa to Brent & Clifford Brookman, and Gramps to Anna & Mickey Sinclair. Husband of Myrna Brookman. Step dad to 4 and grandpa to 8 in Boise, ID. Memorial service will be held April 20th, at 11 am. 2013 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 19100 Allendale Ave, Saratoga CA. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Classical, sacred music

Plymouth Oratorio Society sings work by Handel

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will sing its only concert of the year, next month at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

'It's the only choir I know of that is a onesemester choir," said Richard Ingram, conductor. "It's a pretty unusual group.

"Each year it's been between 80-95 singers and they come from all walks of life. They meet the first Monday in January and every Monday after that until the first Sunday in May when they do a concert with orchestra. It's a group I've really loved getting to know. There's been lots of different repertoire and they've been willing to try new things they've never tried before. So, it's been a fun group to be part of."

Ingram, who is in his seventh season with the Plymouth Oratorio Society, will lead the singers through an oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus, by George F. Handel, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will accompany the group. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be taken.



Members of the Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearse every Monday night, from January to their concert in May.

It will be one of the few times in its 27-year history that the choir will sing an oratorio — a lengthy choral work that is similar to an opera in that it tells a story, but it doesn't include scenery or action. Oratorios generally focus on religious themes.

Years ago, the Society performed a portion of Handel's Messiah, Bach's Passion According to St. John and a part of Mendelssohn's Elijah, before turning its attention to requiems, Masses and other pieces. For its 25th anniversary in 2011, the group sang Elijah again, performing most of the work. That same year Ingram began planning for another oratorio performance and chose the Handel piece. It focuses on Judas Maccabaeus, who led the Israelite army in a rebellion for religious freedom against the Syrians in 166 BC.

"Handel was a composer who invented the oratorio in the 18th century," Ingram said. "This one he premiered in 1747 and he kept revising it until the year he died, 1759. So, he kept changing some things, adding some things. It's one he tin-



Members of the Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearse for their upcoming spring concert.

kered with a lot and during his lifetime it was the second most performed oratorio behind Messiah.

"These days you don't hear many performances of Judas Maccabaeus. I knew some of the choruses from it, but most of the music I didn't know. So, for me as a conductor it was fun to learn something new."

Appealing melodies

Ingram suspects Judas Maccabaeus appeals to singers and audiences alike because of its "beautiful melodies." He said Handel's music is as popular today as it was in the 18th century.

"It's just such exciting, sort of happy music," he described Judas Maccabaeus. "In this particular piece, there also is some very sad music that goes along with the story line. It's a piece with good contrast, lots of duets, solos as well as chorus. It has a little bit of everything.

"I think a lot of the



appeal of Messiah the listeners will find with Judas Maccabaeus, also."

Ingram, who also conducts the choir at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, has begun planning for a collaboration with the Michigan Philharmonic next season. The Plymouth Oratorio Society will sing Te Deum by 19th century composer, Antonin Dvorak during a Michigan Philharmonic concert in early 2014. The group will sing it again at its spring 2014 concert, along with a few

shorter works.

Ingram said the opportunity to sing with a live orchestra, such as the Michigan Philharmonic or Michigan Sinfonietta, helps the Plymouth Oratorio Society draw new members and keep its existing singers.

"People normally don't get that chance with the church choir and most of the people in this group are also in other community groups or in their church choir. This provides them the opportunity to do a bigger piece than they could do in the other situations. It's also a real thrill for the singers to have such a big sound, with an orchestra and large chorus.

"It's a pretty exciting performance experiences, not just for the listeners, but for the singers themselves."

For more information about the Plymouth Oratorio Society, call (734) 455-8353 or visit plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

Arts Crafts

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Location: 5200 Woodwa Detroit-

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Motor City Muse: **Detroit Photographs: Then and** Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, May 24-Sept. 8 Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org



Photography by Claudia Retter is on display this month at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 28 Location: Village Theater at

Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton **Details:** The photography of

Claudia Retter

Contact: (734) 394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April

Location: 215 W. Cady, North-

Details: "Line & Brush: Two FigurativeVisions" shows the work of friends and art instructors, Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo. Foster is a master draftsman who loves line and gesture while Szabo's passion is paint and color. In conjunction with this exhibit, the artists will offer two-day workshops at the Northville Art House. Amy Foster will offer portrait drawing fundamentals, April 20-21 and Vianna Szabo will teach painting gesture portraits,

April 27-28. Limited space is available. See the Art House website at www.northvillearts. org for more information Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through April **Location: Plymouth Community**

Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: "Spaces & Places," is the

PCAC's 4th annual open juried

Contact: (734) 416-4278 **THREE CITIES ART**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 28 and 1-4 p.m. Monday, April 29; wine and cheese reception is Sunday from

Location: Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland

Details: A juried art exhibit, held in conjunction with the DIA's Inside Out Program, will include oils, watercolors, pastels, collage, photo art, and more. To learn about the styles and techniques used by the artists, sign up for free guided tours of the art at the library check-out desk

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or e-mail marilynmeredith@wowway.com

UPPER HALL GALLERY

Time/Date: Pub hours are 3 p.m.midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; noon-midnight, Sunday; through April

Location: Inside Liberty Street Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plym-Details: Tim Gralewski's seri-

graphic artwork Contact: Kate Paul at (734) 469-



"Becka Waiting" and other works by Vianna Szabo are on exhibit this month at Northville Art House.

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28

GET OUT!

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www. penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 27 Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit **Details:** Buster Keaton Festival. accompanied by the Rev. Andrew Rogers; \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. The theater will close for May and June and reopen in

Contact: (313) 537-2560; www. redfordtheatre.com

Music

BASELINE FOLK

SOCIETY Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of

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

Details: Includes open mic performances and a featured group or musician. Admission is \$5, including performers. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11

Location: Mercy High Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farming-

Details: 33rd annual spring concert, "Even Stephen" features the 80-voice chorus directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr. The M4 Choir from Meads Mill Middle School in Northville also will perform. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Get advance tickets from the Costick Center at 26800 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (810) 632-4067 Contact: Shelly Addison at (248)

FARMINGTON HILLS LI-

BRARY Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, May Location: 32737 W. 12 Mile,

Farmington Hills Details: Attorney-turned-boogie-woogie-pianist, Matthew Ball

will perform. Hear classics like "Swanee River," "Over the Rainbow" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas," done boogie-woogie style in this free, one-hour program

Contact: (248) 553-0300

JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE

Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26

Location: Marian High School Auditorium, 7225 Lahser, Bloom-

Details: Tom Birchler of Livonia and his brothers, Dave, Keith, Jim and John hold their annual concert to benefit "Kids Against Hunger." Performances by The Paisley Fogg, a 60s-style rock group; The Grunyons, with jazz a cappela; and Moose Wampler and the Overdays, with 50s party rock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. They're available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler

Contact: (248) 722-1820 or e-mail to tbirchler@mi.rr.com

Jazz at the **ELKS**

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

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans. The next performance, on April 30, features Nuevo Jazz Detroit, with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on vibes and steel, Chuck Golemba on drum s and Jerry LeDuff on

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

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile,

Details: Bill Mallonee with Ryan Dilaha, April 25; Twangtown Paramours with The Potter's Field, April 26; Acoustic Eidolon, April 27; Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, May 3; Orpheum Bell and Lac La Belle, May 4; Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Floyd King and the Bushwackers, May 5. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are

Contact: (734) 464-6302

Something different **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak **Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Historical

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Contact: (248) 541+5717

Time/Date: April 27-28, May 4-5 and 11-12

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn

Details: Tickets are on sale now for "Day Out with Thomas: The Go Go Thomas Tour 2013," which gives youngsters a chance to climb aboard Thomas the Tank Engine and take a 25-minute ride. The event includes Thomas-relatedactivities, such as storytelling and arts & crafts. Train rides depart every 30 minutes, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$11.75 for members, 1 and older and includes free admission to Greenfield Village. Ticket prices for non-members are \$11.75 for children, 1-4; \$27.75 for youth, 5-12; \$33.75 for adults, 13-61; and \$32.75 for seniors, 62 and up

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 9

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: New "Made in America" exhibit highlights America's contributions to industry, with a special emphasis. on Michigan-made products. Visitors will find iconic American-made products throughout. the Museum's "Main Street," including a 1931 Ford Model A pick-up truck belonging to Margaret Dunning, the Museum's major benefactor. Other notable items include eight pedal cars from the collection of Greg Gladki of Westland. Many more items from the Museum's collections are scattered throughout the exhibit, giving visitors a full sense of American ingenuity. Admission is \$5 for adults and

\$2 for students, 6-17 Contact: (734) 455-8940

Taste, compare gluten-free foods at annual fair

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Sharon Manning doesn't have to eat gluten-free. But because her husband and children do, the Farmington Hills woman keeps products containing wheat, barley, rye, malt and oats out of her kitch-

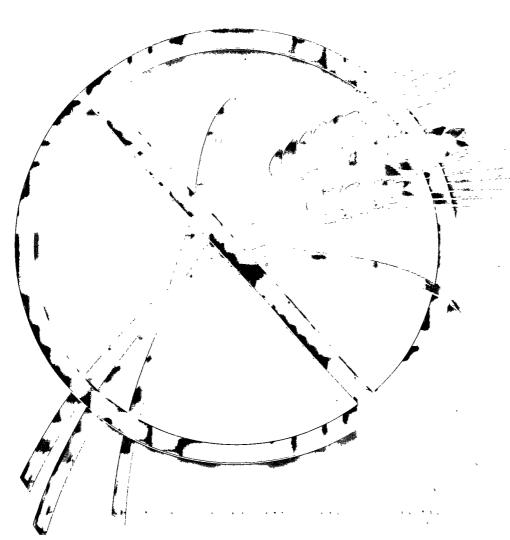
"My house is completely gluten free," said Manning, whose husband and children have celiac disease, an autoimmune disease that affects the small intestine. There's no cure for celiac disease and treatment consists of following a life-long gluten-free diet.

That can be a challenge for anyone who eats processed or convenience foods, enjoys baked goods or snacks, dines out or cooks at home. Many foods and ingredients, from soy sauce to pasta, malted milk to condensed soups contain gluten.

Knowing what kinds of gluten-free options are available and which stores carry them can make shopping, cooking and eating easier for individuals with celiac disease or gluten intolerance.

That's why the Tri-County Celiac Support Group (TCC-SG) sponsors an annual gluten-free food fair. Manning, a member of the group is in charge of the annual event this year.

The fair runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Vendors



will be on hand with samples of their gluten-free products which also will be available for purchase. Several raffles will be held throughout the day for gift baskets, cook books, fitness memberships and more. Admission is free to TCCSG members, and \$10 for non-members.

Strength in numbers

"We encourage people to become members. The larger our group is, the more weight our voice has as a group to go to a market and say, will you carry these (gluten-free) things? We're trying to make sure the entire gluten-free community is aware of us,"

Manning said.

She attributes the increased availability of gluten-free products in southeastern Michigan to TCCSG, noting that the group is vocal about the needs of the celiac community and encourages grocery stores to carry gluten-free products.

"Hillers has been so respon-

sive and that puts pressure on some of the bigger chain stores," she said.

Hiller's Market, which has stores in Livonia and Farmington Hills; Plum Market, with stores in Ann Arbor and West Bloomfield; Celiac Specialties, in Farmington Hills; and Rumi's Passion, in Livonia, are among the vendors expected to attend the fair.

Bonding experience

Manning describes the event as family-friendly and encourages parents to bring their children along.

"For my children, they not only love going some place they can finally taste everything - going to COSTCO is no fun when you can't taste anything - but it's bonding. They've made friends while attending the food fair. There is something liberating for children who are celiacs when they know other people get it, other kids have the same restrictions they do."

According to TCCSG, celiac disease occurs in approximately one in 135 individuals. Symptoms can include bone or joint pain, weight loss, anemia, bloating, depression, fatigue, diarrhea or constination. Celiac disease can lead to other disorders, such as cancers and additional autoimmune diseases if a patient fails to follow a gluten-free

For more information about the food fair, visit www.tccsg.net. For questions, e-mail maorlando39@gmail.com

Grilling goes sweet and savory

ith spring tem-peratures finally on the upswing, it's time to haul out the grill or fire up the gasfueled barbecue.

· When it comes to a great cookout, you want to keep things simple and tasting fantastic. And that starts with just the right recipes.

The mild taste of pork tenderloin is perfect for pairing with the bold flavors of the Apple Butter Glaze in this recipe. The sweet and tangy taste of apple butter is nicely balanced with mild Vidalia onions, zesty Dijon mustard and a dry white wine. When grilling, keep a

couple of things in mind: Cook the tenderloin over indirect heat — the

cooler side of the grill so that it cooks slowly and evenly. This also keeps the glaze from scorching. Turn meat with tongs,

never with a fork. Piercing the meat releases its natural juices - and you'll end up with a dry entrée.

If you prefer poultry, try **Apple Butter BBQ Sauce** with Chiles and Cilantro on chicken or Sweet' & Spicy Wings. For beef, brush Apple Butter Marinade on a steak and grill.

While you're tending to the barbecue grill, munch on cheese or pretzels slathered with Apple Butter Mustard Dip.

For a savory side dish with a hint of sweetness, try these Honey Apple Butter Baked Beans. Three kinds of beans are baked with apple butter and honey with a hint of heat from cumin and cayenne pepper. Cap it all off with fresh fruit and **Pumpkin Walnut Dipping**

Get more delicious recipes for your cookout season at www.musselmans.



Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Apple Butter Glaze

Grilled Pork Tenderloin with **Apple Butter Glaze**

Servings: 4 Cooking Time: 25 - 40 min-

1 cup apple butter 2 tablespoons Vidalia onion.

finely chopped ¼ cup Dijon mustard ¼ cup dry white wine or white

cooking wine Salt and pepper to taste Vegetable oil

2 boneless pork tenderloins, trimmed (1 - 1.5 pounds each)In medium bowl, whisk together apple

butter, onion, mustard and wine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. In small sauce pan,

bring apple butter mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Set aside a few tablespoons of the glaze to drizzle on the cooked meat before serving.

Preheat grill to medium high. Brush pork with oil and season with salt and pepper.

Over direct heat, brown tenderloin on all sides, about 5 minutes total. Brush meat with glaze and, if grill allows, move to indi-



Honey Apple Butter Baked Beans

rect heat. Turn every 5-6 minutes to prevent glaze from scorching, brushing occasionally with additional glaze. Cook meat to an internal temperature of 160°F (cooking time will vary from 25-40 minutes, based on thickness of tenderloins and type of grill).

Remove from grill, brush again with glaze and let rest for 10 minutes. Slice into ½-inch thick slices, drizzle with reserved glaze, and serve immediately.

Honey Apple Butter Baked Beans

Servings: 8 Cooking Time: 50 - 60 min1 cup apple butter · 18 cup honey ½ cup ketchup

½ cup water 2 tablespoons minced dried 1 teaspoon ground cumin

ern beans, drained

1 teaspoon salt 1/4-1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 can (15.5 ounces) great north-

1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans, drained, rinsed 1 can (15 ounces) red or pinto

beans, drained Heat oven to 375°F. Mix all ingredients except beans in large bowl. Stir in beans.

Pour into 2-quart baking dish or casserole. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Apple Butter BBQ Sauce with Chiles and Cilantro

Makes 6-8 servings

1 tablespoon olive oil 1 medium onion, cut into small

1-½ cup apple butter ¼ cup apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoon Dijon mustard 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar

2 tablespoons finely chopped canned chiles en adobo

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

½ teaspoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

2 tablespoons fresh cilantro. chopped

Heat oil in a large saucepan. Add onion and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Except cilantro, add remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer 10-15 minutes. Stir in cilantro. (Can be cooled, covered, and refrigerated for a

couple of weeks). Serving Suggestions:

· Brush on chicken or pork during last few minutes of grilling.

· Heat with your favorite meatballs for an instant appetizer.

· Stir into cooked ground beef for BBQ Sloppy Joes.

· Heat with cocktail wieners for a quick appetizer.

Apple Butter **Marinade for Beef** Makes 6-8 servings

½ cup apple butter 1/2 cup tomato juice

3 tablespoons white vinegar 1 large clove garlic, minced 1 teaspoon dried Italian season-

¼ teaspoon salt

1/2-1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper 2 tablespoons bourbon (optional) Mix all ingredients

in medium bowl. Use as a marinade for up to 2 pounds of beef steaks or kabobs. Marinate meat in the refrigerator for 2 hours to overnight. Brush marinade over meat as it grills

or broils. Discard any remaining marinade. Tip: Make a separate

batch of marinade to use as a sauce on the cooked meat.

Sweet & Spicy Wings

Makes 16 servings

1 cup apple butter ½ cup hot sauce (use your favorite brand and level of heat)

½ cup ketchup ½ teaspoon celery salt

2 pounds uncooked chicken wings, cut in 2 sections, or chicken drummettes 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Mix together the apple butter, hot sauce, ketchup, and celery salt in a medium bowl. Reserve % cup of the sauce as a dip; cover and refrigerate. Place the wings in plastic zip storage bag with the remaining sauce. Seal the bag and coat all the wings. Refrigerate 2 hours to overnight.

Heat oven to 375°F. For easy cleanup, line baking pan (about 10by 13-inch) with foil. Remove wings from the marinade bag and place in a single layer in the pan. Reserve the bag of marinade. Bake wings for 30 minutes. Turn wings and baste with the remaining marinade. Bake an additional 30 minutes or until wings are forktender. Discard any remaining marinade in the bag.

Warm the \(^1\) cup of reserved sauce with the melted butter and serve as a dipping sauce with wings.

Serving Suggestion: Substitute fresh chicken tenders for the wings. Broil or grill.

Courtesy of Family Features

Builder survey shows signs of optimism

A statewide survey shows a strong surge in optimism among homebuilders and remodelers which bodes well for a stronger housing market in 2013. The Michigan Housing Index (MHI), which is conducted by the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBA Michigan), recorded its highest total in the three-year history of the survey.

"The survey confirms what we have been hearing from homebuilders and remodelers for the past several months," said Robert Filka, HBA Michigan CEO. "There has been considerable pent-up demand among consumers as they have waited for market conditions to improve. Many potential buyers recognize that now is a perfect time for them to enter the market.'

The latest Michigan Housing Index covers the time period of January through March 2013. The first quarter 2013 index for builders was 59, which was up sharply from 38 in December of 2012, and 44 recorded in March 2012. Following is a year-to-year comparison of the MHI Index:

March 2013 December 2012 March 2012

Builders Index Remodelers Index 58

The Michigan Housing Index (MHI) is a quarterly summary of building and remodeling activity compiled by HBA of Michigan. The survey asks builders about the number of homes currently under construction and in the planning stages. Builders are also asked to evaluate their prospects for future customers. Totals are calculated in an index that is reported quarterly to provide a tracking mechanism for the industry's process. The survey breaks down



builder/remodeler sentiment into three categories:

- Less than 45 (pessimistic)
- 45-55 (cautious optimism)

Above 55 (optimism)

"It is significant to note that the Michigan Housing Index total for the first quarter shows that builders and remodelers have for the first time in the history of the survey moved into the solidly optimistic category," said Filka. "There is still a long ways to go before we can say that housing is all the way back, but the trend lines are certainly encouraging.'

A noteworthy trend in the MHI survey for the first quarter was the growing amount

of interest that builders are experiencing among consumers purchasing more expensive homes, particularly in the \$200,000-\$500,000 category. There has also been a modest uptick in consumer interest for homes in the \$500,000-\$800,000 category.

"During the economic downturn, most of the homes that did sell were under \$200,000," said Filka. "The fact that more homebuyers are now looking at higher priced homes is another indicator of a recovering housing market."

The Michigan Housing Index combines results of a monthly survey of Michigan

Determine source of radon

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: A condominium unit in our complex tested high for radon. The radon reports show that the radon has entered into the unit through the concrete floor; accordingly, the owner has asked the association to mitigate it. Is the association responsible for mitigating radon found in the

A: The answer boils down to whether the issue of mitigation rests upon where the radon was found or from where it came. Obviously, if the position of the association or their documents is that if the radon is in the unit, then the co-owner is responsible for where the radon is found and it would be unit owner's responsibility to mitigate



Robert Meisner

the other hand, if the radon came from the ground which is a common element. one could

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argue that it is the association's responsibility since it was the source of the radon and the concrete floor was presumably a common element through which the radon traversed. You are best advised to get a consultation with your community associationcondominium lawyer.

Q: We have a time share complex in Florida which is a condo and we are suspicious of how the finances are being handled, but are told that the head of the board will not give specifics even to other board members. The onsite managers are an ex-maid there and her ex-husband. Elections were just held and a new member proposes to get to the bottom of the finances, but if she gets stonewalled, what is her recourse and, what is ours?

A: Presumably, you have a right to look at the books and records. of the association and if vou are stonewalled, get a lawyer and threaten a lawsuit to seek a review of all of the documents. Unfortunately, sometimes persons in a position of authority in condominium associations steal money and/or otherwise abuse their position. If you have any sense of impropriety, get a lawyers as soon as possible and investigate the situation. Being stonewalled is no excuse not to take action.

O: We are a mixed use project and I am wondering if we are FHA eligible in terms of loans.

A: FHA considers a project ineligible if any single live-work unit in the building exceeds their 25 percent cap on nonresidential space. Therefore, even if only one unit has space allocated to work "that exceeds 25 percent of the space of that unit," it would render the whole project ineligible.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential realestate closings recorded the week of Dec. 26, 2012, to Jan. 11, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2441 Berwick Dr	\$168,000
705 Burlington Rd	\$181,000
45402 Cypress Ct	\$320,000
632 Filmore St	\$278,000
49968 Hancock St	\$335,000
44419 Heather Ln	\$195,000
45521 Morningside Rd	\$280,000
757 N Beck Rd	\$221,000
41801 Princess Dr	\$265,000
47449 Raminder Ct	\$21,000
45588 S Stonewood Rd	\$182,000
427 Sandalwood Rd	\$349,000
44070 Southampton Dr	\$142,000
2826 Stanton St	\$258,000
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41736 Wayside Dr	\$120,000
1758 Wentworth Dr	\$210,000
44425 Westminister Wa	ay \$180,000
32137 Balmoral St	\$66,000
31026 Beechwood St	\$106,000
122 Central Ct	\$45,000
32128 Chester St	\$26,000
29554 John Hauk St	\$85,000
994 W Rose Ave	\$107,000
LIVONIA	*
35580 Ann Arbor Tri	\$183,000
14343 Arcola St	\$125,000
11011 Auburndale St	\$156,000
36144 Barkley St	\$115,000
14705 Blue Skies St	\$117,000
12416 Cardwell St	\$58,000
36268 Club Dr	\$30,000
8869 Danzig St	\$103,000
8907 E Deborah Ct	\$123,000
35061 Ellen Ct	\$215,000
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34551 Fairfax Dr	\$240,000
30328 Fairfax St	
	\$109,000
9030 Henry Ruff Rd	\$50,000

	9718 Horton St
	11314 Hubbard St
	37124 Kingsburn Dr
	27525 Lyndon St
	14676 Melrose St
	30606 Minton St
	9911 Roseland St
	15322 Sunset St
	NORTHVILLE
	17001 Algonquin Dr
	19047 Angell Blvd
	18888 Bayberry Way
	44574 Broadmoor Ci
	19709 Cardene Way
-	16729 Lyonhurst Cir
	46221 Pinehurst Dr
	715 Randolph St
	218 West St
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	18350 Woodbury Ct PLYMOUTH
	48567 E Hillcrest Ct
	45868 Green Valley F
	748 Harding St
	41930 Lindsay Dr
	48631 Meadow Dr

	\$33,000	12952 N Beck Rd
	\$166,000	730 Penniman Ave
	\$365,000	1341 Sheridan St
	\$125,000	REDFORD
	\$77,000	11422 Crosley
	\$117,000	15654 Fox
	\$60,000	17717 Gaylord
	\$90,000	15912 Kinloch
	450,000	26272 Margareta
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	\$229,000	1335 Craig Dr
	\$650,000	35668 Fernwood St
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	\$150,000	319 Shotka St
	\$125,000	7538 Terri Dr
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15654 Fox 17717 Gaylord	\$60,000 \$45,000
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\$308,000

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 10-17, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32251 Arlington Dr	\$210,000
21630 Normandale St	\$250,000
BINGHAM FARMS	4220,000
22987 W 13 Mile Rd	\$120,000
BIRMINGHAM	7.20,00
1815 Bowers St	\$145,000
1393 Cedar Dr	\$435,000
691 Harmon St	\$260,000
691 Harmon St	\$380,000
1856 Hazel St	\$140,000
557 Henrietta St	\$170,000
1720 Washington Blvd	\$750,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	•
172 Kirkwood Ct	\$660,000
2512 Loch Creek Way	\$449,000
7425 Parkstone Ln	\$198,000
1788 S Hill Blvd	\$128,000
6828 Vachon Dr	\$248,000
1197 Winchcombe Dr	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	_
911 Dedham Ct	\$215,000
3065 Devon Brook Dr	\$105,000
3289 Devon Brook Dr	\$270,000
4693 Hedgewood Dr	\$210,000
2384 Klingensmith Rd	\$57,000
5608 Lahser Rd	\$285,000

1895 Pine Ridge Ln	
5543 Westwood Ln	
5131 Woodlands Dr	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	-
4740 Driftwood Dr	
8119 Farrant St	
7958 Marshalsea St	
2133 Palmetto	
4984 Parkgate Dr	
4479 Ravinewood Dr	
1825 Sleeth Rd	
5941 Strawberry Cir	
711 W Commerce Rd	
3740 Wild Oak Bnd	1
FARMINGTON	
35252 Drake Heights Dr	
22830 Lakeway St	
FARMINGTON HILLS	
36996 Aldgate Ct	
28824 Appleblossom Ln	
26514 Badalament Ct	
32250 Baintree Rd	i
31242 Bycroft St	-
30917 Cedar Creek Dr	
28124 Danvers Dr	-
30170 Fiddlers Grn	-
37080 Fox Gln	
24424 Glen Orchard Dr	
36555 Howard Rd	9
31476 Hunters Circle Dr	-
30807 Lamar St	i
25959 Lynford St	i
25607 Orchard Lake Rd	
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\$155,000	23965 Westmont Dr	\$470,000
\$285,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$279,000	24839 Brompton Way Ct	\$40,000
_	1272 Coach House Ln	\$40,000
\$740,000	54865 Glenwood Ct	\$40,000
\$497,000	59801 Mallory Ln	\$374,000
	24384 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
\$110,000	61121 Saddlecreek Dr	\$293,000
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\$169,000	23506 Spy Glass HI N	\$330,000
\$260,000	52473 Trailwood Dr	\$100,000
\$185,000	52797 Trailwood Dr	\$65,000
\$225,000	52797 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
\$234,000	23942 Winged Foot Way	\$356,000
\$252,000	SOUTHFIELD	
	30260 Balewood St	\$193,000
\$233,000	17620 Cornell Rd	\$67,000
\$399,000	28020 Everett St	\$15,000
\$224,000	29545 Fairfax St	\$44,000
\$80,000	20506 Mada Ave	\$33,000
\$215,000	18195 Onyx St	\$103,000
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\$152,000	79 Grandview Cir	\$105,000
\$122,000	930 Pembroke Dr	\$239,000
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\$251,000	8092 Sutton Ct	\$142,000
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\$40,000	8054 Wildwood Ln	\$217,000
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Condo operation information

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesday evenings in May from 7-9 p.m. covering "Advanced Condominium Operation, The Essentials for Success."

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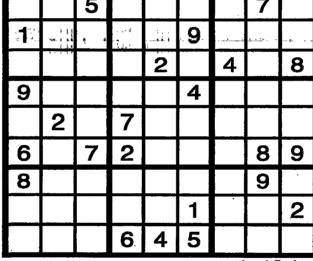
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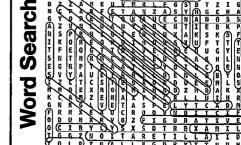
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