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Garden Walk

Tickets are on sale for the Wayne Garden Club's 2013 Garden Walk. Entitled "Gardens in Bloom," the walk will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

The walk will be held rain or shine and feature eight gardens. There also will be vendors and a White Elephant sale.

Advance tickets are \$8 and on sale at the Wayne Public Library, Wayne City Hall, Wayne Community Center, Garden Fantasy in Belleville and the Wayne Farmer's Market.

On the day of the garden walk, the ticket price will be \$10.

A garden walk booklet and/or tickets can be picked up that day at the Wayne Banquet and Activity Center at the corner of Sims and Wayne Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Lynn at (734) 721-8232.

Tigers tickets

We are giving away Detroit Tigers tickets to the Saturday, May 25, game against the Minnesota Twins. This is a 4:05 p.m. start, and the winner will have to pick up the tickets at our Detroit offices on the day of the game. You can enter the contest by visiting the Don't Miss module on the right-hand side of our website, [Hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if he or she also enters the contest.

The drawing is May 24. Good luck!

Miss Westland

Entrants are being sought for the annual Miss Westland competition held in connection with the Westland Summer Festival.

The competition for scholarship money is open to Westland women ages 16-22 who have never been married.

There are short and essay questions on the application.

Entrants also must supply a photograph and a copy of their most recent report card/transcript.

Public interviews will be held with the judging Saturday, June 29. The deadline to enter is Saturday, May 25.

For applications and information, contact Victoria Lawrence at (734) 578-5025 or victorialawrence57@yahoo.com.

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Council OKs renaming Norwayne park

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As the Norwayne subdivision moves toward being designated as an historical landmark, Dorsey Park has a new name.

The Westland Council voted Monday to approve the request from the Norwayne Community Citi-

zens Council to rename it Liberator Park.

The new name recognizes the B-24 bombers, also called the Liberator, built at the Willow Run bomber plant. The Norwayne subdivision was built in 1943 to house defense workers.

Henry Johnson, who chairs the Norwayne group, noted a Facebook

post by Mayor William Wild asking how he could provide compassionate government in Westland. The comment followed Wild's recent trip to Louisville, Ky., where he was among a group of mayors meeting with the Dalai Lama.

"You were compassionate tonight. It began with the historic designa-

tion for Norwayne," said Johnson, a Norwayne resident since 1954.

"For that little boy who for all those years had to fight the shack town comments and (the idea) that he wasn't as good as others from outside Norwayne."

Once it has been landscaped and improved, Johnson said the new Lib-

erator Park will be a park of which everyone can be proud.

"I was born and raised in Norwayne. I just want to say thank you," Johnson said.

The timing of the new park name coincides with the 70th anniversary of the Norwayne subdivision.

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Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa were a happy couple on their wedding day, one day before he was killed in a car crash on their honeymoon.

Groom's life cut short day after wedding

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The day after they married, Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa started their new life together Sunday by driving south for a honeymoon they hoped to share in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

They never made it. Costa, a 21-year-old Canton resident and youth leader at Connection Church on Sheldon Road, was killed Sunday morning in a one-car crash in Ohio. His death came less than 24 hours after his wedding.

Costa's close friend, Joshua Wayt, paid tribute to Costa on his blog, calling him "the happiest man in the world" after he married Favazza-Costa, a 21-year-old Wayne resident who was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

Those who knew and loved Costa, including his Canton Connection Church family, are mourning his death after Ohio State Police say he lost control of the Ford Escape he was driving south on Interstate 77 in Tuscarawas County. The vehicle went into the median, struck an

embankment and rolled over several times as it crossed the northbound lanes.

Ohio authorities have said the couple was wearing seat belts, and alcohol wasn't a factor.

Rocky Barra, pastor of Canton Connection Church, had presided over the wedding Saturday. He issued a statement to the close-knit, broken-hearted church community.

'Horrible news'

"I was called out of our first service Sunday to find out that Heather and Jordan were in a

terrible car crash while they were driving south for their honeymoon," he said. "Toward the end of the second service, I received the horrible news that Jordan had died. They had been married for less than 24 hours."

Connection Church announced a memorial service celebrating Costa's life has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at the church on Sheldon Road north of Michigan Avenue. Barra has asked for continued prayers for

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Observer to publish Wayne's legal notices

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A new firm will be handling property assessing duties for Wayne, and the city also has a new newspaper for legal notices.

"As I stated earlier, we have to look at all that we do," said Wayne City Manager Robert English.

Regarding the city's assessing services, English noted that Wayne had a long-standing relationship with Wayne County to provide assessing services.

"There aren't too many businesses that do this kind of work," said English, noting WCA Assessing, headquartered in

Westland, has a proven track record.

The council approved a three-year agreement with WCA — \$72,560 for the first year with increases by the Consumer Price Index the following years. In 2011-12, the city paid \$83,455 to Wayne County for the same services.

WCA provides assessing services for 14 other communities, including Canton, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Belleville.

With an average city-wide drop in property values at over 7 percent this year, city officials had been unhappy with the assessing.

"There are good reasons for supporting this. I met with the CEO and talked to the Westland mayor and Canton Township supervisor," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. "I saw a lot of things we were missing. We need a fresh assessor and better communication with the city."

The council also voted to award a bid to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* to serve as the city's official newspaper for legal notices. The other bid was from Associated Newspapers, which served as the official newspaper for a number of years.

In recommending the change, Clerk Matthew

Miller noted the *Observer & Eccentric* offered a lower classified rate, higher circulation and also an extensive Internet presence with over 200,000 unique website visits and over 1.2 million searches monthly.

Additionally, Miller commented that the twice weekly publication of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* added greater flexibility with dated legal notices.

"We used the *Eagle* (Associated Newspapers) for a long time. I want to thank the Willett family for serving the city for many years," said Haidous. "Chang-

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Veterans prepare for annual W-W parade

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Memorial Day is one of those holidays that can fall on a different date on different years but it's always the fourth Monday in May.

Likewise, the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade has different dates but it's always the Sunday before Memorial Day.

A notice in Westland water bills incorrectly listed the parade as being held on the actual holiday but it will still be held Sunday, starting at 1 p.m.

"We try to keep away from Memorial Day. Canton has a parade and Dearborn has a big parade," said Dan Stachow of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. "That's why we call it a veterans parade versus a Memorial Day parade."

Many people still refer to the parade as a Memorial Day parade but Stachow said a veterans parade lets the event honor all who have served in the military — not just those who are deceased.

A variety of veterans organizations participate in the annual parade but it's not a requirement to be military — other organizations are welcome to join the parade.

The parade route alternates each year, either heading north into Westland or south into Wayne. This year, the parade will assemble at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, head north on Wayne Road to Ford, then east to Westland City Hall. The parade will end with a ceremony at the memorial located south of city hall in front of the closed Bailey Recreation Center.

"Various (veterans) units will be placing wreaths there. We will be raising and lowering the flag," Stachow said.

It's a relatively short parade — 30-45 minutes in duration — with the short Westland route and slightly longer when it heads to Wayne.

At Monday's Westland City Council meeting, Westland Mayor William Wild apologized for the error on the parade date and encouraged residents to attend.

"We're hoping to get the word out that the parade is Sunday, May

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The City of Westland, in coordination with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, is working to re-create a community of choice for the Norwayne subdivision. Part of that is to emphasize the patriotic significance of the community, including renaming some of the neighborhood's landmarks to reflect its proud heritage.

"The Norwayne community was Westland's first subdivision, providing an essential need for housing during World War II," Wild said. "The Norwayne Community Citizens Council is taking the lead in reestablishing the pride of the neighborhood through this signifi-

cant act."

The renaming of the park coincides with the approval by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Board to nominate the Norwayne community for the National Register of Historic Places. A new sign will be dedicated as part of the 70th anniversary celebration in October.

The city has provided much money and attention on improving Norwayne including significant investments through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program by acquiring blighted and foreclosed properties.

A Norwayne Neighborhood Watch program also is being organized.

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Norwayne recommended for historic designation

Westland's oldest could soon be honored for its World War II heritage with the decision by the State of Michigan's Historic Preservation Review Board to recommend the placement of Norwayne on the National Register of Historic Places

The Register is an official list of historic places deemed worthy of preservation, recognizing a site or area's historical, architectural, cultural or archeological significance.

Constructed during World War II for the workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant, Norwayne at its peak was home to more than 20,000 residents. By the

1980s the neighborhood's housing stock started to decline and it was apparent that the area was in need of restoration. For years, the City of Westland has taken an active role in the stabilization of the neighborhood, using federal dollars through qualifying programs, and has encouraged investment in the neighborhood through renovation grants. Funds have also been used for road improvement and infrastructure repair.

According to Westland Mayor William Wild, there are many perks that come with the designation, including the potential for tax incentives that could help with future

restoration efforts.

"Our goal is to return Norwayne to a 'community of choice' and continue to build on its proud history," he said. "This designation is another step towards that goal. One of the biggest issues is that there is not enough awareness about Norwayne and its magnificent historic significance. It was once a shining part of the city and we are working hard to bring that back."

Wild commended the recently formed Norwayne Community Citizens Council and the recent Norwayne Community Garden project that supplies Norwayne residents with fresh fruits and vegetables.

Norwayne was constructed in 1942. According to Joanne Campbell, Westland's director of housing and community development, Norwayne was once central to the life of the city, but today is struggling to play a more vital role in the re-emerging of the city as a whole.

"It still stands as a testament to the region's industrial and military heritage, and we intend to continue our work to restore this pillar of history," said Campbell.

The recommendation now moves to the U.S. Department of Interior, which maintains the historic register, for final approval.

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Costa and Favazza-Costa.

"I've known Heather since she was born," he told the *Observer*, adding that Favazza-Costa's parents, Sue and George Favazza, have long been active in Connection Church. "I dedicated Heather as a baby. She and Jordan have been such outstanding people. Their integrity and leadership in the church and the community were unbelievable.

"It's a deep sorrow," Barra said. "Heather does not have a broken bone. It's a miracle. She will come through this. She has a great faith in God, but right now we are all reeling."

In his earlier statement to the congregation, Barra recalled officiating the wedding Saturday.

"This is very difficult for me to share with you," Barra said. "I was so very honored to officiate the wedding ceremony of Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza."

Huge part

Barra said Favazza "has literally grown up in our church," and he said he and others watched Favazza "grow through her teenage years and become the beautiful bride she was on Saturday."

Barra wrote that Costa had been "a huge part of our youth ministry," serving as a youth leader and facilitating the church's college and career ministry. Costa had moved here from the Boston area and worked at a Blockbuster store.

"He was definitely a handsome groom," Barra said, "with his family in attendance from his home out east."

Barra wrote that Favazza "thankfully and miraculously" escaped without serious injury.

"Our heart is broken for Heather and the entire Favazza family," Barra said.

He has asked for prayers for the families.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 24. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. Game night will be Thursday, May 23. Next month's date will be June 13.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

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

Benefit concert

The Westland Jaycees will be hosting a concert on Friday, May 31, to benefit two worthy causes.

The KISS cover band War Machine will perform at Bumpers Bar and Grill 8631, N. Newburgh, just south of Joy, in Westland. All proceeds from

the cover charge will go to benefit the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life.

There also will be silent auctions, raffles and 50/50 drawings. The proceeds from these games will go to benefit a local teen that was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Her single mother is taking care of her, but the family does not have health insurance so the bills are piling up. Tickets are available before the event for \$10 and at the door for \$15. Doors open for the concert at 7:30 p.m. The band will be on stage at 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, send and to jsroc628@yahoo.com or call (734) 858-4811.

Historical program

The Friends of Nankin Mills will sponsor an adult local history program,

"Death of Chief Tonquish: Debunking Myths and Legends" 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Daryl Bailey, military historian and vice-president of the Friends of Nankin Mills, will look at both the death of Chief Tonquish and its historiography. Refreshments will be provided.

Preregister by calling (734) 261-1990.

License plate meet Ohawkeye's 14th Southeast Michigan License Plate Meet will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday June 1, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896 at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Tables are available for \$5 each. For details go online to vfw6896.com/LicensePlateMeet.html. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under 12 years of age and Veterans

with a VFW membership card or a VA Hospital ID get in free.

Free coffee and doughnuts will be available.

All proceeds go to the veterans. For more information, call Scott "Ohawkeye" Olson at (734) 421-1599 or send an email to ohawkeye@yahoo.com.

Kickball signups

Registration is being accepted for Summer Kickball Leagues offered through the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department at Anderson Ball Fields in Attwood Park in Wayne. The cost is \$200 per team and must be paid in full at time of registration.

All teams must register at the Wayne Community Center by Monday, June 3. Games will start the week of June 10. For more information or to register, call (734) 721-7400.

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26," he said, adding a notice would be added to WLND.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the parade or participate in the parade itself can contact parade coordinator Heather Robertson-Mitchell at (313) 576-

7268 or hrobertson70@aol.com.

Local veterans and other volunteers will be placing American flags at the graves of veterans buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday. Anyone interested in help can come to the cemetery, located on Ford east of Wayne Road.

The Westland Veterans Association is continuing to sell the memorial walkway bricks as a fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, which will soon break ground behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

The memorial is set to be dedicated on Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The deadline to purchase an engraved memorial brick in time for the dedication is July 31.

The engraved bricks will continue to be sold after July 31 but those won't be in place for the dedication.

Sponsorships for the memorial garden are also available. For more information, email mk7910@aol.com or call (734) 335-7943.

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es in the business and economic conditions are forcing us to look at changes.

During his close to 30 years working for the city, English said the *Eagle* had been the official newspaper and until

recently the only general circulation newspaper in Wayne.

"We are looking at the things we do — the legals, assessing and the auditor. We can't just say we're not looking at it," said English. "With the *Observer & Eccentric* coming into Wayne, it was time to look at it."

Councilman John Rhaesa abstained from

the vote on the official newspaper — his brother works for Associated Newspapers. Rhaesa is also owner/publisher of the *Wayne Dispatch*, which isn't eligible to be the city's official newspaper since it is a monthly publication.

"I think we made a great decision with the *Observer & Eccentric* — welcome," said Rhae-

sa later in the meeting. "It was a tough decision. I worked 15 years at the *Eagle* — I loved the newspaper."

Rhaesa added that he was also pleased with the WCA Assessing contract, a change he has also wanted to see made.

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W-W moves to four-day work week for summer

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will pilot a four-day work week this summer, aimed at improving customer service.

Beginning Monday, June 17, and running through Friday, Aug. 16, all of the district's schools and administrative offices will have extended hours Monday through Tuesday and be closed on Friday.

"There will be a modest savings of about \$20,000, but the real emphasis will be on improving customer service," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "The business office where most of the registration takes place during the summer, will open earlier in the morning to better serve working parents and stay open later in the afternoon."

The district's administrative offices, its 11 elementary schools, two upper elementaries and two middle schools, as well as the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center will be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and 7 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools, the William D. Ford

Career Technical Center and Tinkham Alternative Education Center will be open 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 6:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

According to Baracy, much of the student registrations take place at the administrative offices on Marquette in Westland during the summer. The longer hours allow working parents to complete the process without impacting their jobs, as well as students to pick up transcripts.

The pilot program is an offshoot of an effort to improve how all employees deal with students and parents. The administration has even hired a consulting firm to achieve its goal of creating a culture of customer service in the district.

The pilot program has been agreed to by all of the district's employees groups. According to Kelly Bohl, the senior executive director of human resources, they were given "opportunity to vote on it, so they had every member give input."

"It passed overwhelmingly as a pilot program," she said.

School board Trustee Charles Griffin called the program "a good idea." "It gives us more flexibility in how we service

the public," he said. "I'm happy it's a pilot program because we can learn from the experience. Summer time seems to be a good time to do this."

Also, as a part of its customer service initiative, the district's summer school program will be offered at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial four days a week. In the past, the program had been based at the Tinkham Center.

"It's not because of the pilot program, it's because of the increasing numbers of students taking classes," said Baracy. "This will provide them with a setting that they're comfortable in, their own high school."

The pilot program also won't affect the Champions summer camp program. It will continue to be offered for children in need of day care five days a week at Wildwood Elementary in Westland.

The district will take a close look at the program when it's over to see how it was received.

"We'll see if it has value," said Baracy. "We'll see if residents liked the change. If the feedback is positive, we'll look at continuing it."

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Wayne Oks redevelopment district for Mark Chevrolet

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne has its second Commercial Redevelopment District.

The council recently voted to approve establishing a CRD that will encompass the Mark Chevrolet property — 9.87 acres at 33200 Michigan Ave.

Redevelopment projects in the new district could qualify for up to a 12-year tax abatement. In the case of improvements to existing businesses, the property value would be frozen at the level prior to improvements being made.

The CRD offers a 50-percent property tax abatement for up to 12 years for new development.

"They (Mark Chevrolet) are aware that they are going to file for an abatement, they

will have to file a separate application (for the abatement)," said Community Development Director Peter McInerney. "There are plans to strengthen the dealership working with General Motors."

The expansion and modernization planned at the dealership would be consistent with the General Motors Facility Image Program.

"We've been here for a long time. We've never turned down any type of community help that we've been asked to," said dealership representative Bob Wozniak. "I thank you for your support."

The community was very glad when General Motors reconsidered closing the dealership during its restructuring, said Mayor Al Haidous.

"We appreciate having you in the community.

We hope to work with you to strengthen the business and the community," Haidous said. "You've done a good business in Wayne."

This CRD is similar to several approved by the Wayne Council in the past — they were for specific businesses and approved in response to a specific request.

In April, the council had approved a city-initiated CRD along both sides of Wayne Road from Glenwood south to Ash. Westland had already approved a CRD from Glenwood to Cherry Hill along Wayne Road.

The intent of the CRD is to encourage new development and redevelopment of existing commercial properties within the district.

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County to do controlled burns in Hines, Lola Valley Parks

The Wayne County Department of Public Services Water Quality Management Division has planned six prescribed ecological burns for five grow zones in Hines Park and in Lola Valley Park, west of Kinloch, in Redford Township.

The prescribed burns in Hines Park and Lola Valley Park will help restore native grasses and wildflowers in grow zones located in Wayne County parks. Research and experience reveal another benefit of prescribed burns. Deep rooted native plants, which burns help to restore, minimize polluted storm water runoff and provide habitat.

"These prescribed burns are beneficial to our parks and enhance the quality of life for the public when they use our Wayne County parks," said Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano. Exact dates of the burns are dependent on weather conditions.

The locations of the prescribed burns are the Bennett Arboretum, between Six Mile and Seven Mile off Hines Drive; Nankin Mills, east of Farmington Road off Hines Drive; Parkview, west of Northville Road off Hines Drive; Newburgh Pointe, along Hines Drive, west end of the lake, across from the comfort station;

Newburgh Dam, at Hines Drive and Newburgh Road, and Lola Valley Park, south of Six Mile, west of Kinloch. Historically fire was an important natural part of the development and maintenance of grasslands, forests and wetlands. For thousands of years, tall grass prairies and open brush lands were kept free of the trees by periodic wildfires that cleared the landscape every two to 50 years. These fires were caused by lightning or intentionally set by Native Americans. They discovered that fire killed

woody plants but encouraged fruit bearing shrubs and forage-producing grasslands.

Niswander Environmental LLC, along with David Borneman LLC, will conduct the prescribed ecological burns, which were approved by local fire departments.

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Tires and wheels reported stolen from cars

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment in the 7800 block of Manor Circle told police May 15 that someone had stolen all four tires and wheels from a 2013 Ford Explorer. The driver's side was placed on bricks while a jack was holding up the passenger side of the vehicle.

On May 15, a resident at Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, reported someone had stolen a tire and wheel from his 2007 Chevrolet Impala while it was parked in the lot. The officer noted damage to the quarter panel near the missing tire/wheel.

Attempted vehicle theft

A Detroit resident told police that someone attempted to steal his 2005 Chrysler Town and Country sometime overnight into early May 16 from the Capri Terrace Apart-

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ments, 31511 Capri Terrace.

The driver's door lock was damaged, the steering wheel had been cut through to remove a Club-style locking device and the ignition lock had been removed causing damage to the steering column.

The owner said the vehicle had a hidden kill switch apparently thwarted the theft.

On May 18, a Westland Estates Apartments resident, 35300 Westland Estates Dr., told police that about 1:15 a.m. she heard a noise and looked out the window. She said a light colored Chrysler Sebring had backed up and parked near her car, also a Sebring.

The passenger door opened and a male got out. She said the male began tampering with her car. As she exited her apartment to confront

the suspects, she said her car alarm activated. By the time she got outside, the resident said the car was driving away.

The officer noted the driver's door lock was damaged with scratches/pry marks and the key hole was bent.

Vandalism

An employee at Westland Florist and Greenhouse, 34235 Ford, had called police about 5:30 a.m. May 18 about a man harassing a customer who had come to pick up cemetery cones. The employee said he chased the man, who was on a bicycle, away and the man responded that he'd be back.

About an hour later, the employee said the man returned and threw a cinder block twice at a 2012 GMC Acadia. The windshield pillar was cracked and dented and the passenger door window was chipped.

The suspect rode off on his bicycle, heading

north on Wildwood.

Break-in

A Westland man told police that he was in the process of moving from a home in the 34000 block of Beechnut when on May 18 he discovered someone had broken in. Reported missing were six feet of kitchen cabinets which had been unscrewed from the wall and ceiling. The officer noted the door frame and lock assembly on the door connecting to the garage had been kicked in.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 7400 block of Hartel told police May 19 that someone had stolen her white gold and diamond wedding ring from the console of her unlocked 2002 GMC Yukon. The suspects left behind a Planet Fitness gym bag filled with women's work out equipment.

On May 19, a resident in the 30000 block of Marshall Court reported a business check book, a brief case and a hand dolly missing from a 2002 Ford Windstar minivan. The van had been left parked on the street. The owner said his son had went to get something from the vehicle about 3:30 a.m. and had left it unlocked.

Larceny

An employee at China Gate Restaurant, 5824 N. Wayne Road, told police May 19 that a man entered the business and stole \$2 from her tip jar that sits on the counter.

Larceny from a vehicle

On May 19, a resident of the Willow Creek Apartments, 37456 Willow Lane, told police that someone had stolen stereo equipment valued at \$620 from his 2000 Ford Ranger pickup truck. He told police he thought the

vehicle had been locked but there was no damage.

Vandalism

A Bedford, Texas resident told police her name is still on the lease for a home in the 34000 block of Decatur Court. She said she was staying at the home May 16 when someone scratched her 2004 Cadillac SLA, causing extensive damage.

A resident of the Willow Creek Apartments, 1283 Fairwood, told police May 18 that someone had damaged his 2009 Ford Focus. The officer noted small dents and scratches throughout the vehicle, possibly caused by a hammer or a metal object.

Larceny

On May 17, a resident in the 200 block of N. Karle told police someone had stolen the license plate from her 1996 Mercury Sable while it was parked in her driveway.

By LeAnne Rogers

Loose dog gets Garden City resident a ticket

Stolen card

A Plymouth resident came to the Garden City police station May 15 to report that someone used his stolen debit card to make a \$137 purchase at the Shell gas station at 120 Middlebelt in Garden City.

The manager planned to check the video surveillance tape for more information.

The man said that his wallet was stolen in Westland about a month ago and the card was in

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that wallet. He earlier reported the wallet stolen to Westland police.

Animal bite

A resident in the 32000 block of Dover was ticketed about 7:15 p.m. May 16 for letting his Rottweiler run unleashed and at large and for not having a dog license.

A Garden City woman reported that she was walking her Beagle

named Scout, on Craig north of Dover, when a large Rottweiler came running toward her and bit the Beagle on her leg causing a small puncture wound.

When the woman returned home, she called the police who ticketed the Rottweiler's owner. The officer noted that the Rottweiler was up to date on its immunizations.

Theft

An employee at a business located at 32125

Block reported that somebody stole four batteries from various construction equipment May 16. The batteries were each valued at about \$150 each. He said that this was the second incident in the last month.

Vehicle theft

An apartment dweller in the 7000 block of North Venoy reported at 8 a.m. May 17 that someone stole her 2002 Dodge Stratus from the parking lot.

There was no broken glass around the spot where the vehicle was parked. The owner said that the car is paid off and she has the only set of keys.

Attempted vehicle theft

A woman in the 6500 block of North Venoy reported that she found damage to her car ignition about 8:30 a.m. May 17. There was no sign of forced entry and nothing was stolen

from the vehicle which was in the apartment parking lot.

Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Dover reported May 15 that someone wrote a swear word with an oily substance on her front porch about a week prior. She tried to wash it off but couldn't. After she couldn't make the words wash away, she decided to notify the police about the incident.

By Sue Buck



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Westland city officials honor Brian Woehlke

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With a moment of silence and display of flowers next to a fire helmet, Westland officials on Monday remembered Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, who was killed in the line of duty May 8.

"We've not had that experience in the city's history," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It was a bad fire and our fire department responded immediately. I just watched how they rolled out. Other communities (firefighters) came in. I was so proud of the Wayne-Westland Fire Department."

Wild and council members extended their condolences to the family of Brian Woehlke, 29, who died in the fire that destroyed the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille.

"I would ask the Westland community to keep the police and firefighters in their thoughts and prayers," Wild said. "There are a lot of fundraisers. I would ask you to keep Jennifer and Ava (Woehlke's wife and daughter) in mind too."

It was the first council meeting since Woehlke died and a City Hall employee was held hostage, coincidentally, during the firefighter's funeral. Wild commented on both incidents.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the two connected businesses, Wild said, and keep it from spreading into adjoining businesses on either side of the strip center.



The Detroit Red Wings are helping in fund-raising for Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke's wife Jennifer and young daughter Ava.

DINNER AND AUCTION

Among local businesses stepping up to help raise funds for the family of fallen firefighter Brian Woehlke is Mr. Mike's Grill at 6047 N. Wayne Road.

The restaurant is holding an all-you-can-eat pasta bar and salad bar and silent auction noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. Choose your favorite pasta and mix and match with a variety of sauces. The cost is a donation of \$10 per person, with 50 percent of all money raised going to the Woehlke family.

For more information, call Mr. Mike's at (734) 729-6453.

In the immediate aftermath of the fire and Woehlke's death, Wild said Wayne-Westland Firefighters Local 1279 President Mitch Tokarski and

General Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Tomaszewski quickly switched gears to assist Woehlke's family.

"They fought the fire, then put on their unions hats. I'm very proud of them. They rose to the occasion," Wild said.

During Woehlke's May 13 funeral, a man came into City Hall demanding to see Wild and then holding an employee hostage while claiming to have a bomb on his body.

"I'm very proud of the Police Department. It was a situation where the worst could have happened," Wild said. "In four hours it was over — there was no loss of life."

That incident has prompted the Police Department to review security at City Hall to make recommendations for improvements.

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Red Wings help raise money for Woehlke family

The Detroit Red Wings are helping raise money for the family of the late Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke.

Fans attending Game 4 of the Western Conference semi-finals against the Chicago Blackhawks Thursday are being encouraged to make a donation to help Fill a Boot at any of the Joe Louis Arena entrances from 6:30 p.m. when the doors open to 8 p.m. when the puck drops.

Representatives of the Dearborn Fire Department - Woehlke was a Dearborn resident - will

be on hand with boots at each entrance. All funds collected will be donated to the Westland Firefighters Charity Fund to benefit Woehlke's wife Jennifer and 13-month old daughter Ava.

Woehlke, 29, died May 8 while fighting a fire at the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille.

Henrik Zetterberg, the Wings captain, will personally match all donations collected on Thursday up to \$3,500.

"The Red Wings have a long history of supporting our local fire departments with our

annual Smoke Detector Collection," Zetterberg said. "Our thoughts go out to the Woehlke family and we hope to help ease some of their financial burden through this fund-raiser."

Fans who cannot attend the game, but would like to support the cause can send a monetary donation to the Westland Firefighters Charity, P.O. Box 851320, Westland, MI, 48185, or stop by any of the five Wayne-Westland fire stations. Donations can also be made at www.local1279.org.

Sky Zone holds benefit for fallen firefighter

Sky Zone Canton, franchise partner of the world's first indoor trampoline park, will host a fundraiser Tuesday, June 4, in support of the family of Brian Woehlke, the Wayne-Westland firefighter who died while fighting a blaze in a Westland strip mall.

Sky Zone Canton will donate up to \$7 per jumper between 4 and 9 p.m. that day to the Westland Firefighters Charity for Woehlke's wife Jennifer and Ava, their 13-month old daughter.

"When we were asked by a member of the Wayne-Westland fire-

fighter community to hold this fundraiser, it was an easy decision," said Colleen Fitzgerald, owner of Sky Zone Canton. "Many area firehouses are pitching in to promote the event; we'll do everything we can to help this family during this very difficult time."

Online ticket purchasing is recommended to secure a jump time during this event. Participants should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled jump time and must have a valid Sky Zone waiver completed and signed prior to purchasing jump tickets and

entering the Sky Zone playing court.

Individuals under 18 years of age must have their waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Waivers can be completed and tickets can be purchased online.

Rates will be \$10 per 30-minute jump and \$14 per 60-minute jump. Service fees may apply.

Sky Zone Canton is at 42550 Executive Dr., Canton, MI 48188. For more information on fundraisers, donations or to purchase tickets, visit the Sky Zone Canton website at www.skyzone.com/canton.


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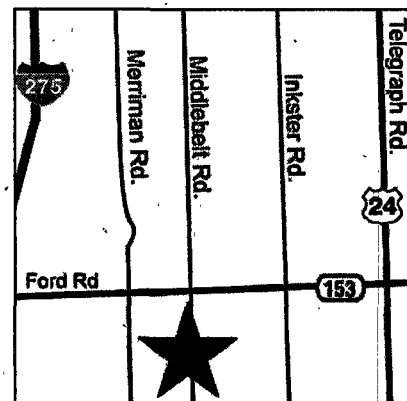
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Expo focuses on senior health and resources



Mary Ribeiro (left) talks to Mary Philpor of Dearborn Heights about Seniors Helping Seniors, a in-home service serving northwestern Wayne and northeastern Washtenaw counties.

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For Mary Loughlin, knowing that her bones were in good shape was reason enough to attend the Senior Health and Resources Expo at the Senior Friendship Center.

The Westland resident was among some 400 people who spent Friday morning getting checked out and also checking out the variety of services now available to seniors.

"I just did a bone density test and found out I'm in good shape," Loughlin said. "I should be. I Jazzercise three times a week and do Zumba. I've been doing Jazzercise for 15 years. Things like that are the key to staying healthy."

Across the room, Susan Philpor of Dearborn Heights was talking with Mary Ribeiro, executive director of Seniors Helping Seniors. The agency employees seniors to provide in-home services for seniors.

"We pair seniors with seniors, we match people to their needs," Ribeiro said. "Seniors can work two hours a week or two hours a month."

Seniors Helping Seniors provides services - "anything that doesn't require

rubber gloves" - in northwestern Wayne and northeastern Washtenaw counties. The agency opened its doors last September and, according to Ribeiro, a lot of seniors stopped by her table to get information.

"They think it's the coolest opportunity," Ribeiro said.

The center holds the expo once a year. In the past, it's focused on health and fitness, but with so many seniors involved in fitness programs at the center, director Barbara Schimmel Marcum decided to change it to the Senior Health and Resources Expo.

"It's really a gathering for information, seniors can visit 37 tables and gather information, have lunch and go home," Marcum said.

The vendors ranged from The Information Center, Senior Alliance and Seniors Helping Seniors. St. Mary Mercy Hospital was providing bone density testing. Dr. Karissa Jagacki of Personalized Hearing Care was checking ears, and Chiropractic Dr. Brian Brackney was providing chair massages.

Seniors also could get their feet examined, get checked for glaucoma,

and get a Plan in a Can can which contains "any very important things needed for an assessment by paramedics or emergency room personnel," Marcum said.

"The reason we have a few screenings is that if they have a problem, they can get help," she said.

Opening up the expo was local celebrity Buddy Shuh who competed on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. Shuh spoke to seniors about committing to making small changes to improve their lives.

Several elected officials also manned tables, providing information and items seniors could use.

"I've done all of these," said Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District. "I think it's a great opportunity to interact with members of the senior community and for them to interact with different levels of government. It's another opportunity for them us to connect."

Loughlin echoed LeBlanc's comments.

"I think this is wonderful, I think all seniors should participate," she said.

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Chiropractic Dr. Brian Brackney of Canton gives Mary Loughlin of Westland a massage during the Westland Senior Health and Resources Expo.



Dr. Karissa L. Jagacki, an audiologist, checks the ear of Marylou Marendia of Westland.

Yankee Air Museum holds Memorial Day observance

The Yankee Air Museum will hold a special ceremony on Memorial Day - Monday May 27 - to recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by the men and women of the armed forces.

The 11 a.m. ceremony is one of the day-long activities that will be offered at the museum. The public is invited to attend.

Brigadier Gen. Arnold Gordon-Bray (Retired, U.S. Army) will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Honor Ceremony which will be held on the north side parking area by the three flagpoles at the museum, located at 47884 D Street,

Belleville.

The program will begin with the Presentation of the Colors by an Honor Guard, the playing of *Taps* in a special rendition known as *Echo Taps*, and the singing of the National Anthem. A bagpiper and fly-by salute also will be featured.

"We're honored that Brigadier Gen. Gordon-Bray will be with us on this most special day," said Gerald Lester, event chairman for YAM's Memorial Day program. "He served in the U.S. Army throughout the world, earning numerous awards and commendations. His experiences are

remarkable. His remarks will be stirring."

Gordon-Bray, who has a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies, rose through the ranks and ultimately became a brigade leader. His command assignments included tours in Baghdad, Iraq, Vicenza, Italy, and Fort Campbell, Ky.

Starting out as "Decoration Day" following the Civil War, the term Memorial Day was often used by the late 1800s to mark May 30 as a day to remember the supreme sacrifices of men and women to protect freedom. Memorial Day was

the name commonly used after World War II. In 1967, federal law officially declared Memorial Day.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which among other things moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May, beginning in 1971. Many thought the solemn purposes of this holiday would be lost over time with this change. In fact, the late Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii routinely sponsored legislation to restore May 30 as the unequivocal Memorial Day.

"Whether American culture has lost, obscured, or otherwise diluted the

true meaning of Memorial Day is arguable," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors.

"Perhaps it is best settled individually by randomly asking people of all ages what Memorial Day means to them."

"One thing is and will remain certain, the Yankee Air Museum treasures and will perpetuate the somber memories of gallantry in the face of absolute duty to the United States of America," he said. "On Monday, May 27, people will assemble and in this purpose say 'thank you' to all veterans, past and present."

The observance also will include a Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2

p.m., and Flight Experience (FLEX) rides on the B-25 Mitchell bomber "Yankee Warrior" starting at 9 a.m.

There also will be a pancake breakfast 9-10:30 a.m. The cost will be \$6 per person - free for veterans - and include sausage, juice and coffee.

"While we join together and become a singular voice as the Yankee Air Museum revering our fallen heroes on May 27, make no mistake, we will celebrate loudly the freedom we enjoy every day," said Hunter.

The Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. For more information, visit the museum website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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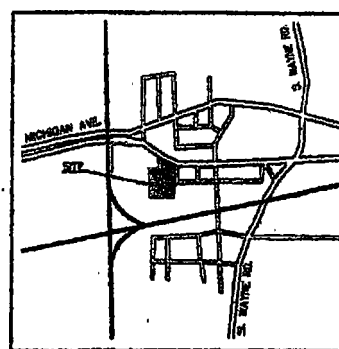
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Wayne Rec Foundation presents scholarships

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two graduating seniors from Wayne Memorial High School are getting help with college expenses thanks to the Wayne Recreation Foundation.

Each year, the foundation awards the Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship and the Jack Demmer Scholarship. Both scholarships are available to Wayne residents attending Wayne-Westland Community Schools and can be used to pay tuition, room and board, fees, books and other educational expenses.

The scholarships were presented recently at a breakfast held at the Cafe Marquette in William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Receiving the Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship was Ashley Gendron, who plans to attend Schoolcraft College for two years before transferring to Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of Rob and Beth Gendron, she plans to study early childhood development, then earn a business degree before opening a child care center.

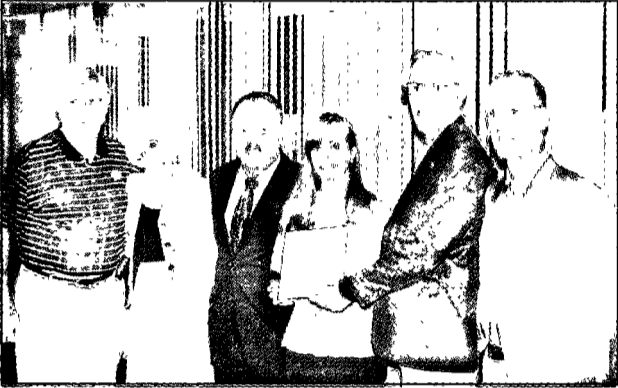
The \$500 scholarship was doubled to \$1,000 thanks to a \$500 donation from Jan Germann, a foundation board member and co-owner of American Jetway in Wayne.

Harold Bower was a local business owner and his wife Pat was a teacher.

"They were really instrumental in wanting to do something for kids and left money (for the scholarship)," foundation



India Williams, recipient of the Jack Demmer Scholarship awarded by the Wayne Recreation Foundation, is flanked by foundation board members Tom Daily (left), Jan Germann, Greg Baracy, William Hawley and Recreation Director Nathan Adams.



Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship recipient Ashley Gendron flanked by Wayne Recreation Foundation board members Thomas Dailey (left), Jan Germann, Greg Baracy, William Hawley and Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams.

board president William Hawley said.

India Williams received the Jack Demmer Scholarship, which was also doubled to \$1,000 thanks to a \$500 donation from Jim Demmer.

Williams plans to attend Wayne State University to major in social work and become a social worker. Accompanied by her sister Jaima Walker, who is studying criminal justice at Wayne, Williams said she also plans to adopt a child in the future.

The sisters were accompanied to the pro-

gram by Sharon Hopkins, who describes herself as a mentor.

"I think it is so important to recognize the students. We know how much college costs today," Hawley said. "This (the scholarships) isn't a great amount but we know that every bit counts. As the father of four, I know that."

Like the Bower scholarship, the Demmer scholarship is available for only one year.

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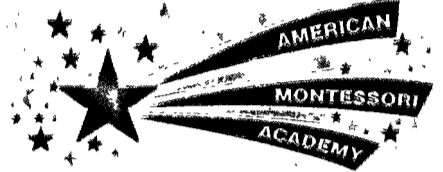
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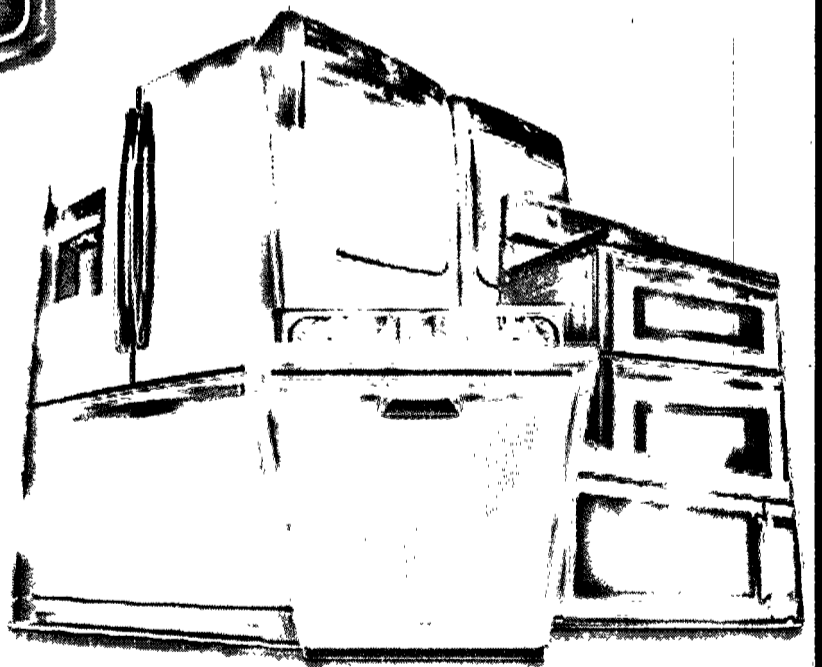
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O&E, sponsors honor 2013 Academic All-Star Team

Educators, media representatives and area businesses gathered Tuesday to honor the 2013 *Observer & Eccentric Media Academic All-Star Team* at a special awards program at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

The 25-member team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

"Congratulations to all of the 2013 students and soon to be graduates — today is your day. Enjoy it and remember it. Your achievements in high school have been tremendous and we salute you and your parents today," said Susan Rosiek, O&E publisher who emceed the program. "The O&E is committed to community journalism and we can't think of a better way to showcase the community than by highlighting the young men and women who we celebrate today."

Sponsors of this year's program — the 28th annual event — and special section published May 12 in all O&E print editions and online at www.hometownlife.com included Madonna University, Community Alliance Credit Union and the Michigan

Farm Bureau Health Services. The Townsend Hotel joined the O&E in hosting the breakfast program.

In addition to being featured in the special publication, students received certificates of achievement and other gifts from the O&E and sponsors.

As part of the All-Star program, Parkside Credit Union presented a \$500 scholarship to Jane Xiao for her essay on college students and financial responsibility. This was the second year that Parkside, with offices in Livonia and Westland, sponsored the essay competition. See Xiao's winning essay in Sunday's *Observer*.

The O&E Academic All-Star Team is selected by a three-member panel of high school principals — Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School in Livonia.

Every public, parochial and private school principal in the O&E *Media* readership area is invited each February to nominate two outstanding students. The selection is based solely on grade-point average (academic subjects only) and SAT or ACT scores.



Jane Xiao (left) is all smiles after being named winner of the Parkside Credit Union Academic All-Star Essay Competition. Xiao receives \$500 for college for her essay on financial responsibility. Presenting the scholarship award at Tuesday's award program are Martin Carter, CEO of Parkside Credit Union and Heather Gatewood, marketing coordinator. Parkside Credit Union has offices in Livonia and Westland.



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Karen Sanborn, (left) marketing director at Madonna University (longtime sponsor of the O&E Media Academic All-Star Program) joins all-stars Owen Yang of North Farmington High School, Alan Pinon, digital marketing specialist at Madonna; Elizabeth Watson of Cranbrook Schools, Mrigank Gupta of North Farmington High School, Andrea Ringer of Salem High School, Peter Romero of Harrison High School and Sidharth Chand of Detroit Country Day. Jill Hamilton-Krawzyk also of Madonna University (right) attended Tuesday's program at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.



Cindy Burgermyer (right) of Community Alliance Credit Union, one of the sponsors of this year's All-Star Program, is featured with 2013 all-stars (from left) Balaji Veluswamy of the International Academy, Marissa Ray of Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rohit Bhadange of Farmington High School, Shannon Guo of Canton High School, Jason Zhang of Salem High School and Anna Dai of Plymouth High School.



Elizabeth Nash of the Townsend Hotel (right) joins 2013 all-stars Sanjay Reddy of Andover High School, Cuthbert Sun of Andover High School, David Lectka of Stevenson High School, Jane Xiao of Farmington High School, Jacob Gase of Stevenson High School, Olivia Chen of Cranbrook Schools and Andrew J. Hausman of Groves High School.

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 Rohit Bhadange, Farmington
 Balaji Veluswamy, International Academy
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 Shirley Chen, Plymouth
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Public meeting focus: Ford Road fate

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton officials are cautiously expecting the Michigan Department of Transportation to confirm next week its intention to transform a stretch of Ford Road into a boulevard in an effort to ease traffic congestion along one of Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares.

MDOT project manager Gorette Yung has indicated the "preferred alternative" will be disclosed during a public meeting 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Summit on the Park, but she hasn't revealed the specific plan.

Yung and Matt Wending, a consultant hired by MDOT, had indicat-

ed in late March that a boulevard proposal was gaining momentum, partly because Ford Road already is due within a few years for a major reconstruction project.

Yung had said support for the boulevard concept "is very overwhelming from the community" after MDOT debuted a series of options for addressing traffic congestion.

Moreover, Wending had said in late March that "if anything, the facts are kind of pointing in that direction because Ford Road will have to be improved anyway."

Blunt assessment
Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy

was more blunt in his assessment in March.

"I think a boulevard is what's going to happen," he said — an opinion he also had shared in his last State of the Township address.

Still, it isn't known if the boulevard plan, for whatever reason, may have lost favor with MDOT — or whether it may have been modified since the state had narrowed the list of options to three:

- Do nothing. Most everyone calls this option unacceptable.

- Implement stop-gap measures by adding a west-bound Ford lane from I-275 to Sheldon and an east-bound lane from Lilley to Haggerty, along with better turn lanes at key inter-

sections.

- Move ahead with in years with plans to transform Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area to west of Sheldon Road. This option involves adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes; widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turn-around lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue. It could be accompanied by paving Lotz Road from Cherry Hill to Ford.

LaJoy, Trustee Tom Yack and other local officials had hoped for a now-dismissed plan — snubbed by federal authorities — to add

new ramps on the south-bound I-275 exit at Ford Road to allow motorists to access Haggerty Road in either direction without using Ford at all.

Ford Road fix

Township Trustee John Anthony also had supported it, saying as recently as last week "it's a good plan that is workable." However, he said local officials may have to settle for the boulevard proposal.

"If that's what it takes to get Ford Road fixed, I'll go along with it," he said. "We need something to fix it. It's not my first choice, but I'm not an engineer. If MDOT is confident this will fix the problem, then let's get it done."

Local officials fear

there could be a 10-year window for the boulevard plan, delaying any action as traffic woes persist.

"Canton is desperate for help," Trustee Pat Williams said. "We're looking to MDOT for solutions and doing nothing is not a viable option for our residents."

Next Thursday, MDOT is expected to recap the first three public meetings and unveil the preferred alternative for Ford Road. This fourth meeting will be an open house format, as others have been.

MDOT officials have strongly encouraged public participation.

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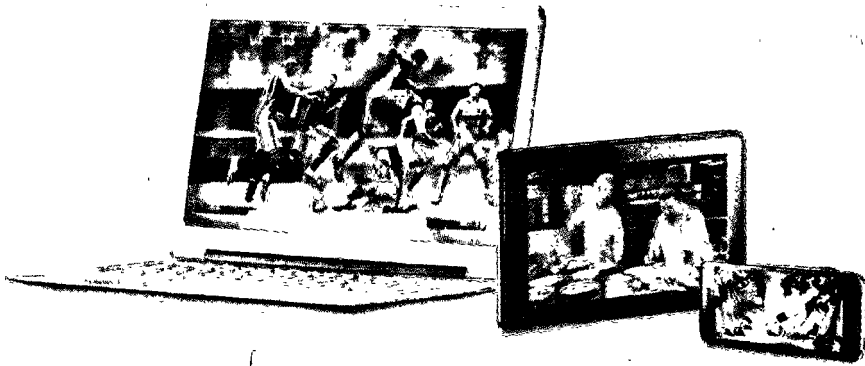
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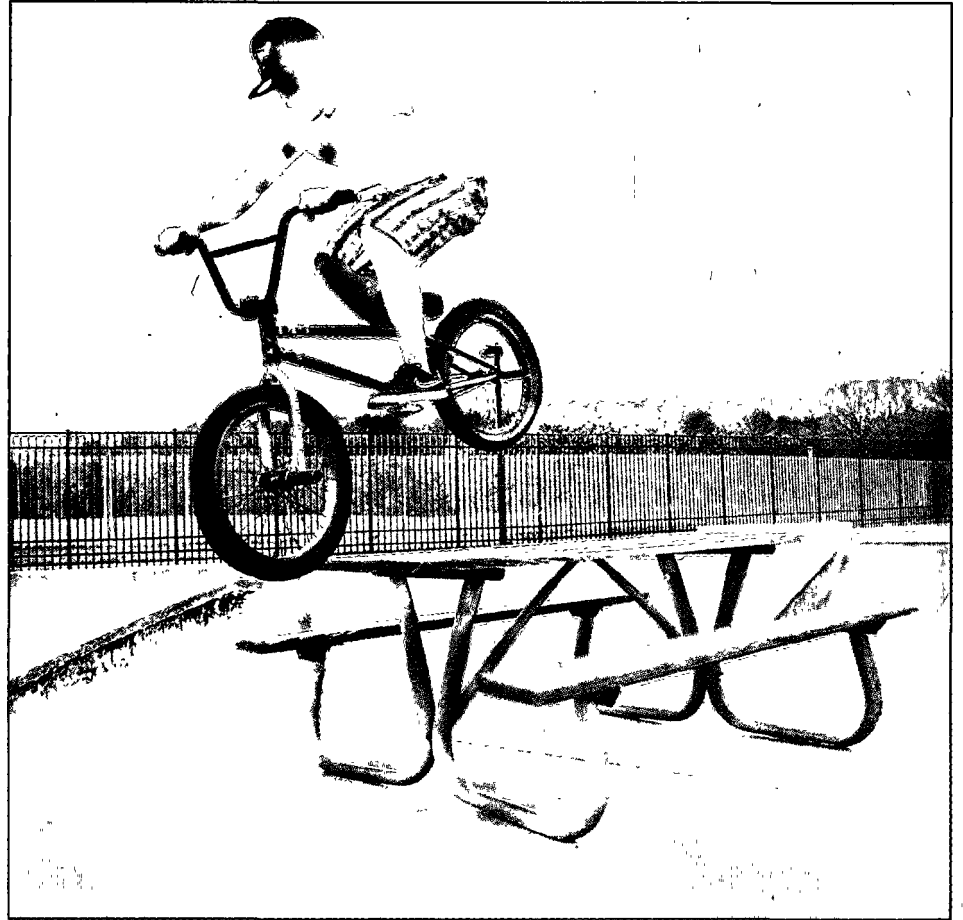
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 Alex Nehra of Westland jumps a picnic table inside the Concrete Jungle, Westland's skate and bike park.

Skate parks, sprayground ready for kids

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is now open seven days a week and free.

Located south of the City Hall parking lot, the Concrete Jungle provides a place for in-line skating, skateboards and bikes.

The park is open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is no on-site supervision but participants are urged to wear the appropriate safety equipment while using the park. The Concrete Jungle may be closed due to inclement weather.

For a change of pace, Attwood Park in Wayne also has a skate/bike park, currently open 3-7 p.m. daily. The park is next to the Wayne Recreation Center on Howe, south of Ann Arbor.

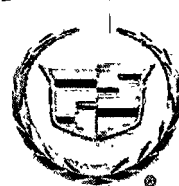
Also opening for the season Saturday, May 25, will be the H2O Zone Spray Ground in Tattan Park. The popular water playground will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily throughout the summer.

Tattan Park is located on Carlson south of Ford Road.



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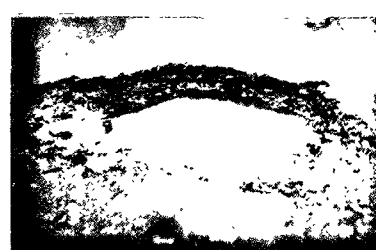
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Don't let taxes stand in the way of smart investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Well, it didn't happen. I didn't win the \$600 million lottery. Just like many of you, I bought a ticket and had a nice two-minute fantasy as to what I would do with the money. I never thought I would win, however, the fantasy was worth the couple of bucks. That being said, there is a good lesson to learn from the lottery. The lesson that the lottery teaches us has to do with taxes.

Everyone who bought a ticket, and there were tens of millions of us, wanted to win the lottery. However, if I would



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ask those same people how many of them have as one of their financial goals to lower their taxes, just about everyone would raise their hands. It's a question I ask at many of the speeches that I give and it's not surprising that the majority of people raise their hands. This is where I sometimes scratch my head. After all, everyone who bought

a lottery ticket wants to win the jackpot, but if they do, their taxes are not going down, they're going up significantly. Therefore, if someone's major financial goal is to lower their taxes, in effect they don't want to win the lottery.

The goal should not be to lower your taxes, but rather to have more money in your pocket. I suspect that we all would have been very happy to pay the \$100 million in taxes if we won the lottery because we would focus on millions that ended up in our pocket. That is exactly the way we should be thinking.

Unfortunately, too many people only focus

on taxes. What they assume is if they lower their taxes, they will have more money in their pockets. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work that way. Again, think of the situation of the lottery. If you won the jackpot and your focus was on lowering your taxes, you would not want to cash your ticket. After all, by not cashing the ticket, you would save \$100 million in taxes. On the other hand, if your focus was on what ends up in your pocket, you would cash the ticket, pay the taxes and enjoy the hundreds of millions of dollars left over.

When people invest

money, they don't focus on what ends up in their pocket, but rather on taxes. If you're dealing with a salesperson and the first thing that they bring up is how the investment can save on taxes, you ought to walk away. Think of the example with the lottery. It's not the \$100 million or so that you're going to pay in taxes, it's the hundreds of millions of dollars that ends up in your pocket.

When it comes to investing, everyone should understand the tax consequences of every investment. Being smart with taxes is one thing, having lower taxes as one of your major financial goals is another.

Remember, lowering taxes is easy. The key to lowering taxes is just don't make a lot of money. Unfortunately, that's what too many investors do when they invest just to lower their taxes.

We want to be smart with taxes, but we don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog. The goal is to have more money in our pocket. Just lowering our taxes doesn't accomplish that goal. 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@bloomassetmanagement.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

Upcoming Events

TRIP TO NYC

Time/Date: Oct. 3-9
Location: New York City
Details: The Garden City Public Schools Leisure program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price of \$699 per person includes seven days six nights, double occupancy, motor coach transportation.
Contact: For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.

HOMEOWNERS SEMINAR

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia
Details: Remerica United Realty will hold a free seminar for homeowners who are in foreclosure, short sale situations or just looking for general information on the sellers' market.
Contact: (248) 374-6888

FAMILY FUN WALK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8
Location: Maybury State Park
Details: Leah's Happy Hearts is a local charity named in memory of 5-year-old Livonia resident Leah James, who lost her battle with a brain tumor. It works to raise awareness of pediatric brain tumor and supports research for a cure. The charity also provides hope to local families and children battling life-threatening illnesses. The walk is a family event that includes a light lunch, refreshments, entertainment and lots of raffles. For more information, visit <http://www.leahshappyhearts.org/> or contact Kristen Collins at (734) 522-1269.

TAIL WAGGERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8
Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth
Details: Tail Waggers 1990, a Livonia-based non-profit organization that helps people help animals, is inviting the public to participate in the "Case of the Dead Paparazzi," a Murder Mystery fundraiser for the new Livonia Wellness & Spay/Neuter Center the organization hopes to open by mid-summer. Cost is \$25 per participant. Teams of four will race through downtown Plymouth to solve a crime. Taking place entirely on foot, the event will feature real actors, riddles, scavenger hunting and problem solving. The event is limited to 25 teams/100 people and features prizes for the winning team and an after party with pizza, munchies and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is available. Registrations must be received by June 1.
Contact: www.tailwaggers1990.org; (734) 855-4077

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays
Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.
Contact: For more information, call Dick at (313) 534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.
Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

Education

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Co-operative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

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Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.
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Organizations

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.
Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month
Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.
Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

WRITING GROUP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne
Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National

Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Warriors 3 Comics & Games, 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Details: Wayne-Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Curt at (734) 525-8445 or Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

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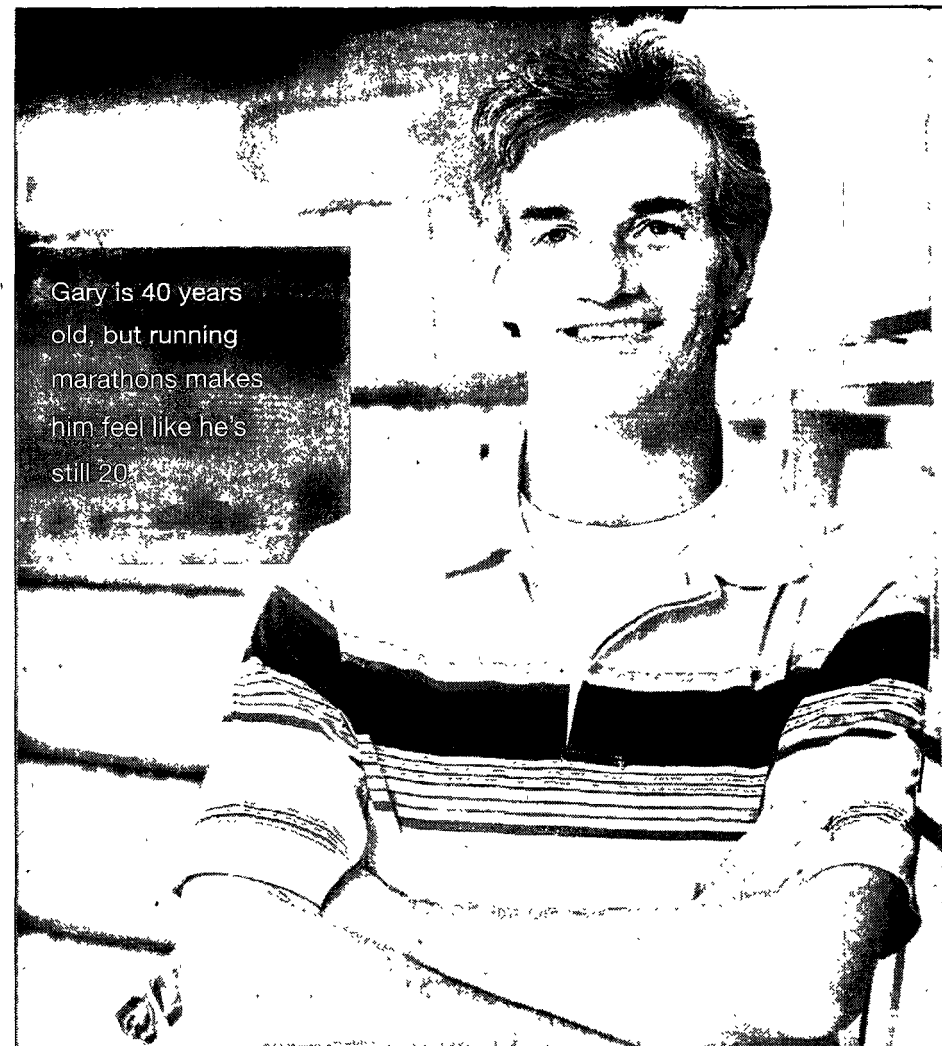
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Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

EARTH ANGELS

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

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Soccer tournament rich in tradition

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Cup, a huge soccer tournament that draws young players, families and spectators every Memorial Day weekend, marks its 31st year as founder Phil LaJoy reflects on humble beginnings.

His sons, Todd and Chris, still played youth sports when LaJoy, then-president of the Canton Soccer Club, led the charge to spearhead the inaugural tournament as its first director, years before he became a township trustee, state representative and second-term township supervisor.

"I kind of wanted to have a tournament in the community where kids could enjoy soccer and have an opportunity to play other teams from all over the country," LaJoy said.

What began as a Memorial Day weekend competition that drew 80 teams had spiraled to 780 teams in 2011 before gradually decreasing to 577 teams this year — a number organizers say is ideal.

"That's a perfect num-



Kevin Dare, equipment operator with Canton Township, mows the soccer fields at Independence Park.

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ber for us," Darryl Noel, tournament director, said.

LaJoy has a sense of pride in realizing how the Canton Cup has matured.

"It's quite an event," LaJoy said. "It's a pretty exciting time. I started it with the help of a lot of other people. It's a pretty special weekend."

Cup overflows

Abe Vinitski, Canton parks and sports super-

visor, estimated soccer players, their families and fans will number as high as 35,000 when the Canton Cup returns Friday through Sunday to Independence and Heritage parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school fields, with Griffin Park as a backup location.

Some estimates place the attendance closer to 40,000. It's a number organizers say is difficult

to pinpoint exactly. Noel said the number of players alone is expected to reach 9,000.

As the competition approaches, Vinitski said a rainy April has left local fields "very plush" as Canton Leisure Services workers have begun their task to get the community ready. Soccer players ages 8-19 are set to take the field.

"We're going to be in good condition," Vinit-

ki said.

LaJoy's vision has evolved into a massive community event that has put Canton solidly on the soccer map. He served as director for several years and then credits others with carrying on the legacy.

One of those directors — attorney and former township Trustee Greg Demopoulos — assumed the helm for a few years ending in 2006 and helped expand the tournament from fewer than 200 teams to 600. His now-adult children, George and Anastasia, played the sport.

"The township has so much to offer in terms of fields that we could easily expand this thing," Demopoulos said. "With the growth of the Internet, it became easy to get the word out. By 2006 we had grown to 600 teams. We always tried to do things to make it fun and not just about soccer."

Good team

That meant organizing the former Soccer Hop Dance for older teens at High Velocity Sports, bringing in teams such as the Michigan Bucks and setting up inflatables where younger children could play. Much like LaJoy, Demopoulos said he had "a good team" of Canton Cup organizers to help him as the event grew.

"It was a source of a lot of pride for me," Demopoulos said. "Every year we would have post-tournament meetings to talk

about improving it. It's like the Mafia — once you get involved in the Canton Soccer Club, they won't let you leave."

Local officials say the Canton Cup also has economic benefits as the crowds spill into local restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

"The impact is significant," LaJoy said. "It's an economic success."

Demopoulos agreed. "To me it's a great showcase of what our community has to offer," he said, citing an influx of visitors on a holiday weekend when many Michigan communities lose people to visits Up North and other places. "If it wasn't for the tournament, Canton would probably be dead that weekend."

Noel, in his third year as director, is hoping for near-perfect weather next weekend. His first year, torrential rains and threatening conditions forced an early end to the tournament.

"Last year it was really, really nice," Noel said.

Noel, who followed John Vaughn as director, lauded the directors who came before him.

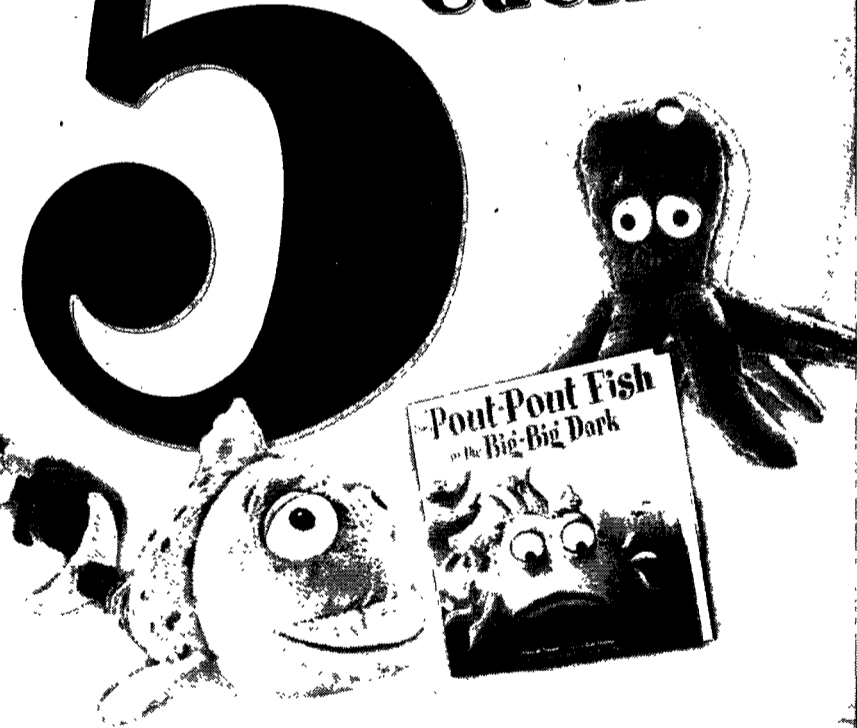
"I don't think the current success of the Canton Cup would be anywhere near the success it is without the leadership of the previous directors," he said. "I'm the benefactor of all their hard work."

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Orthodox church hosts Michigan Fun Fest

St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Livonia will present its fifth annual Michigan Fun Fest from Thursday, May 30, to Sunday, June 2, in Bryant Park, 18000 Merriman Road, Livonia.

The cultural celebration is free to the public and will include entertainment for all ages. Weekend festivities include live music across several genres, face painting, carnival rides from Playworld Amusements, video game tent for the kids, and multicultural food booths.

The entertainment schedule includes performances by Killer Flamigos and Fifty Amp Fuse as well as a traditional Arabic dance troupe.

Father George Shalhoub, pastor of The Basilica of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, said, "We welcome everyone to Livonia as we celebrate our festival's fifth year. Michigan Fun Fest is an opportunity for all to celebrate our unique heritage and culture."

The St. Mary's Michi-

gan Fun Fest was created to bring the Detroit community together to raise awareness for and funds to build the Marian Outreach Center, which fosters youth and family enrichment. The two-story, 30,000-square-foot building's construction is slated to be complete in 2017. The main level will contain five meeting rooms, a youth activity room, exercise room, and gymnasium with locker rooms, as well as administrative offices. The lower level will contain 19 meeting rooms.

Possible activities hosted at the center include mother and toddler playgroups, junior high and high school academic and sports activities, ongoing teen leadership programs, continuing adult education, and bilingual education. Other services may include adult day care, outreach for abused mothers, after school latchkey programs and grief counseling.

For more information, visit www.michiganfunfest.com.

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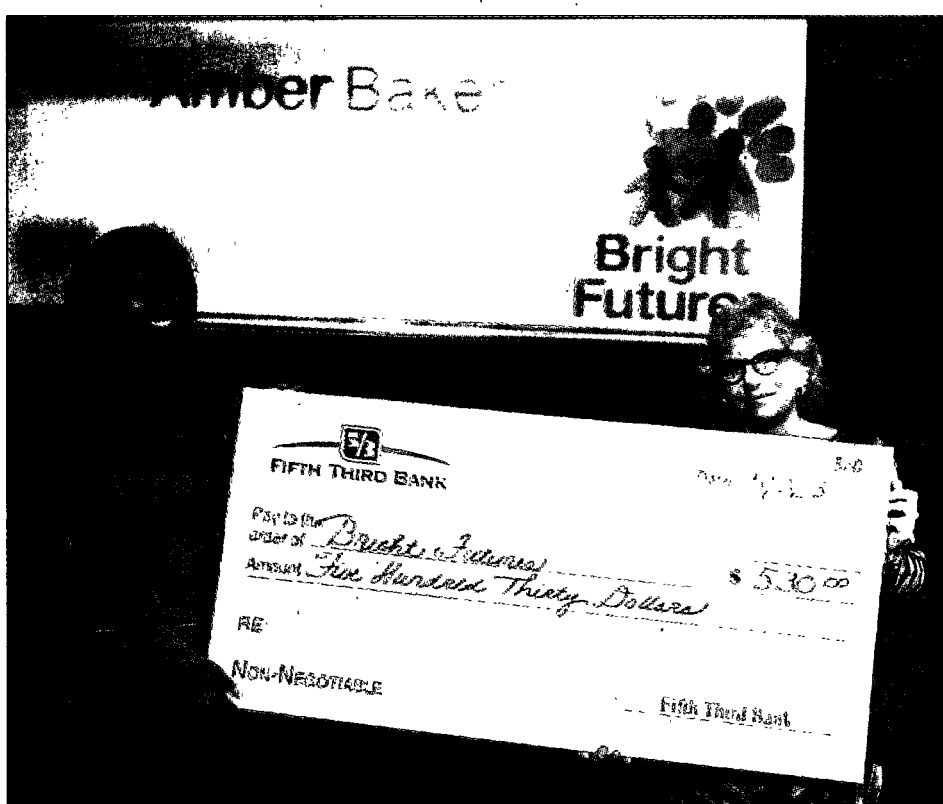
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Amber Baker (left) presents a Fifth Third Employee Involvement Grant to Bright Futures director Lynn Mallinoff.

Fifth Third gives grant to Bright Futures program

Bright Futures, an after-school program offered in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Willow Run Community Schools and the Ypsilanti School District, has received an Employee Involvement Grant from Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan.

The \$530 grant was one of 42 given out by Fifth Third to non-profits on behalf of their employees who volunteer with that organization as part of its "Week of Giving" which encouraged volunteerism and provided additional incentive for employees

to give of themselves to their communities.

"The sweat equity volunteer work and charitable giving that Fifth Third Bank has provided to local communities over the past decade, is part of our heritage," said David Girodat, president and CEO Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan. "A basic tenet of our business is to give back to those communities where we work and live. We see this as part of our mission to help stabilize neighborhoods through corporate and

employee involvement."

Bright Futures was nominated for the grant by Fifth Third employee Amber Baker. She volunteers with Bright Futures which focuses on improving academic achievement, developing self-efficacy, and preparing elementary, middle, and high school students to transition to the next level of schooling. It is a part of the Eastern Michigan University's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs and is directed by Lynn Mallinoff.

Tech guy test drives Verizon Jetpack

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Finally an electronic device that even the most unsophisticated tech user can manage. The Verizon Jetpack may be one of the simplest, yet necessary pieces of equipment I've tested over the years.

I used a Verizon Jetpack extensively during the month of April

courtesy of Verizon Wireless and now it is hard computing without it. I'm one of those people who is constantly connected — it is not only my job to be connected, but part of my lifestyle. The Verizon Jetpack makes that lifestyle easier.

The Jetpack was easy to connect to just about any device. I tried it with my laptop, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy tablet and a pair of Android phones, one new and one old. The connection was seamless. When you turn on the device the personal identification code is available so you can get connected quickly. It remembers your devices and can provide mobile

Internet service for up to 10 devices at a time.

There are no bells and whistles on the Jetpack and the black and white screen looks like something off of an early 1990s computer. But that's the beauty of it: with a simple touch screen to change settings, and pin numbers and a power button — that's all you need.

The device is also incredibly convenient as it is about the size of a box of raisins. Its small size makes it ideal for travel — and although it won't work during flights, it is great for layovers and delays.

My favorite part about the Jetpack was that it even paired with my AT&T iPhone. A Verizon Wi-Fi connection with an AT&T phone is probably the most controversial connection since the Montagues and Capulets.

In fact, sometimes I wonder when AT&T will read one of these reviews and wonder why one of their customers is always discussing Verizon. You may be wondering the same thing. Believe it or not, the fine folks in the PR department are longtime Tech Savvy readers and their product demos allow for a nice variety of device reviews. (I hope you find them valuable.)

Jetpack costs

When deciding if a Jetpack or mobile hotspot is right for you, first consider how much you would use it. Would the device help you save money by eliminating your traditional home internet set up? (That's a definite option.) Or, could it help you avoid nasty overage charges by helping you connect when you are at work or on the road? Even though a subscription added to a Verizon plan costs \$20 dollars per month, it could still add up to savings for the right person or business.

Consider this: I recently spent a week in Las Vegas at a business conference and in true Las Vegas fashion the internet was an astounding \$19.99 per day. At that rate, I could have paid for a Jetpack Wi-Fi subscription for many months. Combined with the ability to connect up to 10 devices, a Jetpack could be a great way to save money on internet costs for families, small businesses, large businesses, or work conferences.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? E-mail jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w.



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New on staff

Six physicians have joined the staff of Garden City Hospital. The new medical staff members are:

• Dr. Mohammed Al-Shihabi, Internal Medicine. Dr. Al-Shihabi is board certified in internal medicine. He is a graduate of Damascus University School of Medicine. His office is at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

• Dr. Shadi Fahs, General Surgery. Dr. Fahs has eight years of private practice surgical experience in the west Michigan area and has recently joined Kawar Surgical Center. His special interests include minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, hernia repair, breast surgery and surgery of the abdominal/digestive tract, such as gallbladder, stomach, small bowel and colon. Dr. Fahs is also very skilled in upper and lower endoscopy procedures. His office is at 357 Inkster Road, Inkster.

• Dr. Dawn N. Laws, Emergency Medicine. Dr. Laws is board certified in emergency medicine and is the newest member of Garden City Hospital's ER team. She completed medical school and her residency program at Wayne State University.

• Dr. Kamal A. Nasser, Pulmonary Medicine, Sleep Medicine, Critical Care Medicine. Board certified in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, Dr. Nasser believes it is an honor and a privilege to treat patients who are in need. He is a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Thoracic Society and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Nasser is fluent in Arabic and French. His office is at 1611 Monroe St., Dearborn.

• Dr. Michael T. Okumura, Anesthesiology. Dr. Okumura specializes

in anesthesia services. He attended Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship program at Duke University Medical Center.

• Dr. Yasmin D. Pirzada, Infectious Diseases. Dr. Pirzada is a 2001 medical school graduate of Medical College of Ohio. She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and specializes in infectious diseases. Her office is at 15474 Haggerty Road, Plymouth.

Located in Garden City, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, or to find a GCH Health Expert, call (877) 717-WELL or visit GCH.org.

Healthy eating

Henry Ford Health System is the first health system in Michigan to join a new national initiative to provide healthier food options for its patient room service and cafeterias.

For its participation in Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA), Henry Ford is pledging to boost the number of nutritional food options in the next three years at Henry Ford Hospital, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

"Making healthy foods easily available for our patients, employees and guests is part of our overall commitment of providing quality health care," said Bethany Thayer, a registered dietitian and director of Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. "We're proud to help set a national benchmark for serving healthy food options in our cafeterias."

Henry Ford is one of 16 health systems nationally representing more than 150 hospitals to team up with the PHA's Hospital Healthy Food Initiative. First lady Michelle Obama serves as honorary chair for the three-year program.

Henry Ford's participation in the PHA is the evolution of its culinary wellness model established five years ago to deliver healthier food options. In 2011 alone, Henry Ford removed more than 13,000 pounds of fat from its meals by removing deep fryers and fry shortening, purchasing leaner cuts of meat and using less fat in food preparation. It saved more than \$28,000 by just cutting out fry shortening.

Thayer said food selections are prepared healthier, without compromising taste and nutrition, and patient meals are tailored to medical conditions. Henry Ford also allows hospitalized patients to place meal orders from their room, enabling them to choose tasty, healthy foods whenever they want. That makes getting good food convenient for patients while reducing food waste.

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OUR VIEWS

Focus on those who gave ultimate sacrifice

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of December's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

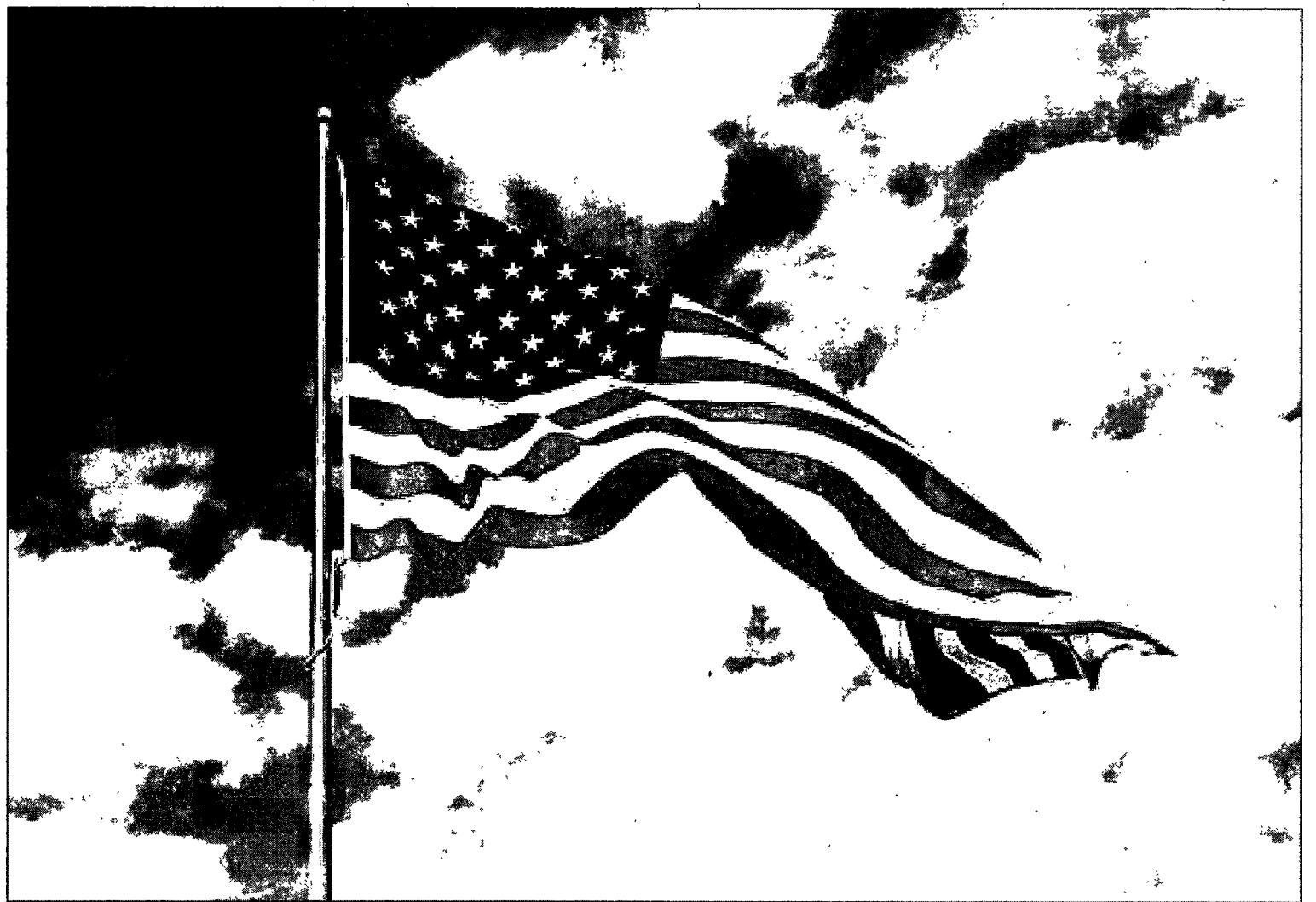
What is nearly always left out of the discussion — but what should be the primary focus — is how we got those freedoms in the first place, and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country (Garden City marks the occasion with a memorial ceremony on the lawn in front of Garden City Hall; Wayne and Westland has their annual Veterans Parade at 1 p.m. Sunday along Wayne Road to the Westland City Hall).

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights — large



and small — more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama Bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made

by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars

for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their

pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you plan to spend Memorial Day?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'm going to my daughter's house for a barbecue."

Areta Leon
Livonia



"I'm her sister and I'm going there, too."

Lillian Fortui
Livonia



"I don't think we're doing anything this year."

Barbara King
Westland



"We really don't have any plans right now."

Sharon Stropkai
Westland

LETTERS

Thank you for support

On May 8, 2013, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department tragically lost our beloved friend and brother, Firefighter Brian Woehlke, in the line of duty. Words simply cannot express the devastation within our fire company. We are still trying to come to grips with the situation. His death is a heartbreaking reminder of the dangers faced every day by firefighters throughout this country and around the world. Firefighter Woehlke was the first firefighter to die in the 47-year history of our fire department. One is too many.

And while this is certainly one of great sadness, it also an opportunity to celebrate — to celebrate a selfless public servant whose dedication to helping save the lives of others cost him his own. It is the ultimate sacrifice and will not be forgotten.

The news of Brian's passing spread across our fine communities, and the residents of Wayne and Westland united in strength. Thank you for all those involved in organizing and attending a fitting tribute to Firefighter Woehlke. As we honored our brother for making the supreme sacrifice, we were awestruck by the presence of so many who lined our streets waiting to pay their respects. Residents saluted, friends held their hands over their hearts and the overwhelming feeling of love and support gave us much needed strength.

The cities of Wayne and Westland and the Wayne-Westland Fire Department want to thank all the fire departments, the public safety agencies and especially the community for the love and support you showed us and Firefighter Woehlke's family during our time of need. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has established

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a charity fund for Firefighter Woehlke's wife and 13-month-old daughter. Anyone interested in donating can do so online at www.local1279.org. Alternatively, checks can be made out to the Westland Firefighters Charity, P.O. Box 851320, Westland, MI 48185.

The department will forward all money to a trust that is going to be set up by the family. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Fire Chief Michael J. Reddy
Wayne-Westland Fire Department

Religious bigotry?

I was amazed at the recent letter from a Northville resident attacking Islam and Muslims. The writer is entitled to his opinion, but not the facts of this issue. Other than note briefly his extreme bigotry, I will avoid an argument and instead suggested he expand his education and historical background on religious wars — which have been raging on and off, mostly on — for

a large portion of recorded civilization.

First, I would recommend Charles Kimball's *When Religion Becomes Evil*, named the best religion book of 2002 by Publishers Weekly.

Second, there are several interpretations of Islam's Koran — some are very mainstream and some are extreme.

Third, do a Google search of religious wars, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials and the Holocaust to learn more of how some "religious" groups act toward their fellow citizens.

The Hebrew and Christian Bibles encourage the philosophy of "love your neighbor."

I certainly don't want to be a neighbor of the Northville letter writer.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Voids ordinance

The entire gang of elected council members have spent the last 2½ years trying to put the screws to the Wayne business community. However, due to their ignorance they are unqualified to perform their duties. Their most recent effort was to enact an ordinance titled Ordinance #2013-01 city of Wayne.

The following section really voids the entire ordinance because of the illegalities contained therein.

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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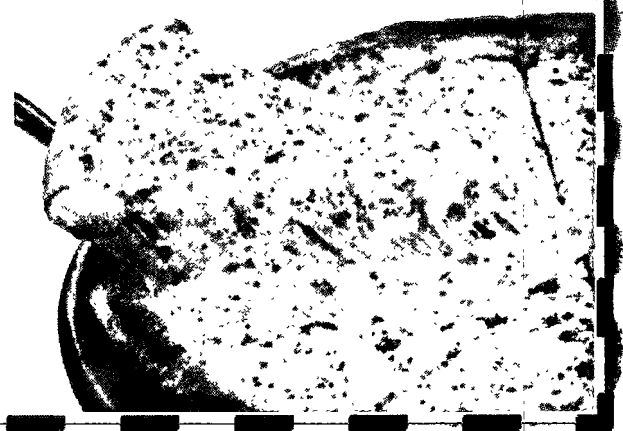
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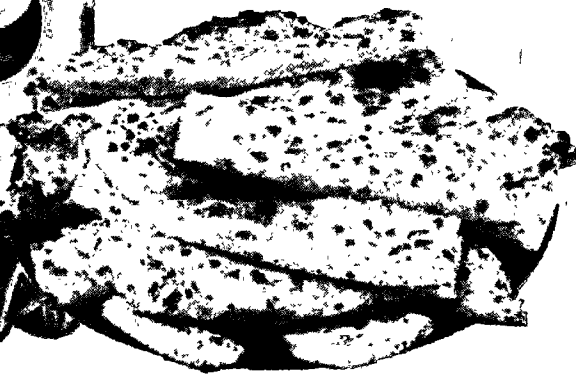
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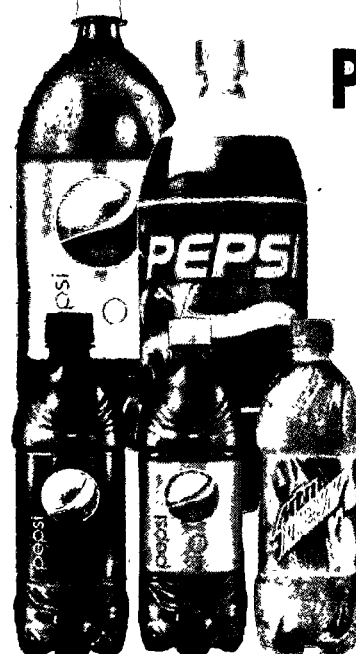


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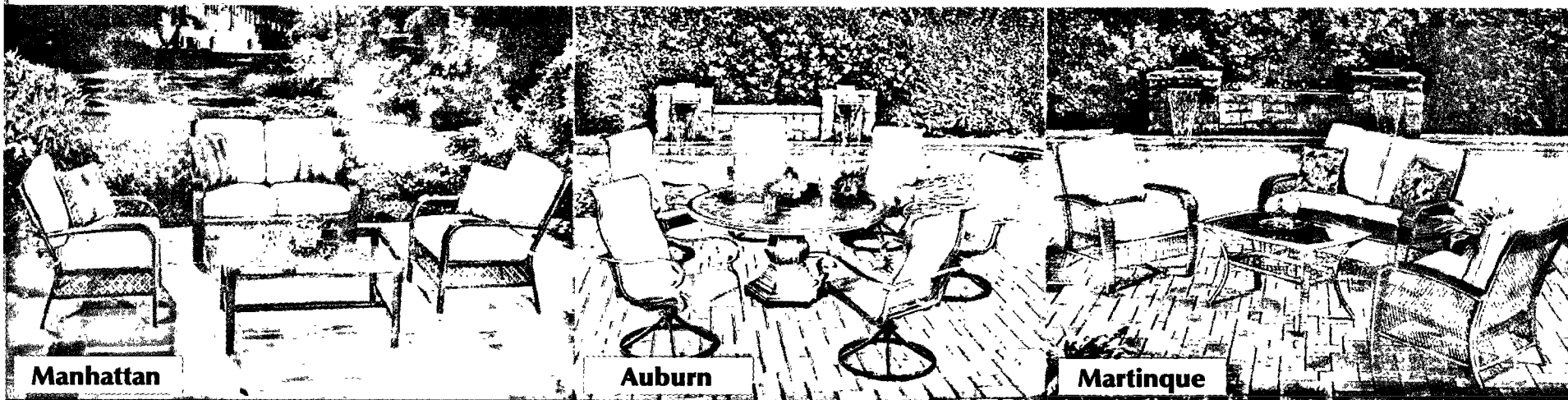


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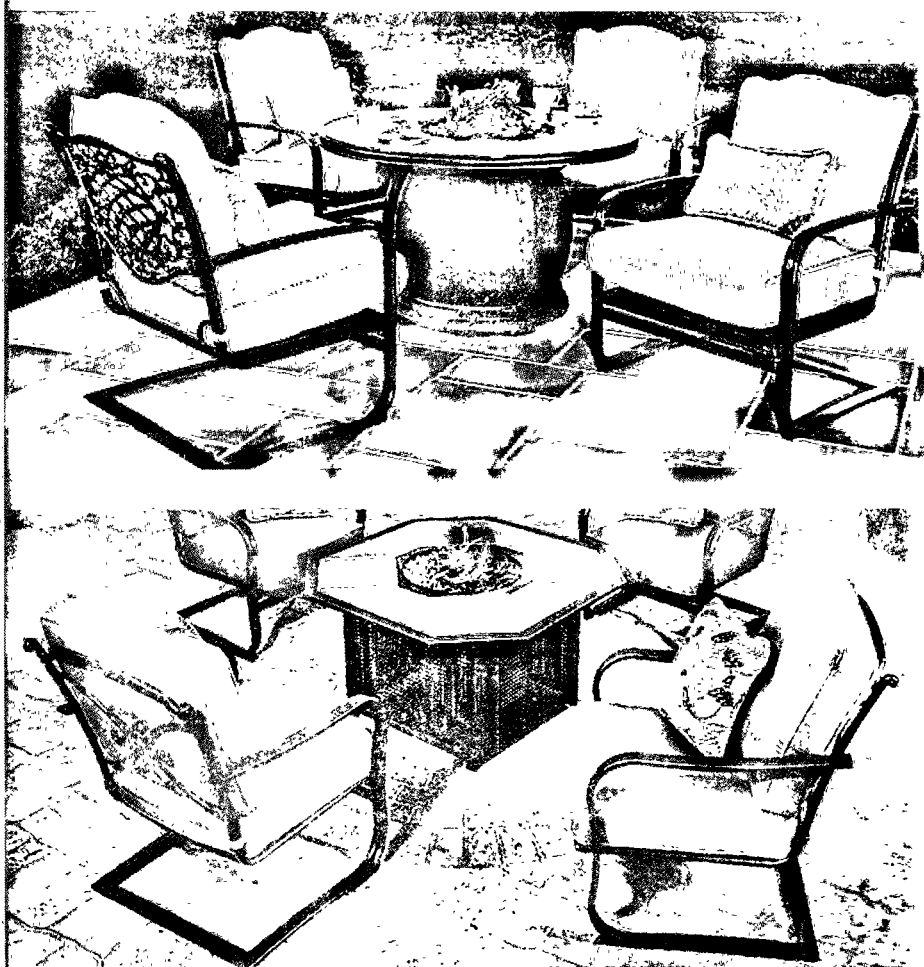
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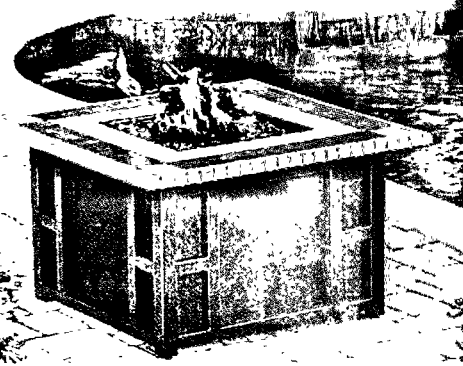
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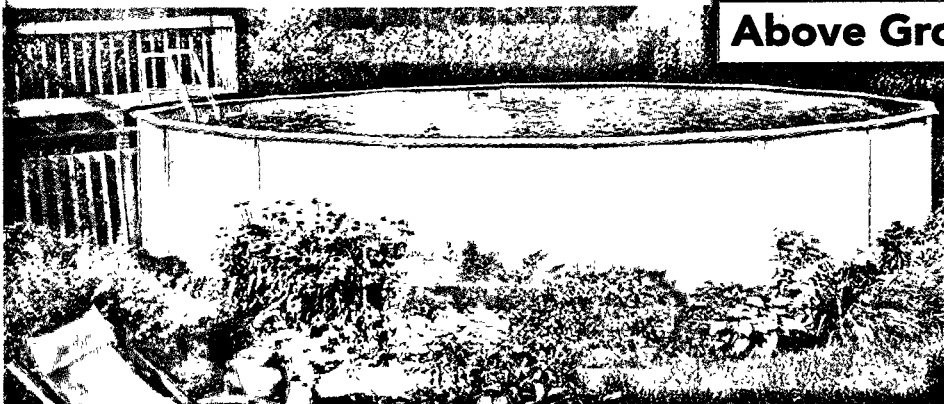
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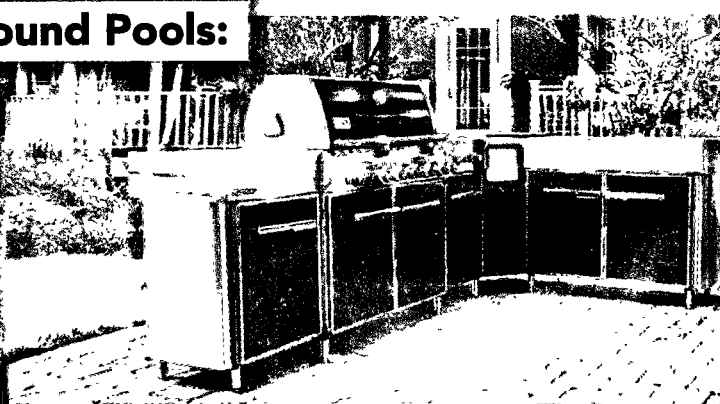
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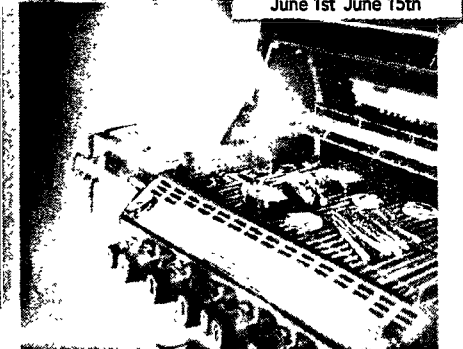
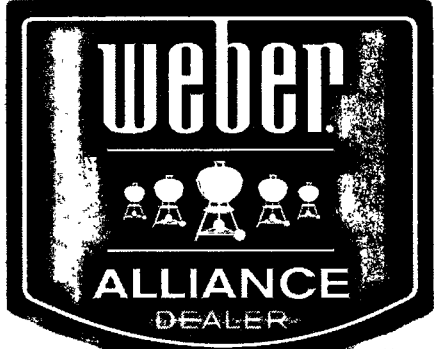


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Canton ace no-hits Spartans

Has 12 Ks in title game

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Canton senior pitcher Mike Stafford had Livonia Stevenson batters literally eating out of the palm of his left hand in Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship game.

The Liberty (Va.) University signee faced the minimum 21 batters while striking out 12 and leading the Chiefs to a 7-0 win over the host Spartans.

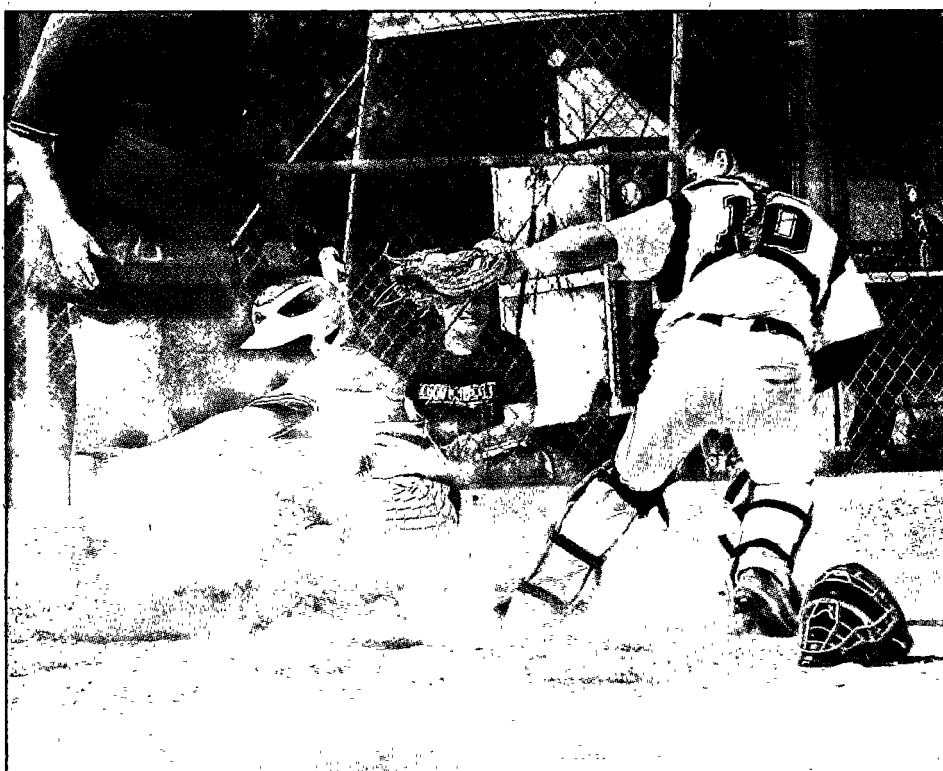
"My fastball was popping out hard," said Stafford, who put on a dominating performance. "My changeup was really good and my curveball was biting hard. I couldn't ask for a better day. It was just awesome. My pitch count was pretty low."

The victory puts KLAA South Division champion Canton, 20-8 overall, into the KLAA Association title game Wednesday at home against the Lakes Conference champion Brighton (23-4).

"He's been tough all year, he's a horse," Canton coach Mark Bloomshield said of his ace. "He was definitely on. He's got a pretty explosive fastball. He keeps getting better. Control has been an issue sometimes for him, but he only walked one guy today. When you're throwing mid- to high 80s (mph) and only giving up one free pass, you're going to have pretty good success."

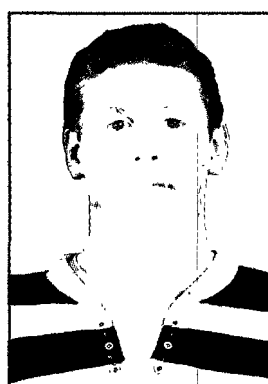
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Stevenson catcher Mike Vomastek (right) makes the tag at the plate on Canton base runner Tommy Parrelly during Monday's Kensington Conference championship game.

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Krug

Bruins' Krug makes impact

Livonia native Torey Krug, an emergency callup, has scored two goals and added an assist to help the Boston Bruins take a 3-0 series lead in their NHL Stanley Cup Eastern Conference semifinal series with the New York Rangers.

The 5-foot-9, 175-pound defenseman logged 18 minutes, 8 seconds of ice time with four shots on goal in Tuesday's 2-1 victory over the Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

The 22-year-old Krug, who signed with the Bruins as a free agent out of Michigan State in March 2012, was called up from the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins, where he scored 13 goals and added 32 assists during the regular season.

The former Central Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Year also appeared in seven AHL Calder Cup playoff games with three assists.

Livonia icers earn bronze

Livonia natives David Moss (Phoenix Coyotes) and Aaron Palushaj (Colorado Avalanche) helped team USA to bronze medal finish in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship held in Stockholm, Sweden, and Helsinki, Finland.

Moss, the elder statesman on the team at age 31 and former University of Michigan player, had an assist in the 3-2 bronze medal shootout win Sunday over Finland. He had four goals and three assists in 10 games as Team USA finished 7-3.

Moss played in 45 games this season with Coyotes, scoring five goals and adding 15 assists.

Palushaj, a 5-foot-11, 180-pound forward, had a goal and assist in 10 games.

After being called up from the AHL's Hamilton (Ontario) Bulldogs, the U-M product had two goals and seven assists in 25 games with the Avalanche.

He has appeared in 66 career NHL games.

Mercy homers eight times vs. Ladywood

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

When the Farmington Hills Mercy softball team starts to hit, watch out!

The Marlins do it in a big way.

Mercy belted eight home runs Monday evening to win the Catholic League A-B Division championship with a 12-5 victory over Livonia Ladywood at the University of Detroit Mercy.

It's the first time since 2003 the Marlins, who were tournament finalists the previous three years, have captured the winner's trophy.

Mercy (27-2) didn't have a hit off freshman pitcher Rozlyn Price through three innings and trailed 3-0. The Marlins staged a two-out rally in the fourth to tie the score, however.

Following a walk to sophomore Alex Sobczak, junior Jordan Ewald broke the ice with a run-scoring double.

Freshman Abby Krzywiecki, who was the winning pitcher in relief, began the home run parade with a two-run shot over the left field fence.

"Throughout the four games we played them, it took us a couple times around to get used to what (Price) was throwing," Mercy coach Brandon Malinowski said. "Once we did, we started pounding. It takes us a while to get going, but once we do, it's hard to stop it."

Mercy hit five home runs in the fifth inning alone to boost its lead to 10-3 and all but decide the issue. Sobczak and Ewald added back-to-back solo shots in the sixth.

All of the homers were hit out of Buysse Ballpark where the UDM Titans play, and most were hit to straightaway center field. Senior Meghan Tarrance, who will play next year for UDM, and sophomore Molly Murphy each

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BRAD EMONS | PHOTO

The Livonia Ladywood girls soccer team earned its second straight Catholic League A-B Division title.

Blazers step it up

Earn league soccer crown vs. Marian, 2-0

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

After Birmingham Marian had captured nine consecutive Catholic League A-B Division girls soccer titles, Livonia Ladywood ended the domination last year with a dramatic 1-0 double-overtime win.

Host Ladywood will keep the championship trophy around for another season following an impressive 2-0 victory Saturday over the Mustangs in matchup of state-ranked teams.

"They were the better team today," said Marian coach Barry Brodsky, whose team is 0-2-1 this season against the 17-2-2 Blazers. "They outworked us. The score was a good indication of the game, 2-0."

Freshman Conner Huggins, who has become a key weapon late in the season for the Blazers, figured in both goals.

She set up junior Jenna Urso's top-shelf blast with 10:53 remaining in the first half and scored herself with 32:37 remaining in the match off an assist from senior DeYana Walker.

And that was more than enough for the Blazers, who outshot Marian 17-8, as Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker was able to substitute freely and keep his players fresh throughout the 80-minute match.

"When we go to our bench, we have some very dangerous players who come off it," Shingledecker said. "There's no let-down, so maybe the other team thinks they can take a deep breath and relax. For us, we're looking to pressure you even more with our bench."

"Our outside forwards were spot-on today. They did a nice job and they found themselves in some dangerous moments and I felt we did a real nice job."

Although Marian (11-2-3) applied some late offensive pressure after pushing players forward, the Mustangs simply couldn't find the back of the net.

"I thought in the first 20 minutes we played pretty well," Brodsky said. "They (Ladywood) have a lot of depth, and when they bring people off the bench, I thought they were

wearing us down a little bit and we couldn't match them. They've got a deep, strong, quality team."

Ladywood's back line was stellar throughout the match, led by Catherine Garber, who suffered a charley horse injury at the end of the first half, but was able to play through it during the final 40 minutes.

"I think we all just worked really hard, we worked as a team and we made it happen," the senior defender said. "Our defense was really strong and we finished."

"The key today was staying calm and staying composed, and doing just what we could do."

Meanwhile, one shining light for the Mustangs was the play of goalkeeper Kaitlin Patouhas, who made six saves.

"Kaitlin is a freshman. She's had a great year," Brodsky said. "She's used to playing in big games and today she came up very big for us."

Ladywood senior goalkeeper Sara Even was equal to the task,

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Stevenson splits with Rats; Churchill stalls Edsel Ford

Livonia Stevenson settled for a split in Saturday's non-conference baseball double-header against visiting Ann Arbor Huron. Mike Kanitra's grand slam in the third inning helped erase a 5-0 deficit to propel the Spartans to a 9-6 win over Huron in the opener.

Josh DeYonker also went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, while Travis Harvey and Billy Bonanno each contributed an RBI for Stevenson.

Bonanno also earned the save going the final 1.2 innings for winning pitcher Jack Ferguson, who went five in relief of starter Jason Rakowicz.

Demetrius Sims and David Leipold each collected two hits for Huron. In Game Two, Dominic DiGiovine clubbed a 3-run double, while Sims and Nasheed Bass each had two hits as the River Rats (18-13) edged the Spartans, 7-6.

Ferguson, a recent call-up from the JV team, went 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI, but

it wasn't enough as the Spartans slipped to 21-10 overall.

Kanitra also chipped in with two hits.

Bobby Knutilla, with relief help from Bruce Campbell, got the victory.

Stevenson starter Mitch Deacon suffered the loss. **CHURCHILL 6-7, EDSSEL FORD 1-5:** On Saturday, shot Livonia Churchill (14-10-1) swept a non-conference double-header from Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Rob Copciac threw a complete-game six-hitter to lead Churchill to a 6-1 victory over the Thunderbirds in the opener. He struck out five and walked one.

Austin Hovermale had a 2-run double in the fourth inning, while Andrew Summers scored two runs and Steven Szymanski added an RBI.

In the nightcap, Dan Cameron went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Nick Misiak and John Szymanski each contributed two hits in a 7-5 Churchill victory.

Winning pitcher Chris Lewan went the first 5.2 innings allowing five runs on seven hits and three walks while striking out five. Austin Hovermale got the final four outs to post the save.

GLENN GOES 1-1-1: Westland John Glenn (20-9-1) finished with a win, loss and tie in Saturday's Gibraltar Carlson Tournament.

In the opener, Kyle Hunter threw a four-hitter over six innings, walking just two and striking out four in a 4-2 victory at Trenton.

Daniel Ammons, who got the save, also had an RBI along with Ryan Wheeler.

In Game Two, Kyle Francek limited the Rockets to three hits over five innings as host Carlson downed the Rockets, 12-0.

Brandon Lauszus went 2-for-3 for the Marauders (12-15), while Glenn starter Clark Boston took the loss.

In the final game, host Riverview (12-10-1) and Glenn battled to a 5-5 draw over seven innings.

Glenn out-hit the Pirates, 12-8, as Adam Singleton went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Austin Hampton also tripled and Christian Manley added an RBI double.

Christopher Scheffer pitched the first six innings before giving way to Wheeler.

CHURCHILL 11, RU 1: Josh Shepard went 2-for-2 with the triple and three runs scored as Livonia Churchill (12-10-1) rolled to a non-conference victory Friday over visiting Redford Union.

Jack Behen, Steven Szymanski and Logan Facione all collected their first varsity hits in the win.

Winning pitcher Jon Hovermale allowed just one run on two hits over five innings. He struck out four and walked two.

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making two saves for the team's 13th shutout of the season.

"Sara was good," Shingledecker said. "She didn't have to do a whole lot. She made a couple of nice saves at the end and

maybe one in the first half, but she was extremely solid. She continues to be solid for us."

Ladywood has been on a roll, 10-0-1 since losing two of three matches in its own tournament April 20.

"That was kind of an eye-opener for us I thought a little bit that weekend," Shingledecker-

er said. "I think we were maybe under the impression that we could just walk on the field and win games, and that's absolutely not the case with the schedule that we play. It was a good eye-opener, but we've played well ever since."

Marian, the defending Division 2 state champion, could possibly see the Blazers for a fourth time in the state tournament in the St. Clair Shores Lake Shore regional final.

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Crusaders' softball coach White retires

Madonna University head softball coach Al White announced his retirement Tuesday after 15 seasons at the helm of the Crusaders.

White ends his career with a 513-266-4 record.

An original member of the Madonna softball staff since the program's inception in 1992, White guided MU to five Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championships and six WHAC tournament titles.

He was named the WHAC's Coach of the Year four times and his 513 wins are the most in WHAC history among softball coaches.

"It has been a long time," White said. "My body just won't let me do what I used to do and so it's time. It's been fun, but it's over. I enjoyed my



Al White

time here and I want to thank Ray Summers for believing in me when he hired me.

The time commitment my staff put in was amazing. I can not thank them enough as well. My grand kids are getting older now and starting to play travel ball and now I can see them more."

White does not leave the cupboard bare as he had signed nearly a dozen players for next fall.

"The class we have coming in, I feel great about them," said White, who posted a 32-18 record this spring. "They are all great students and athletes. They could be one of the best ever and I'll put them right up there

with the class that had Jess Irwin, Tara LaMilza, Kelly Lesko and Ashley Shay in it. That group really put Madonna softball in the national light."

Under White's direction, the Crusaders advanced to the NAIA National Championship three times in the last five seasons.

White was inducted into the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 2011 for his playing career in men's modified fast pitch softball.

Meanwhile, the search for White's replacement is underway.

"We appreciate everything Al has done in building a nationally competitive program," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "He leaves big shoes to fill. We wish him well in his retirement."



The Stevenson girls softball team captured the Birmingham Seaholm Invitational title on Saturday with wins over Detroit Renaissance and the host Maples.

Stevenson cruises by Seaholm tourney foes

The Livonia Stevenson girls softball team brought home a first-place tournament trophy after sweeping Detroit Renaissance, 8-4, and host Birmingham Seaholm, 16-0, to the title game.

Morgan Copperstone struck out 10 of the 16 batters she faced in the victory over Seaholm.

Leading hitters for the Spartans (9-21) included Maddie Omietanski (two doubles, two RBI, three runs); Megan Coliton (two doubles, RBI); Kasidy Lipinski (two hits, two RBI); and Copperstone (two hits, two RBI).

In the victory over Renaissance, Erika Randall scattered seven hits over six innings to pick up the win. She allowed all four runs, but did not allow a walk while striking out eight.

Stevenson's offense was led by Kaitlyn Lipinski (two hits, two RBI); Copperstone (two hits, three RBI); Alex Knorp (two hits, two walks, two stolen bases); and Randall (3-for-4, two doubles, three runs).

STEVENS ON 12, GLENN 0: Erika Randall threw a five-inning no-hitter Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (11-20) blanked Westland John Glenn (9-20) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

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Randall faced just 18 batters without allowing a walk. She struck out two.

Natalie Reilly finished the game with a walk-off bases loaded two-out double to the left-center field gap.

Morgan Copperstone added two hits and three RBI, while Alex Knorp also chipped in with two hits and two stolen bases.

FRANKLIN 8, NORTHVILLE 5: It took nine innings Monday as Livonia Franklin (18-13) downed the host Mustangs (12-16) in a Kensington Conference crossover as Becky Giacobbi, who had four hits and three RBI on the day, came through with a 2-run single followed by Lauren Michael's sacrifice fly scoring Afton DeWyse.

Katelynn Devers chipped in with three hits and RBI, while DeWyse added two hits and knocked in one run.

Sophomore Megan Chapman (5-1), who scattered seven hits and three walks going all nine innings, was the winning pitcher.

CHURCHILL 10, SALEM 2: Grand Slams by Mellanie Richardson and Jenny Bourlier carried Livonia Churchill (25-11) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday against the host Rocks.

Richardson, the winning pitcher, finished with five RBI. She allowed five hits walked one and struck out four. Bourlier also went 3-for-4, while Nicole Salloum and Katie Shereda each added two hits.

Salloum, Bourlier and Case Bias were the team's leading hitters as the went 3-2 in the last weekend's Madonna

University Classic at Powers Park in Novi.

On Saturday, Churchill lost to Belleville (8-5), while defeating Carleton Airport (10-4) and Milford (4-1).

On Sunday, Churchill beat Marine City (7-5) as Richardson got her second tournament win, while losing the Anchor Bay (1-0) as Shereda allowed just five hits and struck out six.

Shereda got the victory against Milford.

CRESTWOOD 14-9, CIVILLE 9-19: On Saturday, host Livonia Clarenceville (9-12) divided a double-header against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Trojans, who lost the first game 14-9, bounced back in the nightcap to earn the split as Mikala Kielsing and Nicole Kurdzial each collected two hits.

Angela Crane's 2-run homer staked Crestwood to a 6-3 lead before the Trojans would answer with 14 of their 19 runs in the fifth and sixth innings taking advantage of nine walks and 10 hit batter. Emily Schwartz (7-10), who came in for starter Jaki Bate-man in the fourth inning picked up the victory.

Hillary Baydoun went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for Crestwood.

In Game One, Becky Eustron went 3-for-5 and winning pitcher Amy Croskey collected two hits and would reach base all fives for the victorious Chargers.

Clarenceville had only five hits, but Kielsing reached base four times, while Logann Sade had two RBI and scored twice.

Schwartz, the losing pitcher, gave up 14 hits and struck out six in six innings.

Patriot coach notches 500th win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin girls softball coach Linda Jimenez reached a milestone in her career Saturday as she notched her 500th victory as the Patriots defeated West Bloomfield, 12-1, in the final game of the White Lake Lakeland Tournament.

Jimenez spent her first nine years as Westland John Glenn's coach before moving over to Franklin where she has spent the last 18 seasons.

"We've won a few district, division and league titles at Glenn and Franklin, but that is furthest from my mind," said Jimenez, who teaches physical education at Franklin. "It's all the memorable games, experiences, players, coaches, parents, assistants, umpires and reporters that mean more. I have been blessed to be surrounded by such won-

derful people over the years."

Franklin (17-13) opened tournament play with an 8-2 setback to host Lakeland as starter Courtney Garbarino took the loss.

Colleen Mandrick collected two hits and added an RBI in the loss against the Eagles, who have earned an honorable mention ranking in Division 1.

In Game Two, the Patriots fell to another Division 1 honorable mention team in Fenton, 11-3, as Garbarino (12-10) suffered the loss.

Maggie Leins collected three of Franklin's seven hits and scored a run. Katelynn Devers also had two hits and scored twice, while Sarah Cramton singled twice and contributed an RBI.

The Tigers collected 12 hits and took advantage of three Franklin errors.

In the five-inning mercy rule victory over West Bloomfield, Leins singled three times and added an

RBI, while Devers, Cramton, Mandrick, Afton DeWyse and Morgan Larkin chipped in with two hits apiece as the Patriots overcame three errors.

That was more than enough for winning pitcher Megan Chapman (4-1), who allowed one earned run on four hits while fanning five to help cap the day for the Patriots and Jimenez.

"Over the years I have had much help from many assistants such as Jamie Linden, Nicole Emery, Reno Taylor, Tom Lambie, Dan Hejka, Jackie Price, Mary Helen Diegel, Margaret Schlack, Frank Friemund, Willie Monroe and Mark Schultz," Jimenez said. "The administrators at Franklin, current and former - Ron Hammye, Dan Wilenborg, Dan Freeman and Mike Fenchel - have all been very supportive."

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Lutheran Westland streak ends

Lutheran High Westland's school-record 15-game losing streak came to an end in Saturday's Clawson tournament as the host Trojan posted an 8-0 victory in the championship final.

The Warriors started the day with a 12-3 win over Warren Lincoln.

Clawson collected 13 hits in the victory over Lutheran Westland as starter Kevin Brewer went all six innings to take the loss.

Jordan Williams collected two of the Warriors' five hits.

"A couple of errors cost us some runs against Clawson, but their hits

found holes and ours didn't and that's the way it goes sometimes," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team slipped to 19-2 overall.

Leading Lutheran Westland's 16-hit attack in the win over Lincoln led by Mark Mika (3-for-5, three RBI); Nick Flanery (3-for-4, four runs); Brandon Ruelle (3-for-5, two RBI); Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-5, three RBI); and Brewer (2-for-4, RBI).

Williams went all seven innings to pick up the win. He allowed three earned runs on eight hits while striking out nine and walking only two.

"Overall we had a good day against much larger schools," Wade said. "We hit the ball well all day although we only had five hits in championship. We hit a lot of 'em balls and they made some nice defensive plays on top of that to limit our offense."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, CALVARY 0: Brandon Ruelle had two hits and two RBI, while Nick Flanery chipped in with two hits as well as Lutheran High Westland (20-2, 13-0) rolled to a MIAC Red Division win at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (4-9, 4-9).

Winning pitcher Jordan Williams went all five innings allowing just three hits, while striking out six and walking only two as the Warriors recorded their third 20-win season in school history.

Chargers fall on walk-off homer

Demetrius Dunlap delivered a walk-off 3-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning Monday to catapult host Salem to a 5-4 KLA A Kensington Conference crossover baseball victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks, who improved to 19-10 overall, trailed 4-2 heading into the seventh before Aaron Moore (2-for-2) started the game-winning rally with a walk off Churchill starter John Szymanski, who took the loss.

Szymanski went the first 6.1 innings allowing all five runs on seven hits and five walks.

Dan Cameron (RBI), Jon Hovermale and Szymanski (three runs) each collected two hits for Churchill, which slipped to 14-11-1 overall.

NOVI 15, GLENN 10: Blake Boron went 3-for-4, including a 2-run triple to key a seven-run second inning to propel the Wildcats (17-13) to Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over visiting Westland John Glenn (20-10-1).

Keaton Figurski also contributed to Novi's 17-hit attack going 2-for-3, including a solo homer, with four runs scored. Luke Bageris pitched the final 4.1 innings in relief to earn the victory, while Brendon Wetmore took the loss for Glenn after going the final five innings in place of starter Brandon Smetzler.

Jeff Kennedy went 3-for-4 to

lead Glenn's offensive attack, while Ryan Wheeler added a 3-run triple in the first inning. Adam Singleton also went 2-for-4, including a 3-run triple in the third.

S. LYON 10, FRANKLIN 9: Nico Woods clubbed a pair of 2-run homers in the third and fourth innings to spark the Lions (8-15) to their second consecutive win over Livonia Franklin (11-17) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Michael O'Brien, who threw the final three innings of relief, was the winning pitcher. Kyle Madden, in relief of Franklin starter Josh Gorman, suffered the loss.

Gorman went 3-for-4 with three RBI in a losing cause, while C.J. Garrick tripled twice and had four RBI.

Kevin Nisun also doubled twice and knocked in a run, while Daniel Johnson went 2-for-4.

Spartans win 3-0 victory vs. Patriots in crossover

Livonia Stevenson scored a pair of goals in the final 12 minutes Tuesday to subdue visiting Livonia Franklin, 3-0, in the KLA A Kensington Conference girls soccer crossover.

The Spartans, who improved to 7-8-3 overall, got the game-winning goal in the 31st minute when Sarah Mulcahy scored off a Brandi Jed throw-in that was flicked on by Sara Rakowicz. Once the ball found Mulcahy's foot she made no mistake in burying the point-blank shot.

With 12 minutes to go in the match, Amy Freed found Katelyn Foster in the box to double the lead.

The same duo team up just three minutes later when Freed dribbled 40 yards and laid the ball off for Foster to calmly finish off all her hard work.

Stevenson goalkeeper Emily Kubeshesky made three saves to post the shutout, while Franklin's Andrea Schweitzer made eight stops.

"We played real well and played hard, but we spent too much energy on defense and couldn't move the ball," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski, whose team slipped to 5-10-1 overall. "We couldn't break them down defensive-

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ly."

SALEM 2, CHURCHILL 1: Hayley Rodgers and Morgan Siterlet tallied second-half goals to lift the Rocks (13-4-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over visiting Livonia Churchill (9-7-1).

Rodgers scored in the 50th minute, while Siterlet added the game-winner with 10 minutes left after Churchill's Lauren Wynns tied it a minute earlier off an assist from Kelsey Parinello.

"We played really, really well and improved a lot, but we had a couple of five-minute dips and we paid for it with two goals," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had breakaways and opportunities. We played great for the most part, but not the whole 80 minutes."

Churchill goalkeeper Alexis Tzarfaroglou made seven saves.

SOUTH LYON 5, WAYNE 1: Perla Diaz, a call-up from the JV squad, scored the only goal as Wayne Memorial (4-10-1) dropped a Kensington Conference crossover match Monday against the host Lions (11-9).

Wayne, dressing only 11 players, gave up two goals during a 10-minute span in the first half after being down a player because of a pair of yellow cards.

SOUTH LYON EAST 6, JOHN GLENN 2: On Monday, Amber Hamers scored a pair of goals as host South Lyon East (6-8-3) defeated Westland John Glenn (7-8-2) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Sydney Climie had a goal, and assist for the Rockets, while Kaitlyn Mitchell tallied the other Glenn goals. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, PARKWAY 0:** Samantha

Benner scored four goals Monday lifting two-time MIAC Red Division champion Lutheran High Westland (13-1, 10-0) to a win at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Claire Oppenlander also had a goal and assist, while Sadie Schultz chipped in with two assists. Lydia Cardenas also contributed an assist.

Angela Morrison made two saves to post the shutout.

CIVILLE 1, BELLEVILLE 0: Ashley Murphy scored off an indirect free kick from Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz in the second half to enable Livonia Clarenceville (5-8-2, 3-5-1) to gain a Western Wayne Athletic Conference triumph Monday over the host Tigers.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Rachel Kirschweg made 17 saves, while Belleville's Kaylin Gray made 19 stops.

"We played great offensively and had a lot of great opportunities," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We were quick with the ball and had great crosses in front of the net. Everybody on the field played an important role in tonight's game."

WAYNE 5, THURSTON 0: On Community Soccer and Senior Night Friday, host Wayne Memorial (4-9-1) defeated non-conference foe Redford Thurston as freshman Victoria Mckague tallied a pair of goals both assisted by Shaelyn Wojewski.

Other Wayne goal scorers included Summer Elbaadani (from Desilda Cela), Christina Parendo (penalty kick) and Savannah Monette (corner kick).

"We moved the ball quickly and my forwards did a great job of attacking the back line and beating the defenders to goal," Wayne coach Jason Deal said.

Warrior boys, girls set regional pace

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland felt right at home winning the both the girls and boys Division 4 regional track titles.

The host Warrior girls lapped the field with a team-high 190 points for coach Mike Unger, who captured his third straight regional title. Plymouth Christian and Detroit Edison Academy were a distant second and third with 87 and 80, respectively.

"The girls had a very good day getting several personal records and other performances that were very close to their seasonal bests," Unger said. "They also recorded the fastest times of the year in the 400, 800 and 1,600 relays. One hopes

that the team performs well at the regional meet and the girls certainly did that."

Leading the way was senior Alissa Flury, who figured in four first capturing the 100- and 300-meter hurdle events in 17.48 and 51.21, respectively, along with the pole vault (8 feet). She also teamed up with Chelsea Kovacs, Angela Morrison and Elizabeth Matthews for a win in the 1,600 relay (4:29.45).

Other Lutheran Westland first were garnered by Jenna Wisner, 1,600 (5:26.19); Leah Refenes, discus (94-7); and Morrison, high jump (5-0). Meanwhile, the Warrior boys had to fend off a strong challenge from PCA to bring home its ninth crown in Unger's 26 seasons, 159-149.

"The boys team performed well but it was a struggle to hold off Plymouth Christian for the team title," Unger said. "It was basically overall depth which won the meet for the us as we scored in all 17 events."

Sophomore Austin Olson was a double winner sweeping the 110- and 300 hurdles in 16.55 and 43.92, respectively.

Other individual first-place finishers for the Warriors included Thomas Krueger, discus (123-8), Dan Roberts, long jump (18-6.75); and Newman Harper, pole vault (9-9).

Lutheran Westland's 800 relay team of Harper, Darrin Brown, Jacob Davenport and Roberts also placed first in 1:37.41.

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REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS DIVISION 1

May 18 at N. Farmington
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 98 points; 2. Oak Park, 81; 3. West Bloomfield, 72.5; 4. Farmington Hills Harrison, 67; 5. Farmington, 66; 6. North Farmington, 47; 7. Southfield, 41.5; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 41; 9. Birmingham Groves, 36; 10. Royal Oak, 30; 11. Berkley, 21; 13. (tie) Redford Thurston and Farmington Hills Harrison, 16; 14. Southfield-Lathrup, 11.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
3,200-meter relay: 1. Seaholm, 9:50.65; 2. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Emily Chapski, Barbara Scupholm, Karlie Gallagher), 10:08.3.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Maya Roberts (FHH), 15:37; 2. Karlington Seals (NF), 15:46.

100 dash: Madison Merridith (BG), 12.69; 2. Mycah Lewis (NF), 12.79.

800 relay: 1. Oak Park, 1:41.92; 2. Farmington, 1:43.33; 7. Stevenson (Amy Freed, Allison Timberlake, Emily Brewer, Brianna Jed), 1:49.8.

1,600: 1. Erin Finn (WB), 4:49.64; 1. Audrey Belf (BS), 5:00.0.

400 relay: 1. Harrison, 50.08; 2. North Farmington, 50.22.

400: 1. Anna Jefferson (OP), 56.1; 2. Crystal Abernathy (S'field), 57.9; 6. Brewer (LS), 1:01.74.

300 hurdles: 1. Aaron Howell (Farm.), 44.5; 2. Brianna Holloway (OP), 45.77.

800: 1. Jackie Feist (BG), 2:14.55; 2. Rachel DaDamio (BS), 2:14.93; 6. Gallagher (LS), 2:28.65.

200: 1. Jefferson (OP), 25.25; 2. Aria Moore (Farm.), 25.76.

3,200: 1. Finn (WB), 10:25.74; 2. Belf (BS), 11:03.35.

1,600 relay: 1. Oak Park, 3:52.84; 2. Farmington, 4:02.33; 5. Stevenson (Gallagher, Brewer, Timberlake, Freed), 4:14.34.

Long jump: 1. Howell (Farm.), 18 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Shelby Allen (Berkley), 17-3; 4. Jed (LS), 16-6.

High jump: 1. Kelanna Ingram (S-1), 5-8; 2. Eryka Ely (Farm.), 4-11.2.

Pole vault: 1. Sommer Pappas (LS), 10-0; 2. Molly Miller (FHH), 9-6.

Shot put: 1. Chelsea Savage (FHH), 39.55; 5. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 33-0; 7. Chelsey Billingsley (LS), 3-24.

Discus: 1. Krystal Oyebo (WB), 115-10; 2. Savage (FHH), 107-2.

DIVISION 2
May 18 at BL HILLS LAHSER TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 132 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 75; 3. Livonia Clarenceville, 66; 4. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 64; 5. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 63; 6. Birmingham Marian, 56.5; 7. Ferndale, 50; 8. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 47; 9. Redford Union, 31; 10. Madison Heights Lamphere, 12; 11. Hazel Park; 12. Clawson 2.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian, 9:04.59; 2. Lutheran Westland (Brandon Wyman, Dan Bunge, Pete Sillanpaa, Eric Smith), 9:32.61.

110 hurdles: 1. Austin Olson (LV), 16.55; 2. Isaac Middleton (PCA), 19.29; 5. Garrett Kempf (LV), 21.29.

100 dash: 1. Harvy Caddell (Loyola), 11.54; 2. Darnell White (Allen), 11.58; 7. Darrin Brown (LV), no time available.

800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Newman Harper, Brown, Jacob Davenport, Dan Roberts), 1:37.41; 23. Plymouth Christian, 1:44.22.

1,600: 1. Ethan Levack (PCA), 4:56.24; 2. Trevor Baloga (PCA), 5:01.99; 6. Ian O'Banion (LV), 5:32.27.

400 relay: 1. Allen, 46.73; 2. Lutheran Westland (Wesley Warren, Josh Riegel, Olson, Harper), 48.74.

400: 1. Caddell (Loyola), 53.69; 2. Harper (LV), 53.84; 4. Davenport (LV), 55.21.

300 hurdles: 1. Olson (LV), 43.92; 2. Jacob Nichols (PCA), 47.59.

800: 1. Jacob Bailey (PCA), 2:08.48; 2. Joseph Fanelli (PCA), 2:09.66; 4. Roedel (LV), 2:15.2; 6. Smith (LV), 2:21.56.

200: 1. White (Allen), 23.41; 2. Marquise Kirkpatrick (Allen), 23.67; 6. Roberts (LV), 24.58.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian, 3:40.42; 2. Lutheran Westland (Davenport, Warren, Olson, Harper), 3:52.01.

Discus: 1. Thomas Krueger (LV), 123 feet, 8 inches; 2. Jesse Smrcka (South), 122-8; 6. Jacob Bartos (LV), 106-5.

Shot put: 1. Smrcka (South), 44-11; 2. Gavon Forman (Loyola), 40-8; 3. Bartos (LV), 40-4.5; 4. Krueger (LV), 40-3.

High jump: 1. Mick Noel (PCA), 6-1; 2. Roberts (LV), 18-6.75; 2. Nicholas McDonald (HVL), 18-0.5; 5. Riegel (LV), 17-0.25.

Pole vault: 1. Harper (LV), 9-9.



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Clean hand-off

Stevenson's Brenna Gabrielson (right) hands off to Emily Chapski in the 4 x 800-meter relay during Saturday's Division 1 girls track and field regional at North Farmington. The Spartans took second and qualified for the state meet with a time of 10:08.3. See regional results summary.

REGIONAL BOYS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS DIVISION 1

May 18 at N. Farmington
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 88 points; 2. Southfield, 87; 3. Oak Park, 66; 4. Birmingham Groves, 63; 5. North Farmington, 55; 6. Royal Oak, 52; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 51; 8. Birmingham Seaholm, 38; 9. Farmington Hills Harrison, 36.5; 10. West Bloomfield, 34; 11. Southfield-Lathrup, 32; 12. Farmington, 27; 13. Redford Thurston, 15; 14. Berkley, 11.5.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Zaid Shareef, Jacob Colley, Ryan Paulus, Michael Sopko), 8:05.58; 2. Royal Oak, 8:08.38.

110 hurdles: 1. Ross Williams (BG), 14.39; 2. Dominick Lemonious (OP), 14.7; 5. Joe Mims (LS), 15.58.

100 dash: 1. Justin Flynn (Rice), 10.88; 2. Maurice Allen (OP), 10.91.

800 relay: 1. Southfield, 1:27.88; 2. Lathrup, 1:32.48; 6. Stevenson (Joey DeMarco, Devin Kelly, Michael Muffler, Lamonte Sharp), 1:35.27.

1,600: 1. Ben Hill (RO), 4:21.51; 2. John Penington (Rice), 4:24.76; 8. Sopko (LS), 4:46.73.

400 relay: 1. Southfield, 43.15; 2. Oak Park, 43.33.

400: 1. Tre Walton (S'field), 49.1; 2. Stevie Scott (OP), 49.36.

300 hurdles: 1. Williams (BG), 38.23; 2. Lemonious (OP), 38.81; 5. Mims (LS), 40.5.

800: 1. Torin Wile (Rice), 1:57.0; 2. Max Gomez (BS), 1:59.57; 6. Colley (LS), 2:04.01.

200: 1. Brandon Wilks (S-1), 21.89; 2. Maurice Allen (OP), 22.13.

3,200: 1. Hill (RO), 9:40.08; 2. Max Benoit (RO), 9:40.67; 5. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:04.48.

1,600 relay: 1. Southfield, 3:21.56; 2. Oak Park, 3:21.58; 8. Stevenson (Mims, Billy Werthman, Sopko, Shareef), 3:38.1.

Long jump: 1. Jalen Williams (BG), 22 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Austin James (WB), 21-6.

High jump: 1. Brandon Bean (S'field), 6-8; 2. Williams (BG), 6-3.1; 3. Terry Buford-Pendegast (LS), 6-3 (sq).

Pole vault: 1. Michael Farner (LS), 12-6; 2. David Mittlebrun (NF), 12-6; 4. Matt Boris (LS), 11-6.

Shot put: 1. Itoh Bulback (NF), 50-4.75; 2. Karl Marbeck (BS), 48-1.25.

Discus: 1. Justin Shelton (NF), 159-10; 2. Steve Norris (Rice),

MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS DIVISION 2

May 18 at BL HILLS LAHSER TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 116 points; 2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, 89.5; 3. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 82.5; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 66; 5. Redford Union, 64.5; 6. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 60.5; 7. Hazel Park, 44.5; 8. Ferndale, 40; 9. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 33; 10. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 24.5; 11. Madison Heights Lamphere; 12. Clawson 5.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
Pole vault: 1. Tyler Price (RU), 10 feet, 11 inches.

High jump: 1. Daelin Hayes (OLSM), 6-0; 2. Austin Douglass (Cville), 5-10.1.

Shot put: 1. Shane Sandlin (Ferndale), 46.15; 2. Isaac Johnson (RU), 44-0; 6. Ibn Ali (Cville), 41-6.

Discus: 1. Bobby Charles (DCD), 126-0; 2. Robert Willis (OLSM), 123-6.5; 8. Ibn (Cville), 105-3.5.

Long jump: 1. Joseph McKinley (HP), 20-6; 2. Ross Moore (OLSM), 19-4.25; 5. Douglass (Cville), 19-2.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Lahser, 8:19.4; 2. St. Mary's, 8:27.99; 4. Clarenceville (Joey Walker, Kimani Dooley, Alec Jones, Steven Spens), 8:39.23.

110 hurdles: 1. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 15.09; 2. Dorian Reid (Lahser), 15.63.

100 dash: 1. Max Schwegman (NDP), 10.98; 2. Marcus Lane (RU), 11.16.

800 relay: 1. Lahser, 1:32.44; 2. Ferndale, 1:34.59; 3. Clarenceville (Jalen Bryant, Jatta, Kareem Stewart, James Hill), 1:34.6.

1,600: 1. Bryce McClelland (Lahser), 4:33.5; 2. Nick Ott (DCD), 4:35.0.

400 relay: 1. Lahser, 44.94; 2. RU, 45.29.

400: 1. Tyler Cochran (OLSM), 50.85; 2. Taylor Graffa (DCD), 51.38; 6. Stewart (Cville), 54.58.

300 hurdles: 1. Jatta (Cville), 39.72; 2. Reid (Lahser), 41.75.

800: 1. Nick Graves (Lahser), 2:02.66; 2. Marc Crew (Cranbrook), 2:03.13; 3. Dooley (Cville), 2:04.87.

200: 1. Schwegman (NDP), 22.78; 2. Lane (RU), 23.47; 5. Bryant (Cville), 25.07.

3,200: 1. Dallas Shields (HP), 9:53.93; 2. Joey Kemerly (Andover), 10:06.34.

1,600 relay: 1. Lahser, 3:32.37; 2. Country Day, 3:33.07; 3. Clarenceville (Jatta, Jones, Stewart, Dooley), 3:33.94.

DIVISION 4

May 18 at Luth. Westland
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 159 points; 2. Plymouth Christian Academy, 149; 3. Detroit Allen, 74; 4. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 52.5; 5. Detroit Loyola, 45; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 38; 7. Detroit Douglas, 24; 8. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 16.5; 9. Detroit Edison, 13; 10. Detroit Winans Academy, 8; 11. Monroe Montessori Meadow Academy, 4.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian, 9:04.59; 2. Lutheran Westland (Brandon Wyman, Dan Bunge, Pete Sillanpaa, Eric Smith), 9:32.61.

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Pole vault: 1. Harper (LV), 9-9.

BASEBALL

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able to reach base against the hard-throwing lefty.

Losing pitcher Mike Kanitra drew a one-out walk in the second, but courtesy runner Mike Barill was promptly picked off at first.

In the third inning, Jack Ferguson's sinking line drive was mishandled by center fielder Weston Price, but Stafford ended the inning by picking the freshman off first.

Canton, meanwhile, sent nine batters to the plate during the first inning to grab a 4-0 advantage.

Jake Boucher set the table with a leadoff single. Nick Hazergian drove him home with another single, while Weston Price got hit by a pitch and later scored on a wild pitch. Stafford walked and came around on another wild pitch.

Canton, which successfully laid down five bunts during the first three innings of play, got another run in the first when Nick

Schnur's bunt brought pinch runner Jarrod Stephens home.

Canton scored again in the second on a double by Boucher and a fielder's choice bunt off the bat of Hazergian to make it 5-0.

"It meant a lot, my teammates came out and just ready to play and got four runs for me right away," Stafford said. "They set the pace for the entire game, really. It was a lot of fun and I'm just glad we got the win."

And Stevenson simply had no answers at the plate for Stafford.

"He was dialed in the first pitch, you could just tell you were going to get a good game from (Stafford)," Canton catcher Tom Kiddle said. "You can always count on him for a good outing. He's hit 89 (mph), but 87 and 88 consistently today probably."

"It was on all game long from the first to the seventh inning."

Kanitra, the tall senior right-hander for Stevenson, lasted five innings before Rodney Bies came on to pitch the sixth and seventh.

Canton, however, got two more runs in the sixth on a single by Boucher, a double by Price, an RBI groundout by Hazergian and a bloop single to center by Stafford.

Stevenson (21-11) had captured the KLAA Central Division crown and won an earlier Kensington crossover meeting against Stafford and the Chiefs this season, 3-2.

"What happens is that he (Kanitra) gets a couple flares, an error, a walk and a hit batter — we were our own worst enemy," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "Then they bunted us to death. You can't extend innings by walks, hit batters and errors. That's what happened. Once we got past those first few innings, it was a pretty close ballgame."

"But then you have Stafford throw a no-hitter. That's as good a high school performance I've seen in ages. And I've seen a lot of them. That was good. He was touching 90 (mph) on the gun."

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SOFTBALL

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hit a two-run homer.

Sobczak and Krzywiecki accounted for two dingers each; senior Jacquelyn Murphy also had a solo blast.

The Marlins have racked up an incredible 46 home runs this season, which is believed to be a state record.

Sobczak leads the team with 16, Jacquelyn Murphy has nine, Ewald and Krzywiecki seven apiece and Terrance four.

Mercy struggled early against Price and had just one base runner in the first three innings. That was a leadoff walk to Sobczak in the second.

Price pitched to four batters in the fifth and was relieved by senior Andria Gietl before getting an out. Gietl, who gave up

three runs on two homers, pitched that inning and freshman Madelyn Haas the sixth. Mercy had a total of 11 hits; the Blazers fanned four, walked four and hit one.

Ladywood coach Scott Combs said a lot was asked of Price this season in the wake of injuries to the team's Nos. 1 and 3 pitchers.

"We had to piece it together to get here and that's what we did," he said. "This is the fifth time she's had to throw against them, and she (was the only one to have beaten Mercy until Saturday)."

"It's extremely difficult to throw against them twice. If you start going three, four, five times, it's next to impossible. (Justin) Verlander wouldn't want to throw against Kansas City five times in three weeks, and that's what she has been forced to do because of the injuries."

"They hit the ball; there's no question about that. (Price) is going to be a phenomenal pitcher here.

Asking her to pitch against them five times is not fair, but she's the one who allows us to try to play at this level. She went out there and did what she had to do as well as she could."

Combs added the Blazers (26-8) should have scored eight to 10 runs, citing some base running mistakes they made.

"I thought the biggest thing was we didn't get the bunt down, and that's something we'll have to work at," he said.

Senior Céstele Fidge (2-for-3) hit a solo homer in the first inning for the Blazers, who were two-time defending champions.

She and freshman Rachel Hendrickson, who was 3-for-4 with two RBI, each added a run-scoring single in the third.

RELIGION CALENDAR

May

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through May 31
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

June

BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, just west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: All proceeds from the barbecue will support St. Paul's Presbyterian Church "Youth Aiding the Needy" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and lemonade. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$22 for a family box. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$24 for a family box while supplies last. Carry out will be available. Bulk quantities also will be available; inquire for price.
Contact: (734) 513-8457

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9
Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi
Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzel. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID
Contact: (248) 347-7778

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-noon, June 24-28
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The session is called "Come, Follow Jesus and Walk in His Ways" and it will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. It's aimed at youngsters, age 3-fifth grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is available now
Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or visit www.sppc.org

July

FILM

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Orthodox churches sponsor benefit dinner

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor its annual "Spring Celebration" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows Sunday, June 2 at the banquet hall of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford.
 The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m.

The Offbeats will provide music and there will be entertainment for children.
 Tickets including dinner and refreshments are \$40 per person, with children ages 12 and under admitted free. Each COCC member parish is eligible to receive two complimentary tickets for its clergy.
 To order tickets or obtain further information, contact Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or mihaela.charlier@sbcglobal.net, or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.
 The COCC is a 56-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metro Detroit. Its mission is to promote Orthodox Christianity throughout the area through worship, fellowship, and charitable, educational and outreach programs. For more information, visit coccdetroit.com.

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COLLINS, DOROTHY J.

Age 88 of Bloomfield Hills; passed away peacefully May 15, 2013. Beloved wife of (the late) Paul Collins; loving mother of Kathi, Carol and (the late) Paul Collins, Jr.; proud grandmother of Erin Collins; and great-grandmother of Alexandra Collins. Dorothy was the former president of the Bloomfield Hills School Board and was loved by all who knew her. Memorial Mass 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

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GOTTS, GLADYS KINCAID

Passed away May 21, 2013 at the age of 108. She was a long-time resident of Canton and Plymouth. Gladys was born in Silverwood, Michigan to Herman and Ethel (Cunningham) Kincaid on May 4, 1905. She married Percy Gotts in 1923. She is deeply loved and will be missed by her daughters Dorothy (Robert) Richards and Joyce (David) Gyde. She was preceded in death by her daughter Betty DeKarske. Gladys is the dear grandmother of Larry DeKarske, Polly (Dick) Braburn, Paul (Michelle) Richards, Julie Gyde and the late Janet Breland and great-grandmother of nine. She was also preceded in death by her sister Bernice Downing. Gladys and her family moved to live on their farm in Ypsilanti when she was a teen. She drove a horse and buggy to High School. Later she and her husband resided on the Gotts farm in Canton where they produced melons, sweet corn, sugar beets, grain and milk. After her husband's death in 1955 she sold the farm and went to work as a secretary at Ford Motor Company until her retirement. Gladys just celebrated her 108th birthday with all of her family whom she loved so much. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, May 25, 2013, 11am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, with The Rev. Mark Zender officiating. Friends may visit Friday 1-8pm and Saturday 10am until time of service. Burial will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 341 S. Ridge Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



NALLI, REMEGIA (ANGELOCCI)

Jackson, Michigan. Age 98, died Friday, May 17, 2013 at RidgeCrest in Jackson. She was born October 4, 1914 in Sibley, MI (now Trenton, MI), the daughter of Alexander "Angelo" and Agatha (Cima) Angelocci. Remegia lived in the Downriver area most of her adult life, and in Birmingham, Michigan, from 1985 until 2006, when she moved to Chelsea. She moved to Jackson in November 2011. Remegia was a bookkeeper for Hungerford, Cooper, Luxon & Co. in Wyandotte. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. Remegia graduated from A.E. Smith High School in 1932. She was active in many sports, including Tennis, Basketball, Softball, Bowling, and Golf. On June 1, 1940, she married Alvin Dietz and he preceded her in death on July 24, 1958. She then married Anthony Nalli on January 6, 1968 and he preceded her in death on January 22, 1980. Survivors include one daughter, Shiela Dietz of Chicago, Illinois; one granddaughter, Melissa Benham of Chicago; one brother Angelo Angelocci of Chelsea; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Kelly Cottage and Frances Willett, and three brothers, Samuel, Lawrence, and John Angelocci. A memorial service will be held Friday, June 14, 11 am at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Chelsea, with Fr. David Glaser officiating. Burial will be at the Memorial Garden at St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.



SMITH, ROBERT L.

93, of Wayne, Michigan, died Sunday, May 19, 2013. He was born May 14, 1920 in Ionia to the late Leo and Luella Smith. He married E. Kathleen Orser on July 3, 1942 in Ionia. Mr. Smith was an accountant with the Michigan Oven Company prior to his retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served on the Wayne City Recreation Board for 55 years. He was an avid Tigers Fan and enjoyed working for the Tigers during Spring Training in Lakeland. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Kathleen; three children, Kayla (Ken) Vineyard, Douglas Smith and Greg (Barbara) Smith; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a sister, H. Yvonne Smith. A memorial visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. Wayne, MI 48184. A brief service to celebrate his life will begin at 3:30 p.m. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorials may be made to the Wayne Golden Hour Club c/o Parks and Recreation Dept. 4635 Howe Rd. Wayne, MI 48184.

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Chorus sings classics, military themes in four-part harmony

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The HarmonyTown Chorus will return to its roots, singing barbershop favorites at its upcoming spring concert, "Diamonds & Gold."

The walk down memory lane is only fitting as the Chorus, the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, celebrates the international organization's 75th anniversary.

"We have a nice variety. We're paying homage to the things we've done through the years and then some of the fun stuff the public likes," said Mark Pritchard, chapter music vice president. "Our annual show this year is a dual salute to both our Barbershop Harmony Society celebrating 75 years of men singing in four-part harmony, and to some of the HarmonyTown Chorus' Greatest hits."

Fans will hear classics, such as *Lida Rose*, *River of No Return*, *Sound Celebration*, *Moments to Remember* and *Dream a Little Dream*.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth, 17 and under. Seating is reserved. Order tickets online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/ and click on box office or call (734) 394-5300, ext. 3.

Military salute

The Chorus performed at the Village Theater two years ago with barbershop arrangements of rock and roll songs, and last year dressed as buccaners to sing pirate songs. This year, in addition to singing classics, the group will salute U.S. military.

"We ran across a new arrangement the Society released for the armed forces. It strings together the theme songs for five major armed forces — Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force. Then we put a cool tag on the end of it, a slightly re-worked *America the Beautiful*," Pritchard said. "And we have a



The HarmonyTown Chorus will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Sunday, June 9, in Canton.



Resisting-A-Rest will be the guest barbershop quartet at the upcoming "Diamonds & Gold" concert at the HarmonyTown Chorus spring show.



Resisting-A-Rest will be the guest quartet at the HarmonyTown Chorus "Diamonds & Gold" show.

what the Beatles did."

"Diamonds & Gold" also will feature the 2010 International Gold Medal Winning Senior Quartet, Resisting-A-Rest, from the Barbershop Harmony Society's Pioneer District. The district includes chapters from across the state.

"I've seen them a couple of times. They are fantastic."

75 years

The Barbershop Harmony Society was founded in 1938, in Tulsa, Ok. as the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. Year later it underwent a name change and moved its headquarters to Wisconsin and in 2007 to Nashville, Tenn. Its mission is to promote and preserve barbershop music as an art form. According to the Society, barbershop-style a cappella music, which is known for four-part harmony and a unique chord structure, was born in the U.S.

Approximately 30,000 men in the United States and Canada are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, which has 1,500 quartets, 800 chapters and nine foreign affiliates.

For more information visit barbershop.org. For more about the Wayne chapter, visit wesingbarbershop.com.

really cool barbershop arrangement of Elton John's *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*.

"There are a tremendous number of arrangers who have websites with all manner of songs. Some may be off the beaten path, but all are four-part harmony with male voices. Male voices singing in close harmony, that was similar to



Members of HarmonyTown Chorus are dressed like pirates for their spring concert last year. This year they'll salute the U.S. military with a medley of songs.

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Proper pantry practices

Before letting those creative culinary juices flow, take inventory of your pantry. If you find items that are too old, that have never been touched, or that you hardly ever use — get rid of them.

Look closely at the ingredient list to decide which items to keep. Get rid of items filled with corn syrup and artificial sweeteners and colors. Foods with fewer ingredients and pronounceable words tend to be more natural or “whole.” Ingredients you might consider keeping include honey, soy sauce, canned beans, whole grain pastas or rice, raw nuts and olive oil.

Once your pantry is in order, you can incorporate these healthy staples into meals using the freshest vegetables, poultry, fish and beef. By keeping your pantry stocked with the most wholesome ingredients, you can be sure you are giving the very best to your family.

For additional recipes and information, visit www.kikkomanUSA.com.

Savory Chicken Brine

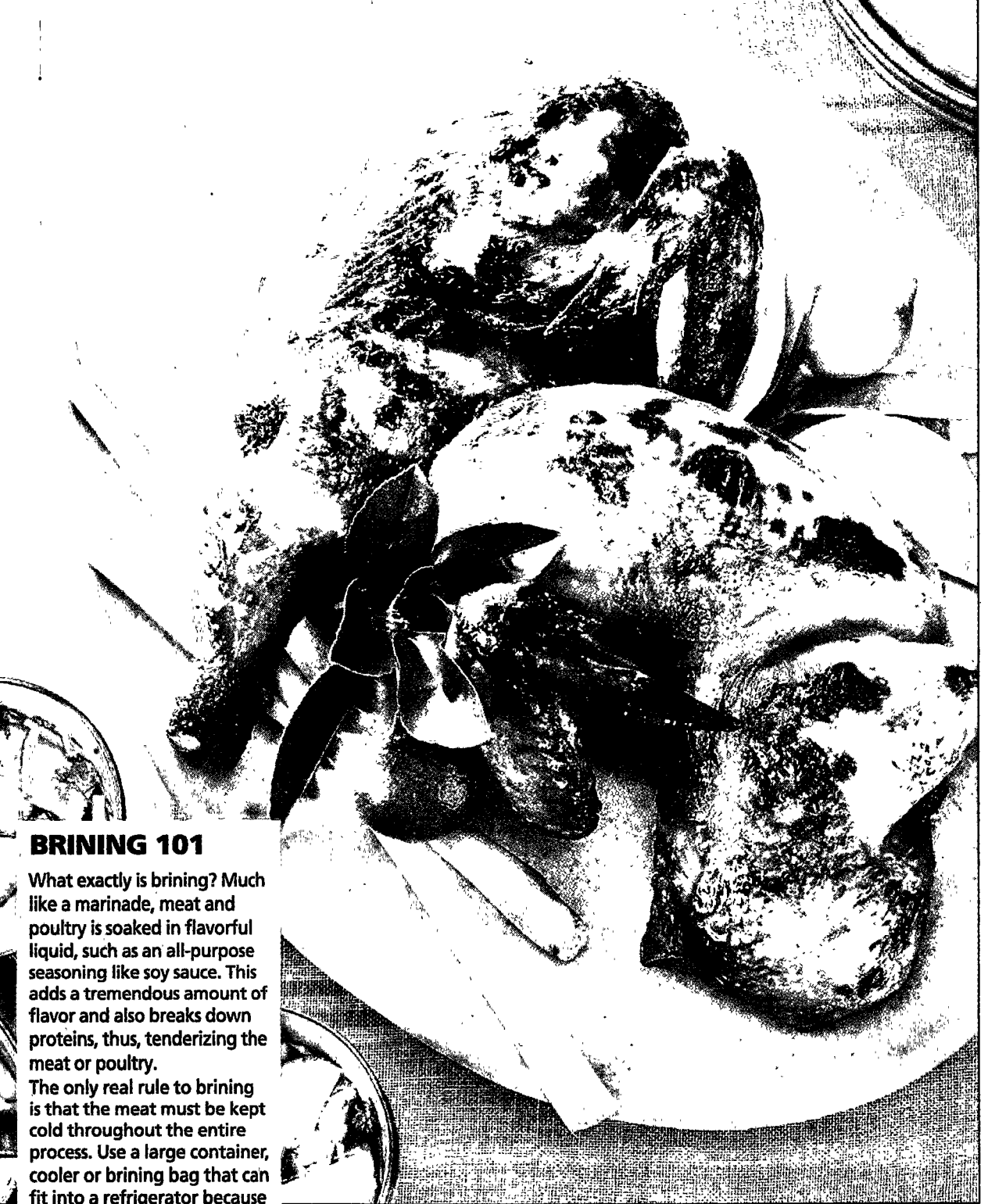
Servings: 6

- 1 chicken (5 to 6 pounds)
- 1 gallon cold water
- 1 tablespoon dried sage
- 1 tablespoon dried celery seed
- ½ tablespoon dried thyme
- ¾ cup kosher salt
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons of seasoned salt

Remove giblets from chicken cavity, rinse chicken inside and out. In large stock pot or container, mix water, sage, celery seed, thyme, salt, sugar and soy sauce to create brine. Stir well until sugar and salt are dissolved. Place chicken in brine, cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Remove chicken from brine and rinse well inside and out. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of seasoned salt. Bake chicken at 400°F for 45 minutes.

Savory Chicken Brine



BRINING 101

What exactly is brining? Much like a marinade, meat and poultry is soaked in flavorful liquid, such as an all-purpose seasoning like soy sauce. This adds a tremendous amount of flavor and also breaks down proteins, thus, tenderizing the meat or poultry.

The only real rule to brining is that the meat must be kept cold throughout the entire process. Use a large container, cooler or brining bag that can fit into a refrigerator because the protein and brine solution has to be kept below 40 degrees at all times.

Spaghetti and Meatballs



Greek Pasta Salad

Greek Pasta Salad

Servings: 6

- Sun-Dried Tomato Salad Dressing:
- ¾ cup sun-dried tomatoes, drained or rehydrate if dry
 - ½ cup olive oil
 - ¼ cup fresh basil, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons capers
 - 3 cloves garlic
 - 3 tablespoons rice vinegar

- Salad:
- ¼ cup Kikkoman Thai Style Chili Sauce
 - 4 cups rotini pasta, cooked
 - ½ cup cucumber, peeled and seeded
 - 1 cup cherry tomatoes
 - 1 cup green bell pepper strips
 - 1 4-ounce package feta cheese, crumbled
 - 1 3.8-ounce can black olives, sliced and drained
 - ¾ cup chopped green onions
 - ½ tablespoon chopped dill weed

For dressing, whisk together sun-dried tomatoes, olive oil, basil, capers, garlic and rice vinegar. Set aside.

For salad, whisk together 1 cup salad dressing and chili sauce, set aside. In large bowl, combine pasta and remaining ingredients, tossing to combine. Serve with salad dressing.

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Servings: 8

- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1 ¼ pounds ground beef
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated and divided
- 4 cloves garlic, minced and divided
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 2 28-ounce cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano

Cook spaghetti according to package directions, rinse and drain.

Combine ground beef, eggs, panko, soy sauce, ½ cup Parmesan cheese and 2 cloves of garlic in large bowl; shape into 1 ½-inch sized meatballs. Bake meatballs at 350°F on ungreased cookie sheet for 10 to 12 minutes. Meanwhile, heat deep skillet, add oil, 1 clove garlic and onions and sauté for about 5 minutes until onions are soft. Add tomatoes and remaining garlic, cheese and oregano; simmer for at least 20 minutes.

Classic Fried Rice

Servings: 6

- 6 strips bacon, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 egg, beaten
- 8 green onions and tops, sliced
- 4 cups cold, cooked rice
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce

Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crisp. Move bacon to side of pan; add egg and scramble. Move egg over and add green onions to the skillet; sauté for a minute. Stir in rice, add garlic and soy sauce. Toss until mixture is well blended and heated through.

Courtesy of Family Features

Kitchen fires focus of educational effort

The National Fire Protection Association recently announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference. Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn. Conference attendees are invited to stop by NFPA's booth to view new campaign materials that will be on public display for the first time.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013 Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home."

The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.



NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

- When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.
- Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information and safety tips.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Preven-

tion Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international non-profit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Check with attorney on dredging

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are on a public lake and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city are dredging to expand the waterway, but are also putting the dredged sand on our beach. Do you think we have any right to compensation?

A: It obviously depends on the case

law and statutes of the state where you are involved, but in a recent case out of Virginia,



Robert Meisner

the Virginia Supreme Court determined that a condominium association was entitled to compensation for the loss of its riparian rights when sand from a dredging project was placed on the beach purportedly to improve navigation on the Chesapeake Bay. In that particular case, the association conceded that the dredging was necessary to improve navigation, but putting the dredged sand on the beach was not, and that by replenishing the beach, the city in that case created an artificial strip of land that severed the condominium property from the bay. Depending on your circumstances, you may also have a basis to seek compensation and you should consult with an experienced real estate lawyer.

Q: We have a provision that says that our documents can be amended for an additional term of 25 years after which the declaration will be automatically extended for successive periods of 20 years unless a supplemental declaration that amended, ratified or terminated the declaration was approved by two-thirds of the owners and recorded in the land records. I am wondering if we can amend our documents before the initial term of 25 years is up.

A: Only if you get 100 percent approval. In a similar case out of New Mexico, the appellate court held that where the declaration provides an initial duration period, like the 25-year term, amendments to the declaration during that initial period are void unless the unanimous consent of all property owners is obtained, provided that the declaration doesn't have provisions stating otherwise. You are best advised to get a community association attorney to review your matter.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
49783 Annandale Dr \$78,000
43118 Carlisle Ct \$145,000

48025 E Oxford Ct \$60,000
39821 Fox Valley Dr \$155,000
50275 Hancock St \$210,000
6558 Kennesaw Rd \$405,000
42737 Lilley Pointe Dr \$48,000
595 Sandalwood Ct \$320,000
920 Torrey Hills Dr \$260,000
GARDEN CITY
650 Susan Ct \$40,000
LIVONIA
9364 Colorado St \$157,000
16236 Huff St \$225,000
8954 Linville St \$115,000

20445 Maplewood St \$66,000
16181 Marsha St \$250,000
29877 Mcintyre St \$78,000
35993 W Chicago St \$136,000
NORTHVILLE
49285 Freestone Dr \$372,000
15996 Park Ln \$270,000
PLYMOUTH
50454 Beechwood Ct \$119,000
REDFORD
18300 Brady \$18,000
14236 Breakfast Dr \$163,000

12674 Mercedes \$125,000
19942 Poinciana \$25,000
19368 Wakenden \$18,000
8810 Winston \$70,000
WESTLAND
7478 August Ave \$60,000
8355 Donna St \$87,000
28972 McDonald St \$19,000
2030 N Marie St \$300,000
8328 Parkside Dr \$216,000
400 Patingill St \$117,000
1501 S Walton St \$48,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 7-11, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
32035 Beverly Ct \$241,000
18112 Kinross Ave \$215,000
22225 Nottingham Dr \$324,000
31078 Rivers Edge Ct \$228,000
19324 Warwick St \$480,000
BIRMINGHAM
268 Abbey St \$380,000
567 Chesterfield Ave \$460,000
1315 E Melton Rd \$158,000
1712 Henrietta St \$435,000
751 Humphrey Ave \$289,000
2446 Manchester Rd \$180,000
1272 Ruffner Ave \$423,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit \$350,000
1540 W Lincoln St \$750,000
340 Wellesley St \$244,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
287 Barden Rd \$1,160,000
7343 Lindenmere Dr \$386,000
2460 Loch Creek Way \$310,000

1989 Sherwood Gln \$788,000
4537 Wagon Wheel Dr \$328,000
1241 Woodcrest Cir \$215,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2775 Ayershire Dr \$424,000
2739 Berry Dr \$155,000
354 Eileen Dr \$130,000
519 Fox Hills Dr N \$55,000
190 Hadsell Dr \$405,000
4585 Kirkcaldy Rd \$300,000
4035 Lincoln Rd \$273,000
7131 Paterese Dr \$180,000
1234 Harpham St \$287,000
1555 S Hill Blvd \$70,000
5770 Snowshoe Cir \$280,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # H2 \$55,000
390 Waddington St \$645,000
1759 Woodgrove Ln \$540,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
4640 Commerce Woods Dr \$220,000
2049 Edwards Ct \$206,000
323 Harpham St \$65,000
5470 Huron Hills Dr \$363,000
3771 Stoneridge Ct \$265,000
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31721 Lamar Dr \$81,000
22698 Power Rd \$80,000
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29210 Greening St \$65,000

29950 Highmeadow Rd \$189,000
29461 Juneau Ln \$168,000
35093 Meadow Ln \$118,000
21984 Middlebelt Rd \$136,000
21336 Mulberry Ct \$123,000
21320 Parklane St \$211,000
32072 Red Clover Rd \$175,000
29392 Regents Pointe \$123,000
22365 River Ridge Trl \$170,000
22580 Tulane Ave \$93,000
32013 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 304 \$28,000
22042 W Brandon St \$107,000
32062 White Hall \$340,000
30090 Wicklow Rd \$185,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
27350 Bloomfield Dr \$142,000
MILFORD
178 Cottage Ln \$39,000
2392 North St \$40,000
650 Olivia Dr \$245,000
1388 Pine Grove Ln \$45,000
1073 Riverstone Cir \$255,000
4235 S Duck Lake Rd \$340,000
760 S Milford Rd \$67,000
887 Sweetbriar \$135,000
NORTHVILLE
43737 Galway Dr \$225,000
NOVI
40002 Crosswinds \$60,000
22666 Deerfield Rd \$237,000
25476 Dogwood Ln \$458,000
27842 Hopkins Dr \$165,000

27844 Hopkins Dr \$168,000
27846 Hopkins Dr \$163,000
28015 Hopkins Dr \$140,000
28042 Hopkins Dr \$160,000
40440 Oak Tree \$150,000
21854 Siegal Dr \$248,000
24271 Weatherlane Ct \$219,000
SOUTH LYON
24410 Brompton Way \$342,000
24425 Brompton Way \$319,000
61256 Greenwood Dr \$65,000
209 Maplewood Ct Unit 13 \$5,000
52474 Trailwood Dr \$115,000
52474 Trailwood Dr \$2,000
53616 Valleywood Dr \$25,000
54305 Villagewood Dr \$352,000
SOUTHFIELD
16175 Fairview Cres \$92,000
26396 Franklin Pointe Dr \$49,000
27480 Lahser Rd \$108,000
24015 Lathrup Blvd \$61,000
15940 New Hampshire St \$25,000
30340 Park Ln \$85,000
28539 Pierce St \$68,000
19692 Raleigh Cir S \$30,000
WHITE LAKE
27 Danforth St \$199,000
8345 Fox Bay Dr \$140,000
10279 Lakeside Dr \$318,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Remerica United Realty

Remerica United Realty will hold an event to educate homeowners in foreclosure, short sale situations or seeking information on a seller's market. It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Livonia American Legion, and is free. For information, call (248) 374-6888.

New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company.

They are: Birmingham - Sufian Hanon, Brenda Shapiro, Courtney Dunford; Clarkston - Jimmy Tottingham; Commerce - Tracy Slintak; Grosse Pointe - Lisa Hoffmann; Ionia - Al Cockrum, Kristine Bosley; Northville - Ellen Frink, Vita Good, Anna Kligman, Carol McGarvey; Rochester - Dean Accivatti, Greg Moran.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and drive for results."

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					2	6	5		1
	3		6						4
5		8		1	7				9
		4			9				3
	2	6			5				
		5		7	4				8

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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WORDS

ABDOMEN, ALVEOLI, ANGINA, ANGIOPLASTY, AORTA, ARTERY, ATHEROSCLEROSIS, BIOPSY, BLOOD PRESSURE, BRADYCARDIA, BYPASS, CARDIAC, CARDIOVASCULAR, CHOLESTEROL, CIRCULATION, DIASTOLIC, DIURETIC, EDEMA, ENDOCARDIUM, ENZYME, HYPERTENSION, HYPOTENSION, INFARCT, ISCHEMIA, LUMEN, PALPITATION, PLAQUE, SATURATED, SEPTUM, SHUNT, STENT, THROMBUS, VEIN

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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8	9	6	4	7	2	9	1	5
7	1	4	7	5	8	9	2	6
2	8	6	9	1	4	7	1	8
6	2	8	7	1	4	7	8	9
7	4	7	8	5	6	9	2	1
1	9	5	1	8	6	3	7	4
9	7	4	8	3	6	1	9	2
5	6	5	7	4	1	2	8	9
8	3	6	1	8	3	5	7	4

Word Search

ANSWER KEY: AORTA, ARTERY, ATHEROSCLEROSIS, BIOPSY, BLOOD PRESSURE, BRADYCARDIA, BYPASS, CARDIAC, CARDIOVASCULAR, CHOLESTEROL, CIRCULATION, DIASTOLIC, DIURETIC, EDEMA, ENDOCARDIUM, ENZYME, HYPERTENSION, HYPOTENSION, INFARCT, ISCHEMIA, LUMEN, PALPITATION, PLAQUE, SATURATED, SEPTUM, SHUNT, STENT, THROMBUS, VEIN

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