

WAYNE-WESTLAND OBSERVER

A GANNETT COMPANY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014 • hometownlife.com

WWW.HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**INTERACTIVE
GARAGE
SALE MAP**

LOOK FOR SALES IN
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Wayne looks for spending cuts, added revenue in budget proposal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

When Wayne council members begin their budget study sessions, they will be working on a proposal that still needs more than \$700,000 in cuts.

The city administration, assisted by budget consultant Vincent Pastue, presented the council with a proposed budget with \$16 million in expendi-

tures and \$15.3 million in revenues.

"The \$3.6 million deficit we presented a couple of months ago was if the city continued to do business as we were," Wayne Finance Director James Ghedotte said.

"The proposed budget has many cuts and enhancement of revenues."

» One proposal is to increase the street lighting assessment to cover the full

amount billed to the city. Ghedotte said the city currently subsidizes the \$655,000 annual bill from the general fund.

» In the Downtown Development Authority, it's recommended that 2 mills be levied as a special assessment. That would be expected to generate \$350,000 annually.

"The money would be used to reimburse the general fund for expenses in the DDA dis-

trict," Ghedotte said. "The DDA reimburses the general fund (currently) but it is not close to the full payment — the DDA doesn't have that much money."

Ghedotte said at 1.9 square miles, the DDA is 32 percent of the 6-square-mile city.

» The proposed budget recommends elimination of 12 full-time positions. That takes city staffing from 88 full-time

employees to 76 full-time positions.

"At this time, no layoffs are recommended, it will be through attrition," Ghedotte said. "Early retirements and some police officers got jobs in other cities. One officer recently went back to Allen Park (police)."

As the largest city depart-

See BUDGET, Page A2

Being the bunny

Westland teen suits up for annual Marshmallow Drop

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Two years ago Cory Routen was among the thousands of kids who went chasing after marshmallows at Nankin Mills in Hines Park.

Even though he's aged out of the Wayne County Parks' annual Marshmallow Drop, he still was there Friday doing a meet and greet. The 14-year-old Westland resident traded in his bag of marshmallows for a suit and played the Easter Bunny for the event.

"I've always liked helping out at the (Nankin Mills) nature center, but the changed the rules," said Routen, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School. "When they called and asked me to do this, I was a little shocked. I said, 'OK, sure.'"

Routen has been going to the Marshmallow Drop, now in its 30th year, since he was 5 years old. He admits that his favorite part of the event is seeing the helicopter. The event is for children up to age 12 and is divided into age groups. A helicopter drops thousands of marshmallows from the sky and children run out to gather them up and trade them in for a prize.

While only one marshmallow is needed to get the prize, many of the kids fill their bags and buckets with them. Routen admits he would grab 10-12 marshmallows, but then give them to the little kids.

Meeting the kids

This is the second year Routen has played the Easter Bunny at the event, which attracts families from throughout western Wayne County. He arrived at Nankin Mills at 9:45 a.m. to get suited up and then went out to mingle with the crowds at 10:30 a.m., a half hour before the first of the three drops.

"The hardest part is not being able to talk to them," he said. "All I can do is wave, I can't say hi. If they ask me a question, Carol (Clements, naturalist) answers for me. I get a lot of hugs from the young children."

His mother Lisa believes he was asked to play the Easter Bunny because he loves volunteering. In the past, he has helped at the Nankin Mills Interpre-

See DROP, Page A2



Desiree Holiday, 5, of Garden City poses with the Easter Bunny (Cory Routen) at the Friday's Marshmallow Drop in Westland. Two years ago, he was among kids making a dash to collect the marshmallows to get a prize. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland man not competent to face charges in wife's death

77-year-old reportedly suffers from dementia

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An elderly Westland man charged with murdering his wife has been found incompetent to stand trial but will be sent to some type of care facility.

Marvin Jones, 77, is charged with first-degree murder and felony firearm in the death of his wife Sandra Jones, 72. The ruling of incompetency means Wayne County Probate will decide on where Jones will be housed going forward although he will not be incarcerated.

On Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office stipulated to the forensic report finding Jones, who is reported to suffer from dementia, was irreversibly incompetent and unlikely to improve.

Jones had suffered a stroke while being held in the psychiatric unit of Detroit Receiving Hospital while in custody and was unresponsive when examined by the psychiatrist.

Jones recovered enough physically to be brought to court in a wheelchair and confirmed his name when asked but otherwise apparently did not have an improved mental state.

The hearing had been delayed two weeks after the prosecutor refused to stipulate to the report and initially wanted the psychiatrist to examine Jones again. After 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell made it clear he would put little credence in any revised opinion, the prosecution considered seeking an independent examination.

Police were called to the home shared by Jones and his wife in the 8100 block of Melvin on Feb. 20. Jones had gone to a neighbor seeking help saying his wife had shot herself, police said.

Sandra Jones was found fatally shot in her bed. Police said she had likely been killed a day earlier.

The couple had been married about 57 years.

rogers@hometownlife.com
313-222-5428
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

See BALLOT, Page A2

Livonia school board to place two tax proposals on August ballot

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Livonia Public Schools will place two proposals on the Aug. 5 ballot, both five-year renewal requests.

One is for the district's 1.12-mill sinking fund tax, which funds ongoing repairs, and the other is for its 18.4568-mill non-homestead operating property tax.

The sinking fund tax would be levied against all properties in the district, including residential properties, while the non-homestead tax would be levied against businesses, and commercial and industrial properties.

Superintendent Randy Liepa said the sinking fund tax, which expires this year, brings in about \$4.6 million annually district-wide. The owner of a home in the district with a market value of \$132,000 pays about \$74 per year for the sinking fund.

The sinking fund has been used in the past and would continue to be used to pay for projects not covered by the \$195 million bond approved by voters in May 2013, such as roof and parking lot repairs, boiler and water main replacements and other emergencies, he said. "That sinking fund's been a life-saver for us," he said.

The money from the bond is paying for enhanced technology, facility upgrades, cost-saving energy improvements, new high school auditoriums, safety and security measures and buses.

Liepa said that when the district and community came up with a long-term facilities plan years ago, the projects totaled about \$275 million. However, the board thought that would be too large of a bond proposal to put before voters so it decided to do a smaller bond and pay for what projects it could out of the sinking fund. "The sinking fund is part and parcel of the long-term plan," he said.

The non-homestead operating property tax, which expires in 2015, has been levied since 1994 when Proposal A reformed how schools are funded, Liepa said. It brings in about \$23 million in revenue to Livonia Public Schools. "We couldn't operate without it," Liepa said. He said the state assumes local districts will receive 18 mills from non-homestead properties when they look at the overall funding package for schools.

The ballot language will ask for a renewal of 18.4568 mills, but 18 mills would be levied, Liepa said. The additional



6 53174 10007 8

PRICE: \$1

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

© The Observer & Eccentric
Volume 49 • Number 96

INDEX

Community Life..... B5 Homes..... C3 Services..... C3
Crossword Puzzle..... C2 Jobs..... C1 Sports..... B1
Health..... B8 Obituaries..... B7

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377

BALLOT

Continued from Page A1

.4568 mill would be levied only if the 18 mills is rolled back to an amount lower than 18 mills by the Headlee Amendment, he said.

The board voted unanimously Monday to place both the sinking fund and non-homestead renewals on the August primary ballot.

County enhancement millage

However, the board voted unanimously Monday against placing a 2-mill, six-year Wayne County Enhancement Millage on the same ballot.

That proposal would provide the district with \$5.7 million a year in additional operating revenue; however, district taxpayers would have to pay \$8 million for it.

"I think it negatively impacts our taxpayers and doesn't make sense," Trustee

Eileen McDonnell said.

"That's a bad deal for this community," Trustee Randy Roulier said.

The proposal will appear on the ballot only if enough school boards approve it. The number of approving boards must represent at least 50 percent of the students in Wayne County.

Liepa said the tax would be levied county-wide, and then distributed on a per-pupil basis. So districts that have higher tax bases but fewer students would not get as much back as they contribute. Liepa said Livonia school district taxpayers would get about 71 cents for every \$1 they contribute.

A similar proposal did not gain sufficient support from Wayne County districts in 2011. The Livonia school board also voted against the proposal then.

'Classrooms and Kids'

In other action Monday, the board unanimously adopted a

resolution in favor of the "Classrooms and Kids" state budget proposal that would provide a \$250 to \$291 increase in per-pupil funding next school year by eliminating certain categorical funding.

The "Classrooms and Kids" proposal would put an additional \$1 million into LPS' coffers next school year over and above the \$1.2 million Gov. Rick Snyder's budget would provide. That's almost enough to make up for LPS' \$2.4 million projected revenue loss from an expected enrollment decline of 300 students.

The proposal is supported by the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

ksmith@hometownlife.com | 313-222-2098 | Twitter: @KarenS87

Early retirements avoid layoff of Wayne firefighters

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

In a move aimed at reducing staffing to avoid layoffs, Wayne will be paying about \$44,000 to allow three senior firefighters to retire early.

Council members recently approved the proposal to eliminate the positions with the retirements of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Shawn Bell, who had nearly 20 years of service, along with fire captains Kenny Joe Hines and Ken Chapman, both with 24 years of service.

"Because of the Wayne budget constraints we would have had to lay off firefighters," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "That could affect the merger and a future fire authority."

Elimination of the three positions will balance the Fire Department budget and not require any layoffs, Reddy said.

The city is projecting it will save about \$22,000 in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. The savings is expected to be \$456,484 in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

City employees are allowed to purchase up to five years toward their full retire-

ment. In this case, the city rather than the employees will be paying to bring the three firefighters to their full pensions.

In the past, including a large early retirement program in 2009, the employees were required to purchase their retirement time and the city did not contribute any money.

"The city has not paid for half the buyout in the past that I know of," Wayne Finance Director James Ghedotte said. "It (early retirements) has been available but the city has not paid — the people (employees) did it."

At this time, there are no plans to offer similar buyouts to other city workers, Ghedotte said.

The Wayne Police Department will lose one sergeant and four patrol positions through attrition, including early retirements fully funded by the employee. Representatives for the Wayne Police Officers Association and the Wayne Command Officers Association declined to comment.

lr Rogers@hometownlife.com | 313-222-5428 | Twitter: @LRogersObserver



In 2008, Cory Routen was among kids gathering up marshmallows at the Wayne County Parks' Marshmallow Drop.

DROP

Continued from Page A1

tive Center's nature camps.

"He did the Easter Bunny last year and thought it was fun," she said. "I think if they keep asking him, he'll keep doing it. He had a couple of people take pictures with him. He can leave after the last drop, but he stays to the end for kids who didn't get to see the Easter Bunny. He's fine playing the Easter Bunny as long as they need him."

Last year, Routen had one

youngster give him a little plastic bunny which posed a problem. His suit has no pockets.

"I ended up sticking it in a spot in the headpiece," he said.

Volunteer work

In addition to helping at the Marshmallow Drop, he also does Operation Christmas Child, filling shoe boxes with school supplies and items for youngsters. He had a newspaper route for four years and would use most of the tip money he received at Christmas "to do things for charities."

He's also raked leaves for

seniors in the community and helped out a soup kitchen, feeding the homeless.

Routen has an older brother Jordan, 18, who thinks it's kind of cool, although he does laugh about, and only a few of his friends know that he plays the Easter Bunny.

And even though he's too old to chase after marshmallows, he hasn't aged out of getting an Easter basket.

"My favorite is the caramel Cadbury eggs," he said.

smason@hometownlife.com | Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

BUDGET

Continued from Page A1

ments, eight of the 12 positions to be eliminated would come from the police and fire departments.

The police department will eliminate one sergeant position and four patrol officers through attrition.

The council recently approved a proposal to pay \$44,000 to allow three senior firefighters to retire early so their positions could be eliminated. The projected savings in the next fiscal year is over \$456,000.

The council earlier voted to close 60 percent of the Community Center, including

the ice arena. A proposal is forthcoming from HYPE Athletics to operate the community center, which receives a \$600,000 subsidy in the current budget.

"The utilities with a pool and an ice rink are very expensive. Until you earn enough to cover the costs, you cut and cut," Ghedotte said. "You can raise fees, but if you charge \$100 to swim, nobody will swim."

Council has scheduled two budget sessions for 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Thursday, May 15. Both meetings will be held at the Community Center.

lr Rogers@hometownlife.com | 313-222-5428 | Twitter: @LRogersObserver

FORTUNE

Loan Time

WITH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CREDIT UNION

SCRATCH OFF AND WIN!

Come and get an affordable loan for what you need, and win a **\$100 prize!**

Save on loans for Auto, Boat, RV, Motorcycle, Personal, and Home Equity Loans with:

- ✦ Low Rates starting at 1.99% APR*
- ✦ Rate Discounts
- ✦ Refinance Your Loan from another financial institution

Easy ways to Apply:

- ✦ Call us at 800.287.0046, option 5
- ✦ Stop in 7 Days a Week
- ✦ Online at www.communityalliancecu.org
- ✦ Call our 24/7 Loan Center at 866.398.6660

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CREDIT UNION
Your Guide to Personal Success

Additional \$20.00 Off on Any Dental Cleaning with Ad Exp. 5/11/14

Wayne Mercy Animal Hospital
Full Service Veterinary Hospital

OPEN 7 DAYS • 734.728.6000

Dr. Avtar Madahar D.V.M.
35345 Cherry Hill Road
(Just E. of Wayne Road)
Westland, MI 48186

Treating All Exotic and Pocket Animals
"Quality Service at an Affordable Price"
M-F 8-9 & SAT-SUN 9-5

FREE!

COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMS

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 5/11/14

FREE!

HEARTWORM TEST with purchase of 12 Month Heartworm Preventative

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 5/11/14

\$67

VACCINE PACKAGE - Dogs

Wellness Exam • Distemper/Parvo Combo • Corona • Lepto • Bordetella • Fecal Test • Heartworm Test • Rabies (1 Year)

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 5/11/14

\$35

VACCINE PACKAGE Dogs & Cats

Wellness Exam • Fecal Test • Distemper Combo • Deworming

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 5/11/14

SPAY • NEUTER • DENTAL • SPECIAL OFFERS
BOARDING & GROOMING • REASONABLE RATES

CRYSTAL CREEK
Assisted Living

We care for and about our residents and their families.

Our staff is professionally trained and able to provide the support and care that your loved one needs, all while providing a secure lifestyle:

- Relaxed, caring atmosphere
- Spacious studio-styled suites
- Accommodations for couples
- Handicap accessible suites
- 24-hour staff physician services
- Daily medication management
- Memory care

- Contained outdoor courtyard
- Housekeeping/laundry
- Beauty/barber shop
- Variety of activities and programs
- State Licensed
- Nurse on site
- Secure facility

Call us for an appointment today

734-453-3203

8121 North Lilley Rd. • Canton, MI 48187 • www.crystalcreekassistedliving.com

Rock concert puts music in hands of disabled children

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Three bands will come together Saturday night with the purpose of raising money for the Rock 4 Awareness Foundation.

Black Rose, the Randy Barrett Band and Bad Dog USA will perform at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City to raise money for the Rock 4 Awareness Music Foundation. Founded by Garden City firefighter Tom Wincel, the organization's goal is to supply musical instruments to places like the Burger School for Students with Autism.

"We're hoping to get enough for 25 to 75 guitars," said Bill Bouvier, lead guitarist and singer for Bad Dog. "We get guitars from Fender, they have something wrong with them. We fix them and get them to the kids."

Bouvier of South Lyon is the founder of Bad Dogs. Fellow band member Bill Tremblay of Newport, a retired Detroit police officer, is the man with the magic hands, repairing the guitars and returning them to playability.

"The guitars can cost from \$75 to \$100 and don't have anything majorly wrong with them," Bouvier said. "A guitar might have a broken neck. It's something Bill can fix."

Three bands

The event starts at 6 p.m. with the bands taking to the stage at 7 p.m. Black Rose will play first, followed by the Randy Barrett Band at 8:30 and Bad Dog at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the door. They also include entry into a guitar raffle.

"Black Rose is a little heavy, the Barrett Band is classic rock, but it's going to be mostly classic rock throughout the night," Bouvier said.

The raffle will include two Fender guitars, and two trips to Las Vegas with hotel and \$500 to spend in the casinos. There also will be dinner certificates



Bouvier

and limo rides raffled off, and a Detroit Red Wings jersey from the Winter Classic and car care package from Gordon Chevrolet will be part of a Chinese auction.

Other businesses also have helped with the event. Plato's Restaurant has donated \$400, plus provided two \$15 gift certificates. Fanatic U is helping with the sports memorabilia.

Food will be available for purchase and there will be a cash bar.

In between

According to Bouvier, the benefit ended up at Albert's because it's halfway between Newport and Salem Township. He's Albert's was willing to host the fundraiser.

"It's a nice place," he said. "I've played in a lot of bars and this one is a nice big club."

Rock 4 Awareness has a mission of offering children and adults with special needs and other developmental disabilities the chance to participate one on one with a music teacher. And the instruments Bouvier is looking for go beyond guitars. He's making the rounds of garage sales, looking for drum sets and keyboards. He's also accepting instrument donations.

"We've been working hard on this and we want it to be a big success," he said. "We want to help any kid with a disability any way we can."

For more information, call Bouvier at 313-478-4895 or Tremblay at 734-658-6183 or email them at baddogusa@charter.net. They also can be found at www.reverbnation.com/baddogusa.

People interested in making a donation can send checks, payable to Rock 4 Awareness, to Bill Bouvier, 600 E. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 481878.

smason@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

Budget proposal offered to keep Wayne Senior Services

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A proposal to continue Wayne's Senior Services on a self-supporting basis has been presented to the council.

Earlier in the month, the council voted to close over half the Community Center, including the ice arena, and other budget cuts like the elimination of senior programs.

The proposed budget submitted by Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services supervisor, and Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams provided just over \$33,000 in funding. The money would come from non-general fund sources, including Community Development Block Grant funds and a grant from the Senior Alliance.

Council members questioned why they were being asked to consider the Seniors

Services budget before discussion on the entire budget.

"The (earlier) proposal approved by council eliminated the Senior Services from the budget," Interim City Manager/Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib said. "They worked to prepare a budget without general fund money. They did this so you can put it in the general fund budget."

While supportive of the senior program, Councilman James Hawley said the city budget needs to be adopted as one package.

With the elimination of the Seniors Services program, Wayne residents were to utilize Westland's Friendship Center for \$12 annual dues and no cost to the city.

The issue was Wojewski-Noel, a part-time city employee working with the seniors, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "Westland doesn't need

another employee," he said. "We eliminated the position and left it to Ramzi (El-Gharib) and Nancy (Wojewski-Noel) to work it out."

Although it was described as a merger with Westland's senior programs, Councilman James Henley said there has never been a merger.

"The seniors could go to the Friendship Center. It was the elimination of the program," he said.

Council members agreed to accept the Senior Services budget proposal and discuss it during the upcoming budget study sessions.

Later in the meeting, council scheduled budget study sessions for 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Thursday, May 15. Both meetings will be held at the Wayne Community Center.

lrogers@hometownlife.com
313-222-5428
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

W-W gets state aid for razing former Inkster school

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Three western Wayne County school districts are getting additional assistance from the state in addressing unanticipated expenses related to the dissolution of the Inkster School District last year.

The Wayne-Westland, Romulus and Taylor school districts will get some \$2 million from the state part of a supplemental school aid appropriations bill that was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder last week. It will be used to demolish school buildings that the districts received when the Inkster district was dissolved by the Wayne County RESA Board.

The decision came after state officials determined the district was unable to show that it had money to operate through the end of the 2013-14 school year. It was divided up between Westwood and the three districts, with the latter three receiving both students

and school buildings.

"We're grateful for this," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We worked diligently with our legislators who realized that this was omitted from the original bill. This was an unanticipated expense."

The largest of the four receiving districts, Wayne-Westland received the smallest portion of the former district — an area on its eastern edge bordered by Michigan Avenue of the south, Middlebelt on the east and Avondale on the north. It also included Blanchette Middle School.

The Romulus School District received an area bounded by Michigan Avenue on the north, Van Born on the south, Henry Ruff on the west and Middlebelt on the east that included three school buildings and 380 students. The Taylor School District received the largest portion — an area bounded by Van Born, Middlebelt, Michigan Avenue and Inkster Road — that in-

cluded three school buildings and 376 students.

The money will not come directly to the three districts, but will go to the Wayne County RESA, which was tasked in overseeing the dissolution of the district. According to Baracy, RESA will handle the request for the proposals to demolish the schools, which he described as being in "extremely poor condition."

"They'll be demolished at the same time," Baracy said.

The supplemental appropriation earmarks about \$1 million each for demolition work in the Taylor and Romulus school districts and \$500,000 for Wayne-Westland.

Baracy is pleased that lawmakers agreed that the receiving districts shouldn't be left with the tab for tearing down the schools.

"We lobbied hard for this money," he said. "We're glad it's being made right."

smason@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

Are you unsatisfied with your current hearing aids?

Miracle-Ear has 60+ hearing aid models available!



Stop by for a free listening demonstration using the latest ClearVation™ technology.

Miracle-Ear hearing aids with ClearVation give you more than anything you've experienced before.

- **PERSONALIZATION** with the ability to automatically learn & remember your individual hearing preferences
- **AUDIBILITY** in even the most challenging situations
- **CONVENIENCE** with the ability to connect to wireless, Bluetooth® technology

TRADE-IN VALUE
UP TO \$2000 off
Miracle-Ear Hearing Aids

Valid when you trade-in your current hearing aids towards the purchase of a Miracle-Ear ME-1 or ME-2 Solution (2 aids). Valid at participating Miracle-Ear locations only. Not valid with any other discount or offer. Does not apply to prior purchases. OFFER EXPIRES 5/4/14.



Services Include:

FREE Ear Canal Inspections†
A miniature camera "tours" your ear canal. You may not have a hearing loss, it may be nothing more than earwax.

14 DAYS ONLY!

FREE Hearing Test†

A complete hearing test that reveals where you need hearing help. Recommended annually.



Call Today, this Trade-In Offer is Available for **14 DAYS ONLY!**



Allen Park
New Location Between Lowe's & Leo's Coney
(313) 241-0251

ANN ARBOR
Maple Village, Across from Plum Market
(734) 659-0669

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Next to Carl's Golf and
(248) 972-8510

NOVI
In Sears, 12 Oaks Mall
(248) 266-2153

LIVONIA
In Sears, 7 Mile & Middlebelt
(248) 579-5147

TAYLOR
24474 Goddard Btw. Telegraph & Beech Daly
(313) 241-0275

WESTLAND
35735 W. Warren Rd. Btw. Party City & Petco
(734) 868-3328

CLARKSTON
In Ritter's Square
(248) 972-8492

SOUTHGATE
Inside of Kmart
(734) 868-3330

TROY
In Sears Oakland Mall
(248) 274-4053

NOVI
In Sears 12 Oaks Mall
(248) 266-2153

Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending on severity of hearing loss, accuracy of evaluation, proper fit and ability to adapt to amplification. Bluetooth® is a registered trademark of Bluetooth SIG. Fitting fees may apply. See store for details. **Our hearing test and video otoscopic inspection are always free. Hearing test is an audiometric test to determine proper amplification needs only. These are not medical exams or diagnoses nor are they intended to replace a physician's care. If you suspect a medical problem, please seek treatment from your doctor. †Valid when you trade-in your current hearing aids towards the purchase of a Miracle-Ear ME-1 or ME-2 Solution (2 aids). Valid at participating Miracle-Ear locations only. Not valid with any other discount or offer. Does not apply to prior purchases. OFFER EXPIRES 5/4/14.

EMU veep: We're doing great things for students

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer



Greden

Eastern Michigan University undergraduates are likely to graduate, noted Leigh Greden, the university's vice president for Government and Community Relations.

"A lot of exciting things are happening at Eastern," he told an attentive audience Thursday, April 17, at Westland Rotary. "We were honored to enroll our largest class in history."

Last April, EMU also had its largest graduation class. Greden, an attorney who's been on the job at EMU about four years, noted the Board of Regents in 2010 froze tuition, room and board for the year.

EMU tuition has risen 2.84 percent per year over the last four years, the slowest rate of

growth in the state.

"We do serve a lot of folks in western Wayne County and areas that have been hit hard," he said at the luncheon at Joy Manor in Westland. That includes a leased facility at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia, offering programs such as nursing, educational leadership, accounting/business management and computers/IT.

A point of pride for Greden and other EMU leaders is the Natural Science Complex renovation, along with nursing studies for R.N. graduates who wish to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Growing campus
Greden also pointed to

on-campus housing growth.

"We've had some media coverage lately on safety," including two student murders.

The EMU police force has been beefed up 30 percent. "Campus is safe," Greden said. "All the students tell us that."

The EMU safety officers now patrol off-campus, where there have been crime problems. Greden touted the Eastern-Washtenaw Safety Alliance, which includes the Washtenaw County sheriff and the local bus system, which has some security cameras.

"This is the No. 1 question we're getting from parents right now," Greden said of safety.

He touted the new physician assistant program.

"This is a high-demand area," he said, and the program has drawn

many applicants. Greden noted an aging population with health care needs, but not necessarily a need for many more physicians.

EMU has an information assurance program to train undergrads and graduate students in the scientific, technical and management disciplines needed for computer/network security. That program has been designated by the National Security Agency as a Center of Academic Excellence.

Most of those program's students have job offers by their junior year, in the close to \$60,000 range, he said.

EMU in Ypsilanti is also home to the Autism Collaborative Center, which trains students and also offers clinical services such as music therapy, speech therapy and life skills training.

Feeder schools

Greden said 2,758 students from Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton are in EMU's approximate 23,000-student enrollment. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is the No. 1 feeder district for EMU.

The Bright Futures program offers student support, including in Wayne-Westland elementary, middle and high schools. Lynne Malinoff, director of Bright Futures, was at the April 17 luncheon and was thanked by Greden.

Greden highlighted the partnerships with local community colleges, which focus on transferring credits and easing student transition to EMU.

"We do a lot of programming with Schoolcraft," which follows

Washtenaw Community College in transfers to EMU. Road maps guide transferring students, some of whom come in with up to 90 credits.

Greden also touched on the state higher education budget.

"Higher education took a beating about three years ago," he said. "We had to make a lot of tough decisions at Eastern."

Gov. Rick Snyder has now made higher education a priority, Greden said, adding that college graduates tend to earn more, have less unemployment and commit less crime.

Greden urged attendees to contact their legislators on the budget, adding business leaders, including chambers of commerce, support higher education.

jcbrown@hometownlife.com

Metroparks taps Plymouth woman as director of development

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks has named Plymouth resident Molly Bell as director of development.

As director of development, Bell will assist director John McCulloch, the Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks in establishing a comprehensive development program to help sustain the Metroparks' operations.

"The Metroparks are an amazing asset for the region, with 9 million visitors each year enjoying their beauty and recreational opportunities," Bell said. "I am confident that those who appreciate the Met-



Bell

roparks will be willing to help ensure that these amazing resources will be available for the enjoyment of everyone living in Southeast Michigan for generations to come."

Bell comes to the Metroparks from her previous employer, Habitat for Humanity International, where she worked for the last seven years, starting as a development officer and advancing to the position of director of individual giving. Prior to

Habitat for Humanity International, she held positions at Arbor Hospice and Home Care in Ann Arbor, Detroit's College for Creative Studies and Dayton Public Radio, all as director of development.

"We are very fortunate to have a professional with Molly's credentials to lead the Development Department," Director John McCulloch said.

After receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting from Ohio University, Bell went on to earn her Master of Business Administration degree in Marketing from Indiana University.

Bookstock returning to Laurel Park Place

Bookstock, Metro Detroit's biggest used book and media sale, returns April 27 through May 4 to Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall.

All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick-off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 27, with a performance by the Larry Callahan and Selected of God Choir, made famous by the Chrysler Super Bowl XLV commercial.

There is a \$20 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and

records — many for sale at bargain basement prices.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 4, running 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature five days of special sales:

Monday Madness — Monday, April 28: One lucky buyer will receive a \$500 gift card and 750 shoppers will receive giveaways.

Teacher Appreciation Day — Tuesday, April 29: Bookstock will give 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID from 3-9 p.m.

Bookbust Special Days — Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1: Buy three books and get the fourth book

free (the least expensive item), from 3-9 p.m. Spend \$25 or more and be entered in a special drawing for a football signed by Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Half-Price Finale, Sunday, May 4: All remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Marking 12 years of supporting the need to read, Bookstock has generated close to \$1 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit.

For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at 248-645-7840, ext. 365 or visit bookstock.info.

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

Guide to Employment Check out these exciting career opportunities!
For even more opportunities see our "award winning" classified section!
To place your ad here contact us at careers@hometownlife.com or call 1-800-579-7355

<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>ROOFERS Commercial / Industrial Production Labor • Medical/Dental Insurance • 401K Plan Must have reliable transportation: Must be at least 18 yrs of age. Pre-employment drug testing. Apply in person at: 6330 Commerce Dr Westland MI 48185</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>RECEPTIONIST Plymouth office seeks full time receptionist with great communication skills. 8 incoming lines. MS Office exp. required. Weekdays 9-5. \$10/hr. + benefits. Send resume to: info@herriman.net</p> <p>SEAMSTRESS Exp'd. only. Full or Part-Time Call Ron, Mai Kai Cleaners, 7 & Telegraph. 313-537-8050</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>Account Clerk II Building Mechanic IV Electrician Seasonal Laborer</p> <p>CITY OF LIVONIA</p> <p>For complete information visit our website at: www.ci.livonia.mi.us or apply in person at Livonia City Hall, 3rd floor, 33000 Civic Center Dr, Livonia, MI 48154.</p> <p>E.O.E. M/F/H</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>Casting Application Engineers ESI North America, Inc. has openings for Casting Application Engineers at its facility in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Job Duties: 1. Perform consulting projects and conduct training using ESI casting software ProCAST. Visual environment and QuikCAST, including but not limited to: a. Engineering application projects, where existing Employer technologies are applied to customer applications; b. Field Services and Training projects, where existing Employer casting products require paid technical support or training; and c. Innovative or Special Projects, where new modeling applications of the ESI casting software, ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST are used for specific and often more challenging applications. 2. Provide the first-line technical or hot line support to ESI casting customers for ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST software technical specifications, quality assurance (QA) documents and other technical documentation using the Employer's specified format and media. Requirements: Master's Degree in Engineering Technology or Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in the following: 1. Computer modeling for casting applications with focus on finite element analysis. 2. CAE/CAD modeling experience with Pro E and Solid Works. 3. Working with ProCAST casting modeling software. Applicants should send resumes to: ESI North America, Inc., 32605 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 350 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 ATTN: Jeanie Cotton EOE M/F/Disability/Vet</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>Drivers: \$2500 sign on bonus for experienced O/O & CO CDL - A OTR w/ good home time. Call for an immediate interview 855-252-1651</p> <p>Drivers: Carter Express. CDL-A. New Pay. Solos up to 38 cpm to start. Teams up to 47 cpm to start. Home Daily/Weekly. No Slip Seat. No Touch, Newer Equip. Dedicated. \$195 per day. Romulus to Anderson, IN (855) 219-4838</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>SENIOR ANALYTICAL ENGINEERS - Weld Modeling American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. is seeking Senior Analytical Engineers - Weld Modeling at its facility in Detroit, Michigan. Job Duties: 1. Perform structural and thermal stress and fatigue finite element analysis of AAM drivetrain system components, and use the analysis results to provide guidance to improve structural design validation for current programs and future products. 2. Perform bearing axle brackets laser welding structural stress analysis and fatigue life prediction, use the analytical model to provide brackets design guidelines. 3. Perform driveline system NVH thermal sensitivity through driveline system dynamics and bearing dynamics to improve the NVH robustness of AAM drivetrain products such as PTU and RDB. 4. Perform sealing performance analysis of AAM drivetrain products with various gasket designs and seal strategies. 5. Perform structural topology optimization of axle housing designs to improve the stiffness and NVH targets while reducing the total mass, improving the overall fuel economy of AAM products. 6. Communicate simulation results with product engineers and present analysis conclusion to AAM customers. 7. Assist Application Engineers and Testing Engineers to diagnose testing failure modes and identify root causes of structural durability problems. Requirements: Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in the following: 1. Finite element analysis 2. Nonlinear stress and fatigue analysis of drivetrain components using Hyperworks, SimLab and Abaqus etc. Software; 3. Welding stress and fatigue analysis using Fe-Safe/verys software; 4. Gaskets and sealing performance analysis of powertrain system under complex loading and thermal conditions; 5. Topology optimization analysis of powertrain components using Abaqus and TOSCA software; 6. Bore distortion analysis of powertrain system; 7. Frequency and mode analysis of drivetrain system using Nastran. Applicants should send Resumes to American Axle & Manufacturing One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211, ATTN: Ann Dunlop.</p>	<p>Help Wanted - Office Clerical</p> <p>Legal Administrative Assistant Northville law firm seeking part-time, experienced administrative assistant. Candidate must be highly organized, the ability to multi-task and have strong attention to detail. Preferred experience with HotDocs, TimeMatters and a thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office. Please list salary requirements. Send or email resume to: Caitie A. Demski Morelle Law Group, P.C. 41000 W. Seven Mile Rd. #200, Northville MI 48167 caid@demskilaw.com morellegroup.com</p> <p>LEGAL SECRETARY Northville. Permanent, Part-Time. Some secretarial/clerical & computer experience required. Legal experience not needed. 20-25 hrs/wk. \$10/hr. Email resume: shawn@stemp.com</p> <p>Office Manager/Church Secretary PT Mon-Thurs, 9am-1pm. Resumes by May 3 to: Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St. Milford, MI 48381 churchoffice@milfordumc.net</p>	<p>Help Wanted - Medical</p> <p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT 25-30 hrs/wk. Exc. Salary and Health Benefits. RECEPTIONIST Experience Preferred Full-Time. Exc. Salary and Health Benefits For West Bloomfield Allergy Office. Cover Letter, Resume & References to: miallergy@comcast.net</p> <p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFIED Full-Time For Gastro office in Farmington Hills. Fax resume: 248-471-8904</p> <p>MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGER ADMINISTRATOR Busy multi-specialty primary care office in Milford, is searching for an exp'd. Practice Administrator. The qualified candidate will have a minimum of 5 yrs. exp. managing all aspects of a physician office & knowledge of the issues affecting healthcare today. For further info regarding this opportunity, please forward resume with cover letter to: comp@milfordfamilypractice.com or fax: 248-685-3891</p>	<p>SENIOR MEDICAL BILLERS For medical billing co in Novi. Apply/see details: careerbuilder.com Keyword: 0002420354</p> <p>Vocational Specialist Master Level and/or CRC. Minimum 2 yrs. exp. Job Packets, TSA, LMS, Employment Earnings Assessments, Telephone svcs only. No field work required. Novi company, good benefits, no weekends/holidays Email resume to: Humanresources497@yahoo.com</p> <p>Food - Beverage</p> <p>COOKS, BARTENDERS & WAIT STAFF - Exp. a Must! Apply: Starting Date, 135 N. Center St., Northville.</p> <p>SERVERS, BARTENDERS, BUS PERSONS & HOST/RECEPTIONISTS Full or Part-Time, Exp'd. only. Hourly wage plus gratuity. Email resume to: kfrantz@walnutcreekcc.net www.walnutcreekcc.net</p> <p>Help Wanted - Domestic</p> <p>CAREGIVER Part time position avail for loving and attentive female caregiver. 16-32 hrs a week. Schedule varies weekly. Must be flexible and able to work weekends and holidays. Experience and references a must. Call Jessica 248-796-2087</p>
<p>Come Join our Team!</p> <p>IF YOU BELIEVE IN EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR YOUR CLIENTS AND WORKING IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT THEN O&E MEDIA IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU.</p> <p>O&E MEDIA IS LOOKING FOR ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES FOR SOUTH LYON TERRITORY.</p> <p>IF YOU HAVE A PROVEN SALES TRACK RECORD, OUTSTANDING COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND EMBRACE THE DIGITAL WORLD THEN WE WANT YOU.</p> <p>WE OFFER BASE SALARY PLUS COMMISSION, FAST PACED, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT AND CAREER GROWTH WITHIN OUR NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION.</p> <p>IF THIS FITS YOU, EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO: GPERRY@HOMETOWNLIFE.COM.</p> <p>SUBJECT LINE: ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE</p> <p>We can't wait for you to join our team!</p> <p>OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA A GANNETT COMPANY</p>								

Canton teenager challenges classmates to raise money for Burger School

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jonathan Wyman saw a need and decided to do something about it.

So the 14-year-old Canton resident stood before his fellow students at South Pointe Scholars Charter Academy and did a presentation about autism and the Burger School for Students with Autism. His goal was to educate his classmates about autism and Burger and to raise money to allow students at the Garden City school to go on field trips.

It wasn't an easy task for Jonathan. He has autism.

"I want to help raise money for Burger, a school that works with people like me. I hope to raise \$757, so they can go on field trips with that money," Jonathan wrote in an email. "April is Autism Awareness Month and I think people should know that we are people with feelings."

"Every year, Jonathan has done a presentation on autism. This year, he focused on the problem of having the kids at Burger get to go on field trips," his mother Paulette said. "He realizes autism makes him different, but not that different than other students."

Founded in 1978, Burger School for Students with Autism is operated by Garden City Public Schools. The school, which serves 32 school districts in Wayne County, is the largest public school in America to serve children with autism.

Burger students range in age from preschool to 26, at three locations. Garden City's Lathers Early Childhood and Preschool Center houses preschool children, while Burger West has students through 10th grade and Burger East is home to students ages 17-26.

His challenge

Jonathan's challenge at South Pointe was to raise \$757 — \$1 for every student who attends the academy — that will be divided between Burger East and Burger West. He armed himself with plenty of facts and figures about autism and even visited Burger and interviewed eight staff members in preparing for his presentation.

"I learned about this special school and how they help educate students that are very much like me and students very much not like me," he said in his presentation. "See, people with autism are very different. Mr. Joe Valdiva, principal of Burger East, said this quote: 'When you have met a



Jonathan Wyman and his brother Zachary are both autistic. Jonathan who attends South Pointe Scholars Academy has created Burger Bucks to raise money for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City where his brother goes to school.

ONE CHILD'S VIEW

Recently in his English/language arts class, Jonathan Wyman did a poetry profile. Here is one of his poems.

I AM

I am a person with autism, but so much more:
I am a hater of bananas.
I am an annoyer to sisters.
I am a maker of lists.
I am a lover of green socks.
I am a scrubber of floors.
I am a South Pointe Scholar.
I am a weeder of flower beds to become a player of video games.
I am an eater of taco minus tomatoes.
I am a drinker of Mountain Dew.
I am a categorizer of animals.
I am a Christian.
I am not a good studier.
I am a person who has feelings, JUST LIKE YOU

person with autism, you have met only one person with autism.' That means when someone has autism, they are different than someone else who has autism."

His message to South Pointe students was that he's different, they're different, everyone is different. In the case of autism, "we see the world a little differently," he said.

He pointed out that while he doesn't like to say the word bananas, others are fine with it. While visiting Burger, he met a student who needed to turn off the light three times before leaving a room and another student who had a gift for memorizing just about anything.

"This is a gift I have. I can say the presidents start to finish and in reverse," he

said. "Sometimes colors, noises, tastes and smells bother people who have autism. Some of us repeat over and over again the same thing. A few students make sounds, like my brother. Some of the noisy students are mute, which means they cannot talk. Sometimes they can tell you why and other times they cannot tell you why certain stuff bothers them."

In researching his presentation, Jonathan asked if it costs a lot of money to run a school for students with autism. He found out that it does. That's when he decided he wanted to do something nice for the school that "has been helping kids like me and not so much like me for a long time."

"Since, April is Autism Awareness Month, I think this is a good time to show support for Burger," he said. "I want to challenge everyone at South Pointe to bring \$1 to school, so Burger can buy some technology stuff or let some of the students go on a field trip. I learned that sometimes kids with autism do not get to go places. Many of them go to school and then back home. They do not go anywhere else. Sometimes people in the community do not like people with autism, because we are not like them."

"I am calling this Burger Bucks. It would make the kids at Burger very happy to get to go somewhere other than school and home," he added.

Caring kids

Paulette Wyman said it's second nature for students at South Pointe to donate and the response to her son's Burger Bucks campaign has been wonderful.

"I had a little girl run up to me and give me \$5 and tell me it was for Jonathan and Burger," she said. "There are so many at South Pointe who want to come to Burger's Autos for Autism show and make Rainbow bracelets to sell for Burger."

"South Pointe is a very accepting school. It's multicultural and has a very caring bunch of kids," she added.

Jonathan has challenged South Pointe students to raise money, but also is accepting donations from the community. Checks should be made payable to the Lyman Foundation — and mailed to Jonathan at 41690 Metaline Drive, Canton, MI 48187. The Lyman Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for Burger School for Students with Autism.

smason@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

Online trunk show helps the Burger School

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The final days for a special online trunk sale to benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism is fast approaching.

The deadline to order is Tuesday, April 22.

Lyndsay Johnson-LeMieux, a teacher at Garden City High School during the day, is an independent stylist on her own time with Stella & Dot which does direct sales, featuring jewelry, bags and scarves.

April is Autism Awareness month.

Johnson-LeMieux will donate 100 percent of her commission from this show to the Burger School in Garden City.

"This show is open to the community," she said.

She said that this is a perfect time to shop for Mother's Day, prom, graduation, Easter, First Communion, birthdays and weddings.

The direct link to shop the show is www.stelladot.com/ts/q9rx5

Contact her with questions, styling and ordering issues at 734-730-1594 or email her at lyndsay.johnsonle-mieux@gmail.com.

"There is something for everyone," she said. "Half the catalog is under \$50. Let's raise awareness together and support our local autistic program."

sbuck@hometownlife.com
313-222-2249
Twitter: @SueSBuck



There's always something fun going on inside a Waltonwood senior living community.

Make plans to join us today!

Waltonwood offers carefree senior living with endless opportunities outside your door. With friendly neighbors, convenient amenities, personal staff and caregivers on site, you're free to choose how you spend the day.

RSVP for an upcoming event at a Waltonwood community near you, or call to schedule a personal tour.

FREE GIFT WITH TOUR:

Schedule a qualified tour and enjoy a complimentary lunch with us. You'll also receive a FREE Planning Guide for Seniors.

Schedule a tour today!

Waltonwood at Carriage Park
(734) 386-0811
2000 N Canton Center Rd.
Canton

MEMORY CARE "LIFE LOCK":

Move in by May 1, 2014, and lock your rate for life!

Applies to base rent only for new Memory Care move-ins.

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill
Schedule a tour today
(734) 335-1554
42600 Cherry Hill
Canton

GIVE YOUR BRAIN A WORKOUT!

Brain Neurobics Event

at the Royal Oaks Senior Center
3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak

May 22nd • 10:30 a.m.

Waltonwood at Royal Oak

RSVP today
(248) 397-5308

3450 West Thirteen Mile Road
Royal Oak

MEMORY CARE "LIFE LOCK":

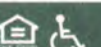
Move in by May 1, 2014, and lock your rate for life!

Applies to base rent only for new Memory Care move-ins.

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks

Schedule a tour today
(248) 468-4903

27475 Huron Circle
Novi





Jonathan Warren won first place in photography for "Las Vegas Has Left the Building."



Westland Mayor William Wild's two daughters selected their favorite work of art, "Flowers in the Window," a pastel by Nancy Poat, as winner of the Wild Art Award.

Artists recognized for work at Three Cities exhibition

More than 350 people, some from as far away as Benton Harbor and Jackson, attended the recent four-day art exhibition by the Three Cities Art Club held at Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

At a reception, club president Marilyn Merdith presented the awards to the winners selected by judge Elden Weber. Westland Mayor William Wild presented his award and announced that the city will provide a place for works by local artists to be displayed in the new city hall, which is expected to be open in the fall.

Weber selected his top five favorites in photography:

- » *Las Vegas Has Left the Building* by Jonathan Warren.
- » *Colors of the Marsh* by Dena Warren.
- » *Violet Blue* by Joseph Haney.

- » *Interchanges* by John R. Mittelstadt.
- » *Rose's Rose* by Rose Cook.

Weber's top five drawings/paintings selections were:

- » *Great Lakes Tall Ships*, pastel by Barbara Gage Rex.
- » *River*, pastel by Cathy Vettese.
- » *Emmett the Clown*, mixed media by Kay Masini.
- » *Fawn Lake*, watercolor by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck.
- » *Epiphany*, mixed media by Elizabeth Gullikson.

Three Cities Art Club provided \$600 in cash prizes to the top three winners in each category. Printworks of Westland provided each of these winners with a digital scan and print of one of their works, either on photo paper or stretched canvas.

The two honorable

mention winners in each category each received a \$30 gift certificate to D & M Art Studio of Canton.

Wild's two daughters selected their favorite work of art, *Flowers in the Window*, a pastel by Nancy Poat as winner of the Wild Art Award. The prize was \$100, donated by the mayor.

Those attending the show were invited to vote for their three favorite works for a chance to win a prize. Samantha Coshatt of Garden City won a stretched canvas print titled *Ella* by Westland artist Charlyn Darling of Toadprince Illustrations.

United program offers Medicare, Medicaid help

United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center, Suite 250, is offering free individual counseling from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor who can help provide a better understanding of Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting.

Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also are provided. To schedule an appointment, call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063.

For more information, visit www.mmapinc.org.



Barbara Gage Rex's pastel, "Great Lakes Tall Ships," was among the top five selections for pastels and painting.



JONBOY

Landscaping

24542 Five Mile Road, Redford, MI

313.937.9893

www.jonboylandscaping.com

<p>\$100 OFF</p> <p>ANY LANDSCAPE/PAVER/ SPRINKLER PROJECT OF \$1000 OR MORE</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>	<p>10% OFF</p> <p>LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>
<p>BULK MULCH</p> <p>\$65 A YARD INSTALLED. INCLUDES DELIVERY</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>	<p>\$55</p> <p>SPRINKLER TURN ON'S</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>
<p>\$45</p> <p>SPRING CLEANUP STARTING AT</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>	<p>\$40</p> <p>THATCH OR AERATION STARTING AT</p> <p>*Call for details. Free estimates.</p>

COUPONS EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014






LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LIVONIA, MI 48154

SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Livonia Public Schools, consisting of Bid Pack #2 Entryway Projects at:

Cleveland Elementary School
Coolidge Elementary School
Rosedale Elementary School
Cooper Upper Elementary School
Frost Middle School

will be received by Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 until 12:00 P.M. (noon), local time on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices at Livonia Public Schools
Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

- 104 Concrete
- 106 Masonry
- 107 Steel
- 120 Painting
- 122 Signage
- 130 Window Treatments
- 143 Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by French Associates will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a non-refundable \$60.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Checks should be payable to Livonia Public Schools.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.
- Documents can be purchased from Dunn Blue/ARC, 1009 Maple St. Clawson, Michigan https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/x_project.asp?de=F1F71A19-F023-444C-8ADF-B27C4BEB0405

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday April 22, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at Livonia Public Schools Board Office, 15125 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 3 copies (1 original, 2 copies) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 00 42 05), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit (Section 00 42 10).

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond (by a listed U.S. Treasury surety company) or certified bank check, in the amount of 5% Bid Bond, 100% Performance, and 100% Labor and Material (Payment) Bonds in the amount of the bid, payable to Livonia Public Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

Contractors will be required to meet the prevailing wage requirements.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Livonia Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding. Livonia Public Schools School District local preference resolution will be followed.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education
Publish: April 20, 2014

SEMCOG adopts green vision for southeast Michigan

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has a green vision for the area, following the recent adoption of a Green Infrastructure Vision for southeast Michigan.

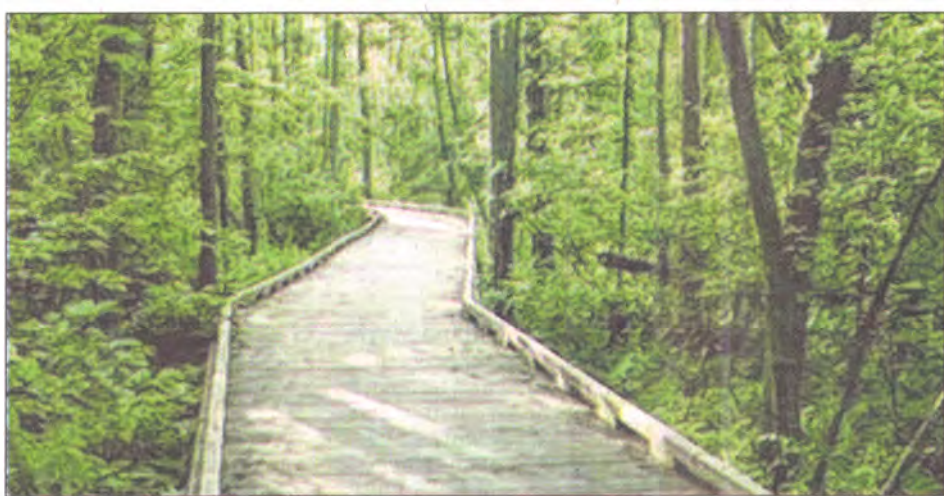
SEMCOG's General Assembly voted unanimously to adopt the plan.

"I am extremely pleased that SEMCOG membership adopted the Green Infrastructure Vision," said Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, who chaired SEMCOG's Green Infrastructure Vision Task Force. "This multi-year project offers tremendous insight and direction to help community leaders and, ultimately, residents better understand, manage, enhance and appreciate the green infrastructure that surrounds us."

Green infrastructure includes parks, lakes, wetlands and trees, as well as constructed green roofs, bioswales and rain gardens. Southeast Michigan is home to more than 180,000 acres of public parks, more than 900,000 acres of trees, the only international wildlife refuge in North America and the largest coastal wetland system in the Great Lakes.

The Green Infrastructure Vision for southeast Michigan ties all the components of the region's green infrastructure together into an identified system and, for the first time, benchmarks current green infrastructure, visions where the area wants to go and provides policy recommendations on how to get there.

"Green infrastructure is increasingly being recognized for its contribution, not only to environmental quality, but also to place-making,



Of the region's 2.9 million acres, 54 percent is categorized as green infrastructure. WWW.SEMCOG.ORG

economic values and healthy communities – things that are vitally important to the quality of life in southeast Michigan and individual communities," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director.

The vision was developed through numerous stakeholder engagement sessions to gather input on priorities for southeast Michigan's green infrastructure in the future. This input, along with data gathering and analysis resulted in 10 regional policies:

- » While there are many types of green infrastructure and owners, southeast Michigan's green infrastructure is a network that needs to be managed as a system.
- » Southeast Michigan has high-quality, unique natural areas that need to be managed, preserved and, in some cases, restored.
- » Public accessibility to the green infrastructure network is paramount, including access to parks, trails, water and ensuring public spaces are designed for all residents.
- » Additional green

infrastructure should focus on connecting the public network together, focusing on riparian corridors (lands adjacent to rivers and lakes) and trails, as well as meeting unmet recreation needs.

- » Increasing tree canopy is a priority due to the numerous benefits, including water quality, property value enhancement, aesthetics and connecting the green infrastructure network in urban areas.
- » In urban areas, constructed green infrastructure should be focused on publicly owned land, such as roads and government property, as well as areas with large impervious surfaces, such as private parking lots, to improve the quality of local and regional water resources.
- » The transportation network is a priority component of the regional green infrastructure network through development of green streets and complete streets in addition to connecting the green infrastructure network.
- » Vacant property provides a unique opportunity to increase connec-

tivity, buffer high-quality areas, improve public access to our waterways and provide long-term solutions in high vacancy areas, including providing a local food source.

- » Education of and promotion to elected officials and the public about the environmental, economic and social benefits of the green infrastructure network is needed.
- » Sustainability of the green infrastructure is essential, including maintenance, fiscal sustainability and innovative partnerships.

The Green Infrastructure Vision for southeast Michigan contains data and maps, as well as a chapter on how to implement this vision, which will be the focus of SEMCOG's work going forward. The full plan can be found on the SEMCOG website at www.sem-cog.org.

SEMCOG is the only organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.

Radio Club offers General Class License course

Interested in amateur radio?

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club will sponsor a General Class License course May 1 through June 26.

The nine-week class will meet from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays in the basement of the Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt just south of Ford Road. There will be eight weeks of instruction and one week of review.

The license exam will be held at noon Saturday, June 28, at the club's Field Day location in the Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill. Pass the test and take your newly minted General Class CSCE straight from the exam table to the operating tables at the Field Day stations. No books or other

study materials are required. All study materials will be handouts from the instructors. There is no prior knowledge or experience to take the class, but participants must have a Technician Class License (or a CSCE for Element 2) to take the general class exam. A personal computer with Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8 is strongly recommended.

The cost of the class is \$10, which is the actual cost of producing the handouts. On June 28, there will be an additional fee of \$15 for the FCC license exam.

For more information or to register for the class, contact Fred Comps, k8kuz, at 734-261-6441 or k8kuz@aol.com.

DEMOLITION

When You Need Something Knocked Down,
Torn Out, Cleaned Up,
Removed, Hauled Away...

Call The Labor Guys! We'll Get It Done!

- Small & Medium Demolition Specialists (houses, garages, in-ground pools, decks, sheds & more)
- Tear Outs & Clean Outs For Construction Preparation (rooms gutted for remodeling, flooring removed, etc.)
- Complete Removal & Hauling Of Anything (dirt, debris, grass, concrete, job site clean-up)



Insured & Experienced

Loranger Complete Labor Co., LLC
Commercial & Residential • 734-652-2272



Senior Living | Independent *and* Assisted Living

All ★ Star
Independence Village
Baseball Opening Day



Saturday, April 26th
11:00am - 2:00pm

DATE	TIME	PRICE
4/26	11-2	FREE
PLEASE		RSVP

More Great Events:

Outstanding Jazz Vocalist
Wednesday, April 2
1:30 p.m.

Sheila Landis is a seven time winner of Detroit Music Award's "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist". Sheila will perform her unique style of jazz, Latin and blues. Join us for great music and refreshments.

RSVP by March 31.

Grand Piano Dedication
Thursday, April 10
1:00 p.m.

The Village Joy Singers, IVP's own Resident Choir, under the direction of Charlotte Worthen will dedicate our 100 year old grand piano. Join us as we celebrate this exquisite addition to our community.

Mingle with Marilyn
Friday, April 25
1:30 p.m.

Entertainment provided by Marilyn Monroe and Debra Jimmerson, a phenomenal mother/daughter duo. Don't miss this great performance. Refreshments provided.

RSVP by April 23.

Stay and Play

Try us out on a complimentary* basis and see why at Independence Village of Plymouth, our residents live life their way, in an affordable but luxurious setting. Call to learn more or stop by for a tour.

Independence Village of Plymouth

14707 Northville Road Plymouth, MI
South of 5 Mile Road

www.SeniorVillages.com
734-453-2600





Brooke Boron, 9, works on a hollow embroidery egg. The glue-soaked string is wrapped around a small egg-shaped balloon. After the glue hardens, the balloon is deflated and removed. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Teacher Jackie Martin watches 3-year-old Caleb Murphy frost a cookie.



Hayden Matiska looks like he got a little too close to his work while frosting cookies.

Wayne High celebrates Easter with Spring Fling

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was very much a win-win event for Wayne Memorial High School's first ever Spring Fling. Pattered after its highly successful Holiday Night, the staff and students threw open the doors to the school and invited to community to come in for an evening of Easter festivities and an

invitation to see the drama department's presentation of *Shrek the Musical*.

"It was our first Easter event and it was crowded and the Easter Bunny was busy," said Jan Tomlinson, director of the TRIO Upward Bound program at the high school. "I was pleased with the turnout and how it continued over to *Shrek*. It was pretty incredible."

Tomlinson said 625 adults and children attended what became known as the Spring Fling and Sing. They enjoyed a pancake dinner, an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn of the school, cookie decorating and a giant obstacle course. Costumed members of the *Shrek* cast circulated through the crowd

See EASTER, Page A9

Ready to Sell Your Diamonds & Estate Jewelry?

Sell for more in one of our upcoming Estate Jewelry and Diamond Auctions

Why sell for less to one or two dealers when you can sell for more by reaching thousands of buyers in one of our Monthly International Auctions

- Specializing in Larger Diamonds 5.00ct to 20.00ct and up.
- Now accepting diamonds over 1.00ct to 20.00ct and larger.
- Also seeking Natural Fancy Blue, Pink & Yellow Diamonds.
- Estate jewelry of any kind.

Safe, Secure, Simple and Easy
Immediate cash payment option available

CALL NOW for more information or to set up a confidential, no cost appointment.

Birmingham & Grosse Pointe Locations ~ By Appointment

(800) 475-GEMS (4367)
(313) 884-4800
(313) 300-9166

info@josephdumouchelle.com
www.josephdumouchelle.com



JOSEPH DuMOUCHELLE

FLORIDA MICHIGAN NEW YORK

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



Come See Why I Made The Switch to LaRiche!

LOU LARICHE

"It's more than just a job, it's about building and maintaining long term relationships. It's about providing prompt courteous service and finding just the Chevrolet to fit your needs..."

— Dominick Wiczorek

LaRiche Chevrolet would like to welcome Dominick Wiczorek to the sales staff.

Stop in to see Dominick for a FREE CAR WASH!

- Selling and Servicing Chevrolets over 25 years
- Member "Chevrolet Hall of Fame"
- Customer Satisfaction index 100%
- Extensive Chevrolet Product Knowledge

Direct Line: 734-207-7440
Cell: 734-552-7655
wiczorekdom@aim.com

40875 Plymouth Road

Just 4.5 Miles West of Farmington Rd. on Plymouth Rd. at Haggerty

1.866.385.8000

OPEN SATURDAY SALES 9-3, SERVICE 9-2
MONDAY, THURSDAY 8:30am-9pm; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:30am-6pm
On The Web: www.switchtolariche.com



Cover Contest

CHRISTMAS in July

You've Got the (Christmas) Look We Want!

Here is your chance to be on the cover of O&E Media's "Christmas in July" special section. Adults, children and families are welcome to participate.

GRAND PRIZE:

- Cover of "Christmas in July"
- \$100 Gift Card to Major Retailer

HOW TO ENTER:

In person at the Spring Expo Tuesday, April 29 at Schoolcraft College. Come dressed in your best or goofiest Christmas attire. Photos will be taken between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

JUDGING:

The winner will be selected using a combination of readers' voting on facebook.com/OEHometown beginning May 2 and staff picks.

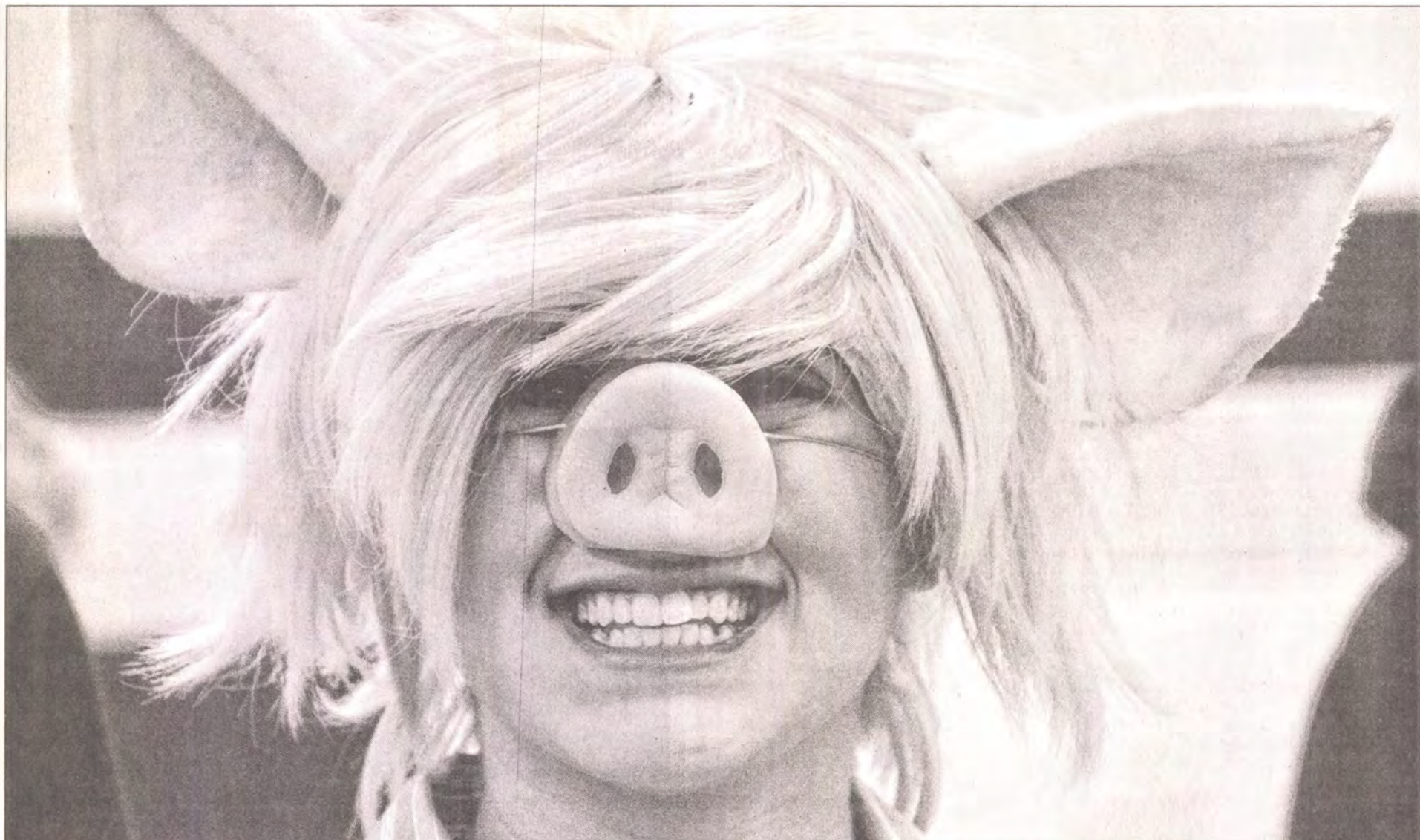
Spring
Life in
GO
OXLEY

Tuesday
April 29, 2014
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center
18600 Haggerty Road
Livonia, MI 48152

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
MEDIA
hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY





Ledjona Cela was among the costumed characters from "Shrek the Musical" who entertained the crowds. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Five-year-old Kylie Dean finds her share of eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt.

EASTER

Continued from Page A8

throughout the evening, passing out coupons for \$1 off admission to the play.

"They had to start the play a half-hour later because there were so many people waiting to get in; people just flooded the area," Tomlinson said. "At intermission, the director, Katie Sullivan, made a speech and told the audience that it was the best-attended play Wayne's ever had. It was almost a sellout."

Tomlinson, Sue Webb and Lou LeBlanc chaired the Spring Fling committee, but received help from many members of the high school staff and at least 50 students. Organizers received plenty of donations for the event, with major contributions coming from the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, Norplex Industries, Wayne High's Z-

PAC committee, Chiropractic Dr. Amanda Apfelblat and district Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"(Baracy) was the 'Cookie Monster.' He donated 800 cookies for the children to decorate," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson added that volunteers made 3,000 pancakes that were dressed up with M&Ms and had more than enough goody bags filled with candy and toys for youngsters, who claimed

them after finding three eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Social science teacher Reavis Olive dressed up as Harvey the Rabbit and was a hit with the youngsters, who had their pictures taken with the Olive.

"It was a wonderful event and a wonderful collaboration with the musical," Tomlinson said.

smason@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

Time To Think Spring!
Enjoy Early Bird Savings & Installation!

UP TO 45% OFF PLAY SYSTEMS
Trampolines From **\$659**

Sale Ends 4/30/2014

Backyard Sports AlleyOOD sports Jumpsport

The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop

SwingandBounce.com
LO-8000188427 3947 W. 12 Mile, Berkley 248-543-3115 Mon-Sat 10-5:30, Thu 10-8:30, Sun12-4

In-Ground SWIMMING POOL DEMOLITION

Loranger Complete Labor Co., LLC
734-652-2272 & 734-652-2821

Experienced - Licensed - Insured

LO-0000191467

Arthritis Today
JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D.
RHEUMATOLOGY
18829 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
Phone: (248) 478-7860

OVERLAPPING DIAGNOSES

A problem that confronts a doctor who is caring for a patient with both Fibromyalgia and Systemic Lupus (Lupus) is making appropriate decisions. The doctor's dilemma arises because both conditions cause similar joint pains and both conditions exert an effect throughout the body.

For example: both Lupus and Fibromyalgia cause headache; if a patient experiences a headache every day and little else, then most likely the headache comes from tension and is part of the individual's Fibromyalgia. But often the headache isn't clearly related to stress or comes intermittently or is associated at times with a fever. The physician needs to pause before concluding the cause and going onward with treatment.

The reason the doctor must take care in making a correct diagnosis between a flare of Fibromyalgia or of Lupus is because the resulting treatment is far different. If the problem is Fibromyalgia, more medicine is not likely to help, but urging the patient to increase activity and exercise is the best therapy. If the physician feel that the headache is a forewarning of a Lupus flare, then an increasing dose of prednisone is the logical next move.

At times, the physician's ability to distinguish between Lupus and Fibromyalgia as the major diagnosis presents such a problem, the doctor feels forced to undertake a "diagnostic trial." What that means is that the patient receives an increased dose of prednisone and the doctor observes the effect. If the patient improves then the diagnosis is Lupus, if the patient does not, then the doctor stops the prednisone because the correct cause is Fibromyalgia.

LO-0000189323

Funerals Only Have to Look Expensive
\$3,850⁰⁰
Complete

Including: Funeral Director, Staff, Embalming, Cosmetology, Full Preparation, 2 Day/4 Hour Use of Facilities, All Transportation, Hearse, Fine Metal Casket, Registry Book, Acknowledgement Cards, All Necessary Documentation, Death Certificates (3) and Chapel use with Organ.

"We got better service for less with MOM than when we did 5 years ago with Dad"
- Jane McDowell R.N., Livonia

Roger Husband/Director
Husband Family Funeral Home
2401 S. Wayne Road • Westland, MI 48186
734-331-3349
Stop In for a Tour of Our Facility

LO-0000198196

Fun is just a bus ride away.

Pontiac • Sterling Heights • Warren • Madison Heights • Fraser
Roseville • St. Clair Shores • Livonia • Westland • Dearborn • Taylor
Southgate • Lincoln Park • Clio • Flint • Burton

For locations and reservations call
Blue Lake Charters & Tours
866-2-ROLLEM (866-276-5536)

MotorCity Casino
A MILLION MILES AWAY.
RIGHT DOWN THE STREET

MotorCityCasino.com

If you feel more than you can afford to deal with your credit problems, call 1-800-279-1117 for free, confidential help.

AT 140306 LO-000017327

Grow MOREL MUSHROOMS
CREATE A MOREL GARDEN IN YOUR BACK YARD

We provide the seed and easy to use instructions for preparing an outdoor Morel Habitat. You just sow the seed, maintain the Morel Habitat, and pick and enjoy pounds of fresh Morels

\$32.95 + \$7.95 S/H -- ORDER (800) 789-9121

GOURMET MUSHROOMS
P. O. BOX 515 4-MI • GRATON, CA 95444
www.gmushrooms.com
Allow 1-4 weeks for delivery - Spawns Guaranteed

Macular Degeneration? Choose To See Better.

Telescope glasses make reading, writing, TV, seeing faces, even driving possible again!

Come see how I can help.
Dr. Sheldon L. Smith, Optometrist
877-677-2020
www.LowVisionofMichigan.com
Livonia, Warren, Southgate Locations

MPA
MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

LO-0000190729

adidas

TENT SALE

Huge Savings on Footwear, Apparel and Accessories. Best prices of the year!

April 24-27, 2014

Westland Shopping Center
(Next to Kohl's)
35000 Warren Rd., Westland, MI
Thurs-Sat 10a-7p, Sun 10a-6p

adidas

LO-0000191460

Dress up for a chance to win Christmas in July cover contest

You've got the (Christmas) look that we want.

Here's your chance to be a cover star and be noticed by more than 125,000 readers in print and thousands more online at hometownlife.com.

Dress up in your zaniest, brightest, most traditional or goofiest Christmas outfit (Santa, elves, trees or any other holiday angle that you can think of) then come 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, to the *Observer & Eccentric* Media Spring Expo to get your photo taken.

Adults, teens, children and families are invited to participate.

The winner will be selected in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OE Hometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook begins May 2 and ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

The winning adult, teen, child or family will be featured on the cover of the O&E Media Christmas in July publication beginning July 24 and receive a \$100 gift card.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Enter the VisTaTech Center and follow the "Christmas in July Cover Contest" signs.

Contestants must be photographed Tuesday, April 29, at the Spring Expo to be eligible for the contest.

Dust off those holiday decorations and we'll see you April 29.

GAME TIME

Genuine Toy helps players get 'board'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Elle Dare knows tabletop game sales are growing at Genuine Toy Co. in downtown Plymouth.

So when the website InternationalTableTopDay.com started promoting a day to celebrate the tabletop games, Dare and her husband Charles, who together own Genuine Toy, jumped joyfully at the idea.

And response was good, with people streaming into the store Saturday to not only set up the games they were pitching, but to play a variety of different games, as well.

"We got a lot of response," Elle Dare said Saturday, while dueling Emily Crandall of Plymouth in a game called Scopas. "We are big board game fans. Tabletop introduces people to board games they may not have seen before."

And she wasn't talking about more traditional games, like Monopoly or Scrabble, mainstream games of years past. Now, Dare said, games like Scopas, Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride are "becoming more mainstream."

William Meyer of Livonia set up a table to push Movie Mashups, a game he designed where the last word in one title is the first word in the other title. For instance, one clue involved someone saving a whale so it could inherit a large candy store. The "Movie Mashup" title? "Free Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Meyer, like the Dares, believes the tabletop games help pull people out from in front of their

"I find board games much more stimulating, just with the social aspect of it."

JOSHUA SLOMINSKI,
Farmington Hills

video gaming systems and into a social interaction.

"It's a teen-based game that helps people interact with each other," Meyer said. "Board games are social face-to-face action. With all the video games and iPads, there isn't as much socializing. These games encourage you to get to know people."

Joshua Slominski of Farmington Hills figures he owns some 30-40 board games of all kinds and he meets weekly with friends to play them, often on the expensive gaming table he recently purchased from Geekchic.

He said board games often require more mental acuity and make the players think, rather than just reacting to what's on a video screen.

"There are a lot of decisions to be made. ... It keeps you sharp," Slominski said. "I find board games much more stimulating, just with the social aspect of it."

Carol King and Paul Hoke of Plymouth set up a table where people could play a deck-building game called Dominion, which actually comes with about eight different versions, they said.

"Our thing to do as a family is play games," said King and Hoke, who have two daughters. "We like games with



Genuine Toy Co. owners Charles and Elle Dare invited tabletop game aficionados to International Tabletop Day in downtown Plymouth.



Genuine Toy Co. owner Elle Dare (right) faces off against Emily Crandall of Plymouth in a game of Scopas.

luck and strategy and this game has both."

The Dares can help families like that who might not be able to find non-traditional board games. If a customer can't find it, chances are

the Dares can.

"Board games are still popular, (but) I think it's the games that are a little different that are becoming more mainstream," Elle Dare said. "Tabletop games

are one of our best sellers. People can't always find them somewhere close, so we've got that niche."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @bkadrich

MEDICARE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the agreement between Samaritan Behavioral Center, 5555 Conner Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48213 and the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a provider of services in the Medicare program will remain in effect. This notice supersedes the prior notice of February 9, 2014.

Based on a review of additional information, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that Samaritan Behavioral Center is qualified to participate in the Medicare program. Therefore, the Medicare program will continue to make payments for inpatient hospital services furnished to eligible patients.

Pam L. Thomas
Branch Manager
Non-Long Term Care Certification & Enforcement Branch

Publish: April 20, 2014

LO-000019194 3x2

Great CD rates – no worries*



Jared Chapman, Agent
State Farm Agent
15401 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154
Bus: 734-427-2300

1.60 % APY*
48 - month CD

2.05 % APY*
60 - month CD

It's a beautiful thing.

Let me help you choose an FDIC-insured Certificate of Deposit from State Farm Bank® and watch your money grow.

Bank with a good neighbor.

CALL ME TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

State Farm Bank™

*Up to FDIC insured limits. Annual Percentage Yields as of 4/16/14. Advertised rates are subject to change at the Bank's discretion. The minimum balance required to earn the stated APY is \$500. (rates apply to deposits less than \$100,000) A penalty may be imposed for withdrawals prior to maturity.



REDFORD THEATRE

Enjoy our 1928 Barton Theatre Organ played 30 min. before each show

Three Stooges Film Festival

Starring: Larry, Moe, Curly and Shemp



TICKETS: \$5.00

Whoops, I'm An Indian (1936)
Grips, Grunts and Groans (1937)
Flat Foot Stooges (1938)
Cookoo Cavaliers (1940)
In the Sweet Pie and Pie (1941)
Squareheads of the Round Table (1948)

April 25 8pm
April 26 2pm & 8pm

Raiders Of The Lost Ark

Starring Harrison Ford & Karen Allen



TICKETS: \$5.00

The creators of JAWS and STAR WARS now bring you the ultimate hero in the ultimate adventure!
Paramount/361 1 hour 55 minutes Minnesota/Paradeiro/Stereo Film Rated PG
May 16 - 8:00 p.m. • May 17 - 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.

- Doors open 1 hr. before the show
- Real butter on your popcorn
- Affordable candy & beverages

Park in one of our FREE supervised parking lots!
17360 Lahser Road, Detroit • (313) 537-2560

Buy tickets online at redfordtheatre.com

Livonia Public Schools Announces Section 105c Limited Schools of Choice To Out-of-District Students for 2014-15 School Year

Accepting from Wayne County and contiguous Intermediate School Districts (Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw)
10 seats are open in each grade level K-4
5 seats are open to students entering grade 5
5 seats are open to students entering grade 6

Application dates: April 28, 2014, 8 a.m. to May 27, 2014, 4 p.m.

FAXED AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Applications and information available at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Choice

Return completed forms to: Livonia Public Schools Personnel Office,

15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154

A random draw selection will take place May 29, 2014 if the number of applicants exceed seats available.

LO-0000191780



The Senior Alliance

will host three Public Hearing Sessions for input regarding the FY 2015 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for services to persons age 60 and older in Southern and Western Wayne County.

Monday, May 12, 2014
2:30 p.m.
The Senior Alliance
3850 Second St., Ste. 100
Wayne, MI 48184

Thursday, May 15, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Ford Senior Center
6750 Troy
Taylor, MI 48180

Friday, May 16, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Livonia Senior Center
North Dining Room
15218 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154

On May 1, 2014, the AIP draft will be available online at www.aaaalc.org
Written comments will be accepted until June 2, 2014. Please send written comments to:

The Senior Alliance
3850 Second Street, Ste. 100
Wayne, MI 48184

Attn: Planning & Programs Manager

Publish Date: 4/20/14

For more information, call 734.727.2061

LO-0000191314 3x3

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Livonia Public Schools (LPS) will receive sealed proposals for:

Move Management Services

Until 1:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday April 29, 2014, will be received by Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at the Administration Building at which time, and place, all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained by contacting LaMerra Hobbs at lamerra.hobbs@plantemoranc.com or Christa Jarnot at christa.jarnot@plantemoranc.com beginning Tuesday April 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

All interested firms are required to attend a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday April 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the LPS Administration Building located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154

All proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Plante Moran Cresa and comply with the requirements of the RFP and include a 5% bid bond. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. Proposals received without a sworn and notarized statement of disclosure will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. LPS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools

Publish: April 20, 2014

LO-0000191210 3x5



Airman Dawon Walker, a 2012 Wayne Memorial High School graduate, is among more than 5,500 men and women serving aboard the USS Ronald Reagan. U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY SENIOR CHIEF MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST GARY WARD

Wayne High grad serves aboard aircraft carrier

Airman Dawon Walker, a 2012 Wayne Memorial High School graduate, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's largest warships, the San Diego-based aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

USS Ronald Reagan is a Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and one of only 10 operational aircraft carriers in the Navy today, protecting and defending America on the world's oceans.

Approximately 3,000 men and women make up the ship's company, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly. That includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear reactors.

Another 2,500 or so form the air wing, the people who actually fly and maintain the aircraft.

"I never cease to be impressed with the type and quality of work that goes on aboard the carrier each day," said Capt. Christopher E. Bolt, the carrier's commanding officer. "Our team is

filled with highly qualified young adults — in many cases, 19 and 20 years old — and they're out here launching and recovering aircraft, running a complex propulsion system safely, serving as air traffic controllers, operating sophisticated electronics, and keeping this floating city alive and functioning."

"Their work ethic, enthusiasm, and esprit de corps are second to none. If you pick up a newspaper in any city and examine what other 19- and 20-year-olds are doing, there is no comparison to the level of responsibility our sailors hold. That caliber of sailor is what has earned us the title of America's flagship," he added.

Nankin Mills is going to the dogs May 3

Bring your dog for some tail wagging fun to the first Wayne County Bark in the Park Dog Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

"Pets are an important part of people's everyday lives, often considered to be a member of their families," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "We encourage our residents and the public to take advantage of this new event as well as the many upcoming summer activities available to them through Wayne County Parks."

Participants will begin at Nankin Mills Park in Westland and walk one mile to the Wayne County Parks Dog Park. The dogs can enjoy some off-leash time while their owners check out offerings from many pet-related vendors. At the conclusion of the event, all will head back to Nankin Mills for snacks for the dogs and people.

The cost is \$10 per dog, which includes a doggie bandana and dog treats. Proceeds from the event will go toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Wayne County Parks Dog Park.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Wayne County Parks website at www.parks.waynecounty.com.

The Wayne County Parks Dog Park is located at Hawthorne Ridge Park on Hines Drive, west of Merriman in Westland.

For more information about the Wayne County Parks Dog Park or any other Wayne County Parks program, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Hindu Temple gears up for health fair's second phase

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After drawing nearly 250 people to the first round of its community health fair, the Hindu Temple of Canton is rallying support for the second — and final — phase.

The Hindu Temple, on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center, is offering its 12th annual free health fair to help area residents who often can't afford medical care, placing them at greater risk of undetected health threats and diseases.

Jatin Desai, a health fair organizer, said nearly 250 people attended the three-hour April 6 event sponsored with Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI. He said patients got their blood drawn for tests such as a complete blood count, cholesterol, prostate health and blood sugar levels.

"We were happy with the turn-

out," Desai said.

About 50 volunteers from the Hindu Temple, Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and MAPI worked with patients age 18 and over during round one.

Those patients are urged to return from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 27, to discuss their results with doctors and receive medical advice — for free. Desai has said the goal is to help patients "learn how they can change their lifestyle" to become healthier.

No prior registration is necessary for the April 27 session. Desai said anyone is welcome to attend and get their blood pressure and hearing tested. Visitors will be able to speak with primary care physicians and specialists in cardiology, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, rheumatology, dentistry, gastroenterology, podiatry, endocrinology, nutrition, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, physical therapy and internal medicine.

Visitors are asked to bring their current prescriptions and any medical records they might have. Information booths also are planned with pharmacists and recommendations for nutrition and lifestyle improvements.

Desai has said the Hindu Temple of Canton hopes to draw a diverse crowd of people from "all walks of life, regardless of faith."

Prior to the first round, Don Hazaert, director of Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, a coalition of health-related organizations, commended the Hindu Temple for its efforts.

"While there's plenty of good news on the health care front, programs like this are important and should be embraced by their communities," Hazaert said.

For more information, go to www.thehindutemple.org.

dclem@hometownlife.com
313-222-2238
Twitter: @CantonObserver



During a previous health fair, a crowd lines up for the event, sponsored by the Hindu Temple of Canton. SUMAN RAVAL

Quick Lane
TIRE & AUTO CENTER

Use our
FREE Wi-Fi
to check out the competitor's
price right here at
Quick Lane

Dealership Quality at Aftermarket Prices

Major Brands! Major Deals!

Why go anywhere else for tires?

**Need Brakes?
Need Tires?
Get up to \$170
in Rebates!**

See a Service Advisor for Details.

Low Price Tire Guarantee*
on all name-brand tires we sell.

\$60

Get a **\$60** rebate when you buy 4 tires.

And a **\$60** rebate when you use your Quick Lane Credit Card on a qualifying purchase of \$250 or more.¹

The Works.
An Oil Change **\$39⁹⁵**
and Much More.

No Appointment Necessary

Oil Change • Tire Rotation
Brake Inspection • Filter Check
Multi-Point Inspection • Fluid Top-Off
Battery Test • Belts & Hoses Check

Up to five quarts of Motorcraft® Premium Synthetic Blend oil and Motorcraft® oil filter. Taxes, diesel service and disposal fees extra. Hybrid battery test excluded. See Service Advisor for vehicle exclusions and details. Offer valid with coupon. Expires 5-31-14.

Motorcraft® Complete Brake Service. \$154⁹⁵

Brake Pads or Shoes
Machining Rotors or Drums
Labor Included

Priced included a \$25 mail in rebate. Per axle price on most cars and light trucks. Taxes extra. Hybrid battery test excluded. See Service Advisor for vehicle exclusions and details. Offer Valid with coupon. Expires 5-31-14.

Get up to \$50 in Rebates on Motorcraft® Brakes.
See a Service Advisor for Details.

- We service all makes and models.
- Our technicians are factory-trained and use Motorcraft® parts.

- Service while you wait and no appointment necessary.
- Quick Lane® offers evening and weekend hours.

<http://www.quicklanelivonia.com/>

Quick Lane at Bill Brown Ford
TIRE & AUTO CENTER

Quick Lane Hours: 32230 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150
Mon-Fri 7am-7pm
Sat 8am-5pm
734.744.0400

Dealership Quality at After Market Prices!

Quick Lane and Motorcraft® are registered trademarks of Ford Motor Company.

Next to Bill Brown Ford across from Saint Michael's Church

Happy Easter!

Hop in for Instant Rebates on select appliances



KitchenAid®
\$100 INSTANT REBATE on purchases of \$3,999 - \$4,998
\$200 INSTANT REBATE on purchases of \$4,998 +

KitchenAid®



\$150 INSTANT REBATE Built-in Cook top
\$150 INSTANT REBATE Cook top/Wall Oven
\$100 INSTANT REBATE Range
\$200 INSTANT REBATE Cooktop/Wall Oven

Whirlpool® HOME APPLIANCES



\$100 INSTANT REBATE Whirlpool Laundry
\$200 INSTANT REBATE Whirlpool Ice Collection (4 Piece)

GREAT SELECTION GREAT VALUE

 The iComfort® Sleep System by Serta® with revolutionary Cool Action™ Gel Memory Foam - infused with Serta's MicroSupport® gel. Serta Motion Perfect® Adjustable Foundation is available.	 Serta Queen Memory Foam Mattress starting at \$499
 Majestic Crown Crowned Glory Super Pillow Top Mattress Serta® SmartSurface™ with MicroSupport® Gel, FireBlocker® Fiber, Body Loft® Anti Microbial Fiber, MicroSupport® Gel in Latex	 Twin Inner Spring mattress starting at \$199

Free Mattress Cover with every purchase over \$999

What's Cooking with Chef Pam

...in the Bill & Rod's Kitchen

May 10th

Special Evening for the Ladies
 Enjoy Wine Tasting, Wine Pairing, Prizes and much more!
 Call store for more information.



Innovative Style, Effortless Savings

Receive a \$100 - \$500 MasterCard® prepaid card by mail when you purchase select Whirlpool® Ice Collection kitchen appliances and/or receive a \$100-\$300 MasterCard® prepaid card by mail when you purchase a select Whirlpool® laundry pair.
 Offer valid 04/01/2014 thru 04/30/2014



Cook Up a Storm Event

Receive a \$50 - \$500 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® kitchen appliances.
 Offer valid 02/20/2014 thru 04/22/2014



KitchenAid®

Save on appliances that complete your kitchen with this exclusive invitation

INVITATION TO SAVINGS

RECEIVE UP TO **\$1000**

MasterCard Prepaid Card by mail with purchase of select KitchenAid® Brand appliances.
 Offer valid 4/30/14. See store for details.



POWER. PERFORMANCE. SAVINGS.

Receive a \$150 - \$250 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® laundry pairs
 Offer valid 01/01/2014 thru 04/30/2014



SALES • SERVICE • PARTS
 734-425-5040

Visit us on Facebook
 Sign up to receive notification of upcoming events!
 Quality Factory Trained Technicians
www.billandrodsappliance.com

15870 Middlebelt Road
 North of Five Mile • Livonia



PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Glenn's last-second PK stuns Wayne, 4-3

Climie's penalty kick following late handball call saves Rockets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It will never be considered quite as infamous as Diego Maradona's "Hand of God" in the 1986 World Cup, but Westland John Glenn's last-second 4-3 girls soccer victory over rival Wayne Memorial can only be described as "Divine Intervention."

Sydney Climie's successful penalty kick with only one

second left – following a call on a Wayne defender for a handball inside the 18-yard box – proved to be the game-winner for the host Rockets, who had squandered a 3-0 advantage during the final 32 minutes.

With the win, Glenn improves to 2-2-1 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs South Division, while Wayne drops to 5-3 and 0-3 with the heartbreaking setback.

In last year's Division 1 dis-

trict tournament, Wayne ousted Glenn on PKs in a shootout. But this time the shoe was on the other foot.

And Wayne coach Jason Dean could only watch helplessly. Following the loss, he calmly asked officials for an explanation about the handball call, which occurred just before the final horn had sounded.

See HANDBALL, Page B4



John Glenn's C.C. Said (No. 1) battles for control of the ball against Wayne's Victoria McKague during Thursday's KLAAs South Division match. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

PHOTO FINISH: RIVALRY SPRINT TO THE WIRE

Wayne boys, Glenn girls win by a point

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Talk about going down to the wire.

Although the temperature was 44 degrees, coupled with a healthy breeze, Wednesday's KLAAs South Division dual meet between boys and girls track rivals Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn certainly wasn't lacking for a hot finish.

The host Wayne boys pulled out a 69-68 victory, while the Glenn girls needed a victory in the final race, the 1,600-meter relay, to pull off a 68-67 triumph.

It was a breakthrough day for the Wayne boys.

"For our seniors, it was the first dual meet victory they have ever experienced in track," said Wayne first-year coach Tom Gibson, whose team is 1-2 in the KLAAs South. "Both teams were missing key sprinters that could have turned the score one way or the other. The boys team set 40 individual personal records during (Wednesday's) meet. Win or lose, you can't ask much more from the boys."



Wayne's DuJon Brown makes an attempt in the high jump during Wednesday's dual meet against John Glenn. PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Glenn, led by senior Micah Orr, captured 11 of the 17 events. Orr won the high jump (5

feet, 6 inches), 800 run (2:08.2) and 1,600 run (4:42.2). He also anchored Glenn's victorious 1,600 relay (3:43.0).

But Wayne made up the difference, outscoring the Rockets 8-1 in the 400 dash, which was won by Montel

See RIVALRY, Page B2



John Glenn's Micah Orr, who figured in four first-place finishes, brings it home in the 1,600-meter run.

Hood (50.81), and the 3,200 run, where Malik Jordan (10:49.0) led a one-two-three sweep for a 9-0 point advantage that clinched the victory.

"Four of the six boys running the 3,200 set a P.R.," Gibson said. "Shakarri Hill (first in the 100), Montel Hood and Malik Jordan were keys to the victory. A big key to our win was the second place by Joe Gatón in the 400. That was a six-point swing from what I expected. Joe ran a two-second P.R. (53.46). John Stover threw a personal best by 18 feet (104-

COLLEGIATE MEN'S GOLF

MU golfers off to NAIA Nationals

Gawronski sparks Crusaders to WHAC tournament crown

For the first time since 2012, the Madonna University men's golf team has advanced to the NAIA National Championships by virtue of capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament title by two strokes Thursday at Stonewater Country Club in Kentwood.

The championship is MU's fourth in school history (2009, '10, '12) and MU's second

WHAC tourney crown in the last three years.

The Crusaders, coached by Steve Mato, placed fifth during the WHAC's regular season, 63 strokes behind champion Davenport University, only to come out over the last two days and shoot two strokes better than the Panthers and claim the title.

Madonna carded a 307 in Round 3 for a 915 total while holding off a late push by the Panthers, who shot 303 for a 917.

Siena Heights (932), Northwestern Ohio (937) and Cornerstone (939) rounded out the top five teams.

A trio of seniors paced the Crusaders, led by Benjamin Gawronski (Hartland), who fired a round of 75 over the final 18 holes for a 227 total and third place.

Erik Taurence (Wyandotte) was in a tie for fourth, two strokes behind Gawronski with a 229 after a round of 79. Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern) was one shot behind Taurence with a 76 Thursday for a 230 total and a sixth-place standing.

Junior Nick Corbeil (New Boston Huron) rounded out the scorers for MU with a 234 total after an 82 and a tie for 10th overall.



The Madonna University men's golf team captured the WHAC tournament title Thursday in Kentwood. AARON SAGRAVES | DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

Seniors Billy Teer (Grand Blanc) shot a 77 for a 235, while Kevin Robinson (Livonia Churchill) carded an 85 for a 264 final and 44th place to round out the MU contingent. Mato was named the WHAC

Coach of the Year for the third time in his career (2009, '12). MU now turns its sights to the NAIA National Championships, May 13-16 at LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla.

We appreciate
YOU
as a subscriber
and we want
you to know it!



Win concert tickets, Emagine Theatre passes, Buddy's Pizza coupons, or giftcards from Meijer, Speedway or Joe's Produce!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM
A GANNETT COMPANY

WANT YOUR CHANCE TO WIN?
Simply enter the Reader Rewards drawing when you receive your monthly e-mail.

If you're not a subscriber yet, call or click today and save 25% off the regular rate plus receive a \$10 giftcard!



CALL 866-887-2737

or CLICK
hometownlife.com/bestoffer



Offer is valid to new subscribers only. Must not have had a subscription within the past 30 days.

PREP BASEBALL

C'ville's Devon Ks 19 to clip Thurston

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville's Zach Devon took a page out Wednesday of the Doc Gooden play-book.

The senior struck out 19 and allowed just one hit in a dominating pitching performance to lead the host Trojans to a 3-2 Western Wayne Athletic Conference win over Redford Thurston.

"Zach threw a complete game for us and was lights out," Clarenceville first-year coach Craig Cotter said. "He mixed it up well and never gave into the hitters."

Clarenceville, which improved to 2-5 overall and 2-0 in the WWAC,

trailed 2-0 in the bottom fifth before tallying all three runs.

Matt Drain led off with a single, Nate Moldovan walked and Adam Sade was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Ryan Menifee then laced a single to left to cut the deficit to 2-1.

With the bases still loaded, Devon drew a walk to knot the game at 2-2.

And after Evan Gregg struck out, Thurston's catcher tried a pick-off attempt at third and the ball sailed into left field, bringing home Sade with the game-winning run.

Sade reached base safely in all three plate appearances, highlighted by a double, as the

Trojans collected only three hits.

Devon, who allowed just two walks over seven innings, then held the Eagle scoreless in the sixth and seventh to seal the win.

"I'm very proud of our boys coming back and then locking down defensively," Cotter said.

DEARBORN 5, CLARENCEVILLE
1: Pinch hitter Adam Dawdy's two-out, bases loaded clearing double broke open a close game Thursday as the Pioneers earned a WWAC crossover win at Livonia Clarenceville (2-6).

Clarenceville starter Ryan Menifee, who was relieved by Adam Sade, took the loss. The two combined to strike out seven and walk five.

"I love the way we battle each game, our defense gets after it," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "The last five games our pitching has been solid."

"We have to find a solution for enormous amount of times we are striking out though. The bottom part of our order is really struggling this year."

KLAA BASEBALL ROUNDUP

John Glenn wins twinbill vs. rival Wayne Memorial

Westland John Glenn played error-free ball on the day to snap a four-game losing streak Wednesday by sweeping a baseball doubleheader from rival Wayne Memorial, 10-3 and 6-0.

The visiting Rockets, who improved to 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the KLAA's South Division, won the opener as Brandon Smeltzer threw a complete-game four-hitter. The senior right-hander struck out nine and walked only two in going all seven innings.

Offensively, Ryan Wheeler led Glenn's eight-hit attack by going 3-for-4, including a triple and three RBI. Christopher Scheffer and Zach Croft also knocked in one run apiece.

Wayne starter Tyler

Harnos took the loss, while James Herdon collected two of Wayne's four hits.

In Game 2, Brendan Wetmore went six strong innings. The senior struck out 10, walked two and allowed only two hits before the game was called because of darkness.

Scheffer went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Wetmore went 2-for-4. Clark Boston also contributed an RBI.

Nick Tennant took the loss for the Zebras, who slipped to 0-9 overall and 0-5 in the division.

"The guys finally started hitting and we played good defense," Glenn second-year coach Lawrence Scheffer said.

FRANKLIN 8, CHURCHILL 4: The scheduled KLAA South Division baseball

doubleheader Wednesday between host Livonia Franklin (10-2-1, 4-1) and Livonia Churchill (3-6, 1-5) almost reached a conclusion.

Franklin took the opener, 8-4, but the second game was suspended tied 2-2 after seven innings because of darkness with a make-up date yet to be determined.

Adam Carver threw a complete game in the opener for the Patriots. He scattered nine hits, walked four and struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Nick Misiak lasted 1 1/2 innings after Franklin got two runs in the first and five more in the second.

Sophomore Ryan Prohaska went 2-for-4, including a two-run double in the first. Mitchell Gonyaw, who also had an RBI, and Nick Mardeusz both added two hits.

Misiak went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Jon Hovernale added two hits and Mark Leja contributed an RBI for the Chargers.

In the nightcap, Hovernale and Franklin starter Colby Dewhirst were locked in a pitchers' duel before the game was called.

SALEM 3, STEVENSON 2: Brandon Gillen's two-run single in the top of the sixth inning proved to be the difference Wednesday as the Rocks (5-2, 3-2) earned the KLAA Central Division win at Livonia Stevenson (6-4, 2-2).

Winning pitcher Tyler Brooks went all seven innings, scattering seven hits. Rodney Bies went 2-for-4 and Jack Ferguson knocked in Billy Bonanno and Frank Carlin with a two-run single in the fifth inning for the Spartans.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU salvages Good Friday split vs. Tech

Prashad throws complete game in 3-1 road triumph

The Madonna University baseball team, which captured the opener 3-1 behind Adam Prashad's complete-game seven-hitter, couldn't complete the Good Friday sweep against host Indiana Tech, which gained a split with a 10-2 triumph in the nightcap.

Prashad, who improved to 4-2, struck out eight and walked only two in nine innings in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter.

Offensive support came from Shane Dokey and Ryan Lech, each going 2-for-3 with two RBI.

In Game 2, the third-place Warriors got two hits and three RBI from Romer Portes and two hits and two RBI from Bryan Brudi to improve to 21-18-1 overall and 13-7 in the WHAC.

Winning pitcher Chase Keathley (3-3) went the first six innings, allowing only four hits. He walked four and struck out three before Blake Converset finished up in the seventh.

Ryan Lambrecht, who went 2-for-3, hit

a two-run homer to account for both MU runs.

The Crusaders (21-20, 8-12) used five different pitchers, with starter Alec Padilla (2-2) taking the loss.

MU closed out the four-game conference set Saturday in Fort Wayne against the Warriors.

AQUINAS 5-2, MADONNA 4-1: The script proved to be the same Wednesday in Grand Rapids as the Madonna University (20-19, 7-11) suffered a pair of late-inning one-run losses against Aquinas College (17-13, 9-7) in a WHAC doubleheader played at Cornerstone University's DeWitt Stadium.

The Saints scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth to win the opener, 5-4, as K.J. Harger went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Taylor Pawlanta added two RBI as well.

Reliever Brendan Penny, who pitched a scoreless ninth, improved to 3-0. Starter Kaleb Ort went the first seven, allowing four earned runs on eight hits.

MU reliever Dylan Cooper (1-1), who pitched the final two innings, took the loss.

Starter Dane Staples went the first 6 1/2 innings, allowing four earned runs on six hits and four walks. He struck out nine.

Taylor Grzelakowski paced MU's 10-hit attack, going 2-for-4 with two RBI. Victor Barron added two hits, while Shane Dokey and Dee Jawad each had an RBI.

In Game 2, senior right-hander Travis Schuba (5-2), who went the final 1/3 of an inning, gave up the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth as MU fell, 2-1.

Starter Alex DeVonker (Livonia Franklin), a freshman left-hander, pitched the first 6 1/2 innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks. Dalton Ovesen went 3-for-4, while Grzelakowski knocked in MU's lone run.

Aquinas used three pitchers with reliever Mike DeClarke, who worked two scoreless innings, picking up his first win.



John Glenn's Christina Ballinger placed first in the 100-meter hurdles. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

RIVALRY

Continued from Page B1

4.5) in the discus to also place second. Every boy on the team gave their best effort."

Glenn, which dropped to 0-3 in the KLAA South, was missing key sprinter Jaron Flournoy.

"The meet was very close and kept everyone on the edge of their seat to the very end," Glenn coach Jason Dixon said. "My team and I enjoyed the competition and had a great time."

Meanwhile, the girls' meet came down to the final relay as the four-some of Breylin Mecks, Ashlee Alexander, Erica Robinson and Asia Gardner crossed the line first in 4:35.6, while Wayne fell off the pace in 4:47.3.

"They ran an excellent race," said Glenn first-year coach Galen Grimmett, whose team is 1-2 in the division. "They all showed grit and determi-

nation the way they finished the race. I was very pleased, especially with Ashlee Alexander and Asia Gardner. They really turned the race around. All of them ran well, though. All ran with determination."

Double winners for Glenn included Shiann Proffitt in the 800 (2:50.28) and 1,600 (6:27.22) and Barb Messics in the high jump (4-8) and 3,200 run (15:03.02).

"Overall it was a really tough meet," Grimmett said. "It was a good opponent and we barely edged them out."

Wayne's Madison Young also captured both throwing events, the shot put (27-5) and discus (76-3).

"It came down to the last race, but it indeed was a good meet for both teams," said Wayne coach Tiffany James, whose team slipped to 0-3 overall.

bemons@hometownlife.com
313-222-6851

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill trips Pats for division victory; Rockets rip Zebras

It was warm enough to get in at least one game Wednesday afternoon as Livonia Churchill earned a 7-1 KLAA South Division softball victory over host Livonia Franklin.

The Chargers, who improved to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the division, were led by Rachel Mattison, who went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Melanie Richardson helped her own cause, going 2-for-4 with two RBI, while other contributions came from Julia Twigg (2-for-3, three runs) and Rosie Garvin (RBI).

Richardson, who struck out six, scattered nine hits and one walk over seven innings to earn the victory.

Losing pitcher Courtney Garbarino allowed seven hits, walked three and was the victim of three errors as the Patriots slipped to 3-7 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA South.

Colleen Mandrink collected two hits, while Megan Chapman had the lone RBI, driving home Becky Giacobbi, who earlier singled and stole second base.

The second game of the scheduled twinbill was called because of cold weather and will be made up at date to be determined.

JOHN GLENN 10-14, WAYNE 0-2: On Thursday, Westland John Glenn (4-7, 2-3) swept a pair of KLAA South Division games from host Wayne Memorial (0-6, 0-6).

Julia Michalowski went 3-for-3, while Mackenzie Huren added two hits and three RBI as Glenn won the opening in five innings. Megan Buford also added two hits and scored three runs.

Winning pitcher Lexi Lester allowed just one hit and no walks en route to the shutout.

In Game 2, Huren was the winning pitcher, walking just two in five innings. She also helped her own cause, going 4-for-4, including a pair of doubles and five RBI.

Cheyenne Grim also chipped in with two hits and two RBI.

SALEM 3-4, STEVENSON 1-14: On Wednesday, host Livonia Stevenson (4-4, 3-2) split a KLAA Central Division twinbill with the Rocks (2-4, 2-4).

Salem took the first game as losing pitcher Erika Randall singled home Cassidy Lipinski with the lone Stevenson run. The Spartans had only two hits.

Randall allowed two earned runs on five hits and five walks. She struck out four.

The Spartans bounced back in Game 2 with a 16-hit attack to win 14-5 in five innings as Lipinski went 4-for-4 with three RBI, while Randall added three hits and three RBI.

Junior Natalie Moore, who scattered seven hits and four walks, earned the victory.

DEARBORN 9, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Monica Coleman tossed a no-hitter, striking out 13 and walking only two Thursday as the Pioneers downed host Livonia Clarenceville (2-3, 2-1) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference encounter.

Rachel Sztatkowski paced Dearborn's 15-hit attack, going 4-for-5 with a double, homer and three runs scored.

Losing pitcher Emily Schwartz (2-3) gave up all nine runs.

Mikala Kielling (walk), Erica Katz (walk) and Nicole Kurdziel (error) were the only Clarenceville batters to reach base against Coleman in seven innings.

CLARENCEVILLE 15, THURSTON 0: Nicole Kurdziel went 2-for-3 with a three-run homer and four RBI Wednesday, leading Livonia Clarenceville (2-2, 2-0) to a three-inning WWAC win over Redford Thurston.

Also contributing to the Trojans' 15-hit attack was Erica Katz (2-for-2, triple, four RBI), Kyle Hammond (two hits, two RBI), Mia Sampson (triple) and Claudia Moore (first varsity hit).

Junior Emily Schwartz, who walked Thurston lead-off batter Rory Gillian to start the game, retired the next nine hitters in order to record her second straight no-hitter. She struck out seven.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Fosth's two goals give Clarenceville first win of season

Livonia Clarenceville got a pair of goals from Lindsey Fosth and clamped down defensively Wednesday to earn its first girls soccer victory of the season against visiting Redford Thurston, 2-0.

Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz assisted on both goals, one in each half by Fosth, including a breakaway effort. Jordan See, Jeana Mariani and Skylar Reddick also chipped in offensively.

The defense was sparked by Summer Reddick and Tristyn Bean, while goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made five saves.

"We finished some key opportunities and had a lot more shots tonight," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, whose team improved to 1-2 overall and 1-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. "We pressured the defense well and our defense shut down Thurston's offense down, only giving up five shots."

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: Alyssa Dillon scored two goals and two assists Wednesday as the host Wildcats (2-2, 2-1) scored with only two seconds left to mercy Livonia Franklin (2-2-1, 1-1) in a KLAA South Division match.

Plymouth scored four goals in each half to post the victory.

PREP TRACK RESULTS

BOYS DUAL RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 69 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68
April 16 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Aaron Journey (WM), 38 feet, 7 inches; 2. Eddie Springborn (WJG), 37-6; 3. Renardo Brown (WJG), 37-1.

Discus: 1. Anthony Williamson (WJG), 107-10.5; 2. John Stover (WM), 102-4.5; 3. Daniel Mills (WM), 88-8.

High jump: 1. Micah Orr (WJG), 5-6; 2. Jamon Higgins (WM), 5-4; 3. Dulon Brown (WM), 5-2.

Long jump: 1. LeDell O'Bryant (WM), 20-3; 2. Jason Morhan (WJG), 17-4; 3. Anthony Gaskin (WJG), 16-7.

Pole vault: 1. Morhan (WJG), 9-6; 2. Tyler Mulligan (WM), 8-6; 3. Kevin Huynh (WJG), 7-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Freddie Thompson (WJG), 16.9; 2. Jerimay Martin (WJG), 17.74; 3. Mulligan (WM), 18.78.

300 hurdles: 1. Thompson (WJG), 44.31; 2. Mulligan (WM), 48.96; 3. Zach Favazza (WM), 50.52.

100 dash: 1. Shakari Hill (WM), 11.37; 2. Tyrrik Hunter (WJG), 11.91; 3. Martin (WJG), 11.91.

200: 1. Hunter (WJG), 24.31; 2. O'Bryant (WM), 24.84; 3. Chris Starks (WM), 25.46.

400: 1. Montel Hood (WM), 50.81; 2. Joe Gatton (WM), 53.46; 3. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 56.98.

800: 1. Orr (WJG), 2:08.2; 2. Devin Gibson (WM), 2:09.2; 3. Kenyatta Mason (WJG), 2:09.7.

1,600: 1. Orr (WJG), 4:42.2; 2. Malik Jordan (WM), 4:44.5; 3. D. Gibson (WM), 4:54.8.

3,200: 1. Jordan (WM), 10:49.0; 2. Tim Flores (WM), 10:50.7; 3. Uriel Figueroa (WM), 10:53.0.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Hunter, Gary Harmon, Martin, Johnson), 48.11; 2. Wayne, disqualified; **800 relay:** 1. Wayne (Quentin Brown, Hood, Gatton, Hill), 1:35.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:35.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Thompson, Mason, Altabay, Kommana, Orr), 3:43.0; 2. Wayne, 3:54.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Wayne (Jordan, Figueroa, Flores, D. Gibson), 8:55.1; 2. John Glenn, 9:18.9.

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

overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68 WAYNE MEMORIAL 67
April 16 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Madison Young (WM), 23 feet, 2 inches; 2. Jasmine Williams (WJG), 23-2; 3. Micah Macon (WM), 21-0.5.

Discus: 1. Young (WM), 76-3; 2. Williams (WJG), 63-11; 3. Camry Cain (WM), 62-9.5.

High jump: 1. Barb Messics (WJG), 4-8; 2. Deborah Bland (WM), 4-0.

Long jump: 1. Fayonnah Jackson (WM), 14-1; 2. Kirschelle King-Lewis (WM), 12-5; 3. Anavia Battle (WM), 12-4.

Pole vault: 1. Kayla Hall (WJG), 8-0; 2. Alexandra Arzooyan (WM), 6-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Christina Ballinger (WJG), 18.3; 2. Adaeze Ogbuaku (WJG), 19.24; 3. Jackson (WM), 19.37.

300 hurdles: 1. Breylin Mecks (WJG), 57.46; 2. Gabrielle Hall (WM), 58.25; 3. Ogbuaku (WJG), 58.86.

100 dash: 1. Battle (WM), 13.56; 2. Tierra King (WM), 14.16; 3. Destiny Humphrey (WJG), 14.66.

200: 1. Honia Williams (WM), 27.32; 2. Erica Robinson (WJG), 28.63; 3. Ashlee Alexander (WJG), 28.72.

400: 1. Asia Gardner (WJG), 1:03.22; 2. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:07.25; 3. G. Hall (WM), 1:08.5.

800: 1. Shiann Proffitt (WJG), 2:50.28; 2. Kelsie Wysong (WM), 2:53.11; 3. Mueller (WJG), 2:53.11.

1,600: 1. Proffitt (WJG), 6:27.22; 2. Mueller (WJG), 6:30.41; 3. Messics (WJG), 6:33.28.

3,200: 1. Messics (WJG), 15:03.02; 2. Proffitt (WJG), 15:03.3; 3. Nikita Bhangu (WM), 15:40.31.

400 relay: 1. Wayne (King, Dalja Bendolph, C'eira Shephard, Battle), 55.88; 2. John Glenn, 1:19.0; **800 relay:** 1. Wayne (Robbins, Battle Bendolph, Williams), 1:54.12; 2. John Glenn (1:54.71); **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Mecks, Alexander, Robinson, Gardner), 4:35.46; 2. Wayne, 4:47.3; **3,200 relay:** 1. Wayne (Ashley Hall, Robbins, Wysong, Kayla Hood), 12:09.24; 2. John Glenn, no time.

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

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Crusaders sweep, inch closer to WHAC crown

The Madonna University women's softball team was hitting on all cylinders Wednesday en route to a doubleheader sweep of visiting Indiana Tech, 5-0 and 11-3.

The Crusaders, back in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference race, improved to 28-7 overall and 14-2 in the WHAC.

Davenport (27-7, 12-2) trailed the Crusaders by a game in the WHAC standings. MU had a chance to win at least a share of the title if it could sweep Saturday's twinbill at home against Concordia.

Junior Bree Crampton (15-5) allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out 12 in seven innings to pace the Game 1 triumph.

The Crusaders gave her plenty of offensive support, led by Kasey Trierweiler, who tripled twice and knocked in a run, along with Emma Cook, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Also contributing to MU's 11-hit attack were Mykian Kish (2-for-4, two RBI) and Caitlyn Keuve-

laar (2-for-2, RBI).

In Game 2, freshman Erin Combs (12-2) got the win as she scattered nine hits and a walk as the Crusaders invoked the eight-run rule.

Senior first baseman Erin Mayes went 2-for-3 with three RBI, including her sixth homer of the season.

Others contributing for MU included Plymouth's Kayla Reba (three RBI), Cook (2-for-3, three runs), Livonia Churchill's Nicole Salloom (two RBI) and Katie Fenech (two RBI).

The losses dropped Indiana Tech to 6-19 and 4-10.

MADONNA 6-8, BLUFFTON (OHIO) 2-5: On Friday, Madonna University (30-7) posted a non-conference sweep against host Bluffton University (20-12).

The Crusaders rallied from a 2-1 deficit in the opener as Nicole Salloom (Livonia Churchill), who went 2-for-3, belted a three-run homer in the sixth inning followed by teammate Erin Mayes' two-run shot in the seventh (her seventh of the year) en route to a 6-2 win.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton (16-5) allowed six hits, struck out seven and walked only one.

Jess Kuzara collected both RBI for Bluffton.

In Game 2, freshman Erin Combs (13-2) got the victory, scattering nine hits and one walk as the Crusaders took advantage of six Bluffton errors.

Caitlyn Keuvelear knocked in two runs, while Emma Cook contributed two hits for Madonna.

All-area swim team features elite talent



Matt LaPorte Stevenson



Nick Arakelian Stevenson



Jackson O'Dowd Stevenson



Ethan Burke Churchill



Jake Wasko North Farm.



Nick Leshok North Farm.



Keith Erichsen North Farm.



Parker Belmore Stevenson



Grant McNamara Stevenson



Charles Liu Salem



Luke Crompton Thurston



Jake Goeddeke Stevenson



Justin Baker Churchill



Danny McNeece North Farm.



Matt Pairitz Salem



Phillip Collingwood Salem



Brendan Wellman Salem



Tom O'Donohue Stevenson



Bradley Bielicki Stevenson



Michael Chen Stevenson



Alex Lee Stevenson



Brody Clarke North Farm.



Matt Morgott North Farm.



Rob Chapekis North Farm.

FIRST TEAM

Matt LaPorte, 200 free, Stevenson: The junior excelled in a number of events, taking KLAAs Kensington Conference runner-up honors in the 200 freestyle (1:46.99) and finishing 12th in the Division 1 state finals in the 500 freestyle (4:41.75). LaPorte was also conference champ in the 500 freestyle (4:44.6).

"Matt had a breakthrough season this year by scoring at the Division 1 state meet," coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "Throughout the season, he was our main distance swimmer and could be counted on winning these events consistently. His times kept on dropping and dropping as he trained harder and harder. Outside of the pool he will be one of the first ones to make you laugh, but while training, he is all business. Next year he is one of our captains and is expected to do great things for the team."

Nick Arakelian, 200 IM, Stevenson: The senior, headed to Queens (N.C.) University, will go down as the most accomplished male swimmer in school history after setting an all-class record in the 200 individual medley (1:47.47) and breaking his own Division 1 state record in the 500 freestyle (4:24.84).

Arakelian was also a member of the state runner-up 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams. He was also conference champion in the 200 IM (meet record 1:49.3) and 100 freestyle (46.48), along with helping the Spartans to first places in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

"He is the fastest high school swimmer to have ever swum this event in the history of Michigan swimming," Shoemaker said. "This, along with all his other accolades, gave him the title of Michigan Swimmer of the Year. Behind all his awards and notoriety is a young man with a genuine personality and someone who consistently put the team first. He truly thrived on having his teammates have success rather than himself. His swimming ability will obviously be missed, but his constant drive to push the team to succeed will be missed the most."

Jackson O'Dowd, 50 free, Stevenson: The sophomore placed fourth in Division 1 in the 50 freestyle (21.21), setting a school record, and added a sixth in the 100 freestyle (46.74). The two-time all-stater was also Kensington champ in the 200 freestyle (1:44.96) and added a third in the 100 freestyle.

"Last year, Jackson came in as a freshman and had an immediate impact on the success of our program," Shoemaker said. "This year, he broadened his role and started to swim alternate events. His ability to swim anything makes him very valuable to a team. At the end of this year, he proved he was a true sprinter. With his high school career only half over, he has accomplished what very few can achieve during their whole swimming career."

Ethan Burke, diving, Churchill: The sophomore scored three team points at the Division 1 finals, finishing 14th overall with a total of 338.90 points. Burke, undefeated for the second straight year in dual meets, was also Kensington Conference runner-up (381.50) and set a KLAAs South Division meet record (400.60).

"Ethan continues to impress with his talent and affinity for the sport," coach Aaron Rieder said. "He works hard all year long to hone his skills and it is certainly paying off. In addition to all these accomplishments on the board, Ethan is an amazing student as well. We are happy to say that he was one of the many recipients of our scholar-athlete award, which is earned only by the best and brightest of our athletes. He had an amazing season."

Jake Wasko, 100 fly, N. Farmington: Wasko capped a solid, four-year prep career by finishing sixth in the Division 2 state meet with a personal- and area-best time of 51.38 in the final, moving up two places from the prelim.

In the OAA Red Division, he was third in the fly and sixth in the 50 freestyle. In the Oakland County meet, Wasko placed ninth in the fly and 15th in the 50.

"Jake's butterfly swim at the state meet was pretty impressive," coach Mike Harfoot said, adding Wasko was upset after he placed 17th in the 50 free prelim and just missed qualifying for the final. "To be able to pick himself up and swim so well in the fly and become all-state in that event, I was real proud of him to be able to do that. Jake is a good competitor. We can use him wherever we need him. If there's a good racer next to him, you're going to get a good race from him."

Nick Leshok, 100 free, N. Farmington: Leshok had an outstanding four-year career, culminating in the Division 2 state championship in the 100 freestyle.

He swam a personal best of 45.91 in the prelim and won the state title with a 46.03. Leshok also was the state runner-up in the 50 free. He had his best time

as a prep swimmer in the prelim, when he went 20.89.

In the OAA Red Division, Leshok finished second in the 200 free and butterfly. He was the Oakland County runner-up in the 50 and 100 free.

Leshok, who was an all-state swimmer three years in a row, will continue his career with a scholarship to Michigan State.

"I can't say enough about Nick," Harfoot said. "I was real happy for him, to be able to finish his career with a state championship. They're very elusive. When you're chasing them and you get so close, it seems it's not going to happen. He had to earn it, too. He was up against real good competition. He's going to blossom at Michigan State. He's going to get bigger and stronger and it's going to be fun to watch him in the Big Ten. He has a great work ethic, which he's going to take with him."

Keith Erichsen, 500 free, N. Farmington: Erichsen had a personal best swim (4:45.23) in the Division 2 prelim, taking six seconds off his previous best. He finished sixth in the state final with a time of 4:46.61.

He also scored at state in the 200 IM, placing 13th with another personal best of 2:01.48. Erichsen was second in the OAA Red in the 500 and seventh in the 200 free. He also was 15th in the 500 at the Oakland County meet.

"Keith is a workhorse," Harfoot said. "He trains like no other. He's always asking for more to do. He's a real smart swimmer, too. We talked about what he wanted to do for the 500 and how he was going to do it. When it came time, he executed his game plan flawlessly. It's fun as a coach when it comes together in the water. That's the meet you want to do it at and he did a real nice job. He did a nice job all season of keeping that sharpness while refining everything and getting ready for that big meet."

Parker Belmore, 100 back, Stevenson: The senior placed sixth in the Division 1 100 backstroke (52.61) and just missed placing in the 100 butterfly (53.39) at the state finals.

At the Kensington Conference meet, Belmore took second (53.39) in the backstroke and added a third in the butterfly (54.18).

"Parker proved himself as a solid replacement for last year's loss of senior John Ferrara," Shoemaker said. "He stepped in and led our medley and 400 freestyle relays to All-American status along with new varsity records. His consistency during practice proved to be invaluable to the younger athletes. Parker has the ability to swim multiple events and, when asked to do so, he came through time after time. He was one of the four captains this year and his leadership and swimming ability will surely be missed."

Grant McNamara, 100 breast, Stevenson: The senior earned first team all-area honors for the second straight year with sixth in the 100 breaststroke (58.32) at the Division 1 finals.

McNamara was also conference champ in the breaststroke and runner-up to teammate Matt LaPorte in the 500 freestyle (4:54.11).

"His relentless pursuit of success in the breaststroke paid off at the end of the year resulting in all-state honors," Shoemaker said. "During the conference championship as well as during the state meet, our team relied on our breaststrokers to come through. Without a doubt, Grant stepped up and answered the call. He is a remarkable trainer and all his hard work paid off. As a captain and leader, this team will certainly miss Grant."

FIRST RELAYS

200 medley, Stevenson: The all-senior quartet of Belmore, Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki and Goeddeke earned Division 1 state runner-up honors with a school-record and all-America time of 1:34.54. They finished second to Birmingham Brother Rice (1:32.77).

The same foursome also won the Kensington Conference title in a meet record 1:36.2. Bielicki, meanwhile, was a state qualifier in both the 100 butterfly (24th, 54.3) and 200 IM (25th, 2:01.78).

"This relay had unbelievable success this year," Shoemaker said. "We had multiple combinations we could use throughout the season. Since relays are a combination of our top performers and we're limited to the number of entries our athletes can compete in at a big meet, we needed to choose carefully who we swim and where. This combination proved to be exceptional for us. It is also ranked as the sixth fastest relay ever to swim in Michigan. This relay will be very hard to replace in the upcoming years."

200 freestyle, N. Farmington: Matt Morgott, Wasko, Rob Chapekis and Leshok posted the area's best time of 1:25.38 when they finished second in the Division 2 state final. Seaholm was 0.7 of a second faster.

It was the highest finish in a state meet by a North boys relay and the time will most likely garner all-America recognition for the Raiders.

"We went into the season with a very lofty goal to finish in the top three in the state," Harfoot said, adding the Raiders are blessed with a lot of good sprint freestylers. "Seaholm was so dominant all season. They blew our doors off in the county and league meets. Our goal was to see how close we could get and to give Seaholm a scare. We were a little more than half a second behind in the final."

400 freestyle, Stevenson: The foursome of Arakelian, Belmore, Goeddeke and O'Dowd took Division 1 runner-up honors in 3:06.92 second only to Brother Rice's all-class record of 3:02.06.

The foursome also set a Kensington Conference meet record in 3:08.94. "These four boys were able to swim this relay faster than any group of four in Stevenson's history," Shoemaker said. "Their was an all-American automatic qualification time and they are currently ranked 19th fastest in the country. We had a number of talented young men that could have swum this relay, but this combination has the fastest four on our team. Unfortunately, only one of these boys is returning and replacing the other three is going to be a task. They truly all came together and had a remarkable swim and season."

SECOND TEAM

Charles Liu, 200 free, Salem: The sophomore showed he can be as close to perfection in the pool as he is in the classroom, where he has fashioned a 4.0 grade-point average.

Liu qualified for the D-1 meet in the 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay and 200 freestyle — helping the 200 free and 400 free relay teams each place 15th.

Other accolades including being Salem's most improved sophomore and Kensington Lakes all-conference selection in the 500 free and 400 free relay.

"Charles was 'Mister-Any-Event-You-Need,'" coach Chuck Olson said. "He was a quality swimmer and helped Salem's swim team be successful. He was the most talented Salem swimmer/student."

Personal bests included 1:47.45 in the 200 free, 4:58.59 in the 500 free and 1:04.45 in the 100 breaststroke.

Luke Crompton, 200 IM, Thurston: The senior is one of the school's all-time greatest swimmers after earning Division 3 all-state accolades in both the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. All told, Crompton eclipsed the state-qualifying times in nine events in addition to breaking a pair of Thurston records (200 IM and 100 breaststroke). An honor-roll student as well, Crompton would like to follow his older brother Dylan into collegiate swimming.

"All of Luke's many accomplishments are the results of hard work," Thurston coach Tom Giummo said. "He's the first one at practice and the last to leave. He is really dedicated to getting the best times he can and it shows by the effort he puts into it. Luke is an outstanding role model for his younger teammates."

Jake Goeddeke, 50 free, Stevenson: The senior earned all-state honors by placing seventh in the 50 freestyle (21.68) and 100 backstroke (53.02) at the Division 1 finals. Goeddeke was also conference champion in the 50 freestyle (21.61) and added a third in the backstroke (53.72).

"Jake was able to consistently win the 50 freestyle whenever it was needed," Shoemaker said. "His win in our conference meet could be marked as the turning point to our narrow victory over the well-coached Northville squad. Jake graduates from Stevenson holding two varsity records, countless all-state honors and a four-time all-American winner. His leadership and personality will be truly missed by this program. Jake, along with the other seniors, will almost certainly be impossible to replace."

Justin Baker, diving, Churchill: In his first season on the diving board, the senior was the KLAAs South Division runner-up (313.90).

Baker is an accomplished gymnast who made the Ohio State University cheer squad.

"Justin is a talented young man and a phenomenal athlete," Rieder said. "Within three months, he put together a highly competitive list of dives. This is only one of many sports that he competes and is competitive in. In addition, Justin's extracurricular involvement at Churchill is extensive. There are few functions within our school that Justin is not personally involved in. He works hard as an individual and as the member of our community. He is a dedicated leader and model of what it means to be a member of a team."

Danny McNeece, 100 fly, N. Farmington: McNeece is another senior who was a key contributor for four years. He finished 12th in the butterfly at the Division 2 state meet. He swam a personal best of 52.23 in the state prelim and is second only to teammates Wasko and Leshok on the list of area best times. McNeece, who went 52.57 in the state final, also was

11th in the fly at the county meet. "Danny did a real nice job this year and worked hard toward the state meet," Harfoot said. "He's another kid who had the state meet as a goal the entire season. It's tough to keep your focus on the end result, but he had his best swim of the season at the state meet. It was a good finish to his career. I've been coaching McNeece for a long time and it's sad to think he's the last of the McNeece brothers. He finished up with a good senior year."

Matt Pairitz, 100 free, Salem: The senior captain capped off another outstanding season, winning the team's Most Valuable Award and Mike Kilgore Outstanding Athletic and Academic Award. Pairitz carries a 3.80 grade-point average.

He was a Division 1 qualifier in the 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay and 50 and 100 freestyle events. At the state meet, he placed 15th in the 200 and 400 free relays along with Charles Liu and Phillip Collingwood. In addition, Pairitz came in 16th in the 50 free and 17th in the 100 free.

Pairitz enjoyed his personal best of 48.41 in the 100 free and also was among area leaders in earned top-10 honors in the 50 free.

His efforts also earned him selection to the all-conference team in the 50 free, 100 free and 400 relay.

"Matt has exemplified, as a four-year swimmer, what can be accomplished athletically and academically," Olson said. "He is also an outstanding human being and an Eagle Scout."

Phillip Collingwood, 500 free, Salem: Only a freshman, Collingwood made his presence known as a talented swimmer, hard worker and standout student (3.83 grade-point average). His personal best time of 4:57.29 in the 500 freestyle was among the best in the area.

Collingwood qualified for the state meet in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, coming in 15th in each event.

"Phillip has been a great addition to the Salem boys swim team with his competitiveness in practice and at the state level," Olson said, adding that the youngster still has incredible potential with three more varsity seasons to come.

Brendan Wellman, 100 back, Salem: After making a big splash as a junior, Wellman will look to take over the team leadership reins from Pairitz in 2014-15, when he will be captain.

Named the team's most improved junior, he was a D-1 state qualifier in the 200 medley relay and 100 backstroke. At the state meet, he finished 23rd in the former and 25th in the latter.

Wellman was named to the all-conference team in the 200 medley relay and 100 backstroke.

His personal best for the season in the 100 back was 55.76.

"Brendan had an outstanding junior year athletically and academically and has earned the respect of his teammates and coaching staff," Olson said. **Tom O'Donohue, 100 breast, Stevenson:** The senior took all-state honors with an eighth in the breaststroke (58.58) at the Division 1 finals and was runner-up in the same event at the Kensington Conference finals (1:00.72). O'Donohue also took seventh in the 200 IM (2:04.76) at the conference meet.

"Tom could be earmarked as one of the hardest trainers on our squad," Shoemaker said. "His quiet leadership was an example to all that had the privilege to swim with him. Similar to Grant (McNamara), he was asked multiple times to step up in the later races to pull out a victory for us. What seemed to be impossible odds Tom always had the answer. This year, Tom accomplished his overall goal of all-state honors. His effort and success in our last two meets directly attributed to the success this program had. He will certainly be missed."

SECOND RELAYS

200 medley, N. Farmington: The all-senior team of Brody Clarke, Nick Leshok, Danny McNeece and Jake Wasko swam the area's second-best time of 1:40.29, which is one of the all-time best at North Farmington. "That was a real consistent relay all season," Harfoot said. "I knew we were going to be in that low 1:40 range. We had a couple interchangeable parts to it. Whoever we put in there, it was always a good relay team for us."

200 freestyle, Stevenson: The foursome of Arakelian, Michael Chen, Alex Lee and O'Dowd qualified for the Division 1 state meet with a time of 1:27.28 after capturing the Kensington Conference title.

Lee, a junior, was an individual state qualifier in both the 100 freestyle (27th, 49.6) and 200 freestyle (31st, 1:49.13). He was also fifth in the Kensington Conference 200 freestyle. Chen, meanwhile, is a senior who placed sixth in the conference in the 50 freestyle (22.62). "This team has members on it that can sprint, but we were not always able to

place everyone on it at one time," Shoemaker said. "When we were finally able to place all four of these boys on this relay, it proved to be fast enough to win conference. With the graduation of Nick and Michael, we will have a hard time replacing them in hopes of having the same success."

400 freestyle, N. Farmington: Chapekis, Wasko, Erichsen and Leshok were fifth in the Division 2 state meet with the area's second-best time of 3:10.89.

After the team went 3:12.42 in the prelim, Brody Clarke volunteered to give up his place on the relay in favor of Erichsen when he took ill.

"That was another strong relay for us," Harfoot said, adding the Raiders broke the school record by two seconds. "It was a great swim by all four of them. They had their personal best swims at the state meet. Brody had been on the relay all season. I felt bad for Brody and happy for Keith, so that relay is five members strong even though there are only four spots."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Shoemaker, Stevenson: The 13th-year coach guided the Spartans to their best finish in school history with a runner-up finish in the Division 1 finals.

The Spartans also edged Northville, 888.5-881, for an upset victory in the Kensington Conference meet after the Mustangs had captured the KLAAs Central Division meet.

At the state finals, Shoemaker's squad posted 11 different all-state performances (top eight) and six new school records after finishing third in 2013.

"I could not have been prouder or happier with the conclusion of this season," Shoemaker said. "The time commitment and training attitude of each kid was justified by our success. We had our ups and downs but, in the end, the boys overcame each obstacle and earned all the accolades they received."

The 44-year-old Shoemaker, who has taught math the past 18 years at Stevenson, was a former all-state swimmer at Grandville H.S., a 15-time Mid-American Conference champion (1988-92) and All-America in the 100 breaststroke at Eastern Michigan University. He was also an U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier his senior year at EMU.

Shoemaker served three years as a boys assistant coach at Stevenson under Doug Buckler (now his assistant) and eight seasons as a girls assistant coach for the Spartans under Greg Phil.

"Through hard work and dedication our program consistently produces young men that have a sense of loyalty and determination," Shoemaker said. "Thank you goes out to the Stevenson staff and the Livonia community for giving me the honor to work with such a great bunch of kids. These boys and the boys in the past have given me some of the best memories a coach and educator could ask for."

"Also, a special thanks goes out to Joe Bublitz for keeping many of the boys in shape during the off-season. Another thank you goes out to Rich Bennetts and his well-coached Northville crew for consistently pushing our team."

2014 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM TEAM

200-yard freestyle: 1. Matt LaPorte, jr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Charles Liu, soph., Salem.

200 individual medley: 1. Nick Arakelian, sr., Stevenson; 2. Luke Crompton, sr., Redford Thurston.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd, soph., Stevenson; 2. Jake Goeddeke, sr., Stevenson.

Diving: 1. Ethan Burke, soph., Livonia Churchill; 2. Justin Baker, sr., Churchill.

100 butterfly: 1. Jake Wasko, sr., North Farmington; 2. Danny McNeece, sr., North Farmington.

100 freestyle: 1. Nick Leshok, sr., North Farmington; 2. Matt Pairitz, sr., Salem.

500 freestyle: 1. Keith Erichsen, jr., North Farmington; 2. Phillip Collingwood, fr., Salem.

100 backstroke: 1. Parker Belmore, sr., Stevenson; 2. Brendan Wellman, jr., Salem.

100 breaststroke: 1. Grant McNamara, sr., Stevenson; 2. Tom O'Donohue, sr., Stevenson.

RELAY TEAMS

200-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (sr. Parker Belmore, sr. Nick Arakelian, sr. Brad Bielicki, sr. Jake Goeddeke), 2. North Farmington (sr. Brody Clarke, sr. Nick Leshok, sr. Danny McNeece, sr. Jake Wasko).

200 freestyle: 1. North Farmington (jr. Matt Morgott, sr. Jake Wasko, sr. Rob Chapekis, sr. Nick Leshok), 2. Stevenson (sr. Nick Arakelian, sr. Michael Chen, jr. Alex Lee, soph. Jackson O'Dowd).

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (sr. Nick Arakelian, sr. Parker Belmore, sr. Jake Goeddeke, soph. Jackson O'Dowd), 2. North Farmington (sr. Rob Chapekis, sr. Jake Wasko, jr. Keith Erichsen, sr. Nick Leshok).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Shoemaker, Livonia Stevenson

STATE QUALIFIERS

Stevenson: Nick Arakelian, Parker Belmore, Brad Bielicki, Michael Chen; Jake Goeddeke, Matt LaPorte, Alex Lee, Grant McNamara, Tom O'Donohue, Jackson O'Dowd. **Churchill:** Ethan Burke. **North Farmington:** Rob Chapekis, Brody Clarke, Keith Erichsen, Nick Leshok, Danny McNeece, Matt Morgott, Jake Wasko. **Salem:** Matt Pairitz, Patrick Casey, Jason Basanese, Brendan Wellman, Charles Liu, Phillip Collingwood. **PLYMOUTH:** Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Henley, Michael Wischer. **Thurston:** Nick Dowden, Luke Crompton, Tajmahal Robinson, Tyler Bellis.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Woods spurs DU

Junior Angelica Woods (Livonia Franklin) helped Davenport University to its third consecutive Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's tennis title Wednesday with a 6-3 win over Aquinas College in the finals at East Paris Courts in Grand Rapids.



Woods

Woods captured her No. 6 singles match against Jenelle Miller of Aquinas, 6-0, 6-0 and improved to 20-9 overall Thursday with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Erin Hosack in a 9-0 season-ending dual match triumph at Spring Arbor. Woods is also 5-2 overall in doubles play this season for the Panthers, who have won 16 straight.

Davenport, 19-4 overall, enters the NIAA Unaffiliated Group tournament, April 25-26 in Grand Rapids, ranked No. 17 nationally. The winner advances to the NIAA Nationals, May 13-17 in Mobile, Ala.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Two open houses, which feature free golf games for the whole family, will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 18, at Hickory Creek.

Among the first sessions for adults include: Get Golf Ready - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7; Senior Casual Golfer - 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6; Senior New Golfer - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6; Ladies clinics, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Among the first sessions for youths include: Junior (ages 8-17) - 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8; Little Linksters (ages 5-8) - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including: Golf Enhancement sessions - 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject

to change by season); and Golf Conditioning - 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Facebook page at TrainwithTamiGolf.com.

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

Women's golfers

The Livonia Whispering Willows Golf League will be expanded to 18 holes for \$28 per week (includes greens fees and cart) beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1.

Non-residents are encouraged to join the 20-week league.

For more information, call Beth at 248-473-9068 or email tbw4boys@aol.com.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Motor City Hoops

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic will have divisions for all ages and skill levels with both men's and women's teams invited to compete.

Registration is under way with the deadline for team registration Friday, May 23.

Early bird registration ended last Tuesday.

To register or for more information, visit motorcityhoops.classic.com.

Ladywood keeps lacrosse streak going

Seniors Jessica Snyder and Megan Leon each tallied nine points Wednesday as host Livonia Ladywood earned its seventh straight girls lacrosse victory with a 21-5 triumph over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

The Blazers, now 7-1 overall and 5-0 in Division II of the Catholic League, led 14-4 at half-time and never looked back. Snyder finished with six goals and three assists, while Leon added five goals and four assists.

Senior Rachel Donabedian also added five goals, while senior Theresa Micallef chipped in with three goals and two assists. Ladywood's other goal scorers were senior Hannah Daniels and sophomore Jacklyn Mullen (her first of the season). Senior goalie Sabine Hutter made seven saves.

Now on spring break, the Blazers return to action at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at home on Senior Day against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep with a chance to claim the Catholic League Division II title outright.

Future Chippewa



Livonia Franklin's Jordan Atienza (front row, center), the MHSAA Division I state champion this year at 160 pounds who finished with a 64-1 record, recently signed an NCAA letter of intent with Central Michigan University. Atienza is flanked by his parents Armand (left) and Susan (right), along with brother Nathan (top), a freshman. Atienza was state runner-up at 152 as a junior and sported a school-best 223-19 career record. "Jordan has smashed every record we had at Franklin, continually improving each year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "His coaches and teammates are proud of what he has accomplished and appreciate everything he's done to help the program. We know that his college career will be very successful and we wish him the best." DAVE CHIOLA

HANDBALL

Continued from Page B1

"I always say a game - and how I define it to the ref - I said, 'You play the game so that the ref doesn't influence the game,'" Dean said. "And I just thought at that point and time, if it's not a clear handball, it has to be a no-call. And as a ref, if you would have made the same (no) call 30 minutes ago in the center of the field, why make the call with one second left and put time on the clock? That's all I told them."

Climie, a junior, stepped up to take the PK and placed the ball perfectly on the floor away from the outstretched hands of Wayne goalkeeper Nikki Tolentino.

"One of the things that we have practiced this season - because of what happened in districts last year - was our PKs," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "And it worked out. We were trying to figure out who was going to take our PKs and at practice she (Climie) showed she was there and she wants to take the PK. Very solid when it comes to that."

Glenn took a 1-0 lead with 27:31 left in the first half on Kaitlin McGrath's goal from Raven Buck on a shot from 10 yards out.

Senior midfielder C.C. Said then scored two consecutive goals, the first coming with 36:45 left in the second half off an assist from Buck, followed by a 30-yard unassisted blast just 3:17 later after Wayne was unable to clear the ball out of its own end.

But the tables turned quickly following Said's second tally as the Zebras exploded for three unanswered goals.

Amiee Hutton got the comeback started on a goal with 31:55 left, followed by Victoria McKague's tally with 27:47 remaining.

Hutton then tied it with her second of the game, pouncing on a rebound after spinning cue ball shot by teammate Gillian Abicht, which handcuffed Glenn keeper Arianna Weaver with 24:55 remaining.

Abicht set up all three Wayne goals. "I told the girls I would have left today after the first 50 minutes and been thoroughly disappointed in what they had done," Dean said. "And I told them, 'You found and for 30-some minutes it looked like you were having fun.' When you play an inter-city rival,

you either come out with emotion or come out as flat as you can be. We came out flat. "But they fought back. I thought the effort the last 30 minutes definitely changed the momentum."

Cabildo, meanwhile, thought his team, which had controlled play for most of the first half and well into the second, unraveled a bit.

"When you're up 3-0, whether it's hockey or soccer, a three-goal lead is not a good lead," he said. "The momentum changes. But for the way it did end, it's exciting for our girls, especially our senior girls. It's one of those things. We'll play them one more time, but give credit to Wayne for coming back like they did 3-0."

"Our team is still learning. We're learning a lot. We can possess the ball, but once things get a little bit shaky, we lose that a little bit. It's a panic type of thing. But I'm amazed how quick they are learning this season. A couple of great runs. Sometimes they do things correctly and, even though they don't succeed, it's good they do that."

Meanwhile, there was no strategy adjustments on Wayne's side that led to the comeback.

"I said, 'When you go down (3-0) you feel like you have to do it yourself,'" Dean said. "And we did for about a good 45 minutes. And once they decided to start going together as a team, Gillian Abicht, my center midfielder, played three or four good balls to forwards and the job is to put the ball on the net. But when you get the opportunities, you've got to do it."

And the Zebras did cash in on their chances to pull even, only to lose on the last-second decision.

"I'm not disagreeing that he thinks it's a handball, but there's 10 handballs in the middle of a game that are no-calls, so what are we deciding at that point?" Dean said of the foul in the box. "But I told my players, I'm not going to argue with him about whether it was a handball or not. If he decided it was a handball, it was a handball. When you play a game when it isn't a clean game, then call it 20 other times and not with one second left in the game."

Amiee Hutton got the comeback started on a goal with 31:55 left, followed by Victoria McKague's tally with 27:47 remaining.

Hutton then tied it with her second of the game, pouncing on a rebound after spinning cue ball shot by teammate Gillian Abicht, which handcuffed Glenn keeper Arianna Weaver with 24:55 remaining.

Abicht set up all three Wayne goals. "I told the girls I would have left today after the first 50 minutes and been thoroughly disappointed in what they had done," Dean said. "And I told them, 'You found and for 30-some minutes it looked like you were having fun.' When you play an inter-city rival,

you either come out with emotion or come out as flat as you can be. We came out flat. "But they fought back. I thought the effort the last 30 minutes definitely changed the momentum."

Cabildo, meanwhile, thought his team, which had controlled play for most of the first half and well into the second, unraveled a bit.

"When you're up 3-0, whether it's hockey or soccer, a three-goal lead is not a good lead," he said. "The momentum changes. But for the way it did end, it's exciting for our girls, especially our senior girls. It's one of those things. We'll play them one more time, but give credit to Wayne for coming back like they did 3-0."

"Our team is still learning. We're learning a lot. We can possess the ball, but once things get a little bit shaky, we lose that a little bit. It's a panic type of thing. But I'm amazed how quick they are learning this season. A couple of great runs. Sometimes they do things correctly and, even though they don't succeed, it's good they do that."

Meanwhile, there was no strategy adjustments on Wayne's side that led to the comeback.

"I said, 'When you go down (3-0) you feel like you have to do it yourself,'" Dean said. "And we did for about a good 45 minutes. And once they decided to start going together as a team, Gillian Abicht, my center midfielder, played three or four good balls to forwards and the job is to put the ball on the net. But when you get the opportunities, you've got to do it."

And the Zebras did cash in on their chances to pull even, only to lose on the last-second decision.

"I'm not disagreeing that he thinks it's a handball, but there's 10 handballs in the middle of a game that are no-calls, so what are we deciding at that point?" Dean said of the foul in the box. "But I told my players, I'm not going to argue with him about whether it was a handball or not. If he decided it was a handball, it was a handball. When you play a game when it isn't a clean game, then call it 20 other times and not with one second left in the game."

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 164
WAYNE MEMORIAL 248
April 17 at Gateway G.C.
Franklin scorers: Matt Wiebauer, 38 (medalist); Tyler Gerhard, 40; Alex Regish, 42; Josh Dudek, 44.

Wayne scorers: Kyle Weaver, 46; Michael Smith, 58; Daniel Kosick and Zachery Boland, 72 each.
Dual match records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday, April 22
Lincoln Park at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23
Wayne at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 24
Edsel Ford at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 21
Clarkston at Ladywood (2), 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22
Huron Valley at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23
Cranbrook at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24
Inter-City at Huron Valley (2), 4 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Chelsea Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 22
Cranbrook at Clareville, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23
Clareville at S.L. East, 5 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 22
C'ville at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
N. Farm. Raider Relays, 3:30 p.m.
S.H. Stevenson Titan Relays, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Brighton Bulldog Invite, 9 a.m.
Lakeland Coaches Inv., 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, April 22
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Saturday, April 26
Rush Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Wednesday, April 23
Madonna at Siena Heights, 2 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Rochester at Madonna, 4 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NOVI 7
LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
April 16 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Erin Day, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 2:** Youna Lee (N) def. Amyn Dochowetz, 6-0, 6-4. **No. 3:** Jessica Lytko (N) def. Jill Weiland, 6-4, 6-1. **No. 4:** Daniell Marzec (LS) def. Allison Lollo, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Asawari Kanitkar-Amy Zhou (N) def. Maddie Chimento-Sam Cyrus, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 2:** Rachel Bailey-Dina Fawaz (N) def. Sarah Morse-Lauren Larson, 6-2, 6-1. **No. 3:** Dhivya Sridar-Harika Bollineni (N) def. Caitlyn McCamant-Clairessa Smith, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 4:** Sam Martin-Teja Mogsala (N) def. Alyssa Ayyash-Natalie Hay, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1. **No. 5:** Shakila Khan-Carolyn Zhang (N) def. Molly Cormier-Allison Malkowski, 6-0, 6-2.
Dual match records: Novi, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS Central Division; Stevenson, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAS Central.

BOYS SWIM BEST TIMES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY Livonia Stevenson 1:34.21 North Farmington 1:40.29 Salem 1:41.20 Plymouth 1:42.46 Redford Thurston 1:46.90	ONE-METER DIVING Ethan Burke (Churchill) 400.60 Justin Baker (Churchill) 313.90 David Cunningham (John Glenn) 306.60 Brian Atiyeh (Stevenson) 304.10 Chas Eisenhardt (Stevenson) 271.05 Tom Mittelbrun (N. Farmington) 235.95 Eli Weil (N. Farmington) 235.45 Nate Louissa (N. Farmington) 230.75 Justin Wozniak (John Glenn) 227.60 Michael Falzon (Salem) 221.00	Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 4:58.27 Charles Liu (Salem) 4:58.59 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 5:00.96 Eric Ferrara (Stevenson) 5:05.70 Garrett Beauprez (Plymouth) 5:06.10
200 FREESTYLE Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 1:41.15 Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 1:43.77 Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 1:44.96 Matt LaPorte (Stevenson) 1:46.99 Charles Liu (Salem) 1:47.45 Alex Lee (Stevenson) 1:48.58 Keith Erichsen (N. Farmington) 1:49.00 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 1:50.23 Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson) 1:50.42 Gerard Niemann (Canton) 1:51.08	100 BUTTERFLY Jake Wasko (N. Farmington) 51.38 Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 52.05 Danny McNece (N. Farmington) 52.23 Parker Belmore (Stevenson) 53.39 Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 53.82 Brad Bielicik (Stevenson) 54.30 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 54.56 Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson) 55.12 Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 56.10 Gerard Niemann (Canton) 56.80	200 FREESTYLE RELAY North Farmington 1:25.38 Livonia Stevenson 1:27.28 Salem 1:29.32 Plymouth 1:32.88 Wayne Memorial 1:33.81
50 FREESTYLE Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 20.89 Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 21.17 Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson) 21.45 Matt Paritz (Salem) 21.95 Matt Morgott (N. Farmington) 21.97 Jake Wasko (N. Farmington) 22.15 Jason Basanese (Salem) 22.68 Michael Chen (Stevenson) 22.71 Cody Hodges (John Glenn) 22.74 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 23.09	100 FREESTYLE Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 45.63 Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 45.91 Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 46.43 Matt Paritz (Salem) 48.41 Rob Chapekis (N. Farmington) 48.53 Alex Lee (Stevenson) 49.10 Parker Belmore (Stevenson) 49.11 Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson) 49.17 Jake Wasko (N. Farmington) 49.60 Brody Clarke (N. Farmington) 49.91	100 BACKSTROKE Parker Belmore (Stevenson) 52.61 Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 53.02 Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 53.33 Brendan Wellman (Salem) 55.76 Patrick Casey (Thurston) 56.00 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 56.69 Ben Yang (Plymouth) 57.37 Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 57.82 Matt Della Mora (Stevenson) 58.74 Danny McNece (N. Farmington) 58.96
	500 FREESTYLE Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 4:24.84 Matt LaPorte (Stevenson) 4:41.75 Keith Erichsen (N. Farmington) 4:45.23 Grant McNamara (Stevenson) 4:54.11 Phillip Collingwood (Salem) 4:57.29	100 BREASTSTROKE Grant McNamara (Stevenson) 58.13 Tom O'Donohue (Stevenson) 58.58 Nick Arakelian (Stevenson) 58.88 Nick Leshok (N. Farmington) 59.40 Luke Crompton (Thurston) 1:01.20 Tim O'Donohue (Stevenson) 1:03.48 Charles Liu (Salem) 1:04.45 Alex Bourdreau (Canton) 1:04.90 Rob Chapekis (N. Farmington) 1:06.17 Bronson Knowles (Plymouth) 1:06.56
	400 FREESTYLE RELAY Livonia Stevenson 3:06.76 North Farmington 3:10.89 Salem 3:17.23 Plymouth 3:26.06 Wayne Memorial 3:30.48	

Legal Notice
Garden City Public Schools

Attention: Food Service Management Companies

The Garden City Public Schools is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as State of Michigan Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff St, Garden City MI 48135-1126

The Garden City Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 29, 2014 at 1:30 pm at 1333 Radcliff St, Garden City MI 48135-1126.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 1:00 pm on May 15, 2014. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Garden City Public Schools and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Livonia Public Schools (LPS) will receive sealed proposals for:
Security Services

Until 1:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday April 29, 2014, will be received by Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at the Administration Building at which time, and place, all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained by contacting LaMerra Hobbs at lamerra.hobbs@plantemor.com or Christa Jarnot at christa.jarnot@plantemor.com beginning Tuesday April 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

All interested firms are required to attend a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday April 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the LPS Administration Building located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154

All proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Plante Moran Cresa and comply with the requirements of the RFP and include a 5% bid bond, 100% Performance, and 100% Labor and Material (Payment) Bonds. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. Proposals received without a sworn and notarized statement of disclosure will not be considered or accepted. This is a Prevailing Wage Rate Project.

Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. LPS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid which best serves the District's interest.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools

500 MILES, 40 DAYS

Farmington Hills senior plans to follow apostle's route through Spain

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sidney Bonvallet will scratch off a major event from her "bucket list" next month.

To achieve her goal, the 73-year-old Farmington Hills woman will hike 500 miles, walking 15 miles daily for nearly 40 days, on terrain that includes the rugged French and Spanish Pyrenees mountain ranges, forest paths and paved city streets in northern Spain. The route, called El Camino de Santiago, follows the way St. James the apostle took on his journey through Spain to convert its populace to Christianity. Bonvallet and her trip companion, Izabela Jaworska, 49, of Ypsilanti, will start their pilgrimage May 14 with a flight to Paris, France, continuing on by train to St. Jean Pied-de-Port where they'll obtain "passports" for the trail. Along their westward walk they'll stay in hostels overnight and get trail passports stamped. The trip ends in Santiago de Compostela, where they'll receive certificates acknowledging their achievement.

"They ask your reason for doing it. I know right now why I'm doing it, but I think things emerge along the way. There's probably a deeper thing going on with all of us. Everyone, whether they know it or not, has a deep reason for walking El Camino. My reason is to surrender to God's will totally without shrinking back," Bonvallet said, adding that her pilgrimage also honors her charity work in Africa. "It dedicates myself to it."

Charity work

Bonvallet, her husband, Wayne, and daughter C.J.



Wayne Bonvallet will be with his wife, Sidney, in spirit when she re-traces the route of St. James the apostle in Spain. They hope her pilgrimage will raise money for their charity work in Africa. The photo on their living room wall shows children they've met overseas.

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

» Sidney Bonvallet's backpack will include a quartz rock that she'll leave at a shrine along the way; a headlamp in case the pair are on the trail at dusk, and a journal with pens, one which is wrapped in duct tape for emergencies.

» Bonvallet read several books about El Camino in preparation for the trip and discovered that hikers' main complaints were the snoring heard in hostels and blisters.

» The pair will walk approximately 34 days, traveling the other six days to and from the trail. They'll hike 15 miles daily. "My brother calculated it out and at my stride I'll take 1,665,000 steps," she said.

» Stray dogs are the most "dangerous" animals Bonvallet is likely to encounter on the trip. "You don't hear much about pilgrims being molested by people," she said.

» Considering your own journey? Bonvallet encourages you to take it. "A lot of people think their purpose is supposed to be hard. It's what you're good at. Follow your star. We need to die to certain fears, die to certain behaviors that obstruct our lives, die to self-destructive things and we need to come alive to hope, passion and the star that is going to guide us from this place to the next."



Sidney Bonvallet, (left) and Izabela Jaworska pack their gear for a 500-mile walk across Spain. They plan to keep the weight of their packs to 10 percent of their body weight.

See APOSTLE, Page B6



Healthy Summer Kick-Off



SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM
A Member of Trinity Health

Join Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Canton Leisure Services, IHA, 88.1 The Park and the Canton Observer for a **FREE** fun-filled day packed with healthy activities, screenings and demonstrations.

Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Canton
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | 1600 S. Canton Center Road

- **FREE Bike Helmets and Fittings**
Noon | Supply limited to first 200 kids
- **Health Screenings**
Skin Cancer | Blood Pressure | BMI
- **Yoga with Whitney O'Keefe, Summit on the Park**
30-minute Sessions | "Slow Burn" & "Healthy Backs"
- **Meet St. Joe's Health Reporter, Lila Lazarus**
- **Discover the Health Exploration Station**
- **Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Teddy Bear Clinic**
- **Kids Mini Fitness Checks with IHA Pediatricians and Family Medicine Physicians**
- **5K Run/Walk register at: stjoeshealth.org/SJMHS5K**

Enter for a chance to win an iPad mini, Detroit Tigers Tickets, 3-month passes to the Summit and more!

For more information, call 734-712-7207








stjoeshealth.org

IF YOU HAVE **RELAPSING MS**,
YOU'RE INVITED.

ONE DAY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The **One Day for Every Day** event for people with relapsing MS and their care partners.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

Get information from MS experts, learn about an oral treatment option, and connect with the community. **Breakfast and lunch will be served.** Free parking is available. We hope you'll join us.

-  **MS EXPERT PANEL:** A neurologist, people living with MS, and others will discuss MS and a treatment option, and answer questions — so bring yours.
-  **WORKSHOPS:** Join 1 of 3 different sessions led by experts:
Effectively Communicate Your MS Story
Make Technology Work for You
MS and Your Relationships
-  **MS HEALTH FAIR:** Organizations, companies, and support groups devoted to people living with MS will be on hand to talk, share, and help.

ADOBA HOTEL
600 Town Center Drive
Dearborn, MI 48126
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Registration and MS Health Fair open at 10:00 AM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, GO TO
1day4everyday.com OR CALL 1-866-703-6293 TODAY.

LO-000189802 US.TEF.13.10.175

OUR MENTAL HEALTH

Considering talk therapy? Here's how it helps

I think everyone has been distressed about something and thought, "If only I could talk to someone." In this scenario, you happen across a friend who perceives your distress and says, "Is something troubling you?" Just by being asked, you feel a bit of relief. Then you talk. Maybe, you, "Spill your guts." The friend mostly listens, but occasionally might say, "Tell me some more." You accept the invitation and talk on. You feel even better. But, much more has occurred.

How does talking help? I think it helps, in part, through the following process: Person A is distressed. He/she shares it with Person B who listens, tolerates, and invites you to say more. Temporarily, Person A is borrowing from Person B's ability to



Len McCulloch

listen and not be overwhelmed by what he/she hears. Person A leaves Person B and takes this "borrowed capacity" with themselves and feels better.

I met a psychotherapist and author who worked with Mother Teresa and wrote a book with Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, two individuals who are considered experts in listening. In their book, *On Grief and Grieving*, they described how talking helps: "There is something about taking the inner thoughts of your mind and speaking them out loud to another person that helps put things in order, and gives

structure to shapeless, unspoken thoughts. Telling your story can help and build structure. Telling your story may also offer the opportunity for important feedback from the listener."

Talk therapy

Sigmund Freud coined the term "talk therapy." In the field of mental health today, there are many varieties of "talk therapy." This can be confusing.

However, these various forms of "treatment" have some things in common. They use talking and listening in order to help a person in distress. They utilize a person-person relationship. They share the belief that "Two heads are better than one" when it comes to solving problems. What they may not share is the emphasis placed on the use of the

unconscious mind in determining how one experiences themselves and their world.

I think that a helpful description of "psychotherapy" can aid people who are considering "talk therapy." From my experience, I think that psychotherapy is a professional, working relationship between two people. One is distressed and the other has insight through training, education, personal therapy, as well as experience to know more about how the mind works. The patient is motivated to seek out the psychotherapist because of emotional distress. The goal of the talking and listening together is to help the distressed person learn about themselves, including the underlying and unconscious conflicts. It will eventually become the

task of the patient, or learner, to utilize what is gained in psychotherapy outside of the therapeutic room and without the psychotherapeutic relationship. Hopefully, increased knowledge and understanding about how one's mind works leads to lessening of distress and growth toward psychological independence. This is not an easy task and requires hard work.

Therapy varieties

In seeking mental health psychotherapy it can be helpful to be more informed about the varieties of therapies that are available. If you are considering getting help, you may want to ask if the therapy will resemble the description above, i.e. increasing self-knowledge, utilizing this to solve one's problems, and how

to recognize the beginning and termination phases of the work. The answers one gets can be helpful in deciding what type of therapy to entrust one's mental health to. Similarly, one might want to ask a prospective therapist "How does talking help?"

Google "psychotherapy resources" to find assistance in your community or contact the Michigan Psychological Association.

Len J. McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in traumatic stress, social work, addictions, and traumatic brain injury. He created this column, "Our Mental Health," and has 200 archived publications at www.farmlib.org. He can be reached for consultation at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.

Salute your dad in O&E Media

Attention, all local sons and daughters. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15.

Celebrate your dad and show him how much you appreciate him by entering the first Observer & Eccentric Media "Dear Dad" Contest.

Bring your dad to the Spring Expo on Tuesday, April 29, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and enter to win.

You must enter the contest in person at the 2014 Spring Expo at which time you and your dad will have an impromptu photo shot (which will also serve as the photo for the winning contestants). On the entry form you must answer the question, "Why is your dad worthy of a



Celebrate your dad and show him how much you appreciate him by entering the first ever Observer & Eccentric Media "Dear Dad" Contest. GETTY IMAGES/MONKEY BUSINESS

tribute?" The photos and responses will be uploaded on FB.com/OEHometown and voted on by the public. The winners will have their photo tribute featured in a local print edition. Up to 13 winners

are possible. Selected winners will: 1) Be featured in a quarter page color promotional ad in an edition of the *Observer* or *Eccentric*. 2) Receive movie

passes that admit two to any Emagine Theatre

3) Receive Buddy's pizza coupon for dads and kids

4) Receive a \$20 gift card.

5) Receive the featured quarter page promotional ad on a coffee mug. Dads, daughters and sons are eligible to participate from the following communities: Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Franklin, Bingham Farms, Southfield, Royal Oak, Berkley, Lathrup Village, Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth,, Canton, Westland, Garden City, Farmington, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Salem Township and New Hudson.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



Spring beauties and yellow trout lilies carpet the base of a beech tree last year in Miller Woods in Plymouth Township. The Friends of Miller Woods will lead guided walks through the nature preserve Sunday, April 27 and May 4. MARCIA FOWLER

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, *Observer & Eccentric*, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends will offer spring wildflower tours through Miller Woods, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4. Tours are free and typically last about 60 minutes. They leave every 30 minutes from the entrance on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road, between Ann Arbor Road and North Territorial, Plymouth Township. Dogs are not permitted and strollers are not recommended because of the terrain. Website for updates is millerwoods.com.

Heritage Park

A naturalist will lead an exploration of the wetlands in the park 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. Participants, ages 6 and up, will learn to listen to and identify native frogs and toads. Youngsters will complete data sheets and will take part in seasonal Heritage Park Frog and Toad Surveys. Cost is \$5.

Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9-10 p.m. May 16 and 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per

person. Register for the programs at creg.fh.gov. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

Plant sharing

Bring a plant to share and choose a plant to take home, at the Livonia Garden Club's annual plant sharing, 9-11 a.m. May 10, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Event is free and runs rain or shine. Questions? Call Liz at 734-425-6880.

Livonia Garden Club

Mary Pulick, a former member, will talk about the history of the Livonia Garden Club and will demonstrate designs and show horticulture from its early exhibits and flower shows, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Pulick is a member of the Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club and a leader of the Landscape Design School. For more information call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or view livonia.gardenclub.org.

Junior League parties its way through spring

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

It has been a busy few weeks for the Junior League of Birmingham. First, was Bites, Bubbles & Books on March 27 at the Townsend Hotel. Guests enjoyed delicacies fea-

tured in the Junior League's cookbook, *Seasons in Thyme*, (\$10 at www.jlbham.org/

estore) and prepared by Townsend executive chef Drew Sayes.

Next was JLB's Anchors Aweigh Spring Sophisticated Patron Party at Saks Fifth Avenue on April 17. The League's spring activities culminate with its largest fund-

raiser, Spring Sophisticate — A Coastal Affair. The black-tie/nautical-inspired gala will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$125. To order tickets, go to www.jlbham.org.



Junior League of Birmingham (JLB) membership development chair Joey Molnar of Farmington Hills (left) and Bites, Bubbles & Books co-chair and JLB Fund Development Council Director Nikki Braddock of Birmingham PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



JLB new member Jen Pardonnet and her husband, Ian, of Farmington mingle and nosh at Bites, Bubbles & Books.

APOSTLE

Continued from Page B5

Christopher have visited tribal villages in South Africa annually since creating her nonprofit charity, Helping Hands Touching Hearts in 2009. Their mission is to "empower impoverished villagers through sustainability with education, health and hope." Their organization has distributed hundreds of mosquito nets, clothed and provided shoes for 1,400 villagers, supplied chickens and chicken coop materials, as well as seeds, garden tools, school supplies, books and more. The couple spends winters in South Carolina, where Bonvallet spends her time sew-

ing outfits and school bags for villagers. Last year, she made 350 outfits, 60 tablecloths and 60 pairs of pillow cases and with the help of a friend, sewed 350 tote bags.

Bonvallet hopes her pilgrimage through Spain will spark donations to Helping Hands Touching Hearts. She stressed that all donations collected through the organization's website are used for charity work, not for trip expenses, which she and Jaworska are paying.

Although the trip has been on her bucket list for more than 20 years, Bonvallet initially planned to make the trip with her daughter, after they both watched *The Way, a 2011 film* with Martin Sheen about a grieving father who makes the pilgrimage.

Her daughter was unable to make the trip and her husband's doctor discouraged him from going. She met Jaworska, a professional dancer, through a client of her life coaching business.

Led by God

"Some things that are on our bucket list are, maybe a picture of a place you've seen and you want to go and see it. But there are other things on bucket lists that pull at our soul and this is one of those," she said.

Both Bonvallet and her husband are former General Motors executives who subsequently earned master's degrees in clinical behavior/psychology, as well as business management. They have presented seminars

together and Bonvallet counsels individuals and couples. Their charity's board of directors includes the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ, the church they attend.

"Some people ask, why don't you do charity work in the U.S., and we do some," said Wayne Bonvallet, adding that the couple participate in charity work at Kenwood. "But even those in poverty here don't know poverty like they (Africans) do."

"I also tell people I didn't make the choice," Bonvallet said, explaining that God led her to work in Africa. "If I had chosen closer to home. It would cost less money and wear and tear on us if we did it here. These



Sidney Bonvallet, (right), 73, of Farmington Hills, and Izabela Jaworska, 49, of Ypsilanti, train with their packs and hiking staffs.

people are in a remote area. It's not a place you visit."

For more about Helping Hands Touching Hearts visit [\[genow.com\]\(http://genow.com\). Read Bonvallet's posts about the hike on their Facebook page, Walk for Hope of Children.](http://clotheavilla-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple, 734-751-2992, rekjwhipple@yahoo.com for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1989

A 25th class reunion is planned for May 10 at Joy Manor in Westland. For more information and tickets, contact Kelly at kelicamus@yahoo.com or call at 734-377-1745.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1974

A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 10. Contact Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email beth.macdonald.sina-cola@gmail.com.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH

CLASS OF 1964

50-year class reunion with All Class Reunion Banquet, 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, just east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. Cost is \$30 per person by May 1 and \$35 after. Download RSVP form at waynehighalumni.com. Class of 1964 will celebrate at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Avenue American Bistro, 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. Cost is \$15 per person and includes hot & cold appetizers and a cash bar. Email an RSVP to kchorbagian@hughes.net. Reunion organizers also will accept short bios from alumni for the reunion booklet, whether or not they plan to attend the festivities.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of 79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

CONTEST CALLS FOR ART ABOUT HEROES

JARC, an organization serving men, women and children with disabilities, is sponsoring its second annual art contest for students grades pre-kindergarten through eighth grade in honor of its upcoming SpringElation fundraising event. The art contest, which is open to the public, will be judged in four age categories. Participants submit an 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper displaying their artistic interpretation of the theme "Who's Your Super Hero?" Artwork can be created with any colorful medium including markers, crayons, watercolors, pencils and/or paper collage, excluding glitter and confetti. All entries must be received at JARC by 5 p.m. Friday, May 16. They can be mailed directly to JARC or dropped off 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at JARC's offices

at 30301 Northwestern Highway, No. 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Winners will be announced at JARC's SpringElation event, Wednesday, May 28, at the Detroit Zoo. The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card and one honorable mention winner from each age category will receive a \$25 gift card. For more information, complete details on the art contest or to secure a

SpringElation 2013 Art Contest Entry form, visit www.jarc.org/jarc-events or call 248-488-7524. JARC's 16th annual SpringElation fundraising event will feature a private evening at the zoo. Cost is \$25 per guest; children under 2 are free. This family community event benefits hundreds of children with disabilities — including autism, developmental delays and physical and emotional

disabilities — and their families. JARC's services for children with disabilities include in-home respite by trained caregivers, social opportunities for teens, and advocacy with schools and agencies on behalf of families. For more information, to buy tickets, or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.jarc.org/jarc-events or call 248-538-6611.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL

EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 20
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: A free Easter

breakfast will be served from 8-9:15 a.m.
Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655
EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 20
Location: Our Lady of

Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgeparish.net
EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Easter events include a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and egg hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: 734-427-3660
EASTER WORSHIP

Time/Date: Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, Sunday, April 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

Passages
Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us: 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oebits@hometownlife.com

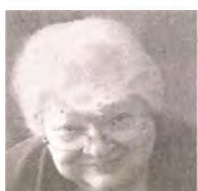
Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

View Online
www.hometownlife.com



BISH, SHARON C. (LOCKER)

Age 62 formerly of Canton, MI died April 4, 2014, after a hard fought battle with cancer. She was born July 6, 1951 in Detroit, MI to Alfred and Shirley Locker. She graduated from Allen Park High School in 1969. Sharon was a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She is survived by her parents, Alfred and Shirley Locker, of Allen Park, MI; two children, Christina Hayward (Dru) of Allentown, PA and Thomas Bish (Elizabeth) of Union, KY. She is also survived by her siblings Richard Locker (Janice) and Carol Metcalf (Jim) and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent in Sharon's memory to Lehigh Valley Hospice: Development Department Lehigh Valley Health Network, 2100 Mack Blvd 6th Floor, Allentown, PA 18105. Funeral services will be held at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Allen Park, MI, Saturday June 28th, at 10 a.m. (gather at 9:30), burial following at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Taylor, MI.



CULOTTA, CAROLYN "LYNN" RUNDELL

Age 80, died at her home on Sunday, April 6th, 2014. Her devoted husband, John Culotta, and son, Kent Culotta, were at her side. Mrs. Culotta was born in Detroit, MI on January 1, 1934, and was the daughter of the late Harwood Faville Rundell and Margaret Stahl Rundell. She grew up and attended school in Jackson, Michigan. She went on to further her education, earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan, and later earning an MBA from the University of Michigan, Dearborn. Mrs. Culotta lived in Plymouth, Michigan for the last 48 years, and was an active member of the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women, including two years as President from 1974 to 1976. She worked for many years for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District as a Financial Administrator. Lynn loved to read and to play bridge with her many friends. She was a fan of classical music, attending live concerts regularly. She loved to travel, visiting her children and grandchildren often. Lynn and her husband John also travelled the world extensively after she retired, going on many trips and cruises. Lynn is survived by her devoted husband, John Culotta and was the beloved mother of Kent Culotta of Glendale, CA and the late Mark Culotta of West Townsend, MA. She leaves three granddaughters, Cailley, Emma, and Isabelle Culotta, her daughter-in-law, Carrin Culotta and son-in-law, Patrick Hediger. She was also close to her sister-in-law Jennie Jacobsen of Taylor, MI, and was the beloved sister of Philip Rundell of Walled Lake, MI. An announcement for the memorial service will be forthcoming.

EHLERT, MARY JOYCE

Passed away on April 16, 2014 at the age of 84. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, she received a Master of Arts from University of Minnesota and taught art in Minnesota and Michigan for over 30 years. Former member of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Palette and Brush Club and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. A talented artist with water colors she was also a member of the Michigan Water Color Society. In 1968 she married the love of her life, Ted and together had their cherished son, Andrew. She was a dear sister to Janet DiMarco and Barbara Carpenter. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations are appreciated to Marywood, 36975 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Livonia.



HARRIS, GERALDINE A.

Age 79. April 12, 2014, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Richard. Dear sister of Victor (Linda) Soltis and the late George Soltis. Private family services will be held. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Please sign the on-line guest book at: www.rgrgharris.com



KAISER, JOHN

Age 86; of Woodhaven; April 17, 2014. Beloved husband of Lorraine for 66 years; loving father of Cheryl Kaiser, James Kaiser and Douglas (Aida) Kaiser; proud grandpa of John (Kiera), Jill (Shawn), Kristine (Jason), Jennifer (Ryan) and Lori (Jon); devoted great-grandpa of Alexis, Ava, Emma, C.J., Connor, Jalynn, Jack, James, Aubrey and Maria. Preceded in death by parents, Karl and Anna Kaiser; and siblings, Mike, Joe, Charles, Anna and Bill. Visitation Monday 3 to 9 p.m. at The Trenton Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 3200 West Rd. Funeral Service Tuesday 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Visit: www.martenson.com

SAVAGE, CARL ROLAND

Age 88, of Livonia, died April 17, 2014. Beloved husband of 67 years to Margaret. Devoted father of Cheryl (Thaddeus) Szyal, Randall Savage, and Lance (Norio Teramoto) Savage. Loving grandfather of Heather Kronemeyer, Jared (Amy) Hopkins, Megan Savage, Erin (Alex) Kereluk, and Lynn (Jason) Newberry; great-grandfather of eight. Fond brother of Donald Savage and Carolyn (Larry) Morris; brother-in-law of Gwendolyn Boyce; and uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Sadly, Carl was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Melvin Savage. Funeral Service Wednesday, April 23, 1 p.m., at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Tuesday, April 22, 2-8 p.m. Memorial tributes suggested to Gleaners Food Bank, gcfb.org. heenev-sundquist.com



SIMON, GARY R.

April 16, 2014 of Garden City. Beloved father of Kirk Simon, David Simon and Kristen Gephart (Don). Dear brother of Lynne Breen (Earl). Beloved Papa of Amanda, Gavin and Ian. Loved son of the late William Simon and Virginia Christensen. Gary was a Sr. Draftsman-Detailer with GM and Cadillac for nearly 40 years. 1960 graduate of Garden City High School, longtime member and past president of the Garden City Kiwanis, member of SPEBSQSA Wayne Michigan Chapter. Founder of Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County. Visitation was Friday April 18 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Funeral Services were Saturday at the Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City. Memorial gifts to Garden City Kiwanis or Fish Dial-A-Ride appreciated. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



PEACOCK, WILLIAM T., JR.

Passed away at age 83, of Oro Valley, Arizona, died April 4, 2014. Cause of death was a brain tumor. A funeral service was held April 12 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Oro Valley and the burial at Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson. He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie Peacock; son, William (Susan) T. Peacock III; and grandson, Thomas T. Peacock of Tucson, AZ. And his black poodle, Mr. Peacock was born June 26, 1930 in Charlotte, North Carolina. When his father was assigned to cover the White House and Congress for the Associated Press, the family moved to Arlington, Virginia in 1936 where Mr. Peacock was raised. He graduated from Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1952, BA Journalism). At UNC, Mr. Peacock was sports editor of The Daily Tar Heel and a member of Chi Phi fraternity. He served in the Navy during 1952 - 1954 as a lieutenant JG on the USS McCord in Korea. In 1955, he married Ann Marie Peacock (nee McGowan), his wife for almost 60 years. Following service in the Navy, he was hired by Ford Motor Company. He was Director of Public Affairs of North America in Dearborn, Michigan when he retired after 35 years with Ford. He was a resident of Bloomfield Township, MI for over 20 years. He served on the board of the Birmingham Athletic Club and won several tennis and squash championships. In 1990, he moved to Chapel Hill, NC and would spend summers at Bald Head Island, NC. In 2005, he moved to Oro Valley, AZ and would spend summers in Show Low, AZ. Arrangements by Vistoso Funeral Home (520) 544-2285



STRONG, DR. TRUMAN A.
LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE, NEIGHBOR, AND FRIEND

Truman Strong was dedicated to his family, friends, and community. Surrounded by his family, Truman died peacefully at his home on April 16, 2014.

Truman was born in Detroit on April 8, 1927. A proud Detroit, he was raised on the city's west side along with his two sisters, Barbara (O'Brien) and Dorothy (Timmis). He was attending St. Mary's High School when his country called him into service in 1945. Until Truman began his service in the Navy, he had never traveled beyond the borders of his beloved hometown. While Truman's military service occurred after the war had ended, he was nonetheless involved in perilous missions in the South Pacific. Truman was assigned to a patrol boat with the task of extracting and disarming deadly mines planted by the Germans and Japanese. The mission was interrupted when the boat was stuck in a treacherous typhoon that washed several of Truman's fellow sailors overboard.

Truman returned home and enrolled at the University of Detroit, where he studied accounting. While he excelled with numbers, Truman decided that his skills were best applied as a dentist. He enrolled at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry, and graduated in 1953. Truman remained involved with the school's affairs for the rest of his life, eventually becoming President of its Alumni Association in 1967. Truman also met many close friends and colleagues during dental school. Most importantly, Truman's sister Dorothy introduced him to his future wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Peters. The couple married at St. Mary of Redford on July 11, 1953 with a grand reception held at Western Golf & Country Club.

Truman's wedding reception would not be his first visit to Western. He and Betsy built a house in the surrounding Redford neighborhood, and raised six children. Along with many of their close friends and neighbors, the Strong's became loyal parishioners at St. Valentine Church. Truman sent all six of his children through Catholic grade school and high school. Truman eventually joined Western, and recently became a Life Member. He could often be spotted walking to the golf course on his days off to play a round of golf with fellow members.



Let others know...
When you have lost a loved one, place your notice on our website and in "Passages", a directory located in every edition of your Observer or Eccentric newspaper.

Call: 800-579-7355
Fax: 313-496-4968
Email: oebits@hometownlife.com
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

As his children grew up, Truman began taking his family on vacation to northern Michigan. The Strong family eventually landed on the shores of beautiful Glen Lake, located on the pristine Leelanau Peninsula. Truman could often be spotted casting a fishing line off the side of his boat during the summer, donning hunting gear in the fall, or hitting the slopes during the winter. The Strong's were eventually joined at the lake by their cousins, and also became remarkably close friends with other families vacationing in the same spot. Truman and his wife Betsy hosted a family reunion every fourth of July, a tradition that lasts today.

In 1983, while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta with a group of friends, Truman was returning to the hotel after a round of golf when he stumbled upon a new condo development on a dirt road several miles north of town. Unbeknownst to his loving wife, Truman decided to purchase a unit with two of his friends. The decision came as a bit of a surprise, but it started an unforgettable chapter in Truman's life. As he began winding down his dental practice, Truman was able to take extended trips to Puerto Vallarta, and was almost always accompanied by family and friends. So many friends often joined Truman in Mexico that he purchased an eleven passenger Ram cargo van to accommodate his good company. As his friends and family piled in the van, Truman would take the helm and navigate the pothole-ridden streets of Mexico in search of new and adventurous dining experiences.

Although he was very humble, Truman was a true competitor. Whether it was a round of golf or a friendly card game, Truman always enjoyed a challenge. Even in his later years, his courage and tenacity remained inspirational. He will be truly missed.

Beloved husband of 60 years to Elizabeth. Devoted father of Linda (Dan) Silvasi, Mary Beth (John) Balardo, Dorothy (Rich) Sagante, Millie (John) Dahmer, John Strong, and Susan (Kent) Lassen. Cherished grandfather of 15. Loving brother of Barbara O'Brien and the late Dorothy Timmis. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday 10:30 a.m. (in state 10:00 a.m.) at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14841 Beech Daly Rd (south of Five Mile). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or St. Vincent DePaul. To sign the guest book and share memories, please visit: www.TurowskiLifeStory.com.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

May you find comfort in family & friends

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Fundraiser aids breast cancer patients with financial needs

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jackie Rothfuss wouldn't dream of missing the eighth annual Shades of Pink Foundation's fundraising walk at the Detroit Zoo, even if it means spending more time sitting than strolling with her team.

"I'll be there. I'm still struggling because of my legs. Chemo did something to my legs, but I'm trying my hardest to get them back," said Rothfuss, of Livonia. "Last year, one of my team members sat with me at a picnic table. I'll try (walking) this year."

Registration for the walk starts at 7 a.m., the Big Top Tent with face painting, breakfast snacks, shopping and raffles, opens at 7:30 a.m., opening ceremony is at 8:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at the zoo, located at Woodward Avenue and the I-696 service drive, in Royal Oak.

Cost for registration is \$45 for adults and \$35 for children 6-17. Advance packet pickup and registration will be available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Art Van Furniture, 32301 Woodward Ave. in Royal Oak. Register online through 7 p.m. on April 24. Or register the morning of the walk at the zoo. New this



Joan Redebaugh, (left) Shades of Pink Foundation secretary, Jackie Rothfuss and Karen Bourlier, Foundation president, enjoy last year's walk.

year, is the addition of a "Sleep Walkers" fundraising category online, for individuals who want to donate \$25 in lieu of walking.

Financial help

Shades of Pink Foundation uses the funds raised to help women who are in financial distress while being treated for breast cancer. The nonprofit has paid patients' mortgage payments, grocery bills, transportation costs, and more.

Rothfuss calls the organization "angels" for paying two months of her mortgage bills and utility costs at Christmas

in 2012, seven months after being diagnosed with early-stage cancer in one of her breasts. She had surgery for a lumpectomy, and underwent chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

"Without their help I don't know what I would have done," said Rothfuss, 60, who worked as a bartender at the Elks Lodge in Livonia in April 2012, when she was diagnosed. Rothfuss had been employed as a bakery/deli manager at Farmer Jack's for 25 years, before the supermarket chain closed. She also worked as a subcontractor for General Motors



Jackie Rothfuss and her team, including a four-legged member, celebrate after last year's Shades of Pink Foundation walk at the Detroit Zoo. Her neighbors decorated their garage with the "We Love Jackie" sign.

before landing the job at the Elks.

"I worked all the way through chemo and then lost my job. I had to have eight weeks of radiation after chemo," Rothfuss recalled, adding that Medicaid picked up treatment costs.

"I had been in this house in Livonia for 20 years. I had never asked for help. I didn't know what to do."

Guest of honor

After calling several nonprofit agencies, she was referred to Shades of Pink Foundation.

She participated in the walk for the first time last year, cutting the pink ribbon at its

start and giving a brief speech as guest of honor. Her team, Jackie's Hope, walked in her honor and will return to the event this month.

Rothfuss also arranged for Shades of Pink Foundation to receive donations from "casual day" events in Livonia and Canton.

"Cancer affects us all. I never thought I'd have it and I went for mammograms every year," she said. "That is why the Shades of Pink walk is so important. If it doesn't affect you, you know someone it has affected."

For more about Shades of Pink Foundation, visit shadeofpinkfoundation.org.

You should learn the warning signs of stroke, aim to reduce your risk

Mark your calendar for May 1, the start of American Stroke Month, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's campaign to increase awareness of strokes.

Stroke is the No. 1 preventable cause of disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds, yet 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

"Knowing if you are at risk for stroke is highly important, because many risk factors can

be modified and controlled," said Kristian Hurley, regional director of Health Equity for the Southeast Michigan American Heart Association. "The No. 1 stroke risk factor is high blood pressure. Nearly 78 million Americans have high blood pressure and many more aren't even aware that they have it. It's important to check your blood pressure regularly and talk to your doctor about healthy levels for you."

Through the American Stroke Association's Together To End Stroke initiative, the association provides informa-

tion and tools to help prevent, treat and beat stroke. A free stroke risk assessment, available at StrokeAssociation.org/strokemonth, helps individuals to evaluate their personal stroke risk and to work with their doctor to begin a prevention plan.

Together To End Stroke teaches the acronym F.A.S.T. to help people to recognize a stroke and what to do if one occurs:

» F — Face Drooping: Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

» A — Arm Weakness: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

» S — Speech Difficulty: Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like, "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

» T — Time to call 9-1-1: If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

Additional stroke signs

include sudden severe headache with no known cause; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; or sudden confusion or trouble understanding.

For more information about stroke or American Stroke Month activities, visit StrokeAssociation.org/strokemonth or contact Kristian Hurley at 248-936-5826 or email kristian.hurley@heart.org.

The Hands of Time... Move Differently for Everyone

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Scott
Family Practice

Ageing, no matter how hard we fight it or try to slow it down, occurs everyday. "Growing old" is a personal situation approached differently by everyone. Some embrace the comfort of maturity, while others prefer to maintain their youth at any cost. Primary Care Physician, Dr. Thomas Scott of Garden City Hospital's Center for Family Medicine, provides a few key tips for improving vitality and increasing longevity.

Q: As I get older, do I have to look old?

A: Well, that depends. Much of appearance aging depends on genetics and how you have cared for your body, especially your skin, during your lifetime. Aging is complicated and all the products, which claim to be "anti-aging", don't always help.

Q: Can exercise slow the aging process?

A: Exercise is a great way to keep your body feeling energized and younger. "Feeling old" after all, has to do with the energy we have. Not only that, but studies show that frequent exercise can actually make your cells younger.

Q: What exactly is preventative care?

A: Preventive care is just a fancy term for making sure you are doing everything you can to protect your health. If communication between you and your doctor is good, you are likely already involved in some degree of preventative care. However, be sure you are getting all you need and talk to your doctor about the following screening exams:

- For men over 50: colorectal cancer; prostate cancer; skin and other types of cancer; diabetes; high blood pressure; high cholesterol; vision and hearing; and tuberculosis.
- For women over 50: cancer screenings for breast, colon, ovarian, cervical, and skin cancer; diabetes; high blood pressure; high cholesterol; osteoporosis; vision and hearing; and tuberculosis.

Q: Are vitamin supplements really necessary?

A: As we age, our nutritional needs change. Many of us don't eat as well as we should and certain nutrients are more easily depleted from our bodies. But, any multivitamin offering the minimum daily requirements will do the trick. There is also no need to overdo supplements. In fact, large doses of some supplements can be harmful.

Remember, if you want to look and feel younger stick to the basics — try to reduce your daily stress, stay physically active, eat a well balanced diet, get plenty of sleep and drink lots of water. People who exercise regularly, eat right and stay well hydrated, will look and feel better naturally. If you're struggling with any aspect of aging it's a good idea to speak to your physician. They may be able to point you in the right direction or recommend a specialist who can.

Join Garden City Hospital on Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. — 2 p.m. for "Healthy Aging, Healthy You," a FREE community event featuring board certified physicians discussing what's normal, and what's not as you age. Guests will enjoy a physician led Q&A discussion, lunch and raffle prizes. Space is limited. Reserve your spot now by calling 734.458.4259.

Walk. Run. Breakthrough.

NOVI
BT
5K
RUN & WALK
MAY 10
PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL

The Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K Run & Walk (BT5K) is a fun and rewarding way to help the American Brain Tumor Association provide vital resources to patients and their families, fund promising research studies, and conduct nationwide brain tumor educational programs.

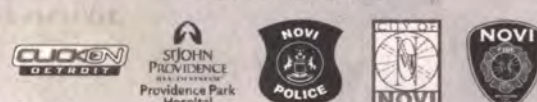


American
Brain Tumor
Association®

Providing and pursuing answers®



PLATINUM SPONSORS



GOLD SPONSORS



SILVER SPONSORS
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN
BONE & JOINT SURGERY CENTER OF NOVI
L'ANSE AU LAC MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
SUNGLASS FINANCIAL NETWORK
SUNGLO SERVICES
TONY SACCO'S COAL OVEN PIZZA

TRI-COUNTY PAIN CONSULTANTS
VALASSIS
BRONZE SPONSORS
ANY TIME FITNESS
CADILLAC OF NOVI
METZLER LOCRIORCHIO & CO
MICHIGAN JAGUARS FC
NOVOCURE
SPALDING DEDECKER ASSOCIATES

IN KIND SPONSORS
ALLIED RETINK INK
GLOBAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS
LARSON'S JEWELRY DESIGN
MOE'S ON TEN
OAKPONTE CHURCH
STAPLES
SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: BT5K.ORG



The Spring Expo is for Active Adults on the GO!

Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance your life to make it the best ever.



ENTER for a chance TO WIN!

Christmas in July Cover Contest

Come dressed in your zaniest, most traditional or goofiest Christmas outfit to enter. Photos will be taken and voted on. Winner will be featured on the cover of the O&E Media Christmas in July publication and receive a \$100 gift card.

Celebrate Dad Father's Day Promotion

Bring your dad to enter to win a tribute gift package. Photos will be taken and voted on.

Spring

Life in



GO

O
E
X
P
O

When you are prepared you can live **Life in Go!**

Tuesday, April 29, 2014
2 p.m. – 7 p.m

Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center
18600 Haggerty Road
Livonia, MI 48152



Pre Event Fun 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Play a fun version of Family Feud and win great prizes
** First 100 people win passes for a movie and pizza!

During the Spring Expo 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- ▶ 50+ Exhibitors
- ▶ 19 Diverse Workshops & Demonstrations
- ▶ Free Photos taken at photo booth
- ▶ Entertaining version of "Win It In a Minute Show" by Entertainment Network
- ▶ Prizes
- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Free Admissions and Parking

For additional info including workshops & demonstrations times and topics, go to hometownlife.com/2014SpringExpo or call 313-222-2414.

Entertainment Sponsors:

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia and Humana

Food Sponsors:

SMART and Twisted Rooster

Take the  **ECOBOOST[®]** CHALLENGE now at your Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers!

Lease a 2014 Ford Fusion SE FWD for **\$189 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$1,673 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **22 city / 34 highway MPG²**

JUST ENHANCED!



Buy a 2014 Ford Fusion for **0% APR + \$1,000** for 60 months³ or Receive \$2,000 in Customer Cash!⁴

Lease a 2014 Ford Escape SE FWD for **\$189 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$1,073 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **23 city / 33 highway MPG²**

JUST ENHANCED!



Buy a 2014 Ford Escape for **0% APR + \$500** for 60 months³ or Receive \$1,500 in Customer Cash!⁴

Lease a 2014 Ford Focus SE FWD for **\$179 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$629 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **26 city / 36 highway MPG²**

PLUS RECEIVE A SYNC AND SOUND PACKAGE WITH LEATHER WORTH \$1,190 AT NO CHARGE!⁵



Buy a 2014 Ford Focus for **0% APR + \$1,000** for 60 months³ or Receive \$3,000 in Customer Cash!⁴

Lease a 2014 Ford Taurus SEL FWD for **\$259 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$1,211 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **19 city / 29 highway MPG²**



Buy a 2014 Ford Taurus for **0% APR + \$1,250** for 60 months³ or Receive \$5,000 in Customer Cash!⁴

Lease a 2014 Ford Flex SEL FWD for **\$259 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$1,338 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **18 city / 25 highway MPG²**



Buy a 2014 Ford Flex for **0% APR** for 60 months³ or Receive \$1,500 in Customer Cash!⁴

Lease a 2014 Ford F-150 XLT Crew 4x4 for **\$259 PER MONTH** For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
\$1,552 Cash Due at Signing
 EPA-estimated rating of **14 city / 19 highway MPG²**



Buy a 2014 Ford F-150 for **0% APR + \$750** for 60 months³ or Receive \$7,500 in total savings!⁴

Attention College Students and College Grads... for a limited time, receive an additional \$500 if you purchase or lease an eligible new 2014 Ford vehicle!⁶



Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers
thinkfordfirst.com



Go Further

(1) Not all customers qualify for Ford Credit Red Carpet low-mileage lease (10,500 miles). Special lease rates are for eligible A/Z Plan lessees. Some payments higher; some lower. Residency restrictions apply. Payments include \$500 Renewal Bonus Cash, with the exception of the Escape which includes \$1,000 Renewal Bonus Cash, for RCL/RCO customers who currently lease a Ford product and lease again through Ford Credit. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 5/5/14. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. (2) 2014 Fusion SE FWD 2.5L Duratec I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 22 city/34 highway/26 combined MPG; 2014 Escape SE FWD 1.6L EcoBoost I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 23 city/33 highway/26 combined MPG; 2014 Ford Flex 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine EPA estimated rating of 18 city/25 highway/20 combined MPG; 2014 Ford Focus SE FWD 2.0L Ti-VCT direct-injection I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 26 city/36 highway/30 combined MPG; 2014 Taurus SEL FWD 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine 19 city/29 highway/23 combined MPG; 2014 Ford F-150 5.0L Ti-VCT V8 FFV engine EPA estimated rating of 14 city/19 highway/16 combined MPG. Actual mileages will vary. (3) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 60 months at \$16.67 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Excludes Focus S, Focus ST, Fusion Energi, and Fusion Hybrid. Other exclusions may apply. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 5/5/14. (4) The Fusion \$2,000 Customer Cash includes \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash, and \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash; the Escape \$1,500 Customer Cash includes \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash and \$500 Retail Open Bonus Cash; the Taurus \$5,000 Customer Cash includes \$2,750 Customer Cash, \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash and \$1,250 Ford Motor Credit Cash; the Focus \$3,000 Customer Cash includes \$1,000 Customer Cash, \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash and \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash; the Flex \$1,500 Customer Cash includes \$500 Customer Cash and \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash; and the F-150 \$7,500 in total cash savings includes \$500 Customer Cash, \$1,000 EcoBoost Challenge Customer Cash, \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash, \$750 Trade Assist, \$1,500 XLT Customer Cash and \$2,750 XLT 302A + 69H Package. Not compatible with financing offers. (5) Focus Sync & Sound package with leather seating valued at \$1,190 on Package 201A. Sync & Sound discount excludes 'S' model. (6) You must purchase or lease an eligible new vehicle, and take retail delivery from Dealer stock, between January 3, 2014 and January 5, 2015. Special ordered vehicles must arrive and be delivered by January 5, 2015. Vehicles delivered after January 5, 2015 are not eligible for the \$500 Student Bonus Cash. Certain customer and purchase eligibility restrictions apply. Not compatible with AXZD-Plans. This offer applies to qualifying residents of the United States and only applicable to sales in the USA. Student is currently enrolled full-time OR part-time at an accredited Four-Year College/University, Junior College, Community College, or Trade School (Student must be currently enrolled in a minimum of 2 classes or an equivalent of 6 credit hours) and is considered by the schools guidelines to be in "good academic standing" (academic standing may be noted on the student's term grade report). See dealer for exact details. Images shown may not necessarily represent the actual vehicle or the configurable options available on the vehicle.



Western Wayne County's



Dealer!

OPEN SATURDAY
April 26th
9 AM - 2 PM

Over 13 Acres of New & Pre-Owned Cars, Trucks & SUV's!

"State of the Art" Collision Center
Full Service & Parts Department!



ONLY 15 MINUTES FROM EVERYWHERE!

2014 FUSION SE FWD

MSRP \$24,270
\$22,874 A/Z Plan Price



\$199 PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,494 DOWN!
\$1,693 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 FOCUS SE FWD

MSRP \$21,855
\$20,016 A/Z Plan Price



\$179 PER MONTH LEASE
\$450 DOWN!
\$629 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 FLEX SEL FWD

MSRP \$33,795
\$30,865 A/Z Plan Price



\$259 PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,079 DOWN!
\$1,338 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 ESCAPE SE FWD

MSRP \$25,955
\$23,868 A/Z Plan Price



\$199 PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,145 DOWN!
\$1,344 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 EDGE SE FWD

MSRP \$30,245
\$27,927 A/Z Plan Price



\$239 PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,089 DOWN!
\$1,328 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 TAURUS SEL FWD

MSRP \$30,945
\$28,019 A/Z Plan Price



\$259 PER MONTH LEASE
\$952 DOWN!
\$1,211 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 F-150 XLT 4x4

MSRP \$43,495
\$38,552 A/Z Plan Price



\$259 PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,293 DOWN!
\$1,552 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

2014 EXPLORER XLT FWD

MSRP \$35,955
\$32,771 A/Z Plan Price



\$279 PER MONTH LEASE
\$971 DOWN!
\$1,250 Due at Signing!
For 24 months.
for A/Z plan customers.

Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

Whether or not you're buying a new or pre-owned vehicle or even if you are buying elsewhere we want your trade-in! See us for top dollar!

\$750* Extra
For Your Trade-In

*2006 models or newer with less than 100,000 miles. All prior sales excluded. With this coupon. Coupon must be presented at time of appraisal. Limited one coupon per purchase. Expires 4-30-14.

JACK DEMMER FORD

37300 MICHIGAN AVE. AT NEWBURGH • WAYNE • JUST EAST OF I-275

SALES HOURS

Mon. & Thurs. 8 am - 9 pm
Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8 am - 6 pm

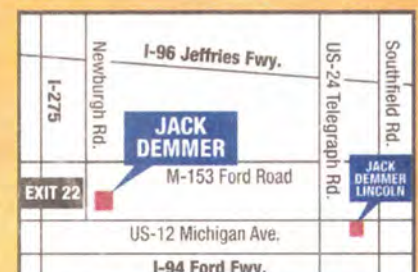
www.demmer.com

SERVICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
7 am - 6 pm



800-758-1186



These figures do not include taxes, title, or license fees and are for 10,500 low-mileage leases. *Cash due at signing includes the \$645 Acquisition fee, offer ends April 30, 2014 - See dealer for details.

15 Minutes from Everywhere!

Western Wayne County's Dealer!

Over 13 ACRES of
New & Preowned
Cars Trucks & SUV's!

**BUILT
FORD
TOUGH**
SALES EVENT



"State of the ART"
Collision
Center
Full Service
& Parts
Departments.



Western Wayne County's F-Series Truck Dealer!

ONLY 15 MINUTES FROM EVERYWHERE!

Your Southeastern Michigan Ford F-series Headquarters
Quality Used Cars and Trucks at Affordable Prices

Get Pre Approved
Apply Online At
Apply Online
Today At
jdemmer.com



Cars, Trucks, Vans,
SUV's, Imports & Domestic

APR
As Low As
1.9%



No Credit?
Troubled or Poor
Credit History?
**Our Team
Can Work
With You!**

Financing options
are available.

*all pre-owned plus
tax, title, plates.

OPEN 24/7 Online!

- Browse Inventory!
- Don't just get prices - Take a Virtual Tour!
- Credit Applications 24/7!

One of Southeast Michigan's
Largest Pre-Owned Dealers!



Certified Pre-Owned

Every Ford Certified
Pre-Owned vehicle
comes with
peace-of-mind
warranty coverage.

Buy Four
Select Tires
Get up to a **\$120**

Mail-in
rebate when
you use the
Ford Service
Credit Card.

ON THESE NAME BRANDS:



Dealer-installed retail purchases only. Limit one redemption per customer. \$60 tire rebate by prepaid debit card or apply to an active Owner Advantage Rewards® account. \$60 credit card rebate by prepaid debit card. Subject to credit approval. Complete purchase must be made on the Ford Service Credit Card. Offer valid between 4/1/14 and 5/31/14. Submit rebates by 6/30/14. Cannot be combined with any other tire manufacturer-sponsored or Ford Service Credit Card rebate/offer. See participating dealership for vehicle applications, rebate and account details.

THE WORKS FUEL SAVER PACKAGE

\$39.95*
or less

THE WORKS™ VEHICLE CHECKUP

- Synthetic Blend Oil Change
- Fluid Top-Off
- Tire Rotation
- Battery Test
- Brake Inspection
- Filter Check
- Multi-Point Inspection
- Belts and Hoses Check

Up to five quarts of Motorcraft® oil and oil filter. Taxes, diesel vehicles and disposal fees extra. Hybrid batter test excluded. See participating dealership for exclusions and details through 5/31/14.

JACK DEMMER FORD

37300 MICHIGAN AVE. AT NEWBURGH • WAYNE • JUST EAST OF I-275

SALES HOURS

Mon. & Thurs. 8 am - 9 pm
Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8 am - 6 pm

www.demmer.com

SERVICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
7 am - 6 pm

800-758-1186



also inside...
Homes • Wheels • Pets • Services

JOBS

careerbuilder.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

Job seekers often start their search by identifying the type of job they want before looking for companies that offer relevant positions. But what if you have your eye on a specific company you want to work for, and you're willing to do whatever it takes to become a part of that organization?

Perhaps you've always considered the company to be interesting and innovative and you admire the company's culture. Or maybe the company tops a best places to work list, making it a desirable place to start or grow a career. Sometimes it might be driven by knowing people who work at the company and wanting to work alongside familiar faces.

Whatever the reason, pursuing a particular company versus a specific job comes with its challenges. But if you're committed to working somewhere, there are ways to up your chances of getting hired there.

"If you're dead-set on working at a specific company, then 95 percent of your job-search time and effort should be dedicated to wooing that company and demonstrating to them that you're not only the best candidate for the job, but that you're destined to work there and nowhere else," says Joseph Terach, CEO of Resume Deli.

Get a job at the company you really want...



outplacement and career coaching company Keystone Associates. "If you are referred by someone who knows you extremely well, your chances increase to have a face-to-face meeting where you will be able to leave a better impression than email or phone."

Build a relationship with HR

While the human resources department is sometimes hard to reach, do what you can to connect with someone on the team directly. If you've already communicated with someone in your network who has an "in" at the company, use that person to introduce you to the right HR contact. "It does not hurt to show interest in working for the company with HR," Mattson says. "And if you can develop a relationship with them, ask them if you can buy them a cup of coffee because you would love to work for their company."

Mattson suggests explaining to the HR person that before you apply for specific jobs, you want to make sure you understand where you would be the best fit. She will appreciate that you're being proactive and not wasting the company's time by applying to jobs that don't suit you.

Make your interest known before a job opens up

Part of the reason why it's good to establish a relationship with HR and other influencers within the company is to let them know of your interest before a position becomes available. "You will increase your chances of being hired by your targeted company by letting the right people before any positions are advertised," Mattson says. "Ideally you want visibility within the company ahead of jobs being advertised to eliminate your competition and for someone to think of you before they become published."

Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

Here's how:

Make sure you know why you want to work there

You may have convinced yourself that you're destined to work at a specific company, but make sure you can back up your reasoning. "What may seem like a great company isn't always what it appears," says David R. Sanford, executive vice president, client relations at recruitment firm WinterWyman. "You need to do your due diligence to make sure you are pursuing the best environment. Talk to people

that you know to see if they have any connections inside. Reach out to those connections and talk to a few people about the culture, work environment, work-life balance, etc."

Sanford also suggests using online resources such as Facebook or GlassDoor, which can tell you a lot about the company and its culture. "All of this will help you decide if this is a company that is worth your time pursuing," he says.

Do your homework

If you know without a doubt

this is the company for you, fill your brain with as much knowledge about the company as possible. "Read as much news as you can about your target company," Terach says. "Figure out their business strategy, who their partners are, who's in their supply chain and so on. These are the people and things you should get to know. Why? For one, being able to speak intelligently about the company's operations is impressive at an interview or job fair; for another, you might learn something about the company that will help you

better understand what they truly need in a new hire."

Tap your network of contacts

One of the best ways to get your foot in the door at a company you admire is to seek out people in your professional network with a connection to the organization. "Find people you know well who might either already work there or who [know someone who works there] to have an informational meeting about what you want to do," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of client services at

L0241436

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

CASH IN with O&E Media's CLASSIFIEDS 800-579-SELL

Come Join our Team!

IF YOU BELIEVE IN EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR YOUR CLIENTS AND WORKING IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT THEN O&E MEDIA IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU.

O&E MEDIA IS LOOKING FOR ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES FOR SOUTH LYON TERRITORY.

IF YOU HAVE A PROVEN SALES TRACK RECORD, OUTSTANDING COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND EMBRACE THE DIGITAL WORLD THEN WE WANT YOU.

WE OFFER BASE SALARY PLUS COMMISSION, FAST PACED, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT AND CAREER GROWTH WITHIN OUR NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION.

IF THIS FITS YOU, EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO: GPERRY@HOMETOWNLIFE.COM.

SUBJECT LINE: ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

We can't wait for you to join our team!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

LV241695-01

Help Wanted - General

- Account Clerk II
- Building Mechanic IV-Electrician
- Seasonal Laborer

CITY OF LIVONIA

For complete information visit our website at: www.ci.livonia.mi.us or apply in person at Livonia City Hall, 3rd floor, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia, MI 48154.

E.O.E. M/F/H

Administrative Assistant

Fast-paced Plymouth office seeks full time office assistant with excellent phone & computer skills. Proficient in Word, Excel & data entry. Mon-Fri 9-5 and some evenings. \$12.00/hr & benefits. Send resume to: info@herriman.net

ALL PURPOSE HANDYMAN WANTED

Canton Construction Call Tom 313-790-1031

ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Full & Part-Time Flexible Schedules. Royal Oak area.

- VET ASSISTANT
- GROOMER
- RECEPTIONIST

Experience preferred. pets1015@yahoo.com

APPLICANTS for Residential Cleaning Co.

\$10/hr. + mileage & travel time. No nights/weekends. 734-812-5683

APPOINTMENT SETTER

Make your own Schedule! Work from Home PT or FT. Schedule pick-ups for Purple Heart, call Mon-Fri 9-5. 734-728-4572 or email: phoneworkinfo@aol.com

AUTO NEW CAR & TRUCK SALES

For an upscale Westside dealership. New car experience is a must. 401k, health and dental insurance, great pay plan. Please apply in person or email resume to: bob@jeannotte.com Bob Jeannotte Buick-GMC Truck Plymouth, MI 48170

AUTO PARTS SORTING & INSPECTING

Established Co. in Brighton is seeking quick learners. No exp. necessary. Paid training provided. Must have own transportation. Please call Mon-Fri. btwn. 9-3pm. 810-229-6053

CHILD CARE for preschool/daycare center.

11:30-5:30, Mon-Fri. Livonia. 6/Merriman. Exp. in college classes preferred. 734-525-3730

Help Wanted - General

Casting Application Engineers

ESI North America, Inc. has openings for Casting Application Engineers at its facility in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Job Duties:

1. Perform consulting projects and conduct training using ESI casting software ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST, including but not limited to:

a. Engineering application projects, where existing ESI technologies are applied to customer applications.

b. Field Services and Training projects, where existing Employer casting products require paid technical support or training, and

c. Innovative or Special Projects, where new modeling applications of the ESI casting softwares, ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST need to be developed for specific and often more challenging applications.

2. Provide the first-line technical or hot line support to ESI casting customers for ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST software products.

3. Prepare formal presentation of technical papers and other technical publications within the guidelines set by the Employer.

4. Prepare ProCAST, Visual environment and QuikCAST software technical specifications, quality assurance (QA) documents and other technical documentation using the Employer's specified format and media.

Requirements:

Master's Degree in Engineering Technology or Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in the following:

1. Computer modeling for casting applications with focus on finite element analysis.
2. CAE/CAD modeling experience with Pro E and Solid Works.
3. Working with ProCAST casting modeling software.

Applicants should send resumes to: ESI@na.ESI.com, 32605 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 350 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 ATTN: Jessie Cotton EOE M/F/Disability/Vet

COURIERS/DRIVERS

Join the Priority Team of Independent Contractors. Must drive minivan, small SUVs or car. AMPM schedules includes weekend work. Livonia.

Priority
1-513-739-8908

Help Wanted - General

DIRECT CARE:

Support people with disabilities living their life the way they want to! Assist with personal care, meals, taking care of their homes, getting places etc. Many locations & shifts! Must be at least 18 yrs old, have valid MI Driver's License & are CLS, Inc. trained, call our Job Line 734-728-4201, 08

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Work with developmentally disabled adults. Westland. (734) 722-4580 x9

DRIVERS-HOME WEEKLY!

Ashley Distribution Services offers

*Paid VACATION, 401K, Medical/Life/Drug/Dental for REGIONAL LTD. DRIVERS

*UP to \$65-\$75K/1st YEAR *Ability to Enter Canada. Class A CDL & at least 1 year current OTR exp.

Clean MVR/PSP Reports! HOME WEEKLY! Call 1-800-837-2241 8AM to 4PM CST for info & appt. or email: jobs@ashleydistributionservices.com or www.ashleydistributionservices.com

DRIVERS: O/O or Company.

Dedicated, Home daily run. Livonia, MI to Chicago, IL. CDL-A, 8mos OTR. MTS: 800-305-7223

GROUNDS/LAWN CREW

Full time year round position. 2 years experience. Must have valid driver's license. Apply in person at Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Spring Dr. Northville, MI. 48167. Or email: JOBAPPLICATION@HLCA.US

HIRING Automotive Manufacturing Facility

Machine Operators start \$11.00/hr. Must have HS Diploma/GED. 6 month exp. req'd. Call Impact: 248-262-5223

Manufacturing SUPERVISOR

Second Shift Needed full time for an automotive manufacturing facility in Farmington Hills, MI. Must have strong management skills, be responsible for meeting production schedules, maintaining quality standards, as well as enforcing company policies and procedures. High School diploma/GED required. No experience necessary, we will train. Must be able to work occasional Saturdays. Salary based on experience. Please come in for an application or email resume: Eteron, Inc. 23944 Freeway Park Dr. Farmington Hills MI 48335 schutte@eteroninc.com

REACH MORE potential employees with an O&E Media RECRUITMENT PACKAGE!

1-800-579-7355 hometownlife.com

Help Wanted - General

Motorcycle Sales

Are you an Indian, Victory or Polaris enthusiast with motorcycle, motorsports, or automotive sales experience? Combine your passion for the ride with your desire to make money! Join our rapidly growing, progressive, quality driven dealership. We are offering career opportunities for motivated salespeople. Must have a valid motorcycle endorsement w clean record. Qualified candidates forward resume to: Apply@DickScott.com

RECEPTIONIST

Plymouth office seeks full time receptionist with great communication skills. 8 incoming lines. MS Office exp. required. Weekdays 9-5. \$10/hr. + benefits. Send resume to: info@herriman.net

ROOFERS Commercial / Industrial

Production Labor • Medical/Dental insurance • 401K Plan Must have reliable transportation. Must be at least 18 yrs of age. Pre-employment drug testing. Apply in person at: 6330 Commerce Dr Westland MI 48185

SEAMSTRESS

Exp'd. only. Full or Part-Time Call Ron, Mai Kai Cleaners, 7 & Telegraph. 313-537-8050

SEASONAL LAWN/GROUNDS

Highland Lakes Condos are now accepting applications. To fill 3 full time lawn/grounds crew seasonal summer positions. Experience preferred. Must have valid driver's license. Apply in person at Clubhouse 20301 Silver Spring Dr. Northville, MI. 48167. JOBAPPLICATION@HLCA.US

Service Technicians Heating & Cooling

AAA SERVICE NETWORK Accepting Applications Call 810-734-4861

SENIOR ANALYTICAL ENGINEERS - Weld Modeling

American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. is seeking Senior Analytical Engineers - Weld Modeling at its facility in Detroit, Michigan.

Job Duties:

1. Perform structural and thermal stress and fatigue finite element analysis of AAM drivetrain system components, and use the analysis results to provide guidance to improve structural design validation for current programs and future products.
2. Perform bearing axle and bearing housing structural stress analysis and fatigue life prediction, use the analytical model to provide brackets design guidelines.
3. Perform driveline system NVH thermal sensitivity through driveline system dynamics and bearing dynamics to improve the NVH robustness of AAM drivetrain products such as PTU and RDM.
4. Perform sealing performance analysis of AAM drivetrain products with various gasket designs and seal strategies.
5. Perform structural topology optimization of axle housing designs to improve the stiffness and NVH targets while reducing the total mass, improving the overall fuel economy of AAM products.
6. Communicate simulation results with product engineers and present analysis conclusion to AAM customers.
7. Assist Application Engineers and Testing Engineers to diagnose testing failure modes and identify root causes of structural durability problems

Requirements:

Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in the following:

1. Finite element analysis
2. Nonlinear stress and fatigue analysis of drivetrain components using Hyperworks, SimLab and Abaqus etc. Software.
3. Welding stress and fatigue analysis using Fe-Safe/verity software;
4. Gaskets and sealing performance analysis of powertrain system under complex loading and thermal conditions;
5. Topology optimization analysis of powertrain components using Abaqus and TOSCA software;
6. Bore distortion analysis of powertrain system;
7. Frequency and mode analysis of drivetrain system using Nastran.

Applicants should send Resumes to American Axle & Manufacturing One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211, ATTN: Ann Dunlop.

Help Wanted - General

TRUCK DRIVER/ SERVICE TECHNICIAN

With chauffeur's license. For portable restroom. Knowledge of Wayne & Oakland counties helpful. Will train. Clean driving record a must. Call 118-5p. 248-356-3357

Help Wanted - Office Clerical

Legal Administrative Assistant

Northville law firm seeking part-time, experienced administrative assistant. Candidate must be highly organized, the ability to multi-task and have strong attention to detail. Preferred experience with HotDocs, TimeMatters and a thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office. Please list salary requirements. Send or email resume to: Callie A. Demski Morello Law Group, P.C. 41000 W. Seven Mile Rd. #200, Northville MI 48167 callie.demski@morellolawgroup.com

LEGAL SECRETARY

Northville, Part-Time. Some secretarial/clerical & computer experience required. Legal experience not needed. 20-25 hrs/wk. \$10/hour. Email resume: shawn@stempien.com

Help Wanted - Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Come join our friendly, caring staff at our state-of-the-art Commerce practice! Competitive wage and retirement plan avail. Full time w/minimum 3 yrs exp req'd. Digital exp preferred. Email resume to: dreamdentalgroup@gmail.com

Help Wanted - Medical

C.N.A.'s/ Home Health Aides

Caring, dependable people needed to provide companion and personal care to seniors, days, nights, weekends, live-ins) Must have reliable transportation. SENIOR HELPERS (248) 865-1000 or email resume to: hadrmin2601@seniorhelpers.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFIED

Full-Time For Gastro office in Farmington Hills. Fax resume: 248-471-8904

Help Wanted - General

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

25-30 hrs/wk. Exc. Salary and Health Benefits. RECEPTIONIST Experience Preferred Full-Time, Exc. Salary and Health Benefits For West Bloomfield Allergy Office. Cover Letter, Resume & References to: mialtery@comcast.net

MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGER ADMINISTRATOR

Busy multi-specialty primary care office in Milford, is searching for an exp'd. Practice Administrator. The qualified candidate will have a minimum of 5 yrs. exp. managing all aspects of a physician office & knowledge of the issues affecting healthcare today. For further info regarding this opportunity, please forward resume with cover letter to: ccampo@milfordfamilypractice.com or fax: 248-685-3891

Vocational Specialist

Master Level and/or CRC; Minimum 2 yrs. exp. Job Packets, TSA, LMS, Employment Earnings Assessments. Telephonic svcs only, no field work required. Novi company, good benefits, no weekends/holidays. Email resume to: Humansresource497@yahoo.com

Food - Beverage

COOKS, BARTENDERS & WAIT STAFF - Exp. a Must!

Apply: Starting Gate, 135 N. Center St., Northville.

SERVICES, BARTENDERS, BUS PERSONS & HOST/RECEPTIONISTS

Full or Part-Time. Exp'd. only. Hourly wage plus gratuity. Email resume to: kfrantz@walnutcreekcc.net www.walnutcreekcc.net

Looking to Buy A New Car?

Need to sell the old one first?

Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and let the Classifieds Sell It For You!

800-579-7355

HOMES

apartments.com
HomeFinder.com

RENTALS

apartments.com
HomeFinder.com

Rooms For Rent

CANTON - Room for rent. All you need is a bed. Renter has access to all utilities in the household. \$135 per week, cable incl. 734-516-6106.

NORTHVILLE or PLYMOUTH DOWNTOWN - 1st week with full deposit. Furnished sleeping rooms. Newly decorated. \$90/wkly. Security deposit. 734-355-6453 248-305-9944

REDFORD - Off 5 Mile, btwn Telegraph/Beech. Come share my house with me! Avail. now. Rent Negotiable. Call: 313-310-3727

Landscaping

COMPLETE LANDSCAPING BY LACOURS SERVICES
Clean-ups, landscaping, grading, sodding, hydro-seeding, retaining walls, ins. work, brick walks & patios. Drainage & lawn irrigation systems, low foundations built up. Weekly lawn maintenance. Haul away unwanted items. Comm. Res. 39 yrs exp. Lic & Ins. Free Est. www.lacourservices.com 248-489-5955, 248-521-8818

It's all about results...



O&E Media Classifieds Work Hard!



Call today! 800-579-7355

Need to Rent That House or Apartment?



Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and have it rented in no time!
800-579-7355

Looking to Buy A New Car? Need to sell the old one first?



Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and let the Classifieds Sell it For You!
800-579-7355

WANT TO CLEAN OUT YOUR HOUSE?



Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and let the Classifieds DO YOUR WORK!
800-579-7355

Homes

Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. 4 plots, lots 302 unit 1 & 2 sect H Masonic garden also lot 203 sect H unit 3 & 4. \$5500/all. or \$3000/2 plots call Warren: 313-550-1427

Apartment For Rent

FARMINGTON HILLS MAPLE RIDGE APTS.
Spacious 1 bdrms. 2 bath, c/a. \$525-\$600. 50% off 1st 3 mos. Rent with good credit & income. 248.473.5180

SERVICES

hometownlife.com

Lawn & Garden Maintenance

AERATION, DETHATCHING
Spring Clean-Ups. Weekly Cutting. Bagging avail. Free Est. J&J Lawn Care 734-788-9185

Paint Decorating Paper

FRANK'S PAINTING SERV.
Interior Spring Special work myself. Free estimates. (248) 225-7165

PAINTING BY ROBERT
• Wallpaper Removal • Int • Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Staining. 25 yrs exp. Free est. 248-349-7499, 734-464-8147

Roofing

Leaks, Repairs, Flashings, Valleys, 30 Yrs Exp. Lic./Ins. Member BBB. 248-346-4321

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER



Get the BEST results here!

O&E Media Classifieds

800-579-7355

It's all about results...



Get the BEST results here!

O&E Media Classifieds

800-579-7355

THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR

	NMLS#		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.
1SPMortgage	138501	(313) 215-1766	4.125	0	3.125	0
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	138560	(734) 459-0782	4.125	0	3.125	0
AFI Financial	2431	(810) 588-4424	4.125	0	3.125	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	4.125	0	3.125	0
Co-op Services Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	4.375	0.25	3.375	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	4.375	0	3.375	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4.375	0	3.5	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	4.125	0	3.125	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	4	1	3	0.5
Group One Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4.5	0	3.5	0

Above information available as of 4/11/14 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculation & most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com.

All Lenders are Equal Opportunity Lenders. Lenders to participate call (734) 922-3032

© 2014 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved

Free Rent until 5/1/14

\$298 Moves You IN
Homes starting at \$699
3 bedroom/2 bath with all appliances including washer/dryer.
Academy/Westpoint, Canton, MI

SUN HOMES
Edward Turner - Community Manager
888-272-3099
www.academywestpoint.com
Expires 4/26/14 WAC
LO-2418945-01

WESTLAND Hickory Woods Apts.

NEWLY UPDATED

1 Bdrm-\$575
2 Bdrms-\$675

- Pool
- Fitness Center

FREE GAS & WATER
(734) 729-6520

*Short term leases available. AT2363288

Drywall

COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.
Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed! Lic/Ins. Free Est. 30 yrs. exp. Mark: 313-363-6738

Hauling - Clean Up

Clean-up/Hauling Srv.
Cheap Rates! Garages, bsmts, attics. Free Est. 248-521-8818, 248-489-5955

APARTMENT & REAL ESTATE GUIDE

Find the perfect place to call home in the Observer & Eccentric Media classified advertising section. We have apartment and real estate listings every week in the following communities:

Berkley • Birmingham • Canton
Clawson • Farmington • Garden City
Huntington Woods • Livonia • Milford
Northville • Novi • Pleasant Ridge
Plymouth • Redford • Royal Oak
Southfield • South Lyon • Westland



To place a listing in the Observer & Eccentric Media's Apartment & Real Estate Guide call:
1-800-579-SELL

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com A GANNETT COMPANY

Need a new place?



Find one in the O&E Media classifieds

So Much More Than You Bargained For!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com A GANNETT COMPANY

800-579-7355
www.hometownlife.com

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE Your Weekly Guide To Apartment Living

WAYNE

You hit the Bullseye...Wayne Tower is the Place for YOU.

WAYNE TOWER APARTMENTS
35200 Sims, Wayne, MI
NOW LEASING - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
1 Bedroom, Central Air

\$593

We pay Moving Cost of \$500
Leasing call: **734-721-0660**

INKSTER

THOMPSON TOWER APARTMENTS
Affordable Housing for Seniors 62+ or disabled

1 & 2 bedroom apartments - all utilities included!
Immediate Occupancy
Income Based Rent.
Our features include:
• Spacious floor plans
• Laundry Rooms • Community Room
• Resident Activities

For more details, call **(313) 565-3022**
(800) 567-5857 TDD
Hours: Monday-Friday 8-5; Saturday 9-1
Or visit us at: 27727 Michigan Ave, Inkster
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
LO-241379-01

WESTLAND

ATTENTION SENIORS!
Make **LOW RENT** your cup of tea!
Westgate Tower now has rent based on 30% of your income!



CALL US TODAY!
734-729-2900
34567 Elmwood in Westland

Not 62 yet? Ask us about our temporary age waiver!
Income Limits Apply. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Call Today For A Great Rate. **1-800-579-7355**

Let AJR shower you with savings this April and May!



Brand New Models Now on Display!

No site rent until July 1st, 2014 and a \$500 VISA gift card with purchase of any AJR owned home (new or pre-owned)*

Homes from \$11,900 to \$75,900

PLYMOUTH HILLS

Call Ray in Plymouth at **734.414.9760**

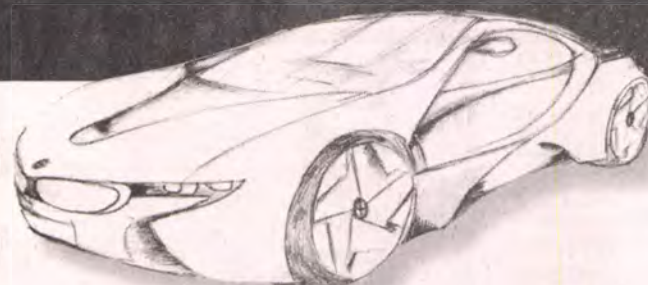
AJR

www.ajrhomesales.com

*EHL, WAC, Certain restrictions apply. Select AJR homes. See housing consultant for details. Please bring ad along on visit to receive offer. Must close by May 12, 2014.

Car Report

Spring Comes In Flood of New Models Revealed at NY Show



By Dale Buss

After a rough winter in Detroit, the entire auto industry is bursting with significant news as carmaker executives trumpet new wares at the New York International Auto Show press preview this week.

Here's a brand-by-brand look at much of what's happening automotive-wise in Gotham this week:

Acura: The Honda-owned luxury brand unveiled the all-new 2015 TLX performance-luxury sedan, designed to deliver a unique and compelling blend of sports-sedan athleticism and premium luxury refinement, the way the brand put it. The company said its performance-tuned sports sedan represents "the start of a new era for Acura."

Audi: The new A3 sedan, which just went on sale in the US, was named World Car of the Year by a

group of international auto journalists, the Detroit News said. Audi is touting its "uncompromised" chops as a luxury car despite the model's starting \$29,900 price point. "This really represents what Audi does extremely well," Audi of America CEO Scott Keogh told reporters in New York. Sales of A3 sedan, he said, are "off to a great start" in the United States.

BMW: Audi's German rival managed to cop honors for its electric i3 as World Green Car of the Year from the same group of journalists and the World Car of the Year Design award over the Mazda3 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class. BMW will be selling the i3 in the US in coming weeks.

The company's Mini brand, meanwhile, unveiled a new Mini Cooper model that flashed fan-suggested design features and incorporated a test-driving

competition to promote the new hardtop. More than 800 Mini owners out of 200,000 registered owners submitted ideas in the brand's nod to crowdsourcing.

Ford: The company unveiled a limited-edition of its new 50th-anniversary Mustang. The Mustang 50 Year Limited Edition is modelled on the GT fastback and will be limited to just 1,964 units - in honor of the year the car was introduced - and will come with nearly every available option. "We wanted to provide our most dedicated fans with the emotion of the original Mustang in a 21st-century car," said Ford executive chairman Bill Ford Jr. in a statement ahead of the reveal in New York.

Hyundai: The Korean brand made a big statement in 2010 when it launched the new Hyundai Sonata, whose dramatic styling, moderate price and medium size caught the attention of Americans and made competitors sit up and take notice for the first time. Now in New York, Hyundai is introducing a redesigned 2015 version of its Sonata that is full of new safety features and other refinements. And it's coming just in time, as Hyundai's US sales have stumbled lately.

Jeep: The new compact SUV Renegade, built on a Fiat-designed platform, made its debut and is expected to go on sale in Europe later this year and in the US early next



Jeep is fielding a new Renegade compact SUV based on a Fiat design.

year. The new vehicle is supposed to be just fine off road while coming in a smaller and more fuel-efficient package than previous Jeeps.

Toyota: The leading Japanese auto company attempted to step past its own recent bad news about recalls in New York by touting a new, 2015 version of the Toyota Camry that will be "the best Camry we've ever built," Toyota Division General Manager Bill Fay said at the unveiling of the car, according to *Automotive News*.

To extend the car's 12-year reign as America's best-selling car, Toyota realizes it must do a better job of delivering on such superlatives than it did with the last big redesign, in 2011. So the new Camry is nearly two inches longer and a half-inch wider, with returned power steering, better body rigidity and a fresh new design.

"This is a mega change to Camry,

and the most extensive mid-cycle change in our company's history, in only its third year," Bob Carter, Toyota's US senior vice president of automotive operations, told a gathering of securities analysts in New York.

The company also is attempting to recreate an entire brand: Scion, its "youth" marque that has fallen on declining sales and brand irrelevance the last several years. At New York, *Automotive News* said, executives pledged to replace three of Scion's five US nameplates over a two-year period starting in 2015.

"Some events of the last decade forced Toyota to make tradeoffs, and Scion's [product-introduction] cadence was affected by that," Doug Murtha, Scion vice president, told the publication. The first of the tree models will be unveiled in November, he said.



Ford will only make "1,964" units of the 50 Year Limited Edition of the new Mustang.

Advertising Feature

EO 241977-01 DE2380200

WHEELS
cars.com

Airplanes

LOOK!
SELL YOUR CAR FOR ONLY \$30.99!
Are you looking to sell your used vehicle? The Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers is the place to sell it!

Package Includes:
• Ad in all 13 community newspapers for 2 weeks
• 14 days on cars.com
• Extra \$5 add a photo
• Pass for two to Emagine Theatres**

*4 line minimum (\$2.00 for each additional line)
**White supplies last!

Motorcycles/Minibikes Go Carts/Off Rd.

2012 Harley Davidson CVO Ultra 7600 Miles Yellow/Black Mint \$31,500 (734)495-1231 dragy15171@aol.com

Auto Misc.

WE PAY TOP DOLLAR For Clean USED CARS
AVIS FORD
(248) 355-7500



Just a quick call away...

O&E Media Classifieds 800-579-7355

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Auto Misc.

BOB JEANNOTTE
Buick • GMC

IT'S SPRING!

2006 Nissan Altima
Blue
\$6,995

2013 Kia Rio XE
Platinum, 35K
\$13,995

2011 Buick Lacrosse
Moon & Chromes! GM Certified
\$18,995

2002 Mercury Villager
Great Buy!
\$5,995

2003 Chevy Trailblazer
Black 4x4
\$8,995

2008 Chevy HHR LT
Great Car
\$9,995

2011 Ford Fusion SE
4cyl, 39K, Burgundy
\$13,995

2001 VW Jetta
Black
\$4,395

2009 Chevy Malibu LT
Black GM Certified
\$10,595

Hours: M & Th 9-9;
Tue, W & F 9-6

14949 SHELDON
(bet. M-14 & 5 Mile)
PLYMOUTH
734-453-2500
FAX
734-582-8366
www.jeannotte.com

Autos Wanted

WE BUY UNWANTED CARS Free pickup. Guaranteed \$250. We pay up to \$500. Licensed Dealer. Call 313.835.5960

Mini-Vans

FORD FREESTAR 2004
SEL, full power, alloys. Only 56,000 actual miles! Fully inspected & warranted.
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

HANDICAPPED VANS, USED BOUGHT & SOLD. Mini & full size. I come to you. Call Dale any day. 517-230-8865

Sports Utility

CHEVY TRAVERSE LS 2012
V6, full power, 22,000 1 owner miles. \$22,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

FORD ESCAPES 2010-2013
16 To Choose All Ford Certified from \$18,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

FORD ESCAPE SE 2013
4wd, full power, alloys, only 7500 miles. Ford Certified!
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

FORD EXPLORER 2007
Eddie Bauer, 4x4, leather, moon, chromes. Priced to sell! \$13,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

FORD EXPLORER 2013
XLT Moon, Leather, Navigation Ford Certified! 1.9% \$30,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

MERCURY MOUNTAINEER
2005 - LUXURY - AWD Leather, Full Power 57K, 1 Owner, \$12,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Sports & Imported

MINI COOPER S 2008 - 6sp, 1 owner. Mint cond., 26K miles, winter stored, laser blue metallic & white. \$13,500. 248-486-6549/248-736-0426

SUBURU LEGACY OUTBACK
2005 Auto, Full Power, Fully Inspected With Warranty \$9,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Antique & Classic Collector

FORD F-150 LARIAT 1990
6 ft. bed, exc. cond., all new parts, no rust, low miles. 734-444-4977

Cadillac

CTS 2009
Leather, alloys, full power. Only 30,000 1 owner miles. \$21,777
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Chevrolet

IMPALA 2006 LT
Excellent condition, sunroof, AR car, 45,000 miles, \$7,800. 734-765-6291-734-765-6235

IMPALA 2008 LS
58,000 miles, excellent shape, one owner, \$10,500 080 (734) 536-7761 Edgardella@gmail.com

TAHOE 2008 LT 4x4 - 48,000 miles, excellent shape, one owner, super clean, \$25,999 080 (734) 536-7761 Edgardella1@gmail.com

Dodge

CALIBER 2007
Auto, air, full power, alloys. Fully inspected & warranted. \$8488
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Ford

FEISTA 2013
SE, auto, air, full power, 13K. Ford Certified!
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Ford

FUSIONS 2009-2012
12 To Choose All Ford Certified, From \$13,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

FUSION SPORT 2011
AWD, Leather, MOON, 34K Ford Certified! 1.9%
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

MUSTANG 2012
6 Cyl., Premium Pkg, 15K Ford Certified! \$21,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

TAURUS SHO 2001
Moon, Navigation, leather. Inspected & warranted. \$21,777
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Honda

CR-V LX 2004
I am selling it for \$4900, automatic trans. w/4 cyl. 2.4L. Gasoline, 98K mi. (904) 758-8024

Lincoln

MKZ 2012
Leather, alloys, full power. 7000 one, showroom new!
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Pontiac

G6 2008
4 door sedan, gold, 68,000 miles, engine/trans damage, radiator/condenser damage, as is \$2850. 313-535-7474

VIBE 2010GT- 50 K miles
fully loaded auto (5 spd with shift control) sport suspension w/18" alum. rims power sunroof 7 spkr moonson premium sound, 2.4L. Livonia orig. owner \$13,250 SOLD

Toyota

RAV 3 2011
4x4, auto, air, full power. Only 16K. \$19,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

Toyota 2005 Camry XLE
134k mi, leather, good shape, nonsmoker, clear title. \$4,500 call or text: 313-769-1244

Volkswagen

JETTA 2005 - Vehicle is not running, good body for parts or fix up. \$2500 obo 248-277-2817

Volvo

S40 2010
Auto, air, full power. Fully Inspected. \$14,988
NORTH BROS.
855-667-9860

It's all about results...
Get the BEST results here!
O&E Media Classifieds
800-579-7355

It's all about results...
Get the BEST results here!
O&E Media Classifieds
800-579-7355

Observer & Eccentric Media's Classified Sections

It's ALL at your fingertips every week

Jobs! Autos! Real Estate! Apartments! Garage Sales! Service Directories!

Published Every Sunday & Thursday

Look no further than the O&E Media Classifieds
To Place Your Ad: 1-800-579-7355

Advertise your vehicle to thousands of readers with an EFFECTIVE & AFFORDABLE O&E Media Classified Ad.

SELL YOUR CAR FAST.

800-579-7355 hometownlife.com

Now is the BEST time to buy a new car

Best of all, credit is available. Look to your local dealer to find a high quality, fuel efficient vehicle. Your dealer knows your market and can help you get financing to meet your needs. If you need a new car, now is the time.

Visit your local dealership or cars.com to find a car today.

cars.com OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA



2014 LINCOLN MKZ

\$202

Per Month, \$2568 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 24 Month Lease/21,000 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$1500 Competitive Conquest Bonus manufacture rebate.

Vin #3LER819427



2014 LINCOLN MKX

\$349

Per Month, \$2979 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 24 Month Lease/21,000 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$750 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

Vin #2LEBLO7231



2014 LINCOLN MKS

\$293

Per Month, \$2968 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 24 Month Lease/21,000 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$500 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

Vin #1LEG601314



2014 LINCOLN MKS ECOBOOST

\$437

Per Month, \$2984 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 24 Month Lease/21,000 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$750 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

Vin #1LEG604169



2014 LINCOLN MKT

\$561

Per Month, \$2985 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 36 Month Lease/31,500 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$500 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

Vin #2LEBL53547



2014 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR

\$653

Per Month, \$2568 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep. 36 Month Lease/21,500 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$500 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

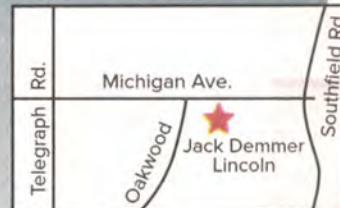
Vin #5LEEL04318



1-800-306-8674

21531 MICHIGAN AVE. DEARBORN
1 Mile West of Southfield Freeway
www.demmerLM.com

SALES
Mon. & Thurs. 9 am-9 pm
Tues., Wed., Fri. 9 am-6 pm



SERVICE
Monday-Friday
7 am-6 pm

~~\$500 EXTRA NOW...~~
\$750 EXTRA ON YOUR TRADE IN!
With the purchase or lease of a new vehicle. 1998 or newer, less than 100,000 miles. All prior sales excluded. Offer expires 4/30/2014

*\$100 tax, title, license and plates. All applicable factory rebates included in price. All leases are 10,500 miles/yr. With approved credit. See Jack Demmer Lincoln for complete details. All offers subject to change due to early print deadlines. Security Deposit waived. +See Dealer for details. All payments are based on A/Z Plan plus sales tax, title and plate fees. Offer expires 4/30/2014

YOU'D THINK SOMETHING CALLED A "JAM" WOULD BE MORE FUN.

Hate waiting in traffic? Find a local job on CareerBuilder.com.

careerbuilder.com®
START BUILDING

COAST-TO-COAST ECOBOOST[®] CHALLENGE



We took on the best our competition has to offer. Now it's your turn to compare.

BILL BROWN



NEW 2014 Ford Taurus SEL



Buy for **\$20,232+**
MSRP \$29,795

Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Satellite Radio, Remote Start.

3 at this price, 49 available.

\$286* with \$620 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Flex SEL



Buy for **\$28,118+**
MSRP \$35,565

Featuring: Leather, Blis, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Remote Start.

3 at this price, 37 available.

\$286* with \$636 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Fusion SE Luxury



Buy for **\$20,097+**
MSRP \$27,110

Featuring: Leather, Luxury Package, Sync with My Ford

10 at this price, 539 available.

\$227* with \$439 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Explorer XLT



Buy for **\$29,135+**
MSRP \$37,015

Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Premium Audio, Keyless Entry, Reverse Sensing.

3 at this price, 105 available.

\$321* with \$629 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Escape SE



Buy for **\$20,478+**
MSRP \$26,445

Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control.

35 at this price, 389 available.

\$226* with \$483 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Edge SEL



Buy for **\$26,770+**
MSRP \$34,815

Featuring: Leather, Sync with My Ford Touch, Rear View Camera, Heated Power Seats.

17 at this price, 114 available.

\$298* with \$589 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Focus SE



Buy for **\$16,156+**
MSRP \$23,540

Featuring: Leather Heated Seats, Appearance Package, Sync and Sound Package.

15 at this price, 236 available.

\$203* with \$412 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford F150 STX SPORT



Buy for **\$27,302+**
MSRP \$38,480

Featuring: Power Windows, Locks, 20" Alum Wheels, Sync.

3 at this price, 182 available.

\$303* with \$421 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

BILL BROWN



Showroom Hours:

Mon. & Thurs.
9 am to 9 pm

Tues., Wed. & Fri.
9am to 6 pm



32222 PLYMOUTH RD.
LIVONIA, MI 48150

billbrownford.com • (734) 421-7000

*All payments and prices are for qualifying AZ planners. For qualifying new AZ planners an additional \$800 to \$1500 would be required to keep the payments or price the same. 10,500 miles per year. To buy for price add tax, title, doc and destination fee. All Factory rebates assigned to the dealer including previous lease and may require Ford Credit financing. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Subject to availability. Payments and prices per program in effect at publication and are subject to change. All other offers expire 5-1-2014.