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Police officer, firefighter help at-risk youths

Westland Youth Assistance Program seeks mentors

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Many people view firefighters and police officers as heroes, putting their lives on the line daily.

But you don't need to be a hero to serve as a mentor in the Westland Youth Assistance Program — just be willing to spend time with a local youngster who needs support from an interested adult.

Two of the current mentors include Carl Laubach, a 19-year member of the Westland Fire Department, and Nathan MacRae, a Westland police officer for eight years.

In 2004, Carl Laubach volunteered to drive the bus that took Westland Youth Assistance participants on visits to the Wayne County Jail or the federal prison at Milan.

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Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz (center) flanked by Westland Police Sgt. Nathan MacRae and Westland Fire Capt. Carl Laubach, both volunteer as mentors with the program.

Sports store sale benefits Gleaners Food Bank

Play Ball Sports going out of business after 26 years

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Take advantage of sale prices and help the Gleaners Community Food Bank at Play Ball Sports in Westland on Saturday.

As he winds down a going-out-of-business sale, owner Mike Odetalla said he will donate 10 percent of proceeds to Gleaners. That includes all merchandise, ranging from sports cards and caps to signed memorabilia.

"I want to say thanks and give back to the community," said Odetalla, adding he expects the Warren Road store to remain open about another 10 days. "I want to end on a positive note."

In business for 26 years, Odetalla said that his daughter did community service work at Gleaners while attending Madonna University.

"She enjoyed it. It is a worthwhile charity. It helps feed hungry families," he said. "I look at it this way, the business kept my family fed and a roof over our heads for 26 years. I can't complain."

Hoping to raise \$1,000 for Glean-

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Two charged in 2012 slayings

Westland teens disappeared after visiting relative in Detroit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

One man has been arraigned and a second man is awaiting arraignment on charges that they murdered two Westland teens in Detroit nearly two years ago.

The Wayne County Prosecutors Office announced charges against Fredrick K. Young, 25 of Detroit, and Ferlando D. Hunter, 23 of Jackson, in the July 2012 deaths of Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17.

Young was arraigned and remanded to jail Wednesday in 36th District Court. He will have a preliminary examination at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13

before Judge Michael Wagner.

Hunter was expected to be arraigned at 8:30 a.m. Thursday (May 1) by video in 36th District Court.

It is alleged that Young and Hunter robbed, tortured, imprisoned and then killed both victims. More specific details of the case will be presented in court at the preliminary examination, according to a statement.

Young and Hunter have each been charged with first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder, torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young has also been charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Both Young and Hunter were among seven suspects arrested by Detroit Police during an investigation into crimes, including homicides, that happened over a two-week period. Police have described the crime spree

as beginning with the murders of the Westland teens.

Hunter has already been convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life without parole in the murder of a Detroit Vietnam veteran and grandfather. Young is awaiting trial June 16 in the same case.

The charges came at the conclusion of an extensive investigation conducted by the Detroit Police Department in conjunction with the prosecutor's office.

Kudla and Bobbish had been missing for several days after they failed to return home from visiting a relative in Detroit. On July 27, 2012, Detroit police officers responded to a run to a field located at Lyford and French Road in Detroit and found the remains of two bodies that suffered gunshot wounds, later identified as Kudla and Bobbish.



Adam Lull served in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army. He and his wife now have a home in Norwayne thanks to a veterans housing program. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Housing program helps veterans find a home

Vouchers offered for rental properties in Norwayne

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Having served more than two years in the U.S. Army, Westland's Adam Lull faced some difficulties in returning to civilian life, including housing and a job.

"When I came back from Afghanistan, I worked at Taco Bell," said Lull, a former sniper and security officer. "Now I've started fixing cars with my buddy, then we sell them."

For awhile, Lull and his wife Rachel, 22 and 23 respectively, stayed with her parents but that didn't last.

"We were living in motels and sometimes in his (Adam's truck). We were pretty much homeless," Rachel Lull said.

The couple, who met in a junior high school English class, eventually found a home renting a duplex in Norwayne thanks to a veterans housing program.

Operated through the Westland Housing Commission, the program provides rent assistance through housing vouchers to income-eligible, honorably discharged veterans. The vouchers are for rental properties in Norwayne.



Adam Lull lets his dog into the house from the backyard. He's a participant in the Westland Housing Commission veterans program.

Housing providers

The housing providers — Veterans Haven, Safe Step and AMR Rentals — offer supportive services, including a Family Self Sufficiency program.

The Westland Housing Commission started the veterans housing program in July 2013. It was the organization's second attempt to offer assistance to veterans. The commission allocated 20 percent of their housing vouchers for veterans — the maximum allowed by the federal government.

"They (the commission) allocated 20 housing vouchers for veterans. I'd guess 12 are being used," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "We're processing some other applications. It's income-based."

Some of the veterans participating in the housing program are younger vets like Lull, others are in their 50s, Campbell said.

"Congress allocated money for veterans housing for years. The Housing Commission hadn't applied — it's a complicated program," she said.

The Housing Commission had set up a veterans housing program years ago, Campbell said, but no one applied. Last year, Veterans Haven contacted the city about a veterans housing program.

"This is really based on a veterans support group reaching out," Campbell said. "It's important to know we sought a Request for Proposals from property owners who can provide supportive services."

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Wayne Masonic Lodge offers child ID program

The Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 will hold a free child identification program in Northville on Saturday, May 3.

The program will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Babies R Us at 20111 Haggerty Road. The program is being provided as a part of the Babies R Us Baby Fair event.

Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression kit and a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information.

Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service.

Children who have

already received the service are encouraged to repeat the process every two years to keep the information in the completed packets current.

The Michigan Child Identification Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System.

Since 2005, more than 65,000 Michigan children have received this service, considered one of the most comprehensive of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

For more information about the event, call Wayne Lodge at 734-721-7950 or consult the Michigan Child ID website at www.michiganchildid.org.



Army veteran Adam Lull shares a french fry with his dog. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Those supportive services can include helping the veterans get access to food, transportation or assistance in getting their benefits through the Veterans Administration.

'Probably be homeless without this program'

The Lulls, both Wayne Memorial High School graduates, had stayed at another Norwayne home before being accepted in the veterans housing program.

"We'd probably be homeless for awhile without this program. We were trying to save up money to find a place," Adam Lull said. "For a lot of veterans it's a problem getting a suitable job when we come back. Then you end up homeless."

A member of the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, Lull said he heard about the housing program from a post officer.

Rachel Lull just got hired at Harbor Freight while Adam Lull said he wants to work as a mechanic. Longer term, he said he'd like to study criminal justice and become a police officer.

Along with the veterans housing and supportive services, the VA Transportation Program is offering rides from the Dorsey Center and the Westland Meijer store to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. It's a pilot program, and Westland is only one of four locations participating nationwide.

For more on the veterans housing program, call the Dorsey Center at 734-595-0288.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

TEARS Kickoff

The Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation will hold a kick-off event from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 1, for its second annual TEARS Rock and Walk fundraiser.

The kick-off will be held at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland. The Rock and Walk will be held Sept. 13 to raise for TEARS, which helps people who lose an infant and do not have the money to pay for the casket and/or grave marker for their child by raising money to help pay for those things.

This kickoff event will provide more information about TEARS and describe the Rock and Walk event. Participants can also join or form a team.

Historical Society

The Wayne Historical Society will present The Main Street Project at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7. The meeting will be held in the Activities Room at the Wayne Public Library on Wayne Road south of West Michigan Avenue.

Learn how Main Street is working to revitalize the downtown area. A short business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Rummage sale

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a spring rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Saturday is also bag day — \$2 for a grocery bag and \$5 for a plastic lawn bag. Homemade bake goods and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

The church is located at 3 Town Square, Wayne across from the Wayne Post Office. The building is handicapped accessible.

For more information, call the church at 734-722-4801.

Buddy poppies

Members of the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post will hold their annual Buddy Poppy sale Thursday through Saturday, May 8-10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the intersections of Wayne Road and Ford, Wayne Road and Cherry Hill and Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Flower sale

In time for Mothers Day, the Wayne Memorial High School Instrumental Music Boosters is holding its annual flower sale Friday through Sunday, May 9-11. The boosters will sell flowers at Wayne Lawn and Garden, 2103 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Class of 1964 reunion

The graduating Class of 1964 from Wayne Memorial High School will have a 50-year class reunion. The All Class Reunion Banquet, honoring the class, is 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, just east of Wayne Road Wayne. The cost is \$30 per person by May 1 and \$35 per person after May 1. To download RSVP form, visit waynehighalumni.com.

Also, the Class of 1964 will have an evening event at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Avenue American Bistro, 3632 Elizabeth St., Wayne. Cost is \$15 per person and includes hot and cold appetizers and cash bar. Email kchorbagian@hughes.net. Plan on doing a short bio about yourself for the past 50 years that will be included in a booklet — this is for all class members whether they attend or not.

For more information, call Diane Fritz at 734-595-4981.

New officers for Southeast Westland Homeowners Association

The Southeast Westland Homeowners Association has elected new officers.

Deloris Flowers has been elected president of the association.

Other officers include vice-president Arthur Warren, secretary Tanya Raglin, treasurer Randa

Orr and area representative Reather Everett.

The Southeast Westland Homeowners Association holds meetings at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Meetings are held at Our Savior Manor, 29405 Annapolis at Middlebelt in Westland.

MENTORS

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"It was kind of like Scared Straight. Wayne County and then the feds stopped doing it. So, I had lots more free time," said Laubach. "(Youth Assistance Director) Paul (Motz) talked me into mentoring."

A Westland fire captain, Laubach has been a mentor, working with at-risk youngsters since 2008.

"Since I started doing it, I noticed the differ-

ence it made in these kids' lives," Laubach said. "At first, I was apprehensive about what impact I could have, but I've noticed it made a big difference."

On the right path

A sergeant, MacRae is a former elementary school teacher and has coached sports. He has been a mentor for two years.

"I met a kid on a case. He was on a wrong path. I tried to help him," MacRae said. "I talked to him about getting a job, getting on the right path.

I've worked with kids in different capacities. It's natural. When I see a kid struggling or on a course not in their best interest or society's best interest, I help when I can."

Laubach and MacRae both completed the required mentor training. The next session will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Suzie Staley conducts the mentor training. Call 734-467-3156 for more information.

"I've noticed they (youngsters) just need someone to listen. Their home life may not be conducive to listening, if both parents are working and there are other kids," Laubach said. "You ask leading questions so they can open up. Kids might be apprehensive about opening up."

Mentors commit to spend time with the youngster they are mentoring — about 90 minutes weekly. Sometimes they meet over a meal or at an activity.

Having a mentor who is a firefighter or a police officer isn't necessarily important to the mentees. Based on their experiences, some may not be too happy about being matched with a police officer at the outset.

"You don't need a cool job. I don't think they care a lot about who you are or what you do. The kids know when they sit down with a mentor, they are the center of attention," MacRae said. "I'm not sure they get that much. We'll go to dinner and talk a bit. Maybe they have a bad attitude or are stressed. You just spend the time with them."

Improved skills

Both MacRae and Laubach said their own people skills have improved as a result of their training as mentors.

"Just attending the training doesn't guarantee they will be a mentor. Sometimes your gut says no to someone," Motz said.

A now-18-year-old former mentee stopped in recently and is doing well in life, Motz said.

"Good things happen. They don't always happen immediately. Sometimes kids file advice away and bring it out later," Motz said. "I'm very happy with Nate and Carl. They've done a lot for the program."

Currently, Motz said there are 12-15 youngsters waiting to be matched with mentors, mostly males needing male mentors.

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SALE

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ers, Odetalla said he plans to match the proceeds to the charity with a \$500 personal donation.

Most items at Play Ball are half price, with memorabilia 30 percent off. As the going-out-of-business sale winds down, Odetalla said he is clearing out the back room.

"I cleaned out all the cool stuff in the back room. A lot of the stuff has never been on sale," he said. "A signed jersey that was \$800 is now \$400-\$500. And now, I'll donate part of that to Gleaners."

The going out-of-business sale has brought in a lot of cus-

tomers who patronized the store over the years, Odetalla said.

"The response has been overwhelming. It makes me sad. I wasn't sad until I talked to people. It was like a trip down memory lane," he said. "They got their first jersey here or they don't know what they will do now for Christmas or birthdays. But all good things must come to an end."

Located at 35121 Warren Road just west of Wayne Road in Westland, Play Ball will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. The 10 percent donation to Gleaners will be available throughout the day.

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Workshop shows basics of a downtown

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

"This is a process that's not going to happen overnight," said Merle Baum. "We need all the participation we can get."

That was the message Baum delivered to a full house at a recent Main Street Buildings Basic workshop held at the Wayne-Westland Fire Station in Wayne.

A member of the Main Street Design Committee, Baum played host to Kelly Larson, a design specialist with the State Historic Preservation Office, who spent almost two hours talking about the importance of preservation as part of a downtown revitalization.

"One of the things that is unique to a downtown for a much larger region is that it is the economic heart, money flows in and out," Larson said. "It's seen as a social heart where people come for the latest news and to celebrate. You want to maintain that and continue to be the social heart of the community."

Using vintage photographs of downtown, Larson provided a primer on what makes up a downtown. Participants learned about the anatomy of a Main Street building — from its cornice and upper facade to its storefront with large display windows — and heard about the importance of historic preservation.

The appearance

"There's a rhythm to a downtown," Larson said about a downtown appearance. "About every 25 feet there's some trigger, there's something new. There's geometry to a downtown. The first part is the storefront with a big wall of glass. The second story has fewer windows and is a more private part of the building. And the cornice is the top hat."

"How do you define a downtown? Zero lot line development," she added. "All buildings are built to the sidewalk where you can have interaction."

Offering examples of archi-



Among people attending the workshop were Lynn Boertje (from left), Sherrie Brindley, Alfred Brock and Cindee McClure.

tectural types ranging from Italianate and Beaux Arts to Art Deco and modern, Larson noted that Wayne isn't alone in having dealt with urban renewal. In the 1960s, communities began putting "slipcovers" over their buildings in an effort to compete with malls. The end result was the inability to "read a community."

"The question is where we go from here," she said. "No Michigan Main Street community is immune to change and there's no knight in shining armor. Change is a grassroots, community-driven strategy. It's economic development through historical preservation. Our buildings are our most important asset."

"The Michigan Main Street program has a four-point approach. It focuses on design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization. The downtown has to look good with improved buildings, ban-

ners and flowers, which will foster economic development. And promotion is the key to bringing people into the downtown," she said.

"When you see development throughout a downtown, what you see is what you remember," she said. "That provides a trigger about what people think of coming there. A downtown has to be functional for people."

Ten Commandments

Larson also touched on the standards for rehabilitation, calling them the Ten Commandments. They help maintain buildings and the historical integrity of the downtown.

"Seventy percent of sales come from curb appeal," she said. "What you see on the outside directly reflects what you find on the inside. Storefronts are an opportunity to shine and draw people in."

Wayne is one of three com-

munities to advance to the Main Street Program's select level this year. The workshop was a prerequisite for the city utilizing many of the benefits available within the program and allows property and business owners access to design services available through the Main Street Program. According to Larson, there's a selection process and Wayne can get a total of 15 three schematic services — three per year over five years.

"Schematics can get the ball rolling," she said. "They create a vision for a building. The design services are a great way to chip away at your design vision. Main Street is here to help you figure out what's your next vision. We're here to help."

Baum encouraged people to get involved. Wayne Ripple Effect is in the process of hiring a Main Street manager and people are being sought to

WRE HOLDS DOWNTOWN CLEANUP DAY

Wayne Ripple Effect is asking residents to get their hands dirty as part of a Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 3.

The family friendly event will start at 9 a.m. at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. Volunteers will be picking up trash and debris in the downtown area as well as raking flower beds and getting "spiffed up" for spring.

Be sure to bring gloves, shovels and rakes.

And for residents who love getting their hands dirty, consider sponsoring a planter in downtown Wayne this summer.

Wayne Ripple Effect will prepare and place planters in strategic locations in downtown Wayne. Sponsors will select and purchase plants for each planter they adopt. The planters are approximately 3 feet in diameter.

The sponsors will plant the flowers during the designated planting week of May 17-24 and water, weed and dead-head the flowers for the full season — May through September/October.

Sponsors will be notified of the location of their planter location the week of May 10.

Wayne Ripple Effect will create a placard containing the name of the family, business or organization to display in the planter.

A sponsor sign-up form is available on the Adopt-A-Planter page of the downtownwayne.org website. Questions can be emailed to Wayne Ripple Effect at WayneRippleEffect@gmail.com. Wayne Ripple Effect also can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/waynerippleeffect.

serve on the design committee. "It's not us, it's not you. It's all of us," he said.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

A New Boston man told police April 23 that someone broke into his work van and enclosed trailer while they were parked overnight at Mr. Stor, 5235 S. Merriman. He reported two concrete saw cutters and three leaf blowers, valued at \$1,675, had been stolen.

The officer noted the handle to the cargo area of the van had been sheared off, a second door handle was damaged and the lock cut off the trailer.

Break-in

An employee of a property management company told police April 24 that he arrived to work at a home in the 1300 block of Easley to find a window broken. The air conditioning unit and all the copper plumbing in the house, valued at \$6,000, were reported stolen.

The house was last seen intact March 1.

Fraud

A Westland man told police April 26 that his wife had received a package from JC Penney that she hadn't ordered. The \$12.18 cost had been charged to her debit card. After the bank was contacted, the charge was refunded and a new card was issued.

The man said they called the phone number on the invoice but it was a voice mail that wasn't accepting any more messages.

Vandalism

» On April 24, police were called to the closed Madison Elementary School, 1075 S. Carlson, about a broken window. A Westland man and his daughter were at the school and reported the 6-foot by 5-foot window broken.

The officer noted the damage was likely recent since there was glass on the ground outside and inside the building. The man told the officer he takes his daughter to ride at the school almost daily and

hadn't seen the broken window the day before.

» Also on April 24, police were called to Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, about an unspecified problem. Once there, officers didn't notice any obvious problem.

Looking around, officers found the south entrance door window had been smashed. The rest of the building was secure.

Larceny from a vehicle

A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a 1999 Ford motor home parked at Westland Truck Wash, 28735 Joy, April 25. The owner, a Westland man, said he was selling the motor home and was meeting a buyer when he discovered the catalytic converter was missing.

Hit and run

On April 24, a Westland woman told police that she went to pick up a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze from Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, where her husband works. She said she noticed someone hit and damaged the car on the rear driver's side while it was in the parking lot.

Suspicious circumstances

A resident of the Hawthorne Club Apartments, 7628 N. Merriman, told police April 27 that she ordered a pair of shoes from Sierra Trading Post that were to have been delivered by UPS but never received it.

Checking online, the woman said it showed the package had been delivered and signed for with a name she didn't recognize. The woman said the company replaced the shoes.

Larceny

On April 25, a resident of a condominium in the 1900 block of Kaley told police that someone stole seven decorative solar lights valued at \$70 from in front of her unit.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A family in the 31000 block of Kathryn in Garden City called the police twice on April 26 on vehicle complaints.

The first call was placed about 1 a.m. April 26 when the daughter heard her vehicle start up and drive away. The daughter said that the 1999 Ford Taurus has a loud exhaust but the keys were not with the vehicle.

She said that an unknown driver drove south on Moeller and then she lost sight of the car.

At about 1 p.m. April 26, the father called the police to report he just discovered damage to his 1998 Dodge van.

He believes the suspect first tried to steal the van and then stole the Taurus. There was damage to the steering column of the van. A wooden

handle from a screwdriver was located inside of his van. The father said that the wooden handle doesn't belong to him and must belong to the suspect.

Theft

» A Garden City resident came to the police station April 25 to report that someone entered her 2003 Ford Taurus through unknown means.

She said that the vehicle was parked on Sheridan and when she got up in the morning, she found that someone stole her MacBook Pro which was in a Coach bag on the backseat. She added that the vehicle was ransacked.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Barton reported April 26 that somebody stole his six-string bass guitar from his Ford van. He didn't check the van to make sure that it was locked, but he thought that it

was.

Fraud

A resident in the 31000 block of Rosslyn reported that her credit card, issued by Lake Trust Credit Union, was fraudulently used to purchase gift cards which she didn't authorize. She said that her credit card was declined when she tried to pay her DTE bill.

She learned later that there were several \$165 gift card purchases at the Meijer store in White Lake and several \$165 purchases at the Meijer store in Northville.

Property damage

A man reported April 27 that someone used a pellet gun to shoot out a security light behind 27512 Ford. He described it as a dusk-to-dawn light.

By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

of forced entry.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 5600 block of West Hickory Hollow told police April 23 that someone smashed a window on her 2010 Chrysler Town and Country and then stolen the navigational system.

The dashboard was reported to have been pulled out and the wiring to the system was disconnected before it was removed. The stolen unit was valued at \$1,200.

Break-in

On April 23, a resident in the 4000 block of Hannan told police he arrived home just after 9 p.m. to find half of his Craftsman tool box sitting in the driveway.

The garage door, which he said is kept locked, had been pried open. Reported stolen were a 110-volt MIG welder, a cable saw, a reciprocating saw, an air nailer, a cordless drill and impact driver, a tool box with assorted tools, a Honda 300 generator and a 2006 Polaris 50 cc four wheel ATV valued at \$6,575.

Larceny

An employee at the Mobil Gas Station, 35520 Van Born, told police April 21 that someone cut the lock off a metal storage cage. Reported missing were 16 full tanks of propane and two empty tanks. The items were valued at \$800.

The employee told police the storage cage was locked at midnight April 21 but the items were missing at 5 a.m.

Break-in

On April 25, a resident in the 3500 block of Hannan told police he arrived home from work just after 5 p.m. to find shattered rear door glass shattered. A rock was lying nearby.

Reported missing were a 47-inch flat-screen television, 32-inch flat-screen television, Blu-ray player, laptop computer, iPod Touch, jewelry box with assorted jewelry, Nintendo DS, four bottles of liquor, digital photo frame, Easter candy, a drawer of lip gloss, clothing, coins and a dinner silverware collection valued at \$4,670.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Performing to "Singing in the Rain" are skaters Riley Taylor, Gabriella Mattioli, Kamryn Harris and Michelle Salutes. PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

Westland skaters present 'Anything Goes' May 2-4

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's been a trip down memory lane for members of the Westland Figure Skating Club, who are working on this year's show, *Anything Goes - 20 Years Later*.

"It's kind of a flashback show," said Heather Salamay, a co-chair of the show, which opens Friday at the Mike Modano Ice Arena. "Twenty years ago we used to sing *Anything Goes*, so 20 years later we're doing it again."

Organizers are incorporating themes of the last 20 years of shows.

They've pulled out some of the props for shows like *Moonlight Majestic* and *Movie Mania*. The set will include a movie theater, tanning salon and record shop, Salamay said.

Directing this year's production is April Rawson, with Salamay, Barb French and Margaret Brown as co-chairs.

The show will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, May 2; 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3; and 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and children age 5 and under. They are available at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 Wildwood, north of Ford Road.

Different performances

Forty skaters ranging in age from 4-60 will perform in the show, which has been in rehearsals since the end of March. There will be group and solo performances, including three by skaters who will be graduating from high school, including Salamay's daughter Andrea. There also will be a special number at the end of the show, Salamay said.

In addition to the sets inside the arena, club members have decorated the lobby with old program covers, photos, banners of the former show themes and stars with the names of the 40 skaters who will perform.

"It's certainly been a trip down memory lane," Salamay said. "We found that some of the coaches were skaters in

the shows 20 years ago."

With a smaller group to work on the show, club members have taken on different duties. Everyone, according to Salamay, has stepped up.

"It's been a big job," she said. "We've really worked together as a team."

With dress rehearsals going on this week, Salamay said the best part has been "seeing the little kids in their costumes."

"They're always so cute, and I like seeing the girls enjoying themselves," she added.

And she admits that when the show ends, it will be a sad moment. Her daughter has been skating with the club for 13 years. She started when she was in kindergarten. She plans on attending Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and may join other skaters in returning as a coach.

"If she finds time," said her mother.

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Golf outing benefits diabetes, cancer groups

Albert's on the Alley and Fleming Financial Services are sponsoring the third annual Golfers Against Diabetes and Cancer Golf Outing, scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at Links at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus.

All proceeds from the outing will go to the American Diabetes Association and American Cancer Society.

The outing is a four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hot dog at the turn, awards luncheon at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City, games and prizes.

People interested in golfing,

sponsoring a hole, volunteering or giving a donation can contact John Fleming at 734-604-0227 or John@Fleming-FinancialSvc.com

Hole sponsorships are \$100 and due by May 10. The payment can be made out either to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society. Golfer registrations also are due May 10, with the fee payable to John Fleming. They can be mailed to ADA/ACS Golf Outing, P.O. Box 819, Garden City, MI 48136.

The American Cancer Society portion of the proceeds will be going to the Rebels with a Cause Team for the Garden City Relay for Life.

Film looks at power of forgiveness

Hope 4 Healing Hearts and the Kirk of Our Savior will present the hour-long documentary, *The Power of Forgiveness*, on Monday, May 12.

The film is part of an event being held from 7-9:30 p.m. by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Downs at The Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road in Westland.

The movie will be followed by discussion of the impact that forgiveness can have in people's lives. The discussion will cover topics such as how forgiving a person is, learning how to use outreach tools, understanding forgiveness and finding forgiveness resources.

Light refreshments will be served.

Produced and directed by Martin Doblmeier, *The Power of Forgiveness* explores recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within

relationships under a wide variety of conditions. It includes feature stories on the Amish, the 9/11 tragedy and peace-building in Northern Ireland, along with interviews with renowned Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, best-selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson and others.

The film also explores the role forgiveness holds in various faith traditions. It provides an honest look at the intensity of anger and grief that human nature and at transgressions people find themselves unwilling or unable to forgive. Through character-driven stories the film shows the role forgiveness can play in alleviating anger and grief and the physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come with it.

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Generations meet at John Glenn High School's USO-style dance

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

James Parks admits that his surviving the Korean War was because of the providence of God. The 88-year-old Livonia resident was the only survivor of his unit that had been sent to the Yalu River to check that it was all quiet.

"Thirty-two men were killed, they didn't know the Chinese had crossed the river into North Korea," Parks said. "I wasn't there. I'd been assigned elsewhere."

Parks served in both World War II and the Korean War, due in part to his re-enlisting each of the four times he was discharged. He had a good reason for doing that. The government wouldn't allow him to bring his Japanese-born wife Sachiko "Rose" home until 1950.

He was among the 13 men and women who were the guests of honor at the USO-style dance John Glenn High School staff and students recently held to honor Korean War veterans and defense workers. The dance was a reprise of one held last year for World War II veterans, at which Parks also was a guest. He came dressed for that dance in his uniform and wore it again this year.

"This jacket is close to my heart," said the Livonia resident. "I wore this when I married my wife in 1946. I met her while I was in Japan."

History comes alive

The event was organized by history teacher Michele Anderson, whose students interviewed veterans and created oral histories that will be given to the Library of Congress. They also made posters, honoring the men and women who served during the "Forgotten War."

Anderson started doing the dance and interviews last year with the help of a Humanities grant. Even before the last note had been played, she was thinking about doing the Korean War this year.

"This is about giving students the opportunity to meet firsthand what they heard about in history books," said Anderson, who was recently named Michigan History Teacher of the Year. "This was about bringing together two very different generations."

Anderson got help with the project from the social studies department, the music department and the JROTC. The high school Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Cramer, and Glenn Singers provided music for the evening, while the JROTC presented the colors for the ceremony. Students and staff in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's culinary arts program helped serve desserts and drinks for guests.

Even dance instructor Terry Bee came dressed for the event, wearing a formal Air Force tuxedo. The Belleville resident teaches Baldwin dance classes at the school and spent 45 minutes helping more than 35 students learn dances of the era for the event.

Dottie Witt of Westland came to the dance last year dressed as a Rosie the Riveter. This year she came as a car hop, using black marker to transform her athletic shoes into saddle shoes and wearing a Detroit Street Railways conductor's coin changer around her waist.

Last year she was there to honor the World War II veterans; this year, she was an honored guest like Parks.

"I thought there'd be a lot of poodle skirts, so I dressed as a car hop," said Witt, an Army corporal who served for two years, traveling around the country to encourage men and women to enlist. "I was a recruitment tool. I played softball and tried to get more men and women to join. I worked until I got married and then I got out."

Witt was an outstanding ball player and was offered a professional contract with the women's league. She had to turn it down.

"I didn't tell anyone I was pregnant until the end of the ball season," she said. "I wanted to be in the Olympics. I was voted the MVP in the 3rd Army."



Korean War veteran Richard Pilon of Burton is joined by his wife Jan at the event. He was among 13 veterans who were interviewed by students as part of an oral history project. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Ruth Webb of Wayne, a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, attended the dance.



Korean War veterans Albert Buzzelli of Garden City and Robert Duff of East Jordan are honored for their service during the Korean War.

A real Rosie

Across the room was a real Rosie the Riveter, 93-year-old Ruth Webb of Wayne. She was 23 years old when she worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. She and her sister heard about the plant and decided to go out there to see about a job.

"They talked to us and we started work the next day," she said. "I worked eight hours a day riveting on the side of the plane. I worked there until the plant closed in 1945."

In addition to the festivities inside the school cafeteria, students also created posters, honoring veterans and defense workers, and propaganda pieces for the war.

The boards lined the hall-way and were like a roll call of residents who served in the military — men like Robert

"Curly" Smith, who helped run patrols along the 38th Parallel during his two years in the Army, and Jerry Peacock, who served in the Navy from 1950 to 1953 and was assigned to an attack cargo ship, the AKA-12 US Libra.

"This is one of those events that's all about education," John Glenn Principal David Ingham told the crowd. "Our students get to feel and see history face to face. This also is a small token to give back to you for your service. I know many of the veterans had a great time talking to the students. I hope this can continue to be an event at John Glenn High School. I hope everyone comes back and helps continue to honor all of our veterans."

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Sixty-eight years after saying "I do" in Japan, James Parks leads his wife Sachiko "Rose" in a dance. He saw action in both World War II and Korea during his nine years in the service.



Dottie Witt of Westland, who served in the Army during the Korean War, came dressed as a car hop for the dance.



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Rush Group CEO talks jobs, growth at D.C. meetings

The chairman and CEO of The Rush Group in Wayne was among manufacturers from Michigan and around the country to recently receive a briefing by senior White House officials and Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker on the state of their industry.

Andra Rush and representatives from 37 companies shared their expertise on how the Administration can help manufacturers grow and create jobs at the briefing.

"It's always an honor to be invited to the White House. I've been very pleased with the way the administration, from President Obama through his cabinet secretaries on down, have listened with sincere interest and openness to those of us who are trying to grow manufacturing companies and create good sustainable jobs in the United States," Rush said.

Pritzker outlined the Department of Commerce's initiatives to



Representatives of 37 companies were in Washington recently for a briefing by White House officials on the state of their industry.

enhance the global competitiveness of American manufacturing and invest in the industry's future.

The White House briefing also included panel discussions, led by industry leaders, on using public-private partnerships to encourage innovation, preparing workers for highly skilled manufacturing jobs, and creating opportunities for entrepreneurship. During the discussion, business leaders shared their

insights on how the government can be most effective in helping manufacturers enhance their competitiveness and boost innovation.

Well received

"My input, which has been received well, continues to be that a real public-private partnership can use manufacturing jobs to help rebuild some of the most challenged communities in our country," Rush said. "Employers who make the commitment to

build the workforce and help people make the transition from public assistance and long-term unemployment to tax-paying manufacturing workers need support and an ongoing working relationship with the administration."

Bernie Scibienski, COO and director of HRB & Associates in Gross Pointe pointed out that "STEM - Science Technology Engineering and Math - are important pieces in our education system and our future."

"We need to attract and keep the next generation involved in manufacturing and agriculture," he said. "We need to work together in regions and nationally to create internships and training programs. We also need to invest and maintain our infrastructure."

"Michigan and the Midwest have been the epicenter of American manufacturing for the past century," said Trevor Pawl, managing director of the Michigan

Economic Development Corporation. "It only makes sense that the State of Michigan works to get as many companies here as possible to discuss the future and how we can all play a role in ensuring that the United States remains the global leader in new manufacturing technologies."

Advise Washington

With the help of more than 50 of the world's most respected companies, Business Forward is making it easier for tens of thousands of business leaders from across America to advise Washington on how to create jobs and accelerate the economic recovery. They have organized hundreds of local briefings with more than 450 senior Administration officials, members of Congress, mayors and governors.

To date, it has brought more than 3,000 business leaders to the White House to brief the President's economic advisors. Business leaders

who have participated in the briefings have seen their suggestions implemented in the Affordable Care Act, the Jobs Act, three trade agreements and every one of the President's budgets.

"As the innovators who brought us the initial iteration of many current manufacturing processes, it's likely that it's our companies and constituents that will bring us the next great technologies that will bring the world into the 22nd century and beyond," Pawl said.

"The business leaders briefing the White House today bring experience from some of America's most successful companies," said Jim Doyle, President of Business Forward. "They can provide valuable insights into how policymakers can help manufacturers develop a strong workforce, open new markets, and maintain the recent increase of manufacturing jobs."

For more information about Business Forward, visit businessfwd.org.

Metro Airport opens 'Central Bark' for service animals

Delta Air Lines, working in cooperation with Detroit Metropolitan Airport, has opened the hub's first air-side Service Animal Relief Area near gate A-34 of the McNamara Terminal. The new facility, which some employees have dubbed "Central Bark," is a more convenient location for passengers to take their service animals.

"Prior to the opening of this facility, connect-

ing passengers with service animals would need to go outside to find the relief area on the International Arrivals level," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "This is a convenient, time-saving and easy-to-find location."

Designed by Arconcepts Inc. and built by The Peterson Companies Inc., the relief area was recently dedicated with the assistance of

service dogs provided by Michigan-based PAWS With A Cause.

"Having the relief area inside of security will allow the service dogs to travel more comfortably," said Deb Davis, community outreach manager for PAWS With A Cause.

"This will be a fantastic convenience for their handlers whose travels take them through Detroit Metro Airport."

Inside the relief area

are two "porch potties," one with simulated grass, a second with real grass, and even a fake fire hydrant. Solid waste disposal bags and disposal instructions are available and mini sprinkler systems rinse the grass after each animal has accomplished its duty with all due dignity. The wide entrance easily accommodates wheelchairs while blocking the view of passersby.

"We know that traveling with pets is important to our customers and we're quite pleased to offer this new convenience whether customers are beginning or ending their travel in Detroit or connecting across the globe at our hub here," said John Fenchushak, Delta's vice-president Detroit Hub.

"Transportation Security Administration is pleased that Detroit Metro Airport and Delta

Air Lines are providing this new facility," said TSA public affairs spokesman Jim McKinney. "It relieves us of having to re-screen customers who simply need to provide a break for their service animals."

"Passengers with special needs are important to us," Naughton said. "When they have a choice, we hope customers traveling with service animals will choose to connect in Detroit."

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Clothing drive

Westhaven Manor Retirement Community in Westland has teamed with Two Men and a Truck and its annual Movers for Moms Collection Drive for mothers in need. Westhaven Manor is collecting donations for local women's and family shelters for delivery on Mother's Day.

Westhaven residents and their families will be donating items such as nice soaps, hair styling products, dental products, pillows, blankets, baby diapers, formula and all basic toiletries or personal care items.

Westhaven Manor is a luxury independent retirement community for seniors looking for maintenance-free living. The manor has 144 one- and two-bedroom apartments and a variety of activities and social facilities.

Items can be dropped off in a special collection box located at Westhaven Manor, 34601 Elmwood Ave., north of Ford and west of Wildwood, Westland, through May 7. For more information, call 734-729-3690.

Broadcasting award

Oakwood's health education radio program Champions of Care received the Merit Award for Feature Programming from the Michigan Association of Broadcasting (MAB) at its annual award ceremony March 12.

Airing at 10 a.m. Sundays on News/Talk 760 WJR, Champions of Care provides information and advice about a wide range of health and wellness topics. Since 2008, the program has featured hundreds of interviews with Oakwood-affiliated physicians, clinicians and community partners.

The award-winning interview showcased Oakwood nurse colleagues of Trina Miller, who was chosen for ABC TV's *Extreme Weight Loss* show.

While Trina worked with the ABC team to reach her own weight loss goal, the nurses set their own path and achieved remarkable results, thanks to support from Oakwood and from each other.

Three members of "Team Trina" joined host Lloyd Jackson in studio in June 2013 to share their stories — Kristin Quint and Ebony Gibson from Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and Jamie Fineran from Oakwood Healthcare Center in Garden City.

"Oakwood physicians are true Champions of Care in both the exceptional care listeners provide to patients and their ability to educate WJR listeners on a variety of health related issues," added Tom O'Brien, vice president/market manager, WJR News/Talk 760.

"One of the unique aspects of the show is listeners not only get advice from the doctors and nurses, but hear an inspiring story from a patient every week. WJR is proud to have Oakwood as one of our key content partners."

For a library of past Champions of Care interviews, visit oakwood.org/champions.

In business, avoid bridge-burning behavior

In today's interconnected business environment it seems that the importance of not burning bridges should be pretty obvious. Yet lately I've observed a number of situations that left me shaking my head.

These were instances in which one party didn't get the outcome they wanted from the other and instead of being graceful about it they lashed out. I'm simply amazed by the short-sightedness of such bridge-burning behaviors, which turn temporary setbacks into permanent losses. Since we don't always get what we want today, the following advice is especially important.

Think long term.

Clarity Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

I recently hired a company I haven't worked with in years. I kept their contact information all this time because they did a great job and in particular, I still remember how gracious they were when I canceled their services. No muss, no fuss, just "we hope to have the opportunity to work with you again in the future." That's the opposite of burning bridges.

Let's build some bridges — and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Life is short but there is always time for courtesy." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

P.P.S. Thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. New readers can visit www.JoinSunnyNotes.com to add an email address to receive Sunny Notes directly by email each week.

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Bookstock runs through Sunday, offers more bargains

If you haven't shopped Bookstock 2014 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia yet this week, there's still plenty of time to find bargains.

Metro Detroit's biggest used book and media sale, featuring more than 100,000 donated items, runs through 6 p.m. Sunday. New stock is placed on the floor daily, so even those who have already shopped are encouraged to come back.

All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

From 3-9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, buy three

books and get the fourth book free (the least expensive item). Spend \$25 or more and be entered in a special drawing for a football signed by Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford or a pair of club-level seats for a Lions home game.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4, all remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale.

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Shoppers converge on the bargains at Bookstock.

the Jewish Community Relations Council and a consortium of communal nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. It has generated nearly \$1 million for literacy and education projects throughout

Oakland County and Detroit.

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

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

Pregnancy Center holds annual race in Hines Park

The Livonia-based AAA Pregnancy Resource Center will hold its third annual race to benefit local moms and mothers-to-be Saturday, May 17, in Hines Park.

The race will begin at the Nankin Hills Picnic Shelter on Hines Drive, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Both 5K run or walk and 10K chip-timed races, along with a one-mile walk, will be available. The races begin at 9:15 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Packet pickup will start at 8 a.m.

Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K. The one-mile walk is free.

Register online at www.AAA-Race4Life.com. An online fundraising page or pledge forms are available for participants that wish to collect pledges to help support AAAPRC.

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center helps women and families during the difficult time of an unexpected pregnancy by offering free services such as: pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds and baby supplies.

For more information, visit AAA-Race4Life.com or call race coordinator Kellie Maletta at 734-335-0338.

Schoolcraft board OKs tuition hike, new fee

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees on Wednesday approved a new \$6 per credit hour infrastructure fee and a \$3-\$4 per credit hour tuition hike for fall 2014.

The new infrastructure fee is to cover operational expenses such as water, sewer, telephone and other basic business needs, said Frank Ruggirello Jr., Schoolcraft's director of marketing and communications. None of the money from the new fee will go to infrastructure improvements for the new Schoolcraft to U partnership program with Wayne State University and University of Toledo that will start in the fall, he said.

Tuition will go from \$90 to \$93 per credit hour for residents, \$131 to \$135 per credit hour for non-

residents and \$195 to \$199 per credit hour for out-of-state and international students.

A resident student is one whose legal residence is within the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Novi.

The board approved the new fee and tuition increase in a 4-1 vote. Trustee Joan Gebhardt, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said in a telephone interview she has voted no on tuition and fee increases for the past four years because she's concerned about making college unaffordable for resident students. "I'm adamant that we are there to help our residents," she said, adding she doesn't want them to have to go into debt to pay for community college.

The new infrastruc-

ture fee is in addition to service and instructional equipment fees, going up from \$5 and \$7 to \$6 and \$8 per credit hour, respectively, and a per-semester registration fee being increased from \$40 to \$42 next fall.

Schoolcraft remains competitive with neighboring community colleges, Ruggirello said.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress and Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cerny "don't take this lightly," Ruggirello said, of the tuition and fee increases. "It's a balancing act." He said Schoolcraft hasn't gone to the electorate for a millage since 1986. The increases are meant to keep up with the rate of inflation, he said.

According to a chart Schoolcraft College provided comparing tuition rates for 2013-14, Schoolcraft was in the middle at \$90 per credit hour. Mott

charged \$122.50, Wayne County, \$102; Washtenaw, \$98; Macomb, \$89; Henry Ford, \$87, and Oakland \$76.40.

"Even if you include the fees, it costs less to attend Schoolcraft College than other colleges and universities, and the student gets much more personal attention and support," Ruggirello said.

A student taking 12 credit hours at Schoolcraft in fall 2014 will pay approximately \$1,326 for tuition and fees, up from \$1,264 in fall 2013.

Some of the colleges with lower tuition rates collect more in property taxes per student, Ruggirello said. "At some point, somebody's got to pay." For example, in 2013, Oakland Community College collected \$2,956 in property taxes per student while Schoolcraft collected \$1,672 per student.

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OUR VIEWS

Deadline kicks off real work for candidates, voters

It may be more than three months until the August primary election, but the political television ads and the emails are coming fast and furious.

If you're tired of all the claims and counter-claims, and of not being able to "delete" a TV commercial the same way you would an email, just wait. There are plenty more to come.

Tuesday, April 22, marked the filing deadline for the August primary. Unless a candidate decided to conduct a write-in campaign, that candidate had to file with the appropriate governmental agency by Tuesday in order to appear on the ballot. So far, there has been a cacophony of interest in open seats for the upcoming election.

You can thank U.S. Sen. Carl Levin for that. The Democrat earlier announced that he would not run for re-election but end his distinguished career with the current term. That prompted U.S. Rep. Gary Peters—a Democrat who now represents areas from Southfield to southwest Detroit to Grosse Pointe—to bolt from the starting gate in a bid for that seat.

The attack ads have been many, as Terri Lynn Land, a former Michigan secretary of state and a Republican is contesting Peters.

The moves by Levin and

Peters haven't had a trickle-down effect—it's been more like a waterfall as other officials, both term-limited and not, has tumbled over each other to announce which race they are running for.

In the running

Two years ago U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. faced a crowd of challengers in the 13th Congressional District, which includes Westland, Wayne and Garden City. This time the lone challenger for the Democratic nomination is the Rev. Horace Sheffield III, the pastor of New Destiny Christian Fellowship Church in Detroit.

Conyers is a legend in the civil rights community and the second-longest-serving active member of Congress. At age 84, he has been representing southeast Michigan since 1965 and is one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

In 2012, Conyers did little if any campaigning. His name recognition was hard to overcome among the challengers that included two suburbanites—State Sen. Glenn Anderson of Westland and Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci.

It could be a lot different this time around. The Sheffield name is well-known in Detroit. His daughter, Mary Sheffield is a member of the

The point of all this is that voters cannot afford to sit on the sidelines until the November general election. Many of the political races will be determined in the August primary election. It may only be May 1, but it's not too early to start scoping out the candidates.

Detroit City Council, and his father, Horace Sheffield Jr., was an important labor activist in the history of the UAW.

Questions have been raised about Conyers' ability to represent the district in Congress, and even before the filing deadline, Sheffield was letting it be known that the region needs "aggressive, vibrant leadership."

The August primary will most likely be the election for 13th District seat. The district is predominantly Democratic, and the Republican challenger, Jeff Gorman of Garden City, is a political newcomer.

More action

But the biggest race may well be for Wayne County Executive.

Beleaguered County Exec Robert Ficano waited until the day before the filing deadline to announce his intention to seek a fourth term. He's fac-

ing challenges from Westland Mayor William Wild, State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans and Sigmunt Szczepkowski Jr. of Detroit.

Ficano's term in office has been rocked by scandal, including a federal grand jury probe of corruption in county government and the failed Wayne County Jail project, and not to forget, former appointees who have been convicted of bribery or charged with such things as conspiracy, fraud, extortion and obstruction of justice.

The battle lines have already been drawn, with attorney Robert Davis filing a challenge with the Wayne County Elections Commission to remove McNamara because a sitting commissioner is ineligible to run for county executive. McNamara has countered that Davis's "chal-

lenge is an attempt to limit voters' choices during the primary election and keep the status quo."

With such a crowded field, Ficano stands a chance of getting the Democratic nomination as the contenders battle for votes.

Wild has a strong following in the Westland area and has the backing of Bill Ford Jr. McNamara has name recognition as the son of the late Ed McNamara who had the job before Ficano. Cavanagh also has name recognition among Detroiters. His late father, Jerome P. Cavanagh, was mayor of Detroit in the 1960s. And Evans is just as well-known, having served as Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, although his departure from the DPD job followed what then Mayor Dave Bing described as compromising decisions.

The point of all this is that voters cannot afford to sit on the sidelines until the November general election. Many of the political races will be determined in the August primary election. It may only be May 1, but it's not too early to start scoping out the candidates.

A lot will be said and done during the next three months, so voters should prepare for a busy election season by determining to stay informed and involved.

LETTERS

LPS board fails

It was with great disappointment that I sat through the April 14 Livonia School Board meeting. The issue of school of choice was to be voted on. All I heard from our elected "trustees" was that the easiest thing to do was take money from school of choice students entering our district next fall to fill budget gaps.

Not one mention was made as to other ways in which we as a school district could stem the financial tide that is flooding our school system. One thing is for sure. Each member who voted for the school of choice proposal discussed ad nauseam how they did not want to make the choice to open Livonia Public Schools up to out-of-district students. But they did it anyway. And in doing so we will see 60 new students enter our public schools next fall, on an experimental basis that has no connection to our community. Their parents will have no vested interest in our community. These 60 will somehow make up for the 300 we lose yearly. I don't know how. But that was the argument made.

The new students will, however, get to enjoy the new facilities we home-owning taxpayers voted to fund last year. They will, however, get to enjoy the high standards that we as citizens have set for our educational institutions.

The board also voted to bring to the tax-paying citizens of Livonia another ballot proposal Aug. 5. They cannot have it both ways. We the citizenry of this great community must inform our elected leaders at the ballot box that we will not continue to fund great schools for others' advantage. The idea of community schooling is to educate the community. If the Livonia School Board is not equipped to figure out alternative ways to generate revenue and cut costs than opening up our

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schools and more ballot initiatives, we as voters need to speak at the ballot box.

School of choice will negatively affect each and every taxpayer in Livonia. With an influx of students that come from schools with lower academic standards will also come lower MEAP scores. MEAP scores are used to rate school districts and as goes the MEAP so goes your property values. Every citizen should be made aware of the dangerous precedent that is being set by our "trustees."

Michael Cretu
Livonia

Help our youth

In January we lost a beautiful young member of our family to heroin. A few weeks ago when we traveled to Benzie County, we learned of six heroin overdoses in only three months. According to the State of Michigan, overdose deaths in Michigan increased from 271 during 1999-2002 to 728 from 2010-2012 and continue to climb. Admissions to heroin treatment programs more than doubled to 13,600 in 2013.

Some Michigan lawmakers are looking at legislation to allow friends and families of an addict to administer a heroin antidote in event of overdose. They state this is due to the person being unable to administer it to themselves during overdose.

I understand the thinking behind this type

of action; however, it does not stop the problem. Drug addiction is real and there are youth and families that need assistance in helping themselves. There are narcotics anonymous meetings for those who need help—they can be located at www.na.org. We must also educate our communities and youth about what these drugs can do to them. This starts in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, congregations and our leaders.

However, that is only one part of the journey away from these tragedies. Many of our youth are turning to drugs as they are not engaged in their schools and communities. Parents and community leaders need to assist our youth with jobs and training and encouragement. Not only should we help our own children, but look to your neighborhood youth, your community youth—we need to concern ourselves with them also. It is not only morally right, but it also affects our neighborhoods, schools, and communities.

We must look at how to help our youth get the help they need and assist them in getting trained and finding other alternatives. Please look around you and observe what youth in your neighborhood need jobs, and see what you can do to help. Ask your employers, offer them work in your neighborhood. Ask our Michigan lawmakers to train and create jobs for our youth—keep them engaged.

None of this will bring back the beautiful young people we have lost so soon, but in their names, let's make a change.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

It's fair: Time to raise minimum wage

Sen. Carl Levin
GUEST COLUMNIST

When the Senate returns to Washington, we should debate and pass legislation to raise the minimum wage.

It is indisputable that the minimum wage now lags far behind the cost of living. We last acted to raise the minimum wage in 2009, when we set the current rate of \$7.25 an hour. Adjusted for inflation, that's just \$6.62 in current dollars. And it is far lower than the rate in 1980, which was nearly \$9 an hour when adjusted for inflation.

It is indisputable that increasing the minimum wage would reduce poverty. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that nearly 1 million Americans would rise from poverty under this legislation. And earlier this year, economists who surveyed the empirical research on this subject estimated that the impact would be far greater: roughly 4.6 million people immediately lifted above the poverty line and 6.8 million over time.

And it is indisputable that failure to raise the U.S. minimum wage—among the lowest in the developed world—has contributed to growing income inequality. Here's what *The Economist*, a generally conservative publication, said in December: "Skepticism about the merits of minimum wages remains this newspaper's starting point. But as income inequality widens and workers' share of national income shrinks, the case for action to help the low-paid grows."

The Economist and others recognize that we should consider this issue in the context of a larger issue: Increasingly, larger issues are not the path to get ahead in



Carl Levin

this country. Increasingly, income goes not to working families, but to the owners of capital. The share of our national income that flows to those who work for a living has, by every measure, fallen. That is enormously troubling. This is a nation built on the idea that hard work is the path to success, the path to a better future for our families. That breakdown of the relationship between labor and prosperity threatens to fracture the understandings that have fed our growth and success for more than two centuries.

None of the statements I have made so far are particularly controversial; they represent mainstream economic thinking. Opponents of raising the minimum wage have one response to these facts: They say raising the minimum wage will destroy jobs. They cite this as an unassailable fact. But this position is far more open to dispute than any of the arguments in favor of raising the minimum wage.

The Economist put it this way: "Some studies find no harm to employment from federal or state minimum wages, others see a small one, but none finds any serious damage." Again: "None finds any serious damage." And when the University of Chicago surveyed leading economists last year, they found them evenly split on the question—just

as many economists believed there would be no noticeable impact on employment opportunities as believed there would be noticeable job loss. In that same survey, economists said by a four-to-one margin that the benefits of a minimum wage increase outweighed the potential costs.

The minimum wage has been increased only twice in the last 17 years because too many in Washington oppose any minimum wage increases, at any time, under any economic circumstances. These opponents seem wedded to a policy of tax cuts for the wealthy, reduced protections for workers and consumers and reduced protection for the environment as the answer to any and all economic problems.

This dogma has, for the last 30 years, dominated much of our country's economic policy. But who can persuasively argue that working families are better off for it? Corporate profits are at an all-time high, as are income and wealth for the most fortunate Americans. But for average working families, the last 30 years have been an exercise in running to stand still.

We can and must raise the minimum wage. Empirical evidence supports it and fairness demands it.

Carl Levin is a U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Confirm your Social Security earnings online

Articles on Social Security usually deal with one of two issues. The first is a theoretical discussion on whether Social Security is going to be around. The second deals with at what age should one collect Social Security — 62, 66, and should your spouse collect at the same time?

These are important issues — particularly when it comes to a strategy regarding when to collect Social Security. However, what rarely gets mentioned and what is equally as important, is whether the Social Security Administration has the right information regarding your earnings.

In the past, the SSA would send a yearly statement that provided Social Security information and guesstimated benefits. However, in 2011 due to budget pressures, it stopped. As a result, SSA set up an online tool to help people verify income. Unfortunately, only about 10 million wage earners, who represent about 6 percent of all workers, have signed up.

The reality is that Social Security makes mistakes. All sorts of things can happen such as your employer reported your earnings using the wrong Social Security number, your employer incorrectly reported your earnings or you changed your name as a result of a marriage or divorce and failed to report it to Social Security. Mistakes happen.

Unfortunately, Social Security has a three-year statute of limitation and if you do not correct your earnings or other mistakes within that time you can be out of luck. Therefore, something that everyone — those getting ready to collect Social Security and those 30 years away — is to confirm Social Security earnings.

The best way to confirm earnings and benefits is to create an account called "my Social Security" which allows you to review your earnings



Rick Bloom

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record and to also receive a guesstimate of what your benefits would be.

I recommend reviewing the account for accuracy at least once a year. It is important to remember that Social Security is not a government assistance or welfare program. It is an insurance policy that you and your employer have paid into and you're entitled to receive all benefits you have earned.

For those who do not go online or do not wish to set up an online statement with Social Security, there is some relief on the way. The SSA announced that beginning in September it will once again send statements to taxpayers every five years.

Earning statements will resume for workers who will be 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60. In addition, those over 60 who are not receiving Social Security benefits and who do not register with "my Social Security" will also receive statements.

Although, a positive move, checking your Social Security statement every five years is probably not sufficient. In a world where people change family situations and jobs relatively quickly, it pays to check more frequently. So visit Social Security's website and to sign up for "my Social Security."

It pays to make sure you receive every benefit from Social Security that you're entitled to, make sure you spend some time and confirm your earnings.

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Demolition begins on two vacant schools

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The demolition process has begun on two vacant Livonia Public Schools buildings, Nankin Mills and Washington elementary schools.

Fencing is going up around the sites this week, and asbestos abatement will begin May 5 at Nankin Mills and May 12 at Washington, said Stacy Jenkins, the district's administrator of communications.

"The demolitions will be done in phases. The abatements will take about three weeks and the demolitions should begin the first week of June. The buildings will be taken down by sections at a time," she said.

Demolition is expected to be completely finished by August.

The school sites will be leveled, seeded and left as green space following the demolition. At least one playground structure and parking lot space will be left at each site, Lisa Abbey, the district's director of business services, previously said.

The school board awarded contracts April 14 to Ahern Contracting Inc. of Chester-



Nankin Mills school is at 8100 Hubbard, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. It is not part of the historic Nankin Mills properties just to the west.

field for \$186,432 to tear down Nankin Mills and to International Construction Inc. of Shelby Township for \$179,900 to demolish Washington School. The bids were the lowest of 10 submitted.

Both schools were built in 1957 and were K-6 schools until they closed in 2006 when the district reorganized during its Legacy Initiative. They are no longer needed given the district's current enrollment and would cost too much to bring up to code, Abbey said previously. Razing the buildings will save the district money in its general fund on utilities, maintenance and general liability costs, she said.

The district hasn't had long-term, viable leases or uses for the buildings in several years, Jenkins told neighborhood residents at community meetings held last fall.

Nankin Mills is at 8100 Hubbard, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. The building is approximately 45,000 square feet and the site is about 7 acres.

Washington is at 9449 Hix Road, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road, in Livonia. Washington is approximately 44,000 square feet and the site is about 13 acres.

The money for the demolition is coming out of the district's voter-approved sinking fund, Abbey said.

County to host hazardous waste disposal

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the Wayne Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, in Belleville.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include; household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products,

carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cellphones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted.

Items that will not be accepted include; commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

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Observerland field appears wide open

Shamrocks try to defend at 44th running

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's one of the area's spring's rituals, just like "April in the D."

Every year, or so it seems, Novi Detroit Catholic Central stands as the favorite to garner another Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays championship.

The Shamrocks have won five straight titles and are poised to make it six in a row at Saturday's 44th annual event, which will take place at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Field events are set to begin at 3 p.m. with prelims at 6 p.m. and finals at 6:30 p.m.

"This meet is always fun because it is a true team event," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "You are only able to do well as a team at this meet by placing high in a lot of different spots."

"It is also a lot of fun because the later start time usually brings out some

spectators who are not able to come out and support earlier in the day."

Last year, CC captured the trophy with 86 points, well ahead of Livonia Churchill (60). Tied for third with 50 points each were Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth.

The standings look to be closer this time around, and CC, with a lower than expected turnout of seniors this spring, could be vulnerable.

"Catholic Central has won a number of Observerland championships in a row and they are a favorite until that is no longer the case," Aspinall said. "They have fantastic throwers and high jumpers and are always solid and deep on the track."

In the hunt

There will be plenty of strong competition, including Aspinall's team — recent winners of the Bolger-Mangan City Championships at P-CEP.

WHAT: 44th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.
WHEN: Saturday, May 3. Field events begin at 3 p.m.. Running prelims are at 6 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road (just north of Joy Road).

WHO: Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson; Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Catholic Central.

RELAY EVENTS: Shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 6,400 meters, distance medley (800, 400, 1,200, 1,600), 800, 3,200, sprint medley (400, 200, 200, 400), shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

OPEN EVENTS: 110 hurdles, 1,600, 100 dash.

COST: Admission is \$5 for adults; \$1 for students (non-college), children (5-and-under) and seniors (65-and-over) will be admitted free.

"I think we have a team that will score in a lot of different events so we can do pretty well as a team," Aspinall said. "... Our strength all year has been the sprints and field events and I don't think Observerland will be any different."

Aspinall added that, in order for Salem to dethrone CC, the middle-distance and distance runners will need to

be standout performers when the bright lights shine on the Park's track and field facility for the evening's finals.

But the Salem coach knows there will be other serious challengers looking to finally knock off the Shamrocks.

"Another team to look out for is Ste-

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Former Glenn QB 'living the dream'

Kulikowski 1st-round pick in Rivals Pro League draft

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If Kurt Warner can do it, then Stephen Kulikowski says, "Why not me?"

The former Westland John Glenn High quarterback, who as a senior was best known for handing the ball off to Michigan State's star running back Jeremy Langford, still harbors "The Dream."

Warner, who played at Northern Iowa University, was stocking shelves at a Cedar Rapids supermarket when

he got a shot to play in the Arena Football League.

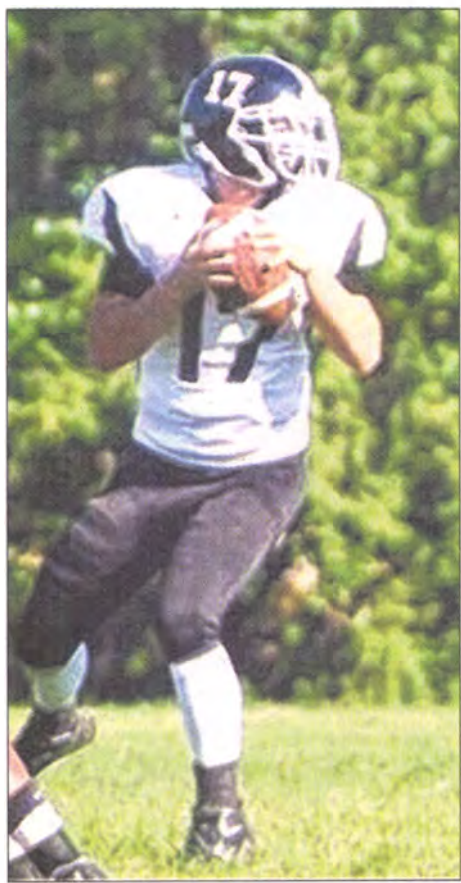
He then played in NFL Europe before parlaying it into Super Bowl XXXIV ring with the St. Louis Rams and a 12-year NFL career that included stops in New York and Arizona.

Kulikowski, meanwhile, suffered a shoulder injury out of high school and never made it to Heidelberg University (Ohio).

He came back home and played six games with the Detroit Diesels of the Great Lakes Football League before leading another semi-pro team, the Michigan Lightning, to a 10-2 record and a win last year in the Rising Stars Bowl in Chicago.

"The semi-pro experience was pretty good," Kulikowski said. "There were a lot of older guys, some younger guys, but it just didn't seem you could make it to the next level there. That's why I decided to try out for the Rivals League."

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Former John Glenn quarterback Stephen Kulikowski was taken in the first round (14th overall) by the Chicago Bears of the Rivals Professional Football League.



Schoolcraft freshman Alexis Cano will try out this summer for the 2016 USA Deaf World Cup team in Pittsburgh, Pa. BRAD EMONS

Ocelots' Cano puts her best foot forward

Earns 2016 USA Deaf World Cup team tryout

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Even though she is hearing impaired, Alexis Cano knows how to communicate when it comes to being on the soccer field.

The Schoolcraft College freshman may not hear certain sounds, but she is sound fundamentally and that is one of the reasons why she will get the opportunity to try and earn a spot this summer on the USA's 2016 Deaf World Cup team.

Cano, who hails from Woodhaven and played under her father Pete at Riverview High School, has a cochlear implant (CI), which is a surgically implanted electronic device that provides a sense of sound to a person who is profoundly deaf or severely hard of hearing.

"I was basically born with it," said Cano, who plays forward and outside midfield for the Lady Ocelots. "I grew up like this. I had hearing aids in both my ears. In 2007, my hearing in my right ear progressively decreased. I went to the doctors and they recommended that I get surgery for cochlear implants and that's what I have now in my right ear. I got the surgery and it's helped me a lot. It's very life changing."

The tryouts will be July 26-29 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cano can't wait to get there. And if she makes the team, that experience could also be life-

changing as well.

"I haven't met them, but I've been in contact with them," Cano said. "I'm kind of mentally and physically preparing myself to play against some of the best players, so it motivates me to train harder every day. It feels unreal. I never thought I would even have this opportunity to represent the U.S., which is crazy."

Nothing for granted

Deafness is defined as a hidden disability. And in sports such as soccer, players face some hidden disadvantages, including not being able to hear their coach's instructions during a game, a referee's decision or the roar of the crowd. Because deaf soccer players like Cano compete regularly against their hearing peers, certain aspects of the game are taken for granted and can make a difference during a match.

Under international criteria, to be eligible to compete in deaf soccer competitions, players must have an average hearing loss of 55 decibels or more in the best ear. All players competing in deaf matches must remove all hearing aids before playing, which creates another obstacle to overcome, balance — another important advantage for a hearing player.

"That's going to be a big deal for me because I don't play like that," Cano said. "Everyone does have a level of hearing. Some can hear a

little bit without their hearing devices and some can't hear at all. To be able to play, you have to have at least 45 decibels of your hearing to be gone and be eligible. I have 50 (decibels) in my left ear, pretty much half of it. In my right ear it's not 100 percent deaf, but because I got this surgery, you can kind of round it up to being deaf. I can barely hear in this (right) ear, so I can barely hear without it."

Cano will not only have to physically train to get ready, but she'll also acquire another valuable learning tool, which in the past she has resisted.

New language

"I never had the patience to learn sign language," Cano said, "but now that I have the opportunity to try out for the team, I've been told sign language is a big part how they communicate. I will this summer kind of be learning the basics of sign language. My mom and my sister will probably learn it with me, so I have someone to talk to. I'm really excited to learn it, though."

Meanwhile, there is some family history when it comes to being hearing impaired.

"I have an older sister that is completely deaf in one ear," Alexis said. "I have cousin who is kind of hearing impaired, but she's not that

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CANO

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bad. She doesn't wear hearing aids or anything like that."

Cano, however, has been able to adapt despite some struggles. She carries a 3.3 grade-point average at Schoolcraft and just recently finished a stint as an English tutor for the college's writing fellows.

"Academically it's affected me," she said. "I've always had a hard time hearing the teacher and what the homework assignment would be, so I usually sat in front of the class even though I hated it. But now in college I always sit in front of the class."

"Sports-wise, it's affected me in a couple of ways because sometimes when it's raining, I have to take these, neither of which are waterproof, out. But the cochlear is water resistant. So I have to take the hearing aid out. And sometimes when I have to head the ball ... I've had times where it completely falls off and I have to literally get on my hands and knees, and find it. I look for it before somebody steps on it. But usually the rain and stuff, and heading the ball. I play better when I don't have these in because I don't have to worry about it falling off, so when I go to try



Alexis Cano played high school soccer at Riverview before coming to Schoolcraft College. BRAD EMONS

out for this team, that's going to be a big, cultural shock."

The 5-foot-1 Cano caught the eye of Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Deepak Shivraman during her senior year when she scored 20 goals and add-

ed five assists for the Pirates en route to All-News Herald and All-Downriver League honors.

Ocelot recruit

"As a player, very talented, very skilled," the Schoolcraft coach said. "I had no idea that she had this impairment. It was never apparent when I saw her play for her high school team. Her older sister (Sierra) played for us (in 2009-2010), so she (Alexis) was on our radar earlier. When I saw her play at Riverview she seemed great. She was feisty, very skilled ... so it really never came apparent."

"Then she started playing and she came up to me after one of the practices and she said, 'Hey, coach, just wanted to share that I have a hearing impairment.'

She said, 'I read lips and I do have a little amplifier in my ear, but there are certain situations where if I'm not directly looking at you, obviously I'm not able to see what you're saying.' I said, 'Oh, wow.' But it never once became a challenge for us. She was fine throughout the season."

Cano was a key front line player off the bench last fall for the 13-2-1 nationally ranked Lady Ocelots, who captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association title before losing the Cincinatti State in the NJCAA Region XII semifinals.

And Shivraman is looking forward to having Cano back for another season.

"Academically she's a very talented student and just a pleasure to work with," he said.

"When I heard she was selected for this opportunity, to possibly play for the Deaf Olympic team, it was fantastic. We're very proud of her."

And the Schoolcraft coach can only sit back and admire Cano's determination.

"Again, not look at it as a challenge, but to just overcome it and play to her fullest potential says a lot," Shivraman said. "She's returning to us as a sophomore, but she's going to be playing again for another program after us. She's a very good outside-midfielder and good forward, so we should be able to connect with some of the other (four-year) schools."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, May 1
Oak Christian at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
S'field Christian at HVL (2), 4 p.m.

Friday, May 2
W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
N.B. Huron at Wayne (2), 11 a.m.
Luth. Westland Tourney, 1 p.m.
Franklin at Big 16 Tourney, TBA.
Farmington Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 1
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Churchill at Birch Run Classic, 10 a.m.
Wayne at Clarenceville (2), 11 a.m.
Salem Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, April 30
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1
Ladywood at Divine Child, 5 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Belleville, 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 1
Canton at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
S.L. East Sunset Inv., 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.
Observerland Boys Relays
at Canton (CEP), 3:30 & 7 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, May 1
KLA North at Churchill, 4 p.m.
KLA North at Franklin, 4 p.m.
KLA North at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
KLA North at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at KLA West, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Stevenson at Howell Inv., 8 a.m.
Churchill at Brighton Quad, TBA.

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, May 1
Wayne vs. Churchill
at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Plymouth
at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Canton
at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East
at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Kensington Tour, at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Northville Inv. at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Saturday, May 3
Ladywood Invitational, 9 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)

Thursday, May 1
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-40

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

a. Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)
"(1) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof.....\$3.80"

Section 2. That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

c. Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)
"(1) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any part thereof.....\$5.37"

Section 3. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

ADOPTED: APRIL 21, 2014

EFFECTIVE: MAY 1, 2014

PUBLISHED: MAY 1, 2014

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2014 -2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, THE 2014 PROPERTY TAXES, AND INCREASING TAXES IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan will hold a public hearing to take testimony and discuss the City's Budget for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at the City Council Chambers, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, Michigan, 48184. This hearing is being held pursuant to Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Truth in Budgeting, MCL 141.436).

Last Fiscal Year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), the City of Wayne levied 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste. The proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget recommends 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, 2.0000 mills for DDA and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste. If adopted the proposed millage will increase property taxes for parcels in the DDA by 2.0000 mills.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at: City Clerk's Office, Wayne City Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, Michigan, 48184, Telephone: (734) 722-2000.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This Notice is given by order of the City Council for the City of Wayne, Michigan.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

WALLED LAKE WESTERN INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

April 28 at Bay Pointe C.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 307; 2. Oxford, 312; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 343; 4. Port Huron Northern, 334; 5. Waterford, 336; 6. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Central, 341 each; 8. Auburn Hills Avondale, North Farmington and Walled Lake Northern, 343 each; 13. Livonia Franklin, 352 (19 schools).

Individual medalist: Austin Rivet (Hartland), 72.

Churchill scorers: 11. Alec Kondrath, 79; Luke Otto and Chris Massa, 87; Chad Macorkindale and Evan Thompson, 88 each; John Doyle, 103.

Franklin scorers: Alex Regish, 82; Tyler Gerhard, 87; Greg Bo, 98; Josh Dudek, 91; Matt Wiebelhaus, 92; Alex Nagy, 95.

TRI MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 215

April 29 at Whispering Willows

Churchill scorers: Alec Kondrath, 38 (medalist); Luke Otto, Chad Macorkindale and Sam Spayd, 39 each; Chris Massa, 42; Evan Thompson, 43.

John Glenn scorers: James Hartman, 47; Alex Regish, 50; Jesse Osario and Brendan Harvey, 59 each; Tim Green, 67; Nick Butkevich, 66.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-1

overall, 2-1 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 0-2, 0-2 KLA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 168

April 29 at Whispering Willows

Churchill scorers: Alec Kondrath, 38 (medalist); Luke Otto, Chad Macorkindale and Sam Spayd, 39 each; Chris Massa, 42; Evan Thompson, 43.

Franklin scorers: Tyler Gerhard and Josh Dudek, 41 each; Alex Regish, 42; Greg Bo and Alex Nagy, 44 each; Matt Wiebelhaus, 47.

Dual match records: Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLA South.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-12 April 23, 2014

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 5:00p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: contract with new City Manager Joseph Merucci. Adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations and the sale or disposition of City Owned Property at 5:18p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 6:15p.m. Adjourned at 6:15p.m.

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City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 8 4/21/14

- Presiding: President Pro Tem Hammons
- Present: Bryant, Coleman, Kehrer, Reeves
- 77: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/7/14.
- Appr. req. from VFW #3323 to sell poppies from 5/8-10th @ various intersections.
- Appr. req. of North Bros. 5K Run/Walk 5/17/14.
- Appr. Wayne Memorial Flower Sale @ 2103 S. Wayne Rd. 5-9-11/14.
- Appr. New Dimension Outreach "Canister Drive" at various intersections 5/23 & 24.
- Appr. of USA Fireworks temp structures at various locations 6/20-7/6.
- Appr. bid for replacement of Middlebelt Pumping Station to DuBois-Cooper; amt. \$88,160.
- Appr. contract ext. w/ P. Ostrosky for Building Official duties; amt. \$27 per hr.
- Appr. Contract ext w/ McKenna Assoc. for two yrs.
- Appr. 1 yr. MSB contract for Ice Arena Mgmt. amt; \$121,000.
- Appr. 1 yr. MSB contract for Golf Course Mgmt. amt. \$104,900.
- Appr. 1 yr. MSB contract for Crossing Guard Mgmt. amt. \$70,000.
- Appr. YAP contract to 6/30/17; amt. \$186,323 for yr. 1, 2 & 3 \$190,050.
- Appr. Budget Amend. - Lib. \$365,000
- Intro Ord. 31-A-1 landowners respon. to replace/repair sidewalks
- Adopted Budget Amendment 2013/14-06 Library Fund, \$365,000.
- Adopt Ord. 29-W-40 to amend rates for municipal water & sewer.
- 79: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XL.
- 80: Adopted Prep. Resolution accepting CGAP Grant.
- 81: Tabled. Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan w/ 29th District Court.
- 82: Set Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-449 N. Wayne Rd.
- 83: Set Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-33700 Ann Arbor Tr.
- 84: Set Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-PID #034-99-0030-703.
- 85: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations for Taco Bell, 6925 N. Wayne Rd. w/ contingencies.
- 86: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations for Taco Bell, 2307 S. Wayne Rd. w/ contingencies.
- 87: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Used Car Dealer, 840 N. Hix.
- 88: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Truck & Trailer Repair & Used Car Dealer Facility, 39101 Webb Drive.
- 89: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Monopole & Equipment Shelter Building, 33031 Cherry Hill.
- 90: Appr. Vouchers \$13,776,767.67
- Mtg. adj. at 8:19 p.m.
- Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

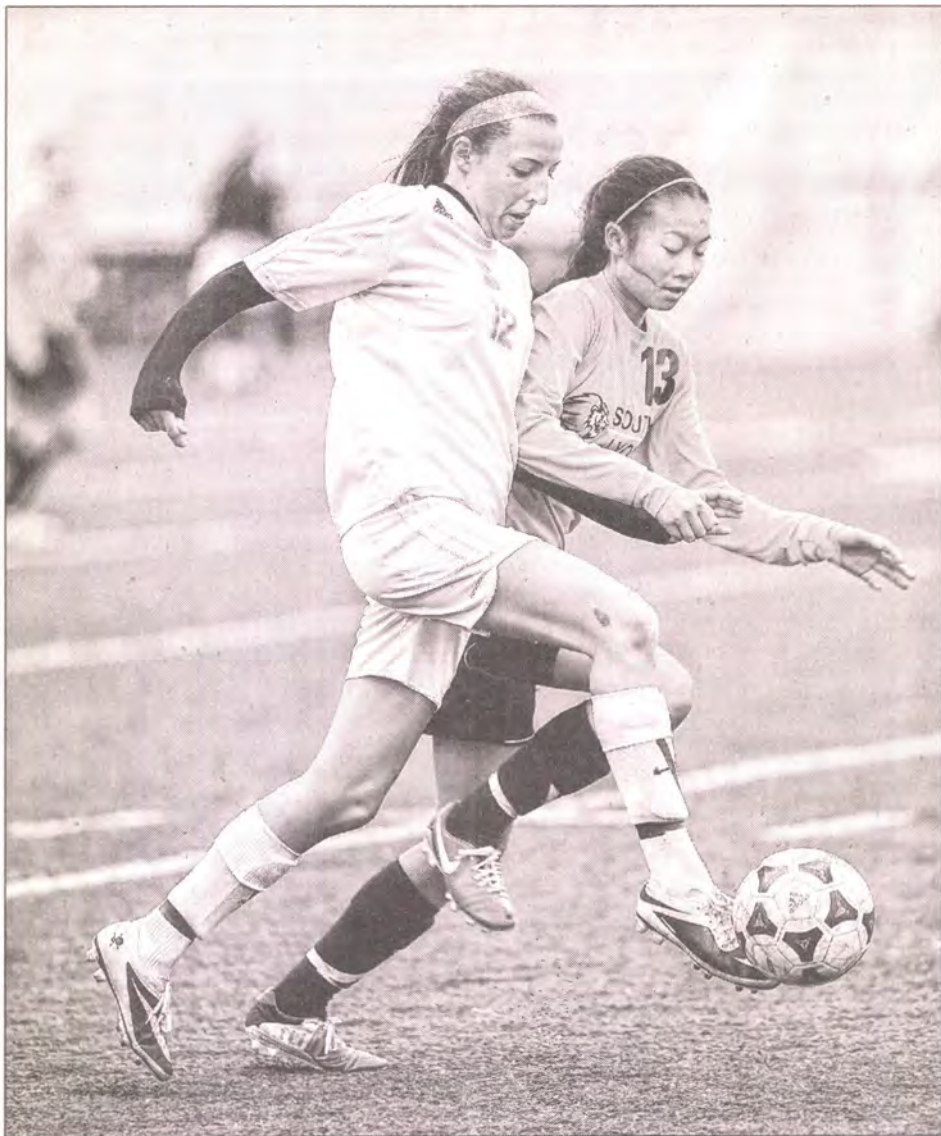
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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP



Stevenson's Amy Freed (left) gets possession of the ball against a South Lyon player during Monday's KLA Central clash. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Top-rated N.D. Prep outguns Blazers, 5-4

Spartans' late goal topples South Lyon

University of Michigan recruit Taylor Timko scored a pair of goals Monday night as host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, ranked No. 1 in Division 3, downed Catholic League foe Livonia Ladywood, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, 5-4. "We got up early and had some chances to stretch the lead and didn't," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team slipped to 7-2-2 overall and 3-2-1 in the league. "It's an unbelievable task to try and keep Taylor Timko from scoring. I thought MyKela Hawkins did as good of a job against her as we could have asked."

Ladywood led 2-1 at halftime on goals by Emily Huddleston, first minute (from Sam Riga), and Riga, seventh minute (from Bri Rogers). Notre Dame Prep (8-0-1, 5-0) answered with a goal in the fifth minute by Sarah Mazer.

The Fighting Irish then scored four straight goals to take command — Timko from Lindsey Klei (50th minute); Timko on a highlight reel play (53rd minute); Payton

Williams (63rd minute); and Klei (75th minute).

The Blazers fought back on back-to-back goals in the 78th minute by Conner Huggins (from Huddleston) and Riga (from Kennedi Bullard), but couldn't score the equalizer.

Ladywood, which outshot Prep, 17-16, got five saves from goalkeeper Whitney Bauriedl, while Megan Krause had four stops for Notre Dame.

STEVENSON 2, SOUTH LYON 1: Katelyn Foster scored the game-winning goal in the 76th minute Monday to propel host Livonia Stevenson (5-3-2, 1-3) to a KLA Central Division girls soccer victory over the Lions (0-6-1, 0-4).

Maddy Caves' throw-in landed at the foot of Foster, who turned and drilled a shot that hit the goalkeeper's hand, which caromed off the crossbar, spun high into the air, landed on the 1-inch line and spun into the net.

The Spartans also got a goal in the third minute when Paige Ackman tapped in a cross from Amy Freed.

South Lyon answered eight minutes before halftime when Alyssa Joye looped a ball under the crossbar. **CHURCHILL 5, JOHN GLENN 0:** Kelsey Parrinello collected two goals and one assist Tuesday, leading Livonia Churchill (4-2, 3-0) to a KLA South Division triumph at Westland John Glenn (2-3-1, 1-3).

Alexis Lubonja, Sara Taylor and Alivia Kondrath also added goals for the Chargers, who led 5-0 at halftime. It was Kondrath's first varsity goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Brittany Hayes, who played the first half, combined with senior Christina Vakratsis for the shutout. The Chargers had last played on April 16, at home when they defeated KLA South foe Canton, 4-3, thanks to a Lubonja hat trick and three assists from Parrinello.

Hannah Damico also tallied her first varsity goal. **FRANKLIN 1, WAYNE 1:** Victoria McKague's goal in the 47th minute from Crystal Fletcher enabled Wayne Memorial

(6-3-1, 0-3-1) to earn a tie with host Livonia Franklin (2-3-2, 1-2-1) in a KLA South Division encounter that was halted with 12 minutes remaining.

Franklin led 1-0 at halftime on a good individual effort by Rachel Dudek at the 10-minute mark.

"They (Wayne) took it to us the second half and we didn't respond," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski, who got six saves from goalkeeper Katherin MacRae. Nikki Tolentino made seven stops for the Zebras, who received strong midfield play from Amber Parrish and solid play in the back from Fletcher and Katie Kudert.

"We did not play well the first 10 minutes and dictated the game from that point," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "We had five or six chances on the keeper that we did not finish."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK 2: Despite being outshot 14-8, Lutheran High Westland (5-1, 3-0) stormed back for three second-half goals to earn a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph Tuesday at Taylor Baptist Park (2-1-1, 0-1-1).

The Wildcats took a 2-0 halftime lead on a pair of unassisted goals from Hope Bates, but the Warriors responded to tie the game on goals by Noelle Pierce (from Julia Yancy) and Sam Bernier (from Mara McMahon).

Yancy then tallied the go-ahead goal on a missed played ball.

"We played much more organized in the second half," said Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaefer, who got six saves from goalkeeper Kyleigh Goodfellow.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, HAZEL PARK 2: Jordan See factored in all three goals Monday as Livonia Clarenceville (2-5) pulled out a 3-2 non-conference over the host Vikings.

The Trojans got first-half goals from See (unassisted) and Lindsey Fosth (off a cross from See).

See then added her second of the night during the second half off an assist from Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz as the Trojans held on for the victory.

Goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made four saves, while the Trojans also got strong all-around play from Summer Reddick, Jeana Mariani and Skylar Reddick. "We came out ready to play with force and pressure the whole game," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We had a variety of scoring opportunities offensively and shut down Hazel Park's offense defensively."

"We came together and finally meshed with each other using communication and forceful runs."

KLAA BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Franklin finishes off Chargers in 9th, 3-2

Franklin wins South Division continuation of earlier game

Livonia Franklin scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning Tuesday to beat rival Livonia Churchill, 3-2, in a continuation of a KLA South Division baseball game.

Courtesy runner David Milican raced home on a Churchill throwing error off the bat of Daniel Johnson with two outs after Adam Carver reached base on a walk and was sacrificed to second on a bunt by Ryan Prohaska.

The Patriots, who improved to 11-3-1 overall and 5-2 in the division, had gotten two RBI from Tyler Camp before the game was called 1-1 after seven because of darkness April 16.

Carver, who pitched the final two innings in

relief of starter Colby Dewhirst, earned the victory. The two pitchers combined for eight strikeouts while allowing just four hits and one walk.

Jon Hovermale started for the Chargers (4-7, 2-6) going the first seven innings before Austin Hovermale came on in the eighth and ninth to suffer the loss.

CHURCHILL 4, NOVI 3: Livonia Churchill (4-6, 2-5) mustered just enough offense Monday to squeeze out a Kensington Conference crossover baseball victory over the host Wildcats (5-9, 1-5).

Steve Szymanski pitched two scoreless innings in relief, allowing two hits and two walks while striking out three to earn the victory.

Zach Glidden, the Churchill starter, gave up three runs on seven hits and three walks in five innings.

Dylan Padgett collected a hit and drove in a run for the Chargers, while Michael Ninkovich went 3-for-4 with an RBI and Keaton Figrski went 2-for-4 for Novi.

Losing pitcher Mark Czapki allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out four in seven innings. He was the victim of three Wildcat errors.

SALEM 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Tyler Brooks tossed a two-hit complete game shutout Monday as the host Rocks (10-5, 5-2) rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Westland John Glenn (8-7, 3-4).

Brooks struck out seven and did not issue a walk in three innings.

Jack Driscoll and Josh Penn each went 2-for-4 to lead Salem's six-hit attack. Glenn's only two hits were collected by losing pitcher Christopher Scheffer and Zach Croft. Scheffer gave up six hits, struck out four and hit two batters.

NORTHVILLE 5, FRANKLIN 3: In an error-filled game Monday, the host Mustangs (9-2, 6-2) scored three times in the bottom of the sixth inning to down Livonia Franklin (10-3-1, 4-2).

Northville won despite making five errors, while Franklin committed four.

Evan Flohr, who pitched the final two innings in relief, got the victory. His RBI sacrifice fly in the sixth tied the game at 3-all and Dugan Damell, who went 2-for-4, added an RBI infield single after the Patriots' gave away the go-ahead run on an infield throwing error.

Joe Chinavare went 3-for-4 and scored twice in a losing cause. Nick Mardeusz also added two hits. Patriots starter Mitchell Gonyaw went all six innings. He walked two and hit two batters, but did not give up an earned run.

"They capitalized on our errors and we didn't on theirs, that was the difference," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said.

PLYMOUTH 7, STEVENSON 1: On Monday, Jack Ferguson took a 1-hit shutout into the seventh inning before the Wildcats (11-7, 5-2) spoiled his bid with seven runs to beat host Livonia Stevenson (6-5, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Bill Downing's bases-loaded 2-run double keyed the top of the seventh surge for the Wildcats, who also got three hits on the day from Tom Merandi. Chris Tanderys scored the lone run for the Spartans.

PREP BASEBALL WRAP

Trojans struck down by Crestwood, 11-0

It just wasn't Livonia Clarenceville's day as Colton Dawdy struck out 14 in an 11-0 Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover baseball setback against visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Ryan Menifee and Zach Devon had the lone two hits for the Trojans,

who slipped to 3-9 overall. Crestwood had 13 hits.

More make-ups

Both Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and Lutheran High Westland's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division games were called Tues-

day because of wet grounds.

On Thursday, Huron Valley Lutheran will host Southfield Christian in a 4 p.m. double-header.

Lutheran Westland's scheduled game Tuesday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian will be made up at a later date.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

EMU rallies to beat MU in bottom of 7th

The Madonna University baseball team had NCAA Division I foe Eastern Michigan University on the ropes Tuesday night at Oestrike Stadium.

But the Crusaders couldn't stand prosperity as the Eagles charged back from a 7-0 deficit and scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn an 11-7 triumph. EMU, which im-

proved to 16-26 overall, out-hit the Crusaders 13-3 as Ty Gilmore and Marquise Gill led the way with two hits and two RBI apiece.

Michael Mioduszewski also knocked in three runs, while John Rubino also added two RBI.

Dae Bowden contributed two hits as well.

Sam Delaplane was the winning pitcher in relief for the Eagles,

who stand 3-15 in the Mid-American Conference.

The Crusaders (24-21) got a pair of RBI from Ryan Lech, while Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) and Ryan Lambrecht each scored a pair of runs.

Dylan Cooper, the third MU pitcher, took the loss. Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) and Travis Schuba also took their turns on the mound.

KLAA GIRLS SOFTBALL WRAP

Churchill's 19-hit attack stings Novi

After dropping three straight in Saturday's Chelsea Invitational, the Livonia Churchill girls softball team bounced back from a lost weekend Monday with a 19-hit attack in a 12-4 Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Novi.

The Chargers were led offensively by Julia Cavagnini (4-for-5, two RBI), Reagan Peyton (3-for-5, three RBI) and Rachel Mattison (2-for-5, four RBI).

Rosie Garvin and Elyse Baumgardner also added three hits apiece, while winning pitcher Mellanie Richardson helped her own cause by going 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Richardson went all seven innings, scattering seven hits while fanning seven and allowing just one walk.

Victoria Lupher also contributed two hits for the Chargers, who improved to 7-6 overall and 5-2 in the KLA's South Division.

The loss dropped Novi to 5-7 overall and 0-7 in the KLA Central.

In Game One of the Chelsea tourney, Peyton went

4-for-4 with four RBI, but Churchill fell to Holt, 9-8.

Lupher contributed three hits, including a homer, while Richardson, who took the loss, also had three hits.

The host Bulldogs beat Churchill in Game Two, 12-5, despite 4-for-4 performances from losing pitcher Rachel Mattison and Richardson. The two combined for three RBI, while Lupher added three hits and an RBI.

Farmington then beat the Chargers in the finale, 7-5, as Rosie Garvin had two RBI, while Lupher and Peyton each contributed two hits. Richardson suffered the loss.

NORTHVILLE 3, FRANKLIN 1: On Monday, the host Mustangs (8-2, 6-2) tallied two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 1-all deadlock and beat Livonia Franklin (3-8, 2-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Franklin tied it in the top of the sixth on singles by Becky Giacobbi, Brooke Garbarino and Megan Chapman.

Losing pitcher Courtney Garbarino allowed one earned run on nine hits. She struck out five and did not walk a batter.

PLYMOUTH 15, STEVENSON 3: The Wildcats (5-0, 5-0) took six innings Monday to mercy host Livonia Stevenson (4-5, 3-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Senior center fielder Alex Knorp went 3-for-4 with an RBI in a losing cause. Losing pitcher Erika Randall, who went all six innings, walked four and struck out four. She also hit a 2-run homer.



Stevenson's Alyssa Zahra makes contact in Monday's 15-3 setback to Plymouth. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Kurdziel's big day spurs Clarenceville

Nicole Kurdziel nearly did it all at the plate.

The senior catcher was a triple away from the cycle Monday, going 3-for-3 with a homer, double and single as host Livonia Clarenceville cruised to a five-inning softball victory over Ferndale.

Kurdziel also scored twice, batted in two runs and was hit by a pitch as the Trojans improved to 3-5 overall. She also threw out a pair of Ferndale base runners.

Freshman Janie Waggoner, making her first varsity start, also singled twice, drew a walk and had two RBI as the Trojans scored four in the third and five in the bottom of the fifth to put the non-conference win away.

Winning pitcher Emily Schwartz (3-5) allowed just three hits, one walk and struck out five in going all five innings.

Chelsea Fotim collected two of Ferndale's three hits.

HURON VALLEY 6, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 4: Sophomore catcher Madison Ott's bases loaded triple keyed a 5-run sixth inning Monday to spark Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-0, 3-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over host Southfield Christian (0-3 MIAC Blue).

Winning pitcher Julie St. John allowed two earned runs on six hits, a walk and a hit batter while striking out nine.

Senior Brooke Kuehn and Ott each went 2-for-4. Kuehn also chipped in with an RBI.

Kellan Hoover and Kelley Brooks each collected two hits for the Eagles. Losing pitcher Grace Gilson gave nine hits, walked three, hit two batters and allowed five earned runs. "We came out very slow and sluggish," Huron Valley Lutheran coach Eric Ruth said. "We gave up two unearned runs in the first, and couldn't get anything going with our bats. Madison's triple in the sixth gave us the spark we needed to finish tonight."

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venson," said Aspinall, whose team lost 88-49 in a recent KLAA Central dual to the Spartans. "They have won a number of meets this year already and have a very deep team. They are also solid in the throws and jumps and are strong in the distance events as well."

"I do not know much about Farmington or Harrison since we do not see much of them throughout the course of the year, but I expect them to be in the mix as well."

Surprises matter

Stevenson head coach Scott Shaw, whose team recently finished first at the Livonia City meet, concurred that this year's event could be a competitive free for all.

"I think there are several teams that can do well at Observerland this year," Shaw said. "Salem, Franklin, and usually both Farmington schools have good speed. Plymouth, Catholic Central will have depth in the distance events."

"Churchill along with us could fair well in the field events. Most likely it will come down to whoever gets a few surprises in events they may not have as much depth in."

Longtime Westland John Glenn coach Jess Shough, in his first year at the Canton helm, listed Salem, Stevenson and Franklin as worthy challengers to the Shamrocks.

"Salem definitely has to be considered as one of the favorites, but Stevenson beat them in a dual meet and has a lot of depth," Shough said. "Franklin also has

a lot of depth and some very quality sprinters, so they also should be in the mix.

"Canton should be able to place in a number of events, and our young runners are continuing to improve and will make some great contributions to our team effort."

According to Aspinall, "any number of teams could sneak into the top three with a strong overall team performance. The key to winning is to collect top-three finishes" with the points breakdown of 10-8-6 for those spots.

Springboard

Meanwhile, teams also will be guarding against lingering effects of a compressed post-spring break schedule.

"The Observerland Relays comes at the end of a very busy week for all the teams competing," Shough said. "Because of the weather, most teams have make-up meets. So the athletes will definitely be extending themselves."

That shouldn't be too much of a problem given the history and tradition of the Observerland Relays, viewed as a springboard into high-stakes conference and state tournaments.

"The Observerland Relays is one of those meets we circle on our calendar every year as the beginning of championship season," Aspinall said. "It is now time to start peaking for the end of the year."

"Beginning with Observerland, we have a championship meet on our schedule every weekend through the state meet (May 31), so we are looking to finalize our relays and line-ups and see what we've got."

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Legacy Celebration lauds women's golf legends

Women's golf team members from several area universities and a selection of unique silent auction items will be featured as part of the Michigan Women's Golf Association (MWGA) Legacy Celebration on Monday, May 19, at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The event will honor LPGA founding member Shirley Spork, USGA Committeewoman and Golf Association of Michigan honorary governor Betty Richart and first and long-time Michigan State University women's golf coach Mary Fossum.

Registration and range practice will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch, scramble-format golf, a social hour, auctions and an awards dinner.

Golfers can enjoy individual and team contests and receive score-lowering help from mem-

bers of the Eastern Michigan University, MSU, University of Michigan and University of Detroit-Mercy women's golf teams, who will be stationed on specific holes to hit drives for each team.

Sponsors have donated unique and valuable silent auction items, including: rounds of golf at the U-M and Radrick Farms golf courses, along with a Brady Hoke-signed item; certificates for golf at Barton Hills, Travis Pointe, Eagle Crest, Fox Hills, MSU's Forest Akers, Egypt Valley, Salem Hills, Sycamore Hills, Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld golf courses; week-long U.S. Women's Open passes; \$500 Discount Tire gift certificate; and a collectible Golfcraft (now Titleist) fiberglass sand wedge used by Spork on the LPGA Tour from 1950 to 1965. (Personal checks and credit card

payments will be accepted.) Proceeds from the Legacy Celebration will benefit the Detroit area MWGA girls golf program, conducted in cooperation with the LPGA and USGA, and the women's collegiate golf teams at EMU, U-M and MSU, as designated beneficiaries of the three honorees.

The all-inclusive entry fee for the day's events (minus cash bar) is \$150, with a dinner only option of \$60. A limited-seating Legacy Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by the EMU Foundation, will be 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Eagle Crest Golf Resort in Ypsilanti.

Online event registration is available at www.mwgolf.org. The website also has a complete list of sponsorship and program book advertising opportunities available. To register for the Sunday luncheon, call 734-481-2334.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN LIVONIA CHURCHILL April 29 at Churchill

Shot put: 1. Tony Vella (LF), 46 feet, 4.75 inches; 2. Zach Barrick (LC), 45-8.5; 3. Demarco McKinney (LC), 41-8.

Discus: 1. Barrick (LC), 139-10; 2. McKinney (LC), 132-11; 3. Juan Gariboa (LF), 106-5.

Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett (LC), 20-5; 2. Malik Lowery (LC), 19-4; 3. Charles Keith (LF), 18-4.5.

High jump: 1. Keith (LF), 5-9; 2. Tim Dulin (LC), 5-8; 3. Sean McKeon (LC), 5-4.

Pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage (LC), 13-6; 2. Ethan Burke (LC), 13-0; 3. Stephen Fedak (LC), 12-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Dulin (LC), 15-4; 2. Jeremy Sheppard (LF), 16-7; 3. Michael Martins (LC), 16-7.

300 hurdles: 1. Josh Hannah (LF), 41-7; 2. Ryan Braigiel (LC), 42-1; 3. Sheppard (LF), 42-3.

100 dash: 1. Alex Perelli (LF), 10.8 (ties school record); 2. Nathan Rodgers (LF), 11; 3. Jamal Allen (LC), no time.

200: 1. Rodgers (LF), 22; 2. Perelli (LF), 23-0; 3. Dulin (LC), 23-3.

400: 1. Allen (LC), 51-7; 2. Rodgers (LF), 53-6; 3. Brandon Smiley (LF), 53-6.

800: 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 2:04.0; 2. Matt Cohan (LC), 2:06.0; 3. Danny Koponen (LF), 2:14.0.

1,600: 1. Jones (LF), 4:31.0; 2. Cohan (LC), 4:36.0; 3. Jon Allessandrini (LC), 4:52.0.

3,200: 1. Tony Floyd (LF), 10:32.0; 2. Patrick Dahlin (LC), 10:43.0; 3. Josh Mussen (LC), 10:46.0.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Danny Cebula, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Rodgers), 43.9; 2. Churchill, 45.0; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Martins, Ed Gosney, Ryan Westphal, Keith Soullier), 1:45.0; 2. Franklin, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Smiley, Hannah, Koponen, Jones), 3:36.0; 2. Churchill, 3:44.4; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Floyd, Koponen, Nate Jacobin, Jones), 8:32.0.

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

PLYMOUTH 83 WAYNE MEMORIAL 54 April 29 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Michael Jordan (P), 46 feet, 5.5 inches; 2. Aaron Journey (WM), 39-7.5; discus: 1. Daniel Goertz (P), 130-0; 3. John Stover (WM), 104-5; high jump: 1. Nathan Harris (P), 5-10; long jump: 1. Davontae Cooper (WM), 18-8;

53-6; 3. Brandon Smiley (LF), 53-6.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 73 SOUTH LYON EAST 64 April 29 at South Lyon East

Shot put: 1. Harris (SLE), 29 feet, 1 inch; 2. Stahrr (LS), 27-11; 3. Garland (LS), 25-10.5; discus: 1. Waters (LS), 76-11; 2. Pettipas (LS), 75-10; high jump: 1. Law (LS), 4-10; long jump: 1. Senkowski (LS), 15-8.5;

pole vault: 1. Pappas (LS), 8-6; 2. Sokolowski (LS), 8-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Marshall (SLE), 18-1; 3. Fedrigo (LS), 19-9; 300 hurdles: 1. Waranauskas (SLE),

52.0; 3. Nettie (LS), 57-5; 100 dash: 1. Slavski (SLE), 13.7; 2. Burke (LS), 14.3; 200: 1. Senkowski (LS), 29.3; 400: 1. Verant (LS), 1:05.9; 2. Dickson (LS), 1:06.9; 800: 1. O'Donnell (SLE), 2:39.2; 2. Jurczyszyn (LS), 2:44.6; 3. Scupholm (LS), 2:45.2; 1,600: 1. O'Donnell (SLE), 6:02.4; 2. Chapski (LS), 6:03.3; 3. Flannigan (LS), 6:03.4; 3,200: 1. Scupholm (LS), 15:58.5; 3. Harris (LS), 16:02.9; 400 relay: 1. East, 54.2; 2. Stevenson, 55.9; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson, 1:54.8; 2. East, 1:55.8; 1,600 relay: 1. East, 4:28.5; 2. Stevenson, 4:39.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson, 11:16.7; 2. East, 13:01.3.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central Division; East, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.

PLYMOUTH 119 WAYNE MEMORIAL 18 April 29 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Johnson (P), 34 feet, 4.5 inches; 3. Young (WM), 28-7; discus: 1. Johnson (P), 107-1; high jump: 1. Harris (P), 4-10; long jump: 1. Foster (P), 14-7; pole vault: 1. Welch (P), 9-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. McInnes (P), 16-32; 300 hurdles: 1. McInnes (P), 51-18; 100 dash: 1. Diaper (P), 13-12; 2. Williams (WM), 13-32; 3. Battle (WM), 13-57; 200: 1. Williams (WM), 26-78; 2. Shepherd (WM), 29-47; 400: 1. Alifera (P), 1:04-12; 2. Robbins (WM), 1:05-36; 800: 1. Plymouth, no time; 3. Wysong (WM), 2:52.0; 1,600: 1. DeBlasi (P), 5:50-94; 3,200: 1. DeBlasi (P), 12:48-41; 3. Bhangu (WM), 16:14-0; 400 relay: 1.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 85 REDFORD UNION 41 April 29 at Redford Union

Shot put: 1. Ibn Ali (C'ville), 39 feet, 10 inches; 2. Brad Davis (C'ville), 35-3; 3. Dylan Gooden (C'ville), 30-6.5; discus: 1.

53-6; 3. Brandon Smiley (LF), 53-6.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 80.5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56.5 April 29 at Churchill

Shot put: 1. Gabby Carter (LC), 33 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Sophia Modes (LF), 32.6-5; 3. Karlie Kondrath (LC), 30-6.

Discus: 1. Carter (LC), 109-0; 2. Modes (LF), 107-4; 3. Hannah Pummill (LC), 104-3.

Long jump: 1. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 15-0.75; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 14-10.75; 3. Kyretta Parks (LF), 14-2.25.

High jump: 1. Hope (LC), 4-11; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-6; 3. Breanna Thompson (LF), 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Sheila McKinley (LF), 11-6 (breaks own school record of 11-3); 2. Amanda Fox (LC), 10-6; 3. (tie) Olivia Ryckarsky (LC) and Tasha McKinley (LF), 10-0 eab.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Spala (LC), 17-5; 2. Nikkie Hawthorne (LF), 17-8; 3. Andrea Wickens (LF), 18-8.

300 hurdles: 1. T. McKinley (LF), 51-8; 2. Hawthorne (LF), 53-5; 3. D.J. Burgines (LC), 54-5.

100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12-5; 2. Bryah White (LF), 12-6; 3. Chanel Gardner (LC), 13-2.

200: 1. Hofmann (LC), 27-0; 2. Gardner (LC), 27-2; 3. White (LF), 28-1.

400: 1. Wonch (LF), 1:01-1; 2. Raquel Zwick (LC), 1:06-5; 3. M. Gendjar (LC),

1:07-1.

800: 1. Natalie Douglas (LF), 2:31-9; 2. Alexis Lombardo (LC), 2:32-7; 3. Caroline George (LC), 2:33-0.

1,600: 1. Kathleen George (LC), 5:35-0; 2. C. George (LC), 5:36-0; 3. Douglas (LF), 5:45-0.

3,200: 1. K. George (LC), 12:30-0; 2. Mandy Pokryfky (LF), 12:39-0; 3. Christina Murphy (LC), 13:06-0.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Emma Rimatzki, Gardner, Odilichukwu Onwudiwe, Hofmann, Hofmann) 51.5; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Gardner, Onwudiwe, B. Daniels, Hofmann), 1:49.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Douglas, Katelyn Kovach, Jenny Perelli, Wonch), 4:31.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (C. George, K. George, Jenna Hickson, Lombardo), 10:32-0.

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3,200: 1. Tony Floyd (LF), 10:32.0; 2. Patrick Dahlin (LC), 10:43.0; 3. Josh Mussen (LC), 10:46.0.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Danny Cebula, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Rodgers), 43.9; 2. Churchill, 45.0; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Martins, Ed Gosney, Ryan Westphal, Keith Soullier), 1:45.0; 2. Franklin, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Smiley, Hannah, Koponen, Jones), 3:36.0; 2. Churchill, 3:44.4; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Floyd, Koponen, Nate Jacobin, Jones), 8:32.0.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 85 REDFORD UNION 41 April 29 at Redford Union

Shot put: 1. Ibn Ali (C'ville), 39 feet, 10 inches; 2. Brad Davis (C'ville), 35-3; 3. Dylan Gooden (C'ville), 30-6.5; discus: 1.

53-6; 3. Brandon Smiley (LF), 53-6.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 80.5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56.5 April 29 at Churchill

Shot put: 1. Gabby Carter (LC), 33 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Sophia Modes (LF), 32.6-5; 3. Karlie Kondrath (LC), 30-6.

Discus: 1. Carter (LC), 109-0; 2. Modes (LF), 107-4; 3. Hannah Pummill (LC), 104-3.

Long jump: 1. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 15-0.75; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 14-10.75; 3. Kyretta Parks (LF), 14-2.25.

High jump: 1. Hope (LC), 4-11; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-6; 3. Breanna Thompson (LF), 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Sheila McKinley (LF), 11-6 (breaks own school record of 11-3); 2. Amanda Fox (LC), 10-6; 3. (tie) Olivia Ryckarsky (LC) and Tasha McKinley (LF), 10-0 eab.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Spala (LC), 17-5; 2. Nikkie Hawthorne (LF), 17-8; 3. Andrea Wickens (LF), 18-8.

300 hurdles: 1. T. McKinley (LF), 51-8; 2. Hawthorne (LF), 53-5; 3. D.J. Burgines (LC), 54-5.

100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12-5; 2. Bryah White (LF), 12-6; 3. Chanel Gardner (LC), 13-2.

200: 1. Hofmann (LC), 27-0; 2. Gardner (LC), 27-2; 3. White (LF), 28-1.

400: 1. Wonch (LF), 1:01-1; 2. Raquel Zwick (LC), 1:06-5; 3. M. Gendjar (LC),

1:07-1.

800: 1. Natalie Douglas (LF), 2:31-9; 2. Alexis Lombardo (LC), 2:32-7; 3. Caroline George (LC), 2:33-0.

1,600: 1. Kathleen George (LC), 5:35-0; 2. C. George (LC), 5:36-0; 3. Douglas (LF), 5:45-0.

3,200: 1. K. George (LC), 12:30-0; 2. Mandy Pokryfky (

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Thick Steak, Bone-in Steak and Chop Cooking Chart

Cooking times are in minutes and based on fully-thawed steaks.

Gas grill: Preheat grill to high, reduce to medium heat prior to cooking.

Charcoal grill: Sear over red hot coals, finish over indirect heat.



THICKNESS		1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	1 3/4"	2"	2 1/4"	2 1/2"
Rare 120° to 130°F	First Side	6	6	7	9	11	13	14
	After Turning	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	10-12
Medium Rare 130° to 140°F	First Side	6	7	8	11	13	14	16
	After Turning	4-5	5-6	6-7	8-9	9-10	10-12	12-14
Medium 140° to 150°F	First Side	7	8	9	12	14	16	17
	After Turning	5-6	6-7	7-8	9-10	11-12	12-14	14-16
Well Done 160° to 170°F	First Side	9	10	12	14	18	19	20
	After Turning	7-8	8-9	9-11	12-14	14-16	16-18	21-23

TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

- 4 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 4 ounces Roquefort blue cheese, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons Tabasco sauce
- ¼ cup fresh chives, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced
- 1 roasted red pepper, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Whip butter slightly in mixer. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Transfer mixture to sheet of parchment paper. Roll into tube (approximately 1 ½-inch diameter) and twist paper at the ends. Refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours. When ready to serve, slice into coins as needed. Unused butter can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week.



Allow your steak to “rest” for 5 minutes between cooking and eating.

ANCHO CHILE RUB

Makes: 4 tablespoons

- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 tablespoons ancho chile powder
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO

Makes: approximately 2 cups

- 1 cup roasted red peppers, peeled, seeded and chopped
- ¼ cup garlic cloves, peeled
- ½ cup pine nuts, toasted
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup olive oil

Combine all ingredients except olive oil in food processor or blender, and puree until smooth. Next, add oil slowly in food processor until completely combined.

GRILLED T-BONES WITH TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 4 hours refrigerator time

Cook time: 15 minutes

Total time: 4 hours and 30 minutes

Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- Omaha Steaks All Natural Steak Seasoning, or salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 slices (1 ½-inch coins) Tabasco and Roquefort Cheese Butter (see recipe)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives

Thaw steaks overnight in refrigerator or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in sink with water for approximately one hour. Preheat grill to medium. Season both sides of steaks with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Grill steaks to desired doneness. For medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. Just before removing steaks from grill, place butter slice on each steak. The idea is to have butter half melted on top as you are serving steaks. Garnish each steak with sprinkle of minced chives.

ANCHO CHILE RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Total time: 15 minutes

Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons Ancho Chile Rub (see recipe)
- 12 grilled tri-colored sweet baby peppers

Preheat grill to medium. Thaw and blot dry steaks. Brush steaks with olive oil. Generously cover both sides of steaks with Ancho Chile Rub by dipping them in rub. Continue until steaks are completely covered. Place steaks on heated grill and grill to desired doneness. For a medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. Remove steaks from grill and garnish with grilled tri-colored sweet baby peppers.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Total time: 45 minutes

Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ cup Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Seasoning, or salt and pepper
- 1 recipe Roasted Pepper Pesto (see recipe)
- 4 fresh basil sprigs

Preheat grill to medium. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Brush both sides of steaks with Roasted Pepper Pesto. Place steaks on grill and cook to desired doneness. For a medium-rare steak about 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. When steaks are finished, brush both sides one final time with pesto. Serve steaks with dollop of unused pesto in center of each and garnish with fresh basil sprig.

10 TIPS FOR PERFECT GRILLING

1. Clean and preheat your grill on high.
2. Lightly oil everything before you put it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3. Season your food before grilling.
4. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling. This really helps with the flavor and juiciness.
5. Use tongs or a spatula to turn your meat on the grill. Using a fork can damage the meat.
6. Cover your grill as much as possible during the grilling process. This helps to lock in the grilled flavor and will help prevent flare-ups.
7. Keep a spray bottle with water handy to douse any unexpected flare-ups.
8. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after you turn over the food. This will give you an evenly cooked product.
9. Place your cooked product on a clean plate. Never place cooked product on the plate you used to transport the raw product to the grill without thoroughly washing it first.
10. Allow your foods to “rest” for 5 minutes between cooking and eating. This will help them retain moisture when you cut into them.

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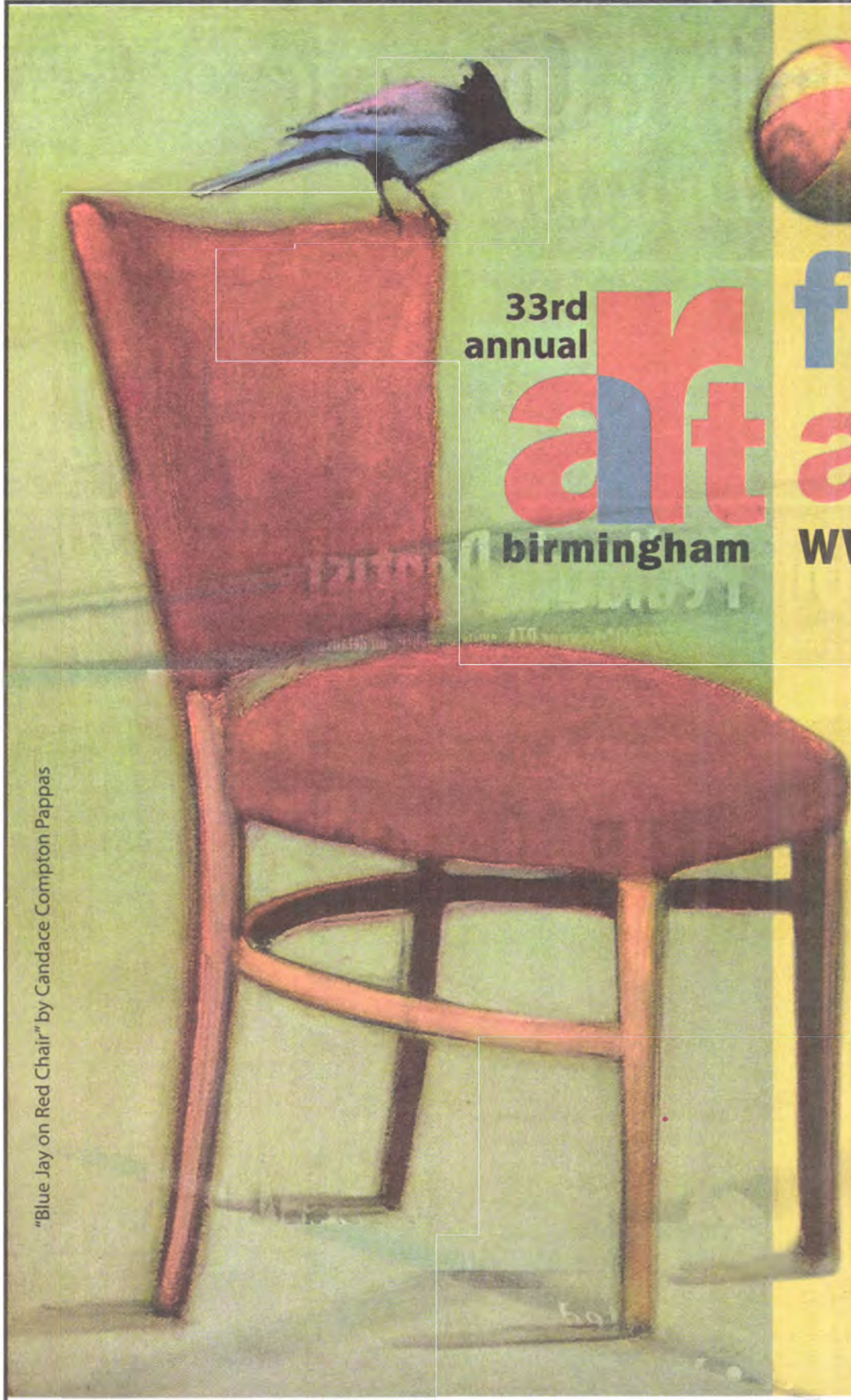
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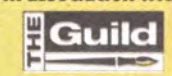
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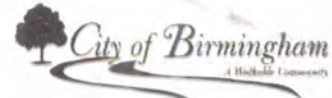


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As you will see and read, we had a great response from readers who sent photos and messages of love and devotion to their mom or the special woman in their lives.



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Thanks to all of the sons, daughters, nieces and others who sent in photos and heartwarming tributes.

And if you care about the woman or women in your life, be sure to read about the 23rd annual Detroit Race for the Cure. This year's event will be Saturday, June 7, at Chene Park in Detroit.

Same race, same purpose, but new location. Read about the women who walk and run in an effort to end breast cancer in our lifetime.

As promised when we launched *Hometown Life Woman* in 2010, it is all about real women, close to home – your friends, neighbors and you. Enjoy this month's offering and, as always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for upcoming issues.

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Area artisans showcase design talents

■ Junior League Show House opens May 3 ■

The Junior League of Detroit has announced a slate of 19 metro Detroit interior decorating firms and more than 30 designers and artists whose work will be featured in the 2014 Designers' Show House, open May 3-18 at 1007 Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park.

In addition, six professional landscapers have been chosen to transform the extensive grounds surrounding the house. A boutique, greenery and café will offer opportunities for shopping and relaxing.

"We are delighted to be able to showcase so many talented interior designers at this year's Designers' Show House, as well as the top landscape teams in

DETAILS

Who: The Junior League of Detroit is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

What: The JLD Designers' Show House. Ticket prices are \$20 prior to the opening May 3 and \$25 at the door. Contact 313-881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org for more preview details and retail ticket locations.

When: Saturday, May 3 through Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: A 9,000-square-foot Tudor house, 1007 Bishop Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

Why: Proceeds support the JLD's new health and nutrition initiative, Project E.A.T., which will provide and support healthy eating opportunities for Detroit children and their families.

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the area," JLD President Cristina Garberding said. "We picked a very special house for our centennial year and this group of designers, decorators and landscapers are really pulling out all the stops to present a very special house for the public."

The more than 9,000-square-foot Tudor house was built in 1921 for the family of Michael Murphy, a prominent Detroit banker and businessman. The home features large, elegant rooms and includes eight fireplaces, five family bedrooms, leaded glass windows, original wood paneling and a loggia overlooking the gardens.

The Designers' Show House is open May 3-18. Ticket prices are \$20 prior to the opening May 3 and \$25 at the door. The preview party will be held Friday, May 2. Contact the Junior League of Detroit office at 313-881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org for more details and retail ticket locations.

Proceeds from the show house will support the JLD's new health and nutrition initiative, Project E.A.T., which will provide and support healthy eating opportunities for the children of Detroit and their families.

Held every other year since 1976, the Designers' Show House is the Junior League of Detroit's most significant fundraiser. Close to \$4 million has been raised for programs and projects in the city of Detroit.

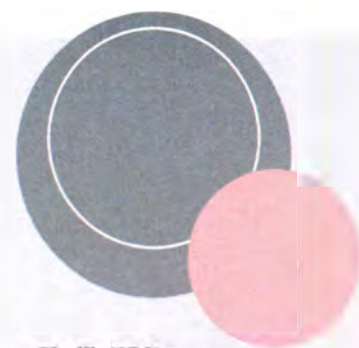
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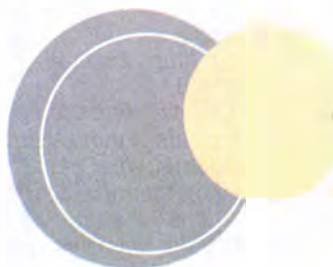
- » **John Kline** Color Design, Grosse Pointe Park
- » **Renea M. Lewis**, Allied ASID Design By Choice, LLC, Troy
- » **David Michael Johns**, IDS and **Jennifer M. Johns-Miller**, ASID, NCIDQ, DMJ Interiors, Rochester
- » **Laura Radike**, Ethan Allen Design Center, Sterling Heights
- » **Kristin Ross**, Finish by Red, Grosse Pointe
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- » **Mary Lujan** and **Becky Lujan**

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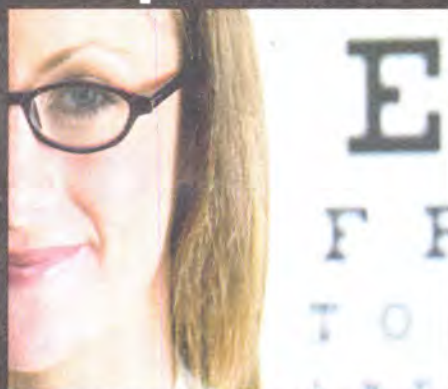
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- » **Daniel Clancy** and **Mark Manardo**, Perlmutter-Freiwald, Inc., Franklin
- » **Gordon Robinson** ASID, Gordon Robinson Design, LLC., Detroit
- » **Jane Shook**, Jane Shook Painted Interiors, Grosse Pointe Farms
- » **Barbara and Daryl Johnson**, The Walls of Virtue, Southfield
- » **Jeff and Sherry Allor**, Detroit Custom Framing and Gallery, Grosse Pointe Woods
- » **Brian Clay Collins**, FASID, Brian Clay Collins Designs, LLC., Grosse Pointe
- » **Jeanine M. Haith**, Showhouse Interiors, Grosse Pointe
- » **Diane Woolsey, D.J. Kennedy** and **Ray Vuia**, Diane Woolsey Interiors, Grosse Pointe Farms / Woods
- » **Gail Urso**, Urso Designs, Grosse Pointe Park



- » **Phyllis Whitehead**, P.J. Whitehead Design, Birmingham
- » **Loretta Crenshaw**, Crenshaw & Associates, Detroit
- » **Paul Marcial**, Paul Marcial Landscapes
- » **Matthew Mannino, Anthony Tocco, Philip Mannino**, Tocco Mannino Landscape, Grosse Pointe Farms
- » **Bill Whetstone**, Greater Detroit Landscape Co., Warren
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WARRIORS IN PINK

Breast cancer survivors tell why they race for the cure

By Jill Halpin, Contributing Writer

Eddie Katz-Silverstein wants everyone to know that there is life after breast cancer.

After undergoing two mastectomies, the two-time breast cancer survivor says she is strong evidence that a diagnosis of breast cancer "is just a part of your life; it is not the end."

It is one reason that she will join legions of the other walkers Saturday, June 7, at Detroit's Chene Park for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. It will be the ninth race for the 66-year-old Farmington Hills resident, something about which she is passionate.

"In 1991, when I was first diagnosed, breast cancer was something people didn't really talk about – you whispered it," Katz-

Silverstein said. "I think it was because people felt that breast cancer was a death sentence. I am living proof that that it is not and I want to share that message with others.

"All of us get scared and it's natural. I think that sharing our emotions is important. It is also important to see someone who has been through it, who understands that fear, has come through to the other side of it and can laugh about it – it helps," she added.

Katz-Silverstein estimates she has raised more than \$25,000 since she first began participating in the race in 2006.

The Susan G. Komen organization has been very good about getting the message out about



Eddie Katz-Silverstein and husband Mark get into the "pink" spirit at last year's race.

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RACE FOR THE CURE

New location, steadfast mission of saving lives

By Jill Halpin

Contributing Writer

Runners, walkers and all other participants – take your mark. The 23rd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is fast approaching, but there is time to join families and friends from across metro Detroit in an effort to eliminate breast cancer.

This year's event, locally presented by the Karmanos Cancer Institute, is Saturday, June 7, at scenic Chene Park on Detroit's riverfront. It's a new location, but it is still the "same mission and the same race, just a new place," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, chair of the Detroit Race for the Cure.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 participants – runners, walkers and supporters – are expected to participate in this year's 5K event, all in an effort to raise money to help support the fight against breast cancer.

This year's occasion promises to be a fun-filled affair, with more than 20 bands and entertainment groups, a children's area and food trucks adding to the festivities. In addition, the special Komen traditions to help celebrate and remember both lost loved ones and survivors will continue to bring meaning to the event.

Funds raised by the event are used to support research, raise awareness and promote outreach, Meldrum said.

In fact, keeping the money in the community is key to the Komen mission, she said.

"Seventy-five percent of the net income from each race stays in the community and funds local breast cancer screenings, education and treatment support programs and treatment projects," she said.

In addition, 25 percent of the net income from each race supports Susan G. Komen research grants made to scientists around the world.

Last year's Detroit race invested more than \$1 million in metro Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) breast cancer programs and more than \$291,700 in breast cancer research grants through Susan G. Komen.

According to the Centers for Dis-

DETAILS

What: 23rd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

When: Saturday, June 7. Packet pickup starts at 6:30 a.m. Street closures and on-site registration at 7 a.m., with all booths open. Opening ceremonies at 8 a.m., followed by competitive 5K run at 9 a.m. The 5K walk follows. Closing ceremony and awards are 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Chene Park, 2600 Atwater Street, along the Detroit River less than one mile east of the Renaissance Center.

Why: To save lives and end breast cancer forever.

ease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer among women, with more than 206,966 women and 2,039 men in the United States diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010.

There is good news: breast cancer has experienced a 30-percent reduction in mortality in the past 20 years, Meldrum said.

Despite this, there is still much work needed locally.

"There is still an urgent need for more work to put a permanent end to breast cancer," Meldrum said.

She noted that metropolitan Detroit ranks higher than the rest of the state and the nation in three key areas, including incidence, the stage of the disease at time of diagnosis and mortality rates.

"We have made so many advances in breast cancer," she said. "By working together, we can continue to work to finally put an end to this disease."

The race, the largest cancer event in Michigan, also features 10,000 pink ribbons, pink carpet-runway for survivors, Warriors in Pink Drummers, powered by Ford, Survivor Café, Survivor Trolley, sponsor giveaways, Shop for the Cure and more. For more information or to register for the event, go to <http://www.karmanoscancer.org/KomenDetroit/race.aspx>.

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Thelma Sim of Northville (right) and her daughter, Dr. Audrey Sim of Royal Oak, are members of "Julie's Angels," a team started in the memory of Julie Sim.

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care, Katz-Silverstein said.

Recently retired after 23 years with PNC bank (formerly National City), Katz-Silverstein said she plans to spend more time advocating for the prevention of breast cancer.

"I feel so lucky that this race exists and that I am able to participate and help people," she said. "Every day is a blessing and a new adventure."

Early detection

Early detection is the battle cry of Thelma Sim of Northville and her daughter, Dr. Audrey Sim of Royal Oak, a family practice physician with an office in St. Clair Shores.

The pair lost their beloved daughter and sister, Julie Sim, an adjunct professor of political science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, in 2005 after she battled the disease for five years.

"Julie's disease was a particularly aggressive form," Thelma Sim said, "and she needed support and guidance. Her sister stepped up and helped develop a plan not only to help her get through it, but to try and find a way to help others in the same situation."

Part of that guidance and support came through the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, she said.

With additional support from a wide network of friends and colleagues from Schoolcraft, a team, "Julie's Angels," was formed and began aggressively fundraising in hopes of finding a way to end the devastating disease.

"Julie did not want others to have to suffer through the stages like she did. She maintained a positive atti-

tude throughout her battle and part of that came from the knowledge that she was helping others in need," Thelma Sim said.

Julie's ability to inspire is noteworthy:

» In the past nine years, "Julie's Angels" has brought more than 1,200 team members to the Race for the Cure.

» Both Thelma and Audrey have raised over \$70,000 in the past six years.

» Education about the disease has become a part of Julie's legacy as well, her mother said.

"No one is too young to get breast cancer. Julie was only 34 when she was diagnosed. Early detection is so important for survival," she said. "It is so important to get your regular check-ups and follow up if you feel something. Do not put it off. Take care of the situation right away."



Sandy Jessop and her husband Bo will be at the 2014 race at Chene Park.

Personal experience

Farmington Hills resident Sandy Jessop, 56, vividly remembers the night the significance of the Race for the Cure hit home for her.

As a breast cancer survivor, she, along with a dedicated cadre of family and friends, had long participated in the event in an effort to raise money in hopes of putting an end to breast cancer.

Diagnosed at age 46, the married mother of two grown daughters underwent surgery and radiation while running her training and development business.

She was fortunate – and grateful – to have a strong foundation of support.

"My treatment really was a wonderful experience," Jessop said. "I tried hard to keep a positive attitude."

Participating in the Race for the Cure and volunteering along with her daughters at the Susan G. Ko-

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The campaign raises awareness about the urgent needs of these young people and encourages Citizens from every walk of life to get involved – as foster or adoptive parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways.

MESSAGES OF LOVE TO

Mom



Terry Taylor of Milford sent this photo of her daughter-in-law Kim Bueter and her one-week-old granddaughter June Violet. Taylor wrote: "Kim is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. It will be an honor to watch her and our son Brandon raise our granddaughter into the same loving and caring person Kim is."

Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries (46 at least). In the U.S., this special day is the result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe. The resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day the second Sunday in May was signed May 8, 1914, by President Woodrow Wilson.

Howe, an activist, writer and poet (known for her Civil War song *Battle Hymn of the Republic*) had originally suggested the day celebrate mothers and peace.

Jarvis is recognized as the founder of Mother's Day in the U.S. She got the inspiration from her own mother.

The staff at *Hometown Life Woman* asked readers to send us a favorite photo of their mother, grandmother, aunt or other special woman who has filled the role of mother and made a difference in their life.

Here are those reader submissions in time for Mother's Day 2014 on Sunday, May 11.

Happy Mother's Day and enjoy these heartfelt messages from local readers.

**MORE STORIES AND PHOTOS
ON PAGES 12, 15 AND 16**



Denise Jenkins (right) with her mom Edith Mrakitsch, 94, pictured at the Kentucky Derby last year. Jenkins says her mom is special "because she is my mom." Jenkins had the privilege of helping her mom check an item off her bucket list by going to the Kentucky Derby. "It was a very special trip for me and, according to her, 'It was the best vacation in my whole life.'"

'Best mother'

The Rev. Dr. Gregory E Zotos, D.D., Ph.D. says his mother Cathy, who celebrated her 80th birthday March 7, is "best mother a person can have." He praised his mother's 46 years volunteer in Livonia, as a PTA representative at Livonia's Clay Elementary in 1965 and service with the Livonia Golfview Meadows-Burton City Civic association for 14 years. She was very active and became a president. Tragedy struck our family in 1979, when my father and brother were killed by a drunken driver en route to home. My mother went it back to Livonia volunteering at 1 Metrovision, Livonia's first cable-television system - producing, writing and working on character education for 20 years. She enjoyed working with all the great talent and the great volunteers. She received numerous awards. Throughout her life, she had been activities director for a variety of nursing homes in Livonia and Farmington to help seniors and be a companion to anyone who was alone. She did this for 35 years."



The Rev. Gregory E. Zotos with his mother Cathy Zotos.



Laura Slayton (left) of Canton and her mother Rosanna Pino. "My mom is special to me because she is always there for me, no matter what. I can always count on her for advice, or just to listen to me when I need it. I also can count on her as my casino buddy and for homemade Italian dinners," Laura wrote.

Grandmas are special

Shannon McGrath of Livonia wrote this about Barbara Knox, her grandmother: "The love of a grandma is unique. God must have given grandmothers to us to liven up our lives, to make our lives more complete, to make us well-rounded and better human beings. She played a big part in my family's childhood and I can remember so many times sitting in her house listening to stories, coloring and eating cookies with milk. She taught me a lot about love and the meaning of family. She has never been just 'our grandmother,' but our guardian, our friend and our inspiration."



Representing four generations of women are: great-grandmother Barbara Knox (left); grandmother Linda McGrath (standing), holding her granddaughter Keelie Elswick; and Kelly Elswick, Linda's daughter, who is all smiles in the hospital. Shannon McGrath (not pictured) who sent the tribute is daughter to Linda and sister to Kelly.



Sandra Blaisdell (left) and Ellie Wikoff both live in South Lyon and are "like two peas in a pod." Blaisdell wrote: "Mom is the fine china of treasures, a real diamond in the rough. She has a knack for mailing cards, so to know her is to be the recipient of her cards. Mom, you are every bit the lady your mother was."

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Pat Gucwa (right) and her aunt, Ann Miedlar.

'Thank you,' Aunt Ann

Pat Gucwa of Livonia wrote this tribute to her aunt, Ann Miedlar.

"When my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1960, my aunt was the one assisting our family in any way she could. After my mother's passing, she was always there to help my father with anything and everything.

"There was five of us ranging from age 5 to 14. My younger brother was in kindergarten and only attended school a half-day. She volunteered to have my little brother live with her and my uncle Monday through Friday so he would not be left alone while we were still in school.

"When my father got sick a few years later, she took my younger sister and younger brother, along with myself, into her home. She wanted to make sure we would have a positive environment with a

family atmosphere during our childhood.

"My uncle, her husband, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and even though she worked full time, Aunt Ann never missed a beat. She took care of her 'Loving Leo' until his passing.

"When her nephew was sick in Florida, she was the lady flying down to help him and his family. Her older sister is a widow and lived on her own for many years. Never able to drive, Aunt Ann would take her to all her doctor appointments and assist with all the necessary errands that were needed."

Gucwa wants *Woman* readers to meet "this Superwoman," who at 90% "runs circles around all of us."

"With great appreciation and with all my love, to my dearest and loving Aunt Ann."

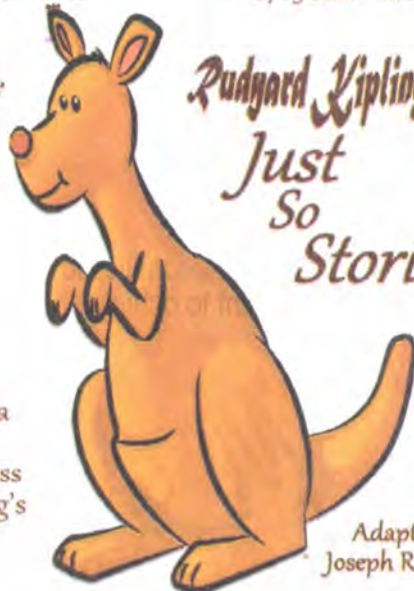
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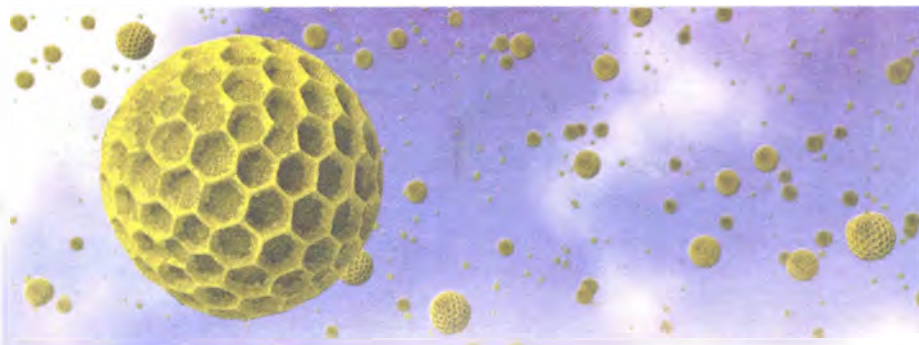
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Highland resident Linda Shallman (right) and her mom Mary Williams, 88. Linda wrote: "My mom is always there for me. I had spine surgery and she took care of me at age 88. She suffers from a bad back, but never missed a beat caring for my family during my recovery. I love her to the moon and back. Did I mention that she is so-o-o much fun?"



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May Day, May Day!

Allergy season is here

Well, we survived the polar vortex (plural), only to be followed by the pollen vortex.

Yes, that is exactly what it sounds like. Basically, the freezing temperatures of our super-sized winter delayed the blooming of trees and now

that it's finally warming up, the trees and the grass are going to bloom at the same time, causing a dramatic rise in pollen, resulting in a big gigantic headache – literally – for us allergy sufferers. And I said, I wasn't going to complain about one



Barbara Deyo

thing once it finally warmed up.

The good news – if you can call it that – is with a late spring, it's going to be shorter allergy season than normal. But don't get too excited – what we will have will be fast and furious.

Prepare yourself for an extra dose of congestion, runny nose, itching-watery eyes, sneezing and coughing. Wait, didn't I just go through that all winter long? I'm so confused.

There are some simple things you can do to help ease the pain.

Take a hot shower, get in your comfies and get some rest. The steam from the shower will soothe sinuses and clear nasal passages, as well as help remove allergens from your skin and hair.

By putting on a fresh change of clothes, you won't track unwanted external environmental allergens around the house.

Lack of sleep weakens your immune system, which in turn can make an existing allergy worse – or even develop a new one. Seven to nine hours of sleep a night is optimum.

Try essential oils. Eucalyptus and peppermint have anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory and analgesic (pain relieving) properties, helping to relieve asthma attacks, bronchitis infections, colds – and, yes, allergies. Take a couple of drops of either or both and rub them behind your ears.

Lavender oil is a natural anti-histamine and helps calm and relax the body. Apply a couple of drops to the soles of your feet before bed. Or you can simply put a few drops of each, rub your hands together and deeply inhale for four to six breaths.

Sip some hot herbal tea. Not only will the steam help open up the nasal passages, but the herbs have medicinal properties as well. Try Divinitea Organic Allergy Tonic Tea, which contains natural anti-inflammatory and anti-histamine ingredients rooibos, yerba mate, lemon balm and ginger.

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In my last two columns, I discussed the importance of living on a budget and having an emergency account. That's all great, until a disaster happens. No matter how careful we may be, we're all subject to the possibility of disaster.

Accidents happen to everyone. We may suffer sudden medical problems, loss of a car or home, a disability or the death of a loved one. But in all these cases, insurance is available to ensure that the accidents we suffer don't threaten our long-term financial welfare.

Because disaster can strike in a number of ways, a variety of insurance is available to help protect us. Health insurance provides for medical expenses, disability insurance insures us against losing our income if we become unable to work, homeowner's insurance protects us from losing a home, car insurance guarantees we can replace our vehicle and life insurance provides funds for our families in the event of our death.

Some people believe that they will go through life without encountering any accidents or mishaps. That is false thinking. We are not able to guarantee that nothing will ever happen to us. That is why we need protection or insurance



Paula Swain

for these possible, somewhat predictable, mishaps.

Recently, a friend of mine, Sue, unexpectedly died at the age of 33. She married Steve, her soul mate and the father of her three children, last year. They were happy. Even though they both worked, they struggled financially. They didn't live on a budget, had very little in savings and no life insurance.

Sue's untimely death left the family in a panic. There were no funds for funeral services or to pay the bills next month.

At one of the most stressful and emotional times of anyone's life, you shouldn't have to be worrying about money. Fortunately for Steve, he has a supportive group of family and friends who pitched in and gave Sue a proper funeral service.

It doesn't matter how substantial or limited your income, there may be a need for life insurance, which is fundamental to a sound financial plan. Over the years, life insurance has given me

peace of mind knowing that money would be available to protect my family in a number of ways, including:

1. To pay for final expenses

The cost of a funeral can easily run into the tens of thousands of dollars and I don't want my spouse or children to suffer financially at my death.

2. To cover children's expenses

Like most mothers, I want to be sure my kids are well taken care of and can afford a college education. For this reason, I have additional coverage while my kids are still at home.

3. To replace income

In the event of my or my spouse's death, additional income may be needed to pay everyday living expenses. If your spouse is the sole bread winner, life insurance is essential to replace their income.

4. To pay off debts

So that my family wouldn't have to sell the home, life insurance can pay off the mortgage or any other outstanding debts.

5. To provide a sense of security

Perhaps most importantly, buying life insurance provides me with a sense of financial security and safety that my family will be provided for.

Figuring out the amount of life insurance you need shouldn't be left to guesswork. It's important to consider all of your expenses, debt, savings, investments and other assets to get a realistic picture of how much life insurance you need and what type of policy will work best to fit that need.

My message in life and through this column is aimed directly at women in this readership area. I am dedicated to walking you through the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement.

Women spend so much time as caretakers, worrying about how to meet the needs of everyone else. Now it is the time to start focusing on your needs – including your financial needs.

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Pictured are South Lyon residents April Talaga and her twin sons Derek (left) and Ryan. Ryan wrote: "My mom means the world to me. She has always been supporting me the past 20 years of my life in everything I do, from academics to on and off the field in athletics. If it was not for my mother, I would not be the person I am today. On this Mother's Day, I would like to honor my mother for all she does for me and my twin brother, as well as the community."



Wendy Rought (right) of Canton sent this photo taken in West Branch, celebrating her mother's birthday and enjoying a long weekend with her aunt and sisters. Pictured (from left) are (mom) Ilene Lashbrook, (aunt) Pam Gaillers, Karen Lange, Sandra Ackerman and Rought, who wrote: "I have been so fortunate to know so many amazing hard-working women my whole life. We are all best friends and they have a special place in my heart."



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Debbie Gannon (left) of Livonia and mom Dorothy Endress. Debbie wrote: "My mom turned 90 on Jan. 14. She lives life to the fullest and always sees the glass as half-full, even after overcoming huge health and personal family tragedies (or maybe because of them). She's extremely independent and still drives (a 2003 immaculate red Grand Prix). She loves her family unconditionally and would do anything for them. She's my best friend and the strongest person I know."

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men Foundation seemed a natural fit, she said.

"Everyone was like instant family," she said.

In addition, the fact that at least 75 percent of the money raised stayed in the community always held substantial meaning for her.

Reasons to participate

"Funding screenings, promoting awareness and subsidizing research — all of those things are key," Jessop said.

However, it was not until she attended an event honoring those raising funds that she became aware of the direct impact of her efforts and the efforts of other race participants.

"I was seated next to someone whom I had never met and when I introduced myself, I said, 'Hi, I'm Sandy and I've raised more than \$2,000.' The woman looked at me and said, 'And I am a recipient of that money.' She was one of the



Julie Sim was escorted by an ROTC group in 2005 to the stage at a local Komen event. Julie died of breast cancer just months later. She was teaching political science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia when she was diagnosed with cancer at age 35.

grant recipients. The money we had raised was going to support her treatment, to help her fight her battle," Jessop said, "and the realization was overwhelming."

It is a memory that has kept Jessop coming back year after year. She is accompanied by her husband Bo, who will perform with his band Bo White and the Bluesers during the event at Chene Park.

"I am so lucky for the opportunity to participate," she said.

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Audrey's diverse banking career is broad based and extremely impressive. She began her career and remained for 20 years at Michigan National Bank, (now Bank of America). While at Michigan National,

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Audrey and her husband have been residents of Northville since



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1996. She is a member of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, where she serves on the club's Foundation Board, and serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra. Her past community service positions include Treasurer and Board member of the Northville Community Foundation, past Treasurer and Board member of the Northville Chamber and participation on the Beautification Commission of Northville Township. Her deeply rooted dedication to the community extends to numerous local events and fund raising efforts.

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Canton has a new housing concept that is extremely senior friendly

By Dennis Zelazny

As the years go on, the thought of getting older sinks deeper and deeper. After talking with Sharyl Rubritius at Faithful Senior Living, although I still have some fear of the uncertainty that comes with aging and needing help from others, I now feel confident that I will be able to retain my happiness and as much of my independence as I can while being fully taken care of at the Faithful Senior Living Home.

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