

Millage increase in DDA area considered

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

As Wayne continues to see declining property values and the resulting decrease in property taxes — the city's major funding source — new revenues are being sought along with budget cuts.

About 30 people turned out Wednesday to hear about a proposal to levy an additional 2 mills in the Downtown Development Authority District for the 2014-15 fiscal year. It was a joint DDA and Development Area Citizens Council meeting.

"Legally, any city expenditure in the DDA can be charged to the DDA. The DDA is one-third of the city," said Wayne Finance Director James Ghedotte, who estimated the millage increase would cost property owners about 8 percent more than their current city taxes for the recommended one year.

For several years, the city has charged the DDA for services such as police and fire, but not for the full expense. The 2 mills in the DDA District would generate about \$350,000, including \$190,000 from Ford Motor Company.

"At one point, the DDA revenues were over \$6 million. What happened to the DDA is what happened to the general fund," Ghedotte said. "Our property values have fallen 43 percent in six years."

Interim City Manager/Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib recommended 2014-15 budget, including the 2-mill increase, has revenues of nearly \$1.6 million. It is recommended that \$933,000 be transferred to the general fund and \$394,000 be used for debt service on the fire station.

Other changes

» The Wayne Library would no longer receive a \$34,600 allocation. No funding would be provided to the Wayne Farmers Market, which will now be operated by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

» The State Wayne Theater, which is being operated by Phoenix Theaters,

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Tami Phillips (left) and Dolores Hamrick of MiMoz Clothez in their new space at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

MiMoz Clothez finds a new home

Charity helps students at Wayne-Westland Schools

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer about the many trips to Hamrick's basement moving clothing and shoes. Hamrick and Phillips

started MiMoz Clothez in 2012 from Hamrick's Wayne them about their lack of space and invited Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra to the luncheon.

Took the 'bait'

were taken aback by what had been a storage room, and an unheated one at that.

"It's been wonderful here, I have to say. When we opened the door, it was just a

Second man charged in 2012 slaying of teens

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A second man has been arraigned on charges of torturing and murdering two Westland teens in Detroit in 2012.

teens in Detroit in 2012. Fredrick K. Young, 25, of Detroit, was arraigned Thursday by video in 36th District Court. Young and Ferlando Hunter, 23, of Jackson, who was arraigned Wednesday, are both charged in the deaths of Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17.

Not guilty pleas were entered for each defendant.

The charges come nearly two years after the Westland teens failed to return home from visiting a relative in Detroit. Their bodies were both found fatally shot in a field several days later on July 27, 2012.

"Both families are elated with the news. We are so happy that our boys will finally get justice," said Virgie Kudla, mother of Jacob.

The victims were robbed, tortured, imprisoned and then

Besides having a dedicated space outside of Dolores Hamrick's basement, one of the best things about MiMoz Clothez's new home at the Wayne-Ford Civic League is that it's on the ground floor.

"No more stairs. I used to be 5-foot-6. Now, I'm 5foot-3," jokes Tami Phillips home. In January, the charity, which assists low-income youngsters who attend Wayne-Westland Schools, moved into a room at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

The move started when the women were guest speakers at a Westland Rotary luncheon. Rotarian Margaret Harlow had talked with "I went (to Rotary) with the idea that they might need some space and we had some that wasn't really used for anything purposeful," Barra said. "The ladies inspired me so much, I had to take the bait."

As much as they appreciated the space, Hamrick and Phillips will concede they storeroom," Phillips said. "There were a couple old mattresses and a generator. No lights. No heat. There was no way we could work in here in the winter."

"If a facility has a garbage room, that was it. It's where you put anything you didn't

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Orange barrels at Cherry Hill and Newburgh

Construction has started on the Cherry Hill and Newburgh road and traffic signal project.

Work started Thursday morning on the first phase, on Cherry Hill west of Newburgh. The first phase of construction will involve closure of the left and center lanes. The first section is to be completed May 12.

The section of Cherry Hill west of Newburgh will be widened from four to five lanes. There will also be an area at the end of the new construction that transitions from the new five-lane roadway to the existing two-lane road.

No left turns will be permitted during construction for

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Orange barrels sat along Newburgh at Cherry Hill on Thursday, when work began on improving the intersection and traffic signal.

killed, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

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

Crime spree

Both Young and Hunter were among seven suspects arrested by Detroit Police during an investigation into crimes, including homicide cases, that happened over a two-week period in 2012. Police have described it as a crime spree that began with the slaying of the Westland teens.

Young and Hunter are both scheduled for preliminary examinations at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 before Judge Michael Wagner.

Part of the described crime spree allegedly included the slaying of John Villneff, a 62year old Vietnam veteran described as being shot in Detroit trying to protect his granddaughter in August 2012.

Hunter is serving life in prison after being convicted of a number of charges in Villneff's death, including felony murder, armed robbery and

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that it would be consid-

Council will hold its

first budget study session

Property owners in the

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DACC will meet at 6 p.m.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Garage sale

Lighthouse Home Missions will be holding a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Wednesday-Saturday, May 7-10, at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer east of Wayne Road, Westland. Household items,

including furniture, TVs, computers, knickknacks, CDs and tapes, will be sold.

There will be no clothing for sale. Hot dogs will be sold from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Historical Society

The Wayne Historical Society will present The Main Street Project at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 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.

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 Mother's 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.

Hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

CORRECTION



An incorrect photo was used Sunday, April 27, in the Social Scene column by Julie Yolles. This is the correct photo of Dennis Dorogi, formerly from Canton, his fiancée, Liz Austin, formerly from Plymouth, and Rick Sundquist of Farmington Hills, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan board member and property chair, at the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala.



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would no longer receive a subsidy from the city. The theater received \$75,000 in 2012-13.

» In a change from the original proposal, the recommended DDA budget included a \$10,000 allocation for the Main Street program. There had been a request for \$50,000.

Responding to a ques-tion, Mayor Al Haidous said that levying 2 mills in the DDA is only one part of a larger plan dealing with what was projected as a \$3.5 million deficit in 2014-15. As proposed, the budget still has an approximately \$700,000 shortfall.

"We have an over \$1 million deficit on the community center. If we close

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want to look at," said Barra, who installed a heater in the room.

With the stored stuff gone, a new dropped ceiling, a coat of paint and carpet, MiMoz Clothez had a new home. In 2013, MiMoz Clothez helped provide clothing and shoes to 331 children. Gently used clothing and shoes are donated or purchased, if MiMoz receives a financial donation.

1,900 miles

Hamrick and Phillips drove 1,900 miles last year picking up dona-



Dolores Hamrick (left) and Tami Phillips of MiMoz Clothez are glad to have moved from Hamrick's basement to the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

Fun is just a bus ride away.

it, there will still be expenses," Haidous said. 'It's the same with the State Wayne. We are looking at privatizing the community center to keep it open at no cost to the

city." The city is working to sell the State Wayne, he said, with a condition that it be maintained as a

movie theater. "It's a discussion. We're trying to prepare ourselves to have things ready on the table," said Haidous, who as mayor, is also DDA CEO. "We have to balance the budget and protect vital services. We don't have all the answers."

Purpose of DDA

If the purpose of a DDA is to spur development and make the downtown more visible, resident Ron Roberts said

tions and delivering clothing. That mileage should decrease thanks to a donation bin on the south side of the Wayne-Ford Civic League building.

"Kudos to the (Westland) mayor (William Wild) and deputy mayor (Jade Smith) for helping make it happen with the bin," Barra said. "I called and they responded. Mission: Green extends beyond the city.

The bin, soon to have the MiMoz log, is accessible 24/7. MiMoz Clothez is on Facebook and at mimozclothez@ hotmail.com.

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he questioned how this millage proposal would accomplish that."" "This is strictly to

shore up the city budget. How does it do anything for downtown?" Roberts said. "The plan goes back to 1991 and talks about shoring up the downtown. I know about the cops going up and down Michigan Avenue."

Wayne Ripple Effect and Main Street activist Cindy Schofield also questioned the payment to the city general fund. "There are services

that are supposed to be provided to the city at large," she said. "The DDA provides extras like frosting on cupcakes.'

The DDA has funded projects like the downtown streetscape, Haidous said, and will provide funding to the general fund when there aren't

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home invasion. Hunter was also convicted of felony murder of Joshua Hayes in Detroit during a home invasion.

Young is jailed awaiting a June 16 trial on murder and other charges in the death of Villneff.

Two other men, Casey Green and Larry Anderson, both of Detroit,

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both northbound and southbound Newburgh lanes at the Cherry Hill intersection.

Set to be completed in October, other features of the project include a new traffic signal installation at the intersection, drainage improvements and sidewalk enhancements.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.16 million. Utilizing federal funding, the state is to pay 81.85 percent of the total costs of construction, or \$952,000. Westland and Wayne County have agreed to split the remaining \$211,000 of the car was found abandoned in the 8500 block of Beechwood, near Joy Road and I-96 with the stereo system missing.

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project, with the city share at \$105,500. Florence Cement Company is the contractor.

There is also a separate road reconstruction project on Newburgh from Palmer to Cherry Hill that is scheduled to start this month. That project is scheduled to be completed by early July. The two projects are being coordinated to minimize impact on traffic and motorists

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Laurie Carpenter of Wayne registers Sherrie Goralski (from left) of Commerce Township, Makayla Goralski and Heather Anquetil of Westland for the Rock and Walk.

Benefit helps TEARS support grieving families

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

It has been seven years since Buddy and Shelby Shuh lost their infant daughter. They fight back tears talking about what they and Bella went through after an ultrasound showed she had a severe form of Spina Bifida, including serious issues with her heart, stomach, back and brain.

The Wayne residents were told their daughter had a 60 percent chance of living at birth and that the most humane thing to do was to terminate the pregnancy.

"I can't do that, this is my daughter," Buddy Shuh recalls saying.

The Wayne residents did not give up on their daughter. She was born on Sept. 30, 2005. Shuh recalls there was an absence of noise when she was delivered by Caesarean section, but when she finally cried, it "was a beautiful sound." And then the infant, whose spine was exposed from her head to the top of her buttocks, did something incredible, she moved her feet

For months Children's Hospital became the focus of their lives. It was home for Bella, who befriends and their church "out of the goodness of their hearts" helped the Shuhs. It was an "incredible blessing," that Shuh hoped he could do for others some day.

And he is, as president of the Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation, a national non-profit that helps pay the funeral expenses for families who have lost a child between 20 weeks gestation and one year of age.

Shuh shared his story with a small group of people last week in a kickoff of the chapter's Rock and Walk fundraiser planned for Sept. 14 on the grounds of the Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton.

Participants are being asked to form teams and raise \$200 per member for the event. They will walk around a track lined with butterflies, containing the names of infants whose have passed away. There will be an opening ceremony and a hope lap as well as time to spend rocking in a chair in the middle of the field.

'It's similar to Relay for Life, but it's not a walking event, it's not even a 5K; it's more of a meander," Shuh said. "It's a time meander and remember. It's a memorial and every family gets an opportunity to sit and rock and remember." The need for such assistance is great. Shelby Shuh paid a visit to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and learned that there are some 200 infant deaths each year and half of the families affected need help with funeral expenses. "It's very dear to my heart that I can share with others who are in the same spot we were in," said Shelby Shuh, choking back tears. "It's very healing. It's the way God is going to continue to heal me by doing.'

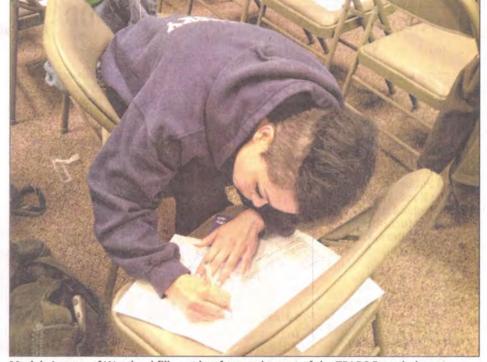
chapter has just \$1,200, given by three churches where Shuh spoke about the organization. It's enough to help one family. Shuh would like to raise \$20,000 through the walk.

Michigan is the 12th state to have a TEARS chapter. Its name, while written in capital letters, isn't an acronym. It simple stands for the tears shed by grieving families.

The TEARS Foundation was started in Washington State in 2002 by Sarah Slack. Slack and her husband, Sanford, experienced the stillbirth of their son, Jesse Curtis Slack in November 2000. Through the loss of her son, Slack decided to turn her tragedy into an opportunity to reach out to other families who have lost a baby and make a positive impact in her community.

It was Ślack who contacted Shuh after he shared his story of Bella as a contestant on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. It was an answer to Shuh's dream of one day helping others.

'I thought that one day I could be on the other side and help people pay for their children's funerals," he said. "Parents are prepared to buy a crib not a casket. An infant's funeral can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500. TEARS wants to help with the casket, a grave marker and grief counseling. Chris and Jodie Smith of Redford and Scott and Trisha Schlaff of Allen Park can relate to what the Shuhs shared. Twenty-three years ago, the two families both experienced the death of an infant child. The Smiths' son Justin died a month after being diagnosed with a heart defect. He was four months old. "My parents helped pay for the funeral and someone helped with the headstone, we don't know who," said Chris Smith as the family registered for the Walk and Rock. Their team will be named after Justin and will include



Mariah Agnew of Westland fills out her form to be part of the TEARS Foundation.



Buddy Shuh, president of the Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation, talks with Jennifer Kondratowicz (left) of Westland and Bev Fuller of Wayne at the kickoff for the second annual Rock and Walk.

their three other children, family members and friends.

"We've wanted to do something for years, this is perfect," said Jodie

Smith. The Schlaffs knew about TEARS through

Shuh and attended the meeting to find out more. "I like that it encour-

ages people," said Trisha Schlaff. "It lets them know they're not alone in their journey, there's someone there to hold their hand. There was nothing like this for us 23 years ago."

"It's a great organization, it inspires, honors and celebrates life," her husband added. "I like that it's just there to help people and make this part of the journey easier. It's a long journey and at least families can give their children a final resting place."

The Shuhs remember Bella in a special way. On her birth date and death date, they return to Ronald McDonald House in Detroit to prepare and serve dinner to the families who are staying there. Their loss will never go away, but they know they are helping other families who are taking the same journey.

"You don't have to have to lose a child to have a team," said Shuh. "You walk to remember someone. I encourage you to go where your heart is."

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tween putting stints in to deal with the water on her brain and treating respiratory infections, never left. The Shuhs stayed at the Ronald McDonald House to be near their daughter, but after fivesix weeks they left.

"It was hard to sit there and hope for your child when the other families were losing their children," said Buddy Shuh.

That hope turned for the worse and on March 6, 2006, Bella died. It was a "horrible moment in their lives."

"There's something inherently wrong in planning your child's funeral," said Shuh.

'Incredible blessing'

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CHILDREN'S DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS 'PETER PAN JR.'

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

There will be no flying, but Wendy, Michael and John will still make it to Never Land when the Wayne-Westland Children's Drama Club takes the stage Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium on to present Peter Pan JR.

Students from six Wayne-Westland elementary and middle schools are involved in the production, including the younger sister of Emily Blair, who asked her kindergarten teacher to do a play.

"I've always done plays in my kindergarten classes,' Anne McKolay said. "It was Emily's last year at Schweitzer and she asked if I'd do Wizard of Oz. Her mom Jenny is co-founder of the club."

'I wasn't surprised she did it," Jenny Blair said. "She's the one person I know who could make it happen.'

McKolay selected the play in January and has been working with a cast of 55 students, who have been rehearsing on the stage at Adams Upper Elementary School. She had thought about doing Beauty and the Beast this year, but changed to Peter Pan Jr. "because of the music."

"It had just come out. I lis-tened to the music and I really liked it," she said.

True to the Disney film and J.M. Barrie's enchanting play, Disney's Peter Pan JR. is a modern version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up. It includes such classic Disney songs as Following the Leader, You Can Fly and The Second Star on the Right.

McKolay has gotten plenty of help with the production. Parent David Green made the sets for show and Leigh Goyings is serving as the musical

and sound director. "It's nice to have a musical director," McKolay said. "We've worked on the songs a lot and the dialogue. This is a Junior Broadway production. Because it's a junior play, it has a lot more dialogue."

Club production of Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." May 8-9.

She also has gotten help in dressing the cast with the help of Forever After Productions in Canton and Hartland Community Players.

"They've been a huge help in costuming the entire cast," she said. "This is an unusually bigger cast and they've been a tremendous help. It was one less thing I had to worry about."

Even the technical crew at Wayne Memorial High School is helping out.

Having a small stage to rehearse on is a step up from previous years, when the cafeteria, hallways and IMC at Schweitzer were used. The production moves to Stockmeyer this week for one last rehearsal and a dress rehearsal before the first show at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Students did practice at

Stockmeyer twice during spring break, working with mics and on their blocking.

"It was their first time there and they were excited, but they settled down," she said. "They're ready now."

Blair said working on the production has been fun. It's the reason she keeps coming back, that and Emily's sister Megan, who is playing Captain Hook.

"The day of the show, I get nervous," she said. "It's so much fun and so much work goes into it that there's no time to be nervous."

With the drama club now including six schools - Franklin and Stevenson middle schools, Adams Upper Elementary, Schweitzer, Wildwood and Walker-Winter in Canton -McKolay is looking to take the club to the next level. "Next year, I want to up-

grade to the Wayne-Westland Children's Theater," she said.

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Schoolcraft newspaper staff wins 14 awards

Staff members of The Schoolcraft Connection, the college's student-run newspaper, received four first-place awards, four second-place awards, four third-place awards and two honor-able mentions at the annual Michigan Community College Press Association Awards Ceremony at Central Michigan University recently.

The first-place awards included: Column Humor, Pete Helms of Livonia; Inside Page Design, Kate Mrla of Allen Park; Personality Profile, Peter Hubbard of Northville; and Turkey Award, The Connection staff.

The second-place awards included: Sports News Story, Evan Paputa of Plymouth; Overall Newspaper Design, Connection Staff; Front Page Design, Sabrina Keyes of Dearborn and Kate Mrla of Allen Park; and General Excellence, The Connection Staff.

Third-place awards included: Sports Column, Josh Covert of Livonia; Editorial Writing, The Connection Staff; Critical Review, Carlos Razo of Garden City; and Headline Writing, Pete Helms of Livonia.

Honorable Mention went to: Sports News Photo, Camyle Cryderman of Livonia; and Cartoon Editorial, Urmila Bilgi of Novi.

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School board to interview 31 candidates for seat

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

The Livonia school board will interview all 31 people who applied for the open seat on the board created by the resignation of Julie Robinson.

School board President Mark Johnson said the board will grant each candidate a 10-minute interview during meetings starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday and 5 p.m. Wednesday in the board meeting room. The meetings are open to the public.

The board will appoint the new trustee after the interviews are finished Wednesday night, he

University of Detroit Mercy recognized John McNally of Garden City at the university's Honors Convocation March 23.

The Honors Program strives to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of its members by fostering a community of scholarly excellence, encouraging exploration of the world beyond the classroom and promoting compassionate service to those in need.

Freshman Jessica Drife of Garden City was among more than 29 Alma College students who were recently awarded the President's Cup. The students earned the honor by achieving the highest academic standing in their respective classes at Alma.

Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration Building

said

"It's going to be a chore. Everyone who applied is entitled to the same look-see and consideration. We've got a lot of very good candidates; it's going to a tough decision," he said. The candidates are

Stacey Apap, David Banks, Arthur Bardell, Heather Betke, Christopher Boloven, Dan Centers, Wanda Clark, Autumn Comiskey, Pamela Cornell-Allen, Gail Cretu, Kimberly Cubr, Alicia Douglas, Robert Drzewicki, Jacob Emerick, John Grzebik, Sarab Halaseh, Leslie (Les) Hicks, Jeffrey Jacobs, Elizabeth Jarvis, Richard Joyner, Frederick Kee-

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Drife, the daughter of Carl and Joanne Drife of

Garden City, is a 2013

graduate of Lutheran

Saginaw Valley State

Bethany Thrun of

Garden City was one of 12

University students cho-

sen to participate in the Roberts Fellowship Pro-

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and civic leaders. The

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Fellows with an international perspective on

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bler, Steve King, Tom Lang, Rusty McIntyre, Julianne Pastula, Christy Rowe, Philip Sattler Jr., Erik Shamberger, Kevin Sutton, Kathleen Ueberroth and Roy Watts.

They all applied before the deadline at noon April 28. One candidate later withdrew, or the total would have been 32.

Voting process to be determined

The board will decide how it will select the new trustee during a committee of the whole meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Johnson said. He said he expects it will take a number of rounds of voting, but each vote in the process will be made public.

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petitive initiative at SVSU that selects 60

Scholars program, a com-

first-year students yearly

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Thrun serves as a resident assistant, and

was both a former presi-

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The new trustee will serve on the board through Dec. 31, then will need to run for election to fill out the remainder of Robinson's term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016. Robinson moved outside of the Livonia area.

The last time the board appointed someone to fill a vacancy was in February 2011 after Dan Lessard resigned. He also moved outside the Livonia area.

The board at that time

interviewed seven candidates after narrowing the field down from 18. Board members chose up to two people to interview.

Board members appointed Randy Roulier to replace Lessard after indicating their top three choices and then their No. 1 choice on "voting forms" that were tallied by administrators, who did not reveal how each board member had voted that evening.

The board, after hav-ing the process challenged by the Observer and consulting with its attorneys, put the vote on the record about two weeks later in order to meeting the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Johnson said the decision to interview all 31 candidates this time was made "for transparency purposes."

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Find treasures at Skill Center's Flower Craft show

Spring is in the air, and students at the Livonia Public Schools' Western Wayne Skill Center have been working hard on special crafts, woodworking projects and greenhouse arrangements to mark the season.

Don't miss the annual Spring and Flower Craft Show, set for 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, at the WWSC, 8075 Ritz Ave., Westland. The school, for students ages 18-26 with disabilities, is off Ann Arbor Trail, west of Merriman. Visitors to the sale should park in the west lot and enter through Door 13.

Spring crafts, all hand-made and handcrafted by WWSC students, will be for sale. Contact the Skill Cen-

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» More than 14 classes per week of Jazzercise (Studio A) are offered. It combines jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga and kickboxing movements. It's a drop-in program costing \$10.

For more information or to register, visit Jazzercise.com. For more information, contact Holly Haddell at dance.fit-

ness.11c@gmail.com. » Core Training (Studio B) is a fun, achievable class to improve fundamental core strength and appearance. It is a 45-minute class. For more information, call 734-721-7400

» Tai Chi, a multibenefit slow version of martial arts. The class is progressive and participants must start in beginners or have spoken to the instructor. The cost is \$60 for a 10-week session. Call 734-721-7460 to register.

» Belly Dancing (Studio B) is a muscletoning workout that increases flexibility, posture and confidence. The class is open to ladies 16 and older. Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing.

The cost is \$50 for an eight-week session or \$10 per session for dropin. Register at www.blazingbellydance.com or contact Abida at abidablaze@yahoo.com with questions.

» Zumba (Studio B) is a Latin-inspired dance fitness class incorporating Latin and international music and dance moves.

To register or for more information, contact Serita Leonard at 734-829-7930.

» Yoga, relax, reduce

stress, improve breathing, posture, strengthen and lengthen muscles. A sticky yoga mat and firm blanket are required. Classes are 5:45-6:55 p.m. Thursdays in Studio B. The cost is \$20 per fourweek session.

For more information, contact Lynda Herman at 313-204-1509 or lyndaherman649@yahoo.com.

» Hustle Fitness exercises the mind and body by implementing Hustle Steps with a fitness twist. The beginners class is 6:30-7:30 p.m./7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. A Hustle Boot camp session is 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

The cost is \$40 for an eight-week session or \$5 drop-in. Hand weights are needed. Contact StarLisa Nicole at 313-718-1703 or dhithemovement@gmail.com.

» Silversneakers Classic provides a way to have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living.

Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and Silversneakers balls are available for resistance. A chair is available, if needed, for sitting or standing support. The class is free with Silversneakers ID.

Silversneakers: YogaStretch, also free with Silversneakers ID. The class offers a variety of safely designed movements to increase flexibility and balance with restorative breathing exercises to promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

The Wayne Community Center is at 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by email at smason@hometownlife.com or mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. For more information, call 313-222-6751

UPCOMING EVENTS **OPEN HOUSE**

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13

Location: St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: St. Raphael Catholic School is enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year in preschool (3-4-year-old) through eighthgrade. Come in and explore the school while playing its classroom trivia game. Teachers will be available to answer questions. Prospective and current students are invited to bring friends and family and earn prizes for playing trivia. Contact: Call the St. Raphael School office at 734-425-9771 for more information

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10. Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne across from the Wayne Post Office. Details: The First Methodist Church is holding a three-day spring rummage sale with Saturday as bag day. Fill a grocery bag for \$2 and a plastic lawn bag for \$5. Homemade baked goods and refreshments will be for sale Contact: For more information, call the church at 734-722-4801.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Dates/Times: Sunday, May 4. Location: Miller Woods (entrance is on Powell, just east of Ridge, in Plymouth Township). Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for its annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by Friends members. The walks highlight the beautiful native spring wildflowers along with the history of the woods and the Miller family's donation. Tours are free and last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed, and strollers are not recommended. Contact: For last minute weather changes that may affect the bloom times of the flowers, visit millerwoods.com.

OPEN HOUSE





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Chef Kristin Jablonski, the pastry instructor in the Culinary Arts Program at Henry Ford College, checks on a tray of roasted garlic tomato breads, for the Spring - A Seasonal Tasting Student Scholarship Dinner held last week at the college's 5101 Restaurant for about 100 supporters. Jablonski has been an instructor for five years and is working with the Culinary Arts instructors to create a four-year degree program for their students by 2015. DAVID L. MALHALAB MNS PHOTO / M NEWS SERVICE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. May 12. Location: Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland.

Details: Westland Free Methodist Preschool is enrolling for 2014-2015. The Christian preschool offers classes for 3-4-yearold children. It offers a themebased curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low childteacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground. During the open house, families can tour the preschool, meet the staff and receive enrollment information. Every family, with a preschool age (3-4 years) child, that attends will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Contact: For more information, to schedule a tour or to enroll, call 734-728-3559 or visit wfmpreschool@yahoo.com.

FIVE WISHES Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6. Location: Garden City Public Library, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Details: Something as important as serious illness and endof-life care should be something you are in control of. Five Wishes Advance Directives: Making Your Wishes Known will explain to adults age 18 and older the importance of completing a Five Wishes document to make their medical, personal, emotional and spiritual wishes known. Contact: For more information

or to RSVP, contact Jaclyn Klein at jklein@arborhospice.org or at 734-794-5394.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine). Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Details: Space is available for a flea market at Kirk of Our Savior. Space rental is \$25, which is non-refundable. Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and also a Bounce House.

4330 by May 21.

ORGANIZATIONS FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November. Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information. Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tuesdays.

Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. at US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.

Details: Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about. Contact: Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays. Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed.

Contact: For more information, call Dick at 313-534-0399. **BURROUGHS OLD**

TIMERS

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seek-ing volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to nonemergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

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

EARTH ANGELS

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 is looking to fill spots. There are opening for girls ages 9-11 with at least two years of dance experience and boys ages 9-12 with no experience needed. The group delivers a high-energy show of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lipsynching to the music of the '50s and '60s and some current fare. Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or eangel1986@comcast.net

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia. Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

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Notification letters will be sent.



Contact: Contact Sharon Garcia at 734-728-1088 or email churchoffice@wowway.biz.

HEALTH EVENT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31. Location: Community Room (Lower Level) of Westland

Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland Details: As caregivers, career

women, volunteers and wives, women have the unique role of wearing many hats, often at the expense of their own health. Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout her life's journey. These discussions will be led by board certified physicians and other health care specialists. Hats Off to Women will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch. The event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited.

Contact: To RSVP, call 734-458-

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet are available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschit@yahoo.com.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.

Location: Rocky's Restaurant at Wayne Road north of Palmer in Westland.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

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

Location: 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month.

Contact: 734-728-0527.

SILVER STRINGS

DULCIMER

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: 734-482-2902, http:// geocities.com/ssdsociety.

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome

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LOCAL NEWS

How to cut on long-term care premiums

ast week, I had the privilege of speaking at the Observer & Eccentric Media Spring Expo. One of the questions, regarding long-term care, is important enough to answer again here.

A woman in the audience said the premium on her long-term care policy was increased by 70 percent. She asked if it made sense to cancel the policy or should she just pay the premium.

It is important to understand that this is not something unusual. Long-term care insurance companies over the last few years have significantly increased premiums. As someone gets up in age and closer to needing long-term care, that is when the insurance companies choose to raise the premiums. That being said, there is no one right answer to this question. It depends upon your individual situation.

The first thing to do when you get this type of letter from your long-term care insurance company is to decide whether the insurance is still necessary.

The question isn't whether you needed the coverage when you bought the policy but, rather, do you need it now?

If you don't need the coverage, then canceling the policy may be the appropriate course of action. After all, long-term care insurance is no different than any other type of insurance. The issue always is do you need the coverage today.

On the other hand, if



you need ongoing longterm care coverage but the premium increase is financially difficult, then an alternative is to look for ways to restructure your current policy. Restructuring may make your premium more affordable.

One of the changes to consider is increasing the elimination period (the deductible on the insurance policy). In most insurance policies, the deductible is a dollar amount (such as in auto insurance, where it's \$500 or \$1,000). With longterm care, it is a period of time. By increasing the waiting period (to 90 or 180 days), it should lower the premium.

Another option is to look at the time period that benefits are paid. Many people may have lifetime benefits. By switching to a threeyear or a five-year benefit period, it may substantially save on premiums.

If you get a notice from your long-term care insurance company and your premiums are going up substantially, don't panic, take your time, analyze the situation and make the best decision based upon the facts as they exist today. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomasset management.com.

Air museum, RACER set to ink deal to buy bomber plant

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Living up to its slogan of "We Can Do It Again," the Yankee Air Museum announced that it will enter into an agreement with the RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The announcement came one year and a week after YAM had launched a multimillion dollar fundraising campaign to buy an area of the former GM Powertrain Plant where B-24 Liberator bombers were completed and and delivered to the U.S. government during World War II.

"The Yankee Air Museum would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us with the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign," museum officials said in a statement released Thursday. "The fundraising efforts have been successful enough that we are moving to the next step of the campaign, which is working on an actual purchase agreement.

"As you can imagine, outside of the fundraising efforts, one of the most difficult parts of this project has been the figuring out the very challenging infrastructure issues related to preserving the old Bomber Plant. We are hoping to resolve these issues as quickly as possible and anticipate a purchase agreement will be signed in the next seven to 10 days."

Able to go ahead

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foun-



Last fall, Yankee Air Museum officials invited the public to see the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant it will be buying from the RACER Trust. FILE PHOTO

dation, which has been helping in the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, the museum and RACER have agreed that they reached a point of being able go ahead with the deal.

"We're pretty sure we have the resources to do this," he said. "The only stumbling block may be the utility hookups, but we expect to have it under control."

"We've raised enough to preserve the building, now we have to create a museum," he said.

The museum had set a campaign goal of \$8 million to purchase the portion of the plant, put up walls to enclose it and hook up the utilities. The museum has raised more than \$7 million, with close to \$300,000 coming in through online donations and commitments in the last few days before the May 1 deadline.

"The level of public support has been both amazing and gratifying," Montgomery said. "This has really been a priority for the people of this area. We're thrilled we could get this far. It took one year and a week for a major capital campaign that normally takes three-four years.".

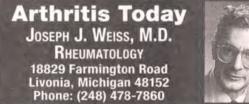
But while it has accomplished its initial goal of saving the bomber plant, fundraising will continue "without interruption." According to the museum statement, the money will be needed to prepare "for any additional expense required to resolve the infrastructure issues as well as to be prepared for later phases of this project, including the creation of the new facility's planned exhibits."

Larger building

Acquiring the building is a dream come true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of its planes, except the massive B-52.

RACER Trust's mission is to clean up and revitalize former GM locations. Close to 50 percent of the former GM Powertrain Plant has been demolished so far. Once the work is done, the property will be available for redevelopment.

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LIVING WITH LUPUS

In most people's minds, having a diagnosis of Lupus means a tragedy has occurred. The thinking is that Lupus is a terrible disease that cripples people early in its course, and leads to an untimely death. There is an element of truth in that view, but a quick and terrible end is not the usual story.

There are a number of people with Lupus, treated with prednisone 5 mgm-10 mgm a day and Plaquenil 200 mgmg-400 mgm a day, who work daily and raise a family. These people must use an uncommon amount of common sense in their daily lives, making sure to get 8 hours of rest a night, eating a nourishing diet, forgoing extra calories, exercising regularly, and staying out of the sun. In short, many people with Lupus can live long and useful lives with a small amount of medicine abetted by a large degree of discipline.

The problem for a person with Lupus is that taking such care while necessary is not always sufficient. Lupus can flare; a parson may take prednisone and plaquenil as prescribed, but can awake one day with an intense headache or a chest pain that worsens with deep breathing. The patient is experiencing a flare of Lupus, but why it occurred and how long it will last is unknown. At such times, the person may need an increase in steroids that changes both mind and body.

These unexpected flares are what sets Lupus aside from other rheumatologic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma and Sjogren's Syndrome, all of which take a steady course either resolving or worsening slowly and in small ways.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND SPRING EXPO

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Stopping at the Ob-server & Eccentric Media's Spring Expo is something Adelle Zawacki tries to do every year.

The vast amount of information offered to attendees makes it a destination as spring starts, she said.

"This is one of the best places to come for info," the Farmington Hills resident said. "I think it prepares you more for the future."

Zawacki was one of hundreds of people who attended the Spring Expo - this year titled Live in Go-held Tuesday at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. In addition to gathering information on a wide array of services that included health, legal and other information, many of those in attendance showed up to try their luck at winning one of many prizes offered by vendors.

Farmington resident Shirley Ziemba said she arrived well before the event started to try her luck at winning a prize for being one of the first 100 people through the



June Mahle and her red hat are from Farmington Hills.

door. She didn't win this time, but admits she was still happy to stop by early and play some Family Feud.

"It was fun playing Family Feud," she said. "We love the giveaways."

Ziemba's daughter-inlaw, Livonia resident Mercedes Ziemba, came to the expo for the first time. She said she was happy she came and looked forward to sampling the food being of-

fered by the vendors. "I'm still waiting for the food," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

One couple, John and Virginia Kay of Livonia, arrived and headed to the back of the food line to try some of the goodies. Tuesday was their first visit to the Spring Expo, a trip they made to attend a seminar done by attorney Nicole Wipp on trusts and wills.

They wanted to learn how to prepare as they get older to help their children and grandchil-dren in the future.

"As you get older, your needs change," John Kay said. "The best thing to do is get that advance (knowledge).

Novi residents Larry and Laura Jansen came to the Spring Expo to gather more information to take back to their caregivers support group at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi.

Laura Jansen said they planned on attending the wills and trust seminar as well and hoped to bring back some literature and info to the group, which meets the second Saturday morning of each month at the church, 40700 W. 10 Mile, in Novi.

She said attending the Spring Expo is a convenient way to get all the info they need to take back with them.

"We're always looking for good information to pass along," she said. "(The Spring Expo) puts everything under one roof.'

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The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2805-R. Fritz-35253 Bock Req. for 2 variances from Art. X of the City Code to install 22 linear ft. of 6' high privacy fence in the east side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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Helen Torrance and Fran Lee, both of South Lyon, try the dementia simulator, sponsored by Botsford Commons. They experience the frustration with the loss of sensory input like those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.



Attorney Charles E. Clos, of Clos, Russell, & Wirth, P.C., speaks with Pat Shannon and Vivian and Jerry Nyland, all of Westland.

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Military support groups host activities in May

Two local military support groups, Soldiers Around The World and the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center Inc. (Freedom Center), are joining forces in May to support special activities for Military Awareness Month.

SAW is a military support group started by Tammy DeFord, an "Army mom" from Livonia. SAW collects non-perishable items and hygiene products and ships them to individual soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen deployed to Afghanistan and other theaters. Shipping these packages overseas is a major expense and donations from community members and local businesses are used to pay for the shipments.

Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center Inc., a Michigan 501(c)3, operates the Freedom Center military lounge at Gate A43 in the McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for traveling military, family members and veterans. It also recently opened a second lounge in Troy to support new recruits and their family members. The Troy Freedom Center also has a family support group that meets in Berkley. For more information, contact Sal at sal.haji@mifreedomcenter.org.

Volunteers from SAW and Freedom Cen-

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Trunks & More! ter are joining forces to create awareness and support for the military, with a number of special activities planned for May:

» May 5 - A free movie presentation of Staff Sgt. Travis Mills -A Soldier's Story at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 9222, 3025 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley. The movie tells Mills' story of his perseverance and fight to be a husband and a father again, after an IED explosion in Afghanistan left him a quadruple amputee. Mills is one of five surviving quadruple amputees in America. To attend, call 248-703-5907.

» May 10 – Kroger U.S. Military Day. SAW and Freedom Center volunteers will collect food and financial donations at Kroger stores in Livonia, 30935 Five Mile Road; Northville, 17447 Haggerty Road; Plymouth, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; and Westland, 36430 Ford Road.

» May 17 – Northville High School fifth annual Armed Forces Day Baseball Program. Starting at 11 a.m., the Northville High School varsity baseball team will host two games vs. Lakeland and Allen Park in recognition of veterans and members of the armed forces. The event will also showcase military vehicles, games, an obstacle course and other activities. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, soft

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drinks and ice cream will be offered in return for donations of nonperishable items or monetary donations.

» May 26 - At the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade, Freedom Center volunteers will march alongside three convertibles. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. The Solemn Ceremony will commence at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Star Veterans picnic with live bands.

Students from Livonia high schools, Northridge Church in Plymouth and Valassis Communications in Livonia are assisting. Additional informa-

tion on Freedom Center is available at www.MI-FreedomCenter.org. Donations to Freedom Center can also be made on its website by using PayPal.

Donations to SAW can be made to the Freedom Center, with a memo line designating SAW.

Local nurse wins poster competition

Nurse Jan Cecil, a 34-year veteran member of the staff in Botsford Hospital's New Beginnings Maternity Center, has received first place in Midwest Nursing Research Society's 2014 Student Poster Competition at the master's level. She received the hon-

or at the MNRS annual conference in March. The Westland resi-

dent's submission -"Does Nurse Handoff at the Bedside Promote Accountability and Increase Nurse Satisfaction?" - was abstracted from a quality improvement project she did while a graduate student in the master of science in nursing program at Eastern Michigan University. She received her master's degree in December.

Cecil's academic research is relevant to Botsford Hospital; her quality improvement project research was completed on Botsford's 5 North Medical-Surgical Nursing Unit with the approval of hospital leadership. The assignment, "Implementing Bedside



Jan Cecil of Westland is the unit coordinator of maternalchild health at Botsford Hospital.

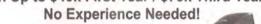
Shift Report on 5 North," is in full implementation on that nursing unit and is rolling out to other nursing units at the hospital.

"Jan worked tirelessly on her master's assign-ment," said Marge Hasler, Botsford's vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer. "The outcomes are very real here at Botsford. Using Jan's findings, we have improved our bedside change-of-shift reporting practice, which positively impacts patient safety and quality care. Moreover, Jan's work has helped to integrate the patient into the care team, promotes a safer patient hand-off, fosters patient and caregiver trust, and increases care team accountability.'

Botsford Hospital is a multi-specialty 330-bed hospital and verified trauma center located in Farmington Hills. The campus also houses an imaging center and a comprehensive care cancer center. Botsford Hospital is also home to an extensive medical education program and is part of Michigan State University's statewide campus system.

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Besides all these practical reasons for biking, it's just plain fun, and you get a whole new perspective on the world. Here at the Westland library, we have many books on bicycling ranging from bike repair to bike tricks to bicycle touring. Pick up some titles to motivate yourself to get out there and ride.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. And you can always find us on the Web at westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Parenting Workshop/ **Training:** Partnerships

with Children, No. 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 5 This month's topic of the Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities workshop is "Partnerships with Children: Playing and Learning Together." Play and learn by letting children lead, conversing, and building partnerships. Attend five

workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free child care provided for children of participants. Register on the library's website at westlandlibrary.org/ kids/events or www.greatstartconnect.org Walk-ins accepted,

if space allows. The History of Eloise Hospital, 7 p.m. May 6-Join the Friends of Eloise for a presentation on the history of the famed Westland hospital, which is the setting for much of this year's Great Michigan Read, Annie's Ghosts. Local historian Jo Johnson will lead a presentation on the former hospital's grounds and buildings while Georgia Becker will discuss her time growing up at Eloise during its heyday.

This program is offered as part of our Great Michigan Read (GMR) programming. To read this year's book, Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret, or to hear about more GMR programming at the Westland Public Library, stop by the Reference Desk or call 734-326-6123.

Help for Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid or Health Care Marketplace Application, 6-8 p.m. May 6 and 4:30-8 p.m. May 8 and every Tuesday and Thursday throughout May - Meet with a Health Care Navigator from Community Bridges for help filling out your Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid application or your Health Care Marketplace Application. You must schedule an appointment. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 734-326-6123 to schedule an appointment. You will need to bring the items with you

listed on the Marketplace Application Checklist and bring your spouse/family, if you're hoping to decide on a plan. Keep in mind that some appointments can last longer than others, so you might be seen later than your scheduled appointment time. Academic Enrich-

ment, 3:30-5 p.m. May 7, grades 5 and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Open Mic, 7 p.m. May - Let your muse run 8 wild coffee shop-style with singer-songwriter John Latini as your emcee. Writers, poets, sing-ers/rappers, bands, per-formers of all sorts are welcome. Sign up below to receive a reminder email or just show up ready to perform. See video from past Open Mics at www.youtube.com/user/WestlandPubLib.

Writers Workshop, 7 p.m. May 8 - The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece and what needs improvement. The group's goal is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. Read about our workshops on our blog at westlandlibrary.org/read/workshop.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. May 9 - Join us for some of the best

recently released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie, Inside Llewyn Davis, is about a week in the life of a young singer as he navigates the Greenwich Village folk scene of 1961 (imdb). This movie is rated R. For each movie, we provide movie-related trivia and prizes, snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Beginners Computer Lab, 2-4 p.m. May 10 -During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will pro-vide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Build confidence while practicing common tasks at your own pace. Topics include: using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the Internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Ongoing programs Job Seekers Lab, 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday — Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.



LOCAL NEWS

One month in, I-96 construction still on track

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

It's been nearly a month since I-96 shut down through Redford and Livonia. And with a little bit of cold temperatures and even some snow, the project is moving along and is still expected to be completed no later than October.

Construction crews have demolished many of the bridge decks along the route, as well as removed much of the road's surface, leaving piles of dirt and concrete that tower over the freeway.

"We are on schedule, on target. We had a snow day, but that may have temporarily halted operations for 12 hours," said Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, which is overseeing the project. "We were fine."

A portion of the freeway near Newburgh, about 1,500 feet, has also seen the pouring of new concrete, the first new portion that will make up the freeway when it reopens. Horne said crews will work on a short span of laying concrete along the road and near the retaining walls to make sure it will set properly, but will later ramp up work and do bigger stretches as the project moves forward.

'We do small increments in the beginning," Horne said. "Once all the lanes are poured, you do the barrier walls and the center median.'

The \$148 million pro-

ject has kept the freeway between Telegraph and Newburgh shut down since April 5. With the closure, many drivers have taken to surface streets and the official detour routes provided by MDOT, which include I-94, I-696, the Lodge Freeway and the Southfield Freeway.

Many surface roads, including Plymouth, Five Mile and Six Mile, have seen some increased traffic with the project, though Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said his department has not had any major issues resulting from the larger amount of vehicles in town this past month. "We've had minimal

issues with that," he said. Horne said MDOT

continues to look at the

alternate routes and work with Wayne County on determining signal tim-ing to help keep traffic flowing appropriately.

'We are aware of detour routes getting congested," he said. "We're doing our best to get them optimized."

He said MDOT communicates with GPS providers to have them update their software and avoid routing drivers along the freeway. Google has even also removed the seven-mile stretch of the freeway from its Maps program.

Schoolcraft open for business

City and business leaders have erected several signs along main roads approaching Schoolcraft, which is

down to one lane in each direction because of the construction, letting people know that business continues to happen along the service drive.

The signs, which read "Schoolcraft service drive open for business," have been placed near the intersections to keep people coming to the many businesses along the road, which have reported a decrease in commerce since the closure.

"We hope residents and customers will remember to go the extra mile, literally, during this project," Mayor Jack Kirksey said in a release. "Our support will help ensure that these businesses survive until the improved freeway is completed."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce president Dan West said he encouraged those looking to avoid traffic during rush hour to still support businesses near the route by changing their schedules to avoid the extra traffic and support local business

"We realize it is challenging to drive in some areas during the morning and afternoon rush, but we suggest people run their errands when traffic has eased during the day, at lunch, or in the evening," West said. "Like we have seen so many times in our community through the years, Livonians often support those in need during tough times."

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Man faces pretrial this week in I-96 death last fall

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

A Redford man is expected to go before a circuit judge for a pretrial conference next week after he was arraigned on criminal charges stemming from an accident that left one dead on I-96 last fall.

James Johnson, 24, of Redford, is charged with driving while license suspended causing death and driving while license suspended causing injury. The charges stem from an incident that took place in November along I-96 in Livonia.

Police have said two people who were driving along eastbound I-96 near Middlebelt got out of their vehicle on the freeway's shoulder to inspect it after having trouble during the early morning hours of Nov. 18. While they were out of the vehicle, they were struck by a vehicle veering off the road. The incident killed 22-year-old Wayne resident Daniel Davis and left another man, a 22year-old Westland resident, injured. Johnson was before circuit court judge David Groner Thursday for arraignment. A pretrial/ calendar conference is scheduled to take place Friday before circuit judge Timothy Kenny at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

orld Book Night took place Wednesday, April 23. World Book Night U.S. is dedicated to spreading the love of reading, person to person. Wayne Pub-lic Library was

proud to be one Wayne of the 2,300 bookstores and libraries across INFORMATION America supporting World

Book Night 2014. On April 23 — Shake-speare's birthday — 25,000 volunteers gave away half a million free books in more than 6,000 towns and cities across America. World Book Night U.S. (WBN) is an ambitious campaign to give thousands of free, specially print-

ed paperbacks to light or non-

readers. Volunteer book givers help promote reading by going into communities and handing out free copies to those without means or access to a printed book.

With organizational support of local bookstores and libraries, they shared them in locations such as hospitals, mass transit, nursing homes, food pantries and underfunded schools. April 23, 2014 was the third year of World Book Night U.S

The WBN picks are by a wide array of award-winning and bestselling adult and YA authors, as well as classics, books in Spanish, and books in large print. The assortment of WBN titles is based on diversity in subject matter, age level, gender, ethnicity and geog-

raphy. The books were chosen in a vote by librarians, booksellers and last year's givers. Volunteers applied online to be givers by stating where they intended to seek out book recipients and noting which of the special WBN Book Picks they'd like to hand out.

The Wayne Public Library had two librarian Book Givers participate. Our TAG! group met to celebrate The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky. We made book art, discussed the upcoming Summer Reading Program, and all the teens received a copy of the book. The additional copies were given to other library guests, as well as Zora and Me by Victoria Bond & T.R. Simon.

As a giver, it was wonderful

giving books to people. While the library offers books to everyone to borrow, it is nice to give a gift to someone; something they can keep forever rereading over and over.

For more on World Book Night, visit www.us.worldbooknight.org.

Upcoming Events

Summer Reading Program sign-up begins June 10 - Kids, teens and adults are all invited to join in the respective summer reading programs. Read books for the chance to win prizes.

Information Central was compiled by Kelly Soerens. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.



Vayne librarians join in World Book Night

If convicted, Johnson faces up to 15 years in prison.

Johnson appeared before 16th District judge Kathleen McCann April 17 for a preliminary examination, which was waived.

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Pats foiled in first-place battle

Canton wins pair of pitching duels

> Evan Paputa Correspondent

With first place on the line, Livonia Franklin's bid to stay in the hunt for a KLAA South Division baseball title suffered a major blow Wednesday courtesy of host Canton. The Chiefs improved to

The Chiefs improved to 11-4 overall and 7-2 in the division (tied with Plymouth) by sweeping both ends of a double-header, 3-0 and 3-2. Canton completed the

sweep by scoring the game-

winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Nick Romanauski started the rally with single.

He advanced to third on a wild pitch coupled with a Franklin throwing error and came home on Weston Price's suicide squeeze bunt.

Noah Spencer, who pitched a scoreless seventh in relief of starter Brent Mattson, got the victory. Mattson allowed just three hits, walked six and struck out 11.

Franklin starter Jake Fry, who took the loss, also went the distance allowing five hits and two walks.

The loss dropped the Patri-

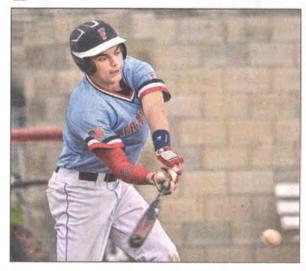
ots, who could muster only six hits in the two game, to 11-5-1 overall and 5-4 in the KLAA South.

In game one, Canton defeated the Patriots, largely thanks to Nick Hazergian's 14-strikeout pitching performance.

"Nick came out firing strikes and didn't walk a batter," Canton coach Mark Blomshield said. "He was just on his game."

The Canton starter used a solid pregame bullpen session to launch himself to his complete-game, whitewash-

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Franklin's Ryan Prohaska takes a cut at a Nick Hazergian fastball. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

KLAA GIRLS SOCCER

SLAVIERO'S GOAL PROVES CLUTCH FOR CHARGERS

Frosh delivers in 1-0 triumph over Plymouth

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

n a match devoid of any real scoring chances, Livonia Churchill's Ashley Slaviero found the target and delivered a bulls-eye shot.

And the freshman proved to be the unlikely hero Thursday night as she went top shelf from 25 yards out to give the host Chargers a pivotal 1-0 girls soccer victory over Plymouth.

Despite six matches left, Churchill now controls its own destiny in the KLAA South Division race after beating second-place Plymouth for the second straight time.

The Chargers improved to 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the division, two games up in the loss column on both the



U.S. Open Cup match coming to Stevenson

Detroit City FC faces team out of Chicago

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The first round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, the oldest ongoing American soccer competition entering its 101st year, will be played at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The match pits Detroit City FC, a member since 2012 of the National Premier Soccer League's Midwest Great Lakes Conference, against RWB Adria, a Chicago-based team founded in 1959 by Croatian immigrants.

RWB Adria has also participated in the U.S. Open Cup four times, including its first appearance 1991 when the club reached the Cup semifinals. Their most recent appearance was 2008.

The winner will take on the Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development

Wildcats and Canton.

Slaviero's goal was set up by senior midfielder's Kelsey Parrinello's back pass after she settled the ball from 15 yards out.

And the freshman made no mistake, drilling a shot just under the crossbar and over the outstretched fingertips of a leaping Plymouth senior goalkeeper Kylie Robb with 26:43 remaining in the match.

"I knew I had to kick it as hard as I can," Slaviero said. "I had to score on that one. I just couldn't miss. I was so excited when I scored. First goal, big game.

"I knew it had a pretty good chance as far as the height and how it felt off my foot. That was the spot where it was coming in and it was the right spot."

The first half was a defensive stalemate that featured no shots on goal and just one corner kick (by Plymouth).

"Neither team was very threatening in the first half and to be honest in the second half," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "There wasn't a golden chance either team had the whole game. They (Plymouth) had a couple of shots outside and obviously we had a

Churchill's Kelsey Parrinello (right) tries to beat Plymouth's Sydney Rouse to the 50-50 ball. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

couple of shots outside. It was played between the 18s and it was a good game, but it wasn't offensively threatening, that's for sure."

Once the Chargers scored, things opened up somewhat, but between the two teams there were only four shots on goal. Plymouth's best chance came with 13:36 when a free kick sailed high over the crossbar from 25 yards out.

"I thought they (Churchill) did a very good job getting numbers in their back third and really frustrating us," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team fell to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA South. "At the end of the day we didn't get the job done. We made several adjustments. I thought we created more offense, but it wasn't enough."

And Neschich gave credit where credit was due on the game-winning goal.

"That was a fantastic shot," the Plymouth coach said. Churchill also won 1-0 in its previous meeting on Plymouth's home field.

"It was similar," Friedrichs said. "I thought we had some great chances last game and they (Plymouth) had a couple of chances. But really, they (Plymouth) didn't come close (today). We obviously played more defensively in the last 15-20 minutes, but they didn't have any chances where coaches were sweating it

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League on Wednesday, May 14, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Open Cup is so named because all U.S. Soccer Federation affiliated teams may participate, from amateur adult club teams to the professional clubs, including the 16-team Major League Soccer.

Among the organizations represented in the Open Cup are the MLS, NASL (Division II), USL Pro (Division III), PDL (Division IV), NPSL, USASA (Region I, II, III and IV) and US Club Soccer (Division IV).

Last season, Detroit City FC captured the Great Lakes regular season title, along with the Rust Belt Derby trophy. Le Rouge also finished the regular season as the No. 1-ranked team in the 57- team NPSL.

Known for its vocal and spirited 1,500-member Northern Guard following, Detroit City FC features current and ex-area college players. Former University of Detroit Mercy standout Adam Bedell (Livonia Churchill) played for Le Rouge last season and now is a member of the MLS Columbus Crew.

Listed on the current Detroit City FC roster is

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LOCAL SPORTS

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Davenport rally ends MU's season

34-10 Crusaders edged in WHAC playoffs, 8-6

So close, but yet so far.

The second-seeded Madonna University women's softball team had to play a tripleheader Thursday to stay alive in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs and fell one win short of qualifying for the berth in the NAIA National Tournament.

Top seed Davenport University, ranked No. 22, ended the Crusaders' quest and season with a come-from-behind 8-6 victory in the doubleelimination tournament at Pacesetter Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

MU ends its season 34-10 under coach Jerry Abraham.

Davenport (34-8) trailed 5-1 before scoring four times in the fourth inning, one in the fifth and two in the sixth to pin the loss on MU reliever Bree Crampton (20-7).

The Panthers' Carli SanMillan (Livonia Ladywood) hit a solo homer, while Paige Sant'Angelo added two RBI.

Reliever Emily Maves (17-4), who allowed just one run over the final 41/3 innings, earned the victory. Kristen Drabek

knocked in three runs, while Morgan Kaiser, Emma Cook and Carlee Meek added two hits apiece for MU.

MADONNA 7, CONCORDIA 6: Senior Erin Mayes clubbed a 3-run homer, her eighth of the season, while Caitlyn Keuvelaar went 2-for-4, including her fourth homer of the yea, as the Crusaders ousted Concordia University (28-23) on Thursday. Emma Cook (3-for-4) and Livonia Churchill's Nicole Salloum (2-for-3, RBI) keyed MU's 11-hit attack as the Crusaders tallied the game uters alied the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Crampton, who struck out six and

allowed just one hit over the final 3% innings, picked up of the win in relief of starter Erin Combs.

Losing pitcher Kortney Loar (11-1) went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Angela Martin added three hits for the Cardinals

MADONNA 8, U-M-DEARBORN 3: Madonna scored seven times in the bottom of the sixth inning to erase a 3-1 deficit to

of the sixth inning to erase a 3-1 deficit to beat the University of Michigan-Dearborn (19-28) in the first game on Thursday, Top hitters for the Crusaders included Myklan Kish (2-for-3, two RBI); Morgan Kaiser (2-for-4, two RBI); and Nicole Sallowin (2-for-4, RBI). Bree Crampton went all seven innings allowing inst five hits and two walks while

allowing just five hits and two walks while fanning six. U-M-Dearborn reliever Abby Jewel

(Churchill) took the loss. CORNERSTONE 8, MADONNA 0: Megan Oberst clubbed a 3-run homer, her 10th of the season, and Lauren Pasciuk went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead the third-seeded Golden Eagles (24-14) to upset victory Wednesday over Madonna at Pacesetter Park. Winning pitcher Heidi Walburg (14-6) threw a 3-hitter walking just one and striking out four.

MU starter Bree Crampton who took the loss, gave up six runs, but only three were earned in four innings. She allowed eight hits and three walks while fanning seven. Emma Cook went 2-for-3 for MU. MADONNA 3, LOURDES (OHIO) 2:

Emma Cook went 2-for-3 with an RBI as the Crusaders broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the fifth inning to beat Lourdes (13-26) in Wendesday's WHAC Tournament opener. Erin Mayes knocked in MU's other two

runs to pin the loss on Gray Wolves starter Kasey Graham (5-14). Erin Combs started on the mound for the Crusaders, but did not get the decision. She pitched four innings allowing two earned runs on five hits.

Bree Crampton came on to pitch three scoreless innings in relief and get the victory. She did not allow a hit and struck out seven of the 10 batters she faced.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Blazers go down to another No. 1

The task proved to be too daunting for the Livonia Ladywood girls soccer team, which took on two No. 1-ranked teams in successive days.

On Tuesday, the Blazers lost to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 3, 5-4, and traveled Wednesday to face rival Birmingham Marian, ranked No. 1 in Division 2, and fell 4-0.

Kelly Sweeney scored in the 33rd (penalty kick) and 48th minutes for the victorious Mustangs, who improved to 9-0-1 overall and 6-0-1 in Division 1 of the Catholic League.

Ellie Deconick scored what proved to be the game-winner in the third minute and Jaclyn Engel's free kick in 53rd minute made it 4-0.

The Blazers were outshot 12-2 by last year's Division 2 state runners-up.

Marian goalkeeper Megan Bricely had to make just one save, while Ladywood's Whitney Bauriedl had three.

"We were outplayed all across the board," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team slipped to 7-3-2 overall and 3-3-1 in the division. "We made some sloppy mistakes in the back that resulted in easy goals for them. Trying to play Prep and Marian on back-to-back days proved to be a mon-

umental task." umental task." LADYWOOD 2, DIVINE CHILD 1: Feshman Taylor Bullard scored on a header, her first goal of the season, with only 1:30 remaining as Livonia Ladywood (8-3-2, 4-3-1) bounced back with a Catholic League Central Division victory bidau 3t Deghere Division child (2.6-4) Friday at Dearborn Divine Child (2-6-4

2-6). Clare Kelley assisted on the game-winner after DC's Emily Oltman tied it in

the 68th minute. Ladywood jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute on Conner Huggins' goal from Sam Riga.

Sam Cimino made six saves for the Falcons, while freshman Holly Cusick had one for Ladywood, which outshot DC, 17-1.

"We're forced to win out our last three games if we're going to make the Catholic League playoffs, so it was good to get one today," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledeck-er said.

CHURCHILL 7, WAYNE 0: Freshman Sara Taylor nothed a hat trick Friday as KLAA South Division leader Livonia Churchill (6-2, 5-0) blanked host Wayne Memorial (6-5-1, 0-5-1).

Memorial (6-51, 0-51), The Chargers, who led 2-0 at halftime, also got contributions from Kelsey Parrinello (one goal, three assists); Rylie Fallu (one goal, one assist); Rylie Fallu (one goal, one assist); and Kacie Murray (one goal) (one goal).

(one goal). Goalkeepers Brittany Hayes, who played the first 60 minutes, and Christina Vakratsis combined on the shutout. Wayne, meanwhile, was coming off a 6-0 KLAA South setback Thursday at

Canton (4-4-1, 4-2). **BELLEVILLE 3, JOHN GLENN 2:**

Westland John Glenn (4-4-1) couldn't overcome a 3-1 halftime deficit Friday en route to a nonconference setback against the host Tigers. Chelsea Cole scored unassisted for the

Rockets' first goal, while Marissa Edwards pulled the Rockets to within one with only 15 minutes left off an assist from Kendra Pennington, but couldn't scored the

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equalizer. Glenn goalkeeper Courtney Schaber made nine saves

JOHN GLENN 2, FRANKLIN 0: On Thursday, second-half goals by sophomore Susie Bryan and freshman Kaitlin McGrath enabled host Westland John Glenn (4-3-1, 2-3) to earn a KLAA South Division victory over Livonia Franklin (2-4-2, 1-3-1). Marissa Edwards also had an assist, while Rockets goalkeeper Courtney

Schaber made seven saves for the shutout Schaper made seven saves for the shutdout. **NOVI** 4, **STEVENSON 1:** Chloe Allen tallied a pair of second-half goals Thursday as the Wildcats (8-1-1, 5-1) pulled away in the second half for a KLAA Central Division victory over Livonia Stevenson (5-4-2, 1-4). Novi's Gabby Deleon converted a

Novi's Gabby DeLeon converted a penalty kick at the 10-minute mark, but Stevenson's Sara Rackowicz scored 12 minutes later off an assist from Aliya El-Sabeh to make it 1-1 before Novi's Taylor Pavlika scored on a free kick with eight minutes left in the half.

Rylee Jayson and Emily Kubeshesky were goal for the Spartans. in goal for the Spartans. LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, PARKWAY 1: Mara McMahon scored a pair of goals and one assists Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (5-1, 4-0) won its first-place MIAC Red Division showdown against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (5-1, 1-1). Parkway scored first on Francesca

Parkway scored first on Francesca Delicate's unassisted goal, but McMahon tied it on a misplay in front of the Eagles net. Julia Yancy then scored what proved to be the game-winner from McMahon, who later added an insurance goal off an assist from Michigan Greening to seal the

victory. Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Kyleigh Goodfellow made two saves as the Warriors held a 10-2 shot advant

FORDSON 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Lamah Nahlea scored twice Wednesd leading host Dearborn Fordson to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (2-6). Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz scored the lone goal for the Trojans off a pin-point cross from Jordan See.

Clarenceville also got strong defense from Summer Reddick, Skylar Reddick and Hannah Griffin, while Dawn Longoria playing her first varsity match, also stepped up for the Trojans' depleted lineup, Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made 10 saves.

Bunker made 10 saves. "We lost anticipation to the ball and made minor mistakes, which led Fordson to having a couple of goals," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We ended up having to play the catch-up game, which didn't help us in the long run."

GIRLS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP St. John sisters keep 8-0 HVL rolling

Kurdziel collects 8 RBI in Clarenceville victory

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball express keeps moving along thanks to the St. John sisters.

The Hawks improved to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with sweep of a double-header against visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 4-0 and 8-0.

Junior Julie St. John pitched both shutouts including a 2-hitter in the opener followed by a 5-hitter in the nightcap, including nine strikeouts in each game.

In Game One, Brooke Kuehn homered while Jessie Strauch went 2for-3 with a triple and two runs scored. Junior Anne St. John went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI, while senior Sarah Setian went 2-for-3 with a double as well.

In Game Two, Anne St. John went 4-for-4 with three homers and five RBI, while Strauch added three hits and and RBI. "Julie pitched two

great games, she did not walk a batter," HVL coach Eric Ruth said.

Paige Rethmier took the loss in both games for the Crusaders (5-7, 2-3). She allowed a total of 22 hits hits, struck out seven and walked two.

Kelley Dyer went 3-for-3 for Northwest in the nightcap. LADYWOOD 13-1, REGINA 6-0:

Livonia Ladywood (7-4, 5-1) swept Catholic League Central Division foe Warren Regina (9-7, 4-6) in a twinbill

Haley Lawrence, Michaela Warner, Lauren Holdsworth and Hallea Garcia each added two hits in the 13-6 Game One victory. Erika Selakowski also scored two runs and walked

twice. Price scattered eight hits, walked four and struck out eight in the opener and dominated the second game with nine strikeouts and four walks in a 1-0 win. Ladywood managed only two hits off Regina starter Nicole Roeske, scoring the

game-winning run without the benefit of a hit as Holdsworth walked and scored on Garcia's fielders choice. W.L. WESTERN 6, CHURCHILL 5: In

a non-conference game Friday, visiting Walled Lake Western (5-7) scored twice in the top of the seventh to beat Livonia Churchill (9-7).

Victoria Lupher went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Julia Twigg went 2-for-3 and scored twice in a losing cause. Julia Cavagnini also knocked in a pair of runs.

Rachel Mattison, who pitched five innings in relief of starter Mellanie Richardson, took

HVL 10, COUNTRY DAY 0: Pitching and defense proved to be the right forr Wednesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-0) rolled to the non-conference victory at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day. Junior Julie St. John allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out six over six

Walked two and struck out six over six innings as the Hawks closed out run-rule win with six runs in the top of the sixth inning. Offensively, senior Ashley Hewer led the way going 3-for-4, including a double, two RBI and two runs scored, senior Brooke Kuehn also added two hits, three RBI and scored twice. Losing pitcher Jackie Spizizen gave up nine bits walked three and struck out eight

hits, walked three and struck out eight. "I was very happy with our defense today," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. CLARENCEVILLE 23, RU 13: Senior

catcher Nicole Kurdziel went 4-for-5 with eight RBI Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (4-5, 3-0) outslugged Redford Union in a Western Wayne Athletic Confer-

Kurdziel belted a 3-run homer, her third of the season, and double twice while scoring two runs.

Also getting into the act for the Trojans offensive was senior shortstop Logann Sade,

offensive was senior shortstop Logann Sade who went 3-for-5 with a walk, two stolen bases, three runs and four RBI. Clarenceville took advantage of 13 walks and eight hit batters to earn the victory. Winning pitcher Emily Schwartz, a junior, went all six innings and overcame six Clarenceville errors. She allowed eight earned runs on 13 hits and two walks while fanning seven. fanning seven.

RU, which fought back with four runs in the fourth inning and five in the sixth to cut the deficit to 16-13, were led by catcher Allison Gowlet (2-for-4, run) and third baseman Ariel Jones (2-for-3, triple, run). SOUTH LYON 5-2, STEVENSON 2-3: On Thursday, the host Lions (5-5, 2-5) and Livonia Stevenson (5-8, 4-6) split a KLAA

and one RBI. Stevenson took the nightcap in eight innings, 3-2, as senior Erika Randall went the distance allowing just five hits and two walks while fanning five. Senior Natalie Reilly delivered the game-winning RBI in the eighth, while Randall also helped her own cause with an RBI

and one RBI.

Central Division double-header.

South Lyon captured the opener, 5-2, as junior Natalie Moore took the loss for the Spartans. She allowed 14 hits and one wall Senior Maddie Omietanski had two hits and one Ref

RBI. CHURCHILL 16-17, WAYNE 0-2: On Wednesday, Madonna University signee Julia Cavagnini went 5-for-7 on the day as Livonia Churchill (9-6, 7-2) swept a KLAA South Division double-header from host Wayne Memorial (0-15, 0-8). Churchill took the first game in four innings, 16-0, as Cavagnini went 3-for-3 and scored three runs.

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scored three runs. Also contributing offensive were winning pitcher Rachel Mattison (2-for-4, three RBI); Victoria Lupher (2-for-3, two RBI); Lauren St. Pierre (2-for-2, two RBI); Colleen McGowan (three RBI); and Reagan Peyton (two RBI). Mattison allowed just two hits and struck to four white Wene return lade Walk

out four, while Wayne starter Jade Walls took the loss. In Game Two, Cavagnini went 2-for-3 with

three RBI, while McGowan went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while McGowan went 3-for-5 with two runs scored in a 17-2 victory. Ashley Mazur also added two hits. Winning pitcher Cassie Campbell went all six innings, scattering nine hits while striking out six

Valerie Green (RBI), Sharon Carpenter and

Ashley McGeorge each collected two hits for the Zebras. Megan McCurry took the loss. CANTON 6-10, FRANKLIN 2-0: In a

CANTON 6-10, FRANKLIN 2-0: In a KLAA South Division twinbill Wednesday, the host Chiefs (7-1, 7-1) swept two against Livonia Franklin (3-10, 2-6). Canton took the opener, 6-2, as losing pitcher Courtney Garbarino allowed six earned runs on eight hits and two walks. Offensively, Becky Giacobbi drew three walks, singled and scored a run, while Colleen Mandrink and Garbarino each added RBI doubles L airren Michael also.

added RBI doubles. Lauren Michael also scored a run and played outstanding defense at third base with two assiss and three putouts.

In Game Two, Michael singled twice in a 10-0 setback in five innings. Losing pitcher Alaina Defrain gave up only two runs through the first four innings before the rains came as she struggled gripping the ball and her control as Canton struck for eight must to invoke the nun-rule runs to invoke the run-rule.

NOVI 4-7, STEVENSON 1-0: On Wednesday, the host Wildcats (2-7, 7-9) swept both ends of a KLAA Central Division double-header against Livonia Stevenson (4-7, 3-5)

Senior Erika Randall took the loss in the opener as she allowed five hits, walked two and struck out five in six innings in a 4-1 setback.

Seniors Alex Knorp and Natalie Reilly each collected two hits. In the second game, Stevenson made six errors which led to six Novi runs and could

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muster only three hits offensively in a 7-0defeat.

Reilly, who took the loss, allowed three hits and walked one

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON BOYS GOLF CONFERENCE TOURNEY

May 2 at Fox Creek G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi and Canton, 301 strokes each; 3. Plymouth, 302; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 310; 5. Northville, 312; 6. Livonia Churchill, 318; 7. Salem, 327; 8. South Lyon East, 329; 9. Livonia Franklin, 332; 10. South Lyon, 338; 11. Westland John Glenn, 451; 12. Wayne Memorial, 473.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING Novi (301): 1. Garrett Buckley, 71; 4. Bryan Fegert, 74; 14. (tie) Erik Dzekaj and Billy Ulle, 78 each; 23. Ryan Welch, 80; 30. Mike Dickmann, 81

42 Jack Boczar 84 Stevenson (310): 12. (tie) Eric Attard

PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 5 Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m. Novi at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Fordson, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 HVL at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Westland at Stockwell, 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Canton at Churchill (2), 4 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin (2), 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Robichaud at Clarenceville, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Clarenceville at Belleville, 4 p.m. Oak. Christian at HVL, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m. Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m. Melvindale Academy at HVL, 5 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Breast Cancer Awareness Tourney at Westland John Glenn, 9 a.m. Luth. W'sld at S'field Christian (2), 10 a.m. N.B. Huron at Wayne (2), 11 a.m. Lakeland Tournament, TBA. N.B Huron at Churchill (2), 1 p.m. (at Walled Lake Western) Clarenceville at W.L. Western, 10 a.m. Clarenceville vs. Vicksburg, 1 p.m. **GIRLS SOFTBALL** Sunday, May 4 Mich. Stars Tournament, TBA Monday, May 5 Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m. Novi at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Fordson, 4 p.m. Ladywood at Marian, 4 p.m. PCA at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. **Tuesday, May 6** Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m. Ywest at Luth. Westland (2), 4:30 p.m. Parkway at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Wedrnesday, May 7 Canton at Churchill (2), 4 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin (2), 4 p.m. Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne (2), 4 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Robichaud at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

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and Eric Marsh, 77 each; 14. (tie) Alex Cleaver and Ben Zammitt, 78 each; 30. Hyder Mansour, 81; 42. Alex Hunt, 84. Northville (312): 6. Andrew Sarokin, 75; 14. Andrew Stevens, 78; 21. Brad Minnear, 79; 23. Matt Robinet, 80; 38. Blaker Kiefer, 83; 42. Jacob Pierce, 84.

Churchill (318): 6. Sam Spayd, 75; 23. Evan Thompson, 80; 30. Chad Macorkin-dale, 81; 33. Alec Kondrath, 82; 38. Chris Massa, 83: 56. Luke Otto, 91,

Salem (327): 23. Franco Papp, 80; 33. (tie) Brady Cole and Nick Danis, 82 each; 38. Connor Cole, 83; 46. Jack McCormack, 87; 57. Noah Hirvela, 92.

South Lyon East (329): 9. Nathan Smith, 76; 38. Zach Halvin, 83; 42. Spencer Fleissner, 84; 47. Alec Adgate, 86; 52. Eric Caruso, 89; 54. Nick Hovey, 90. Franklin (332): 14. Tyler Gerhard, 78; 21. Greg Bo, 79; 46. Alex Regish, 85; 54.

Matt Wiebelhaus, 90; 57. Josh Dudek, 92; 59. Alex Nagy, 94. South Lyon (338): 23. Nick Stein, 80;

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, May 8 Mercy at Ladywood, 4 p.m. S'field Christian at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m. Liggett at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 4:45 p.m. Friday, May 9 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m. Luth. W'sld at Franklin Road (2), 4 p.m. Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Breast Cancer Aw reness Tourney at Westland John Glenn, 9 a.m. A.A. Skyline Invitational, 9 a.m. Huron Valley at A.A. Huron (2), 11 a.m. Gibraltar Carlson Invitational, TBA. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 5 Luth. W'sld at Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Romulus, 5 p.m. Churchill at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland vs. S'field Christian at Lawrence Tech, 4 p.m. RU at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 6 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Wayne at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Luth. W'sld at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Regina at Ladywood, 6 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. ohn Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Ste enson, 7 p.m. Friday, May 9 Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m Saturday, May 10 Williamston In 9 a m PREP TRACK & FIELD Tuesday, May 6 Churchill at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Dearborn, 3:30 p.m. MIAC at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Marian at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Friday, May 9 Kensington Conference Meet

33. Zach Deline, 82; 48. Nate Copp, 87; 52. Jason Ting, 89; 60. Antonio Cabrera, 95; 61. C.J. Hatton, 97.

C.J. Hatton, 97. John Glenn (451): 65. James Hartman, 88; 118. Brandan Harvey, 118; 65. Jesse Osario, 119; 66. Tim Green, 126. Wayne (473): 62. Kyle Weaver, 101; 63. Michael Smith, 109; 66. Westley Jolly, 126; 68. Zachery Boland, 137.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 144

PLYMOUTH 144 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 165 May 1 at Idyl Wyld G.C. Plymouth scorers: Evan Chipman, 33 (medalist): John Tatti, 35; Jack Boczar, 37; Chris Kozler, 39; Alex Decker and Kyle Melnick, 42 each. Franklin scorers: Alex Benich, 39

Franklin scorers: Alex Regish, 39; Tyler Gerhard, 40; Greg Bo, 42; Matt Wiebelhaus, 44; Alex Nagy and Josh Dudek, Dual match records: Franklin, 2-1-

overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Plyn 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South.

at Churchill H.S., 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 River Rat Invite at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m, Warrior Invite at Luth. W'sld, 9:30 a.m. GIRLS TENNIS Monday, May 5 Franklin at Pinckney, 4 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m. Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Stevenson at Churchill, 4 p.m. Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m. S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m. South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Kensington Conference Tourney at Plymouth, Brighton, 9 a.m. Catholic League Tournamen at Birm, Marian H.S., 9 a.m. ment BOYS GOLF Monday, May 5 Wayne County Tourney, TBA Tuesday, May 6 Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Canton vs. Franklin at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Nov at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m. Salem vs. Steve at Fox Creek G.C., ., 3 p.m. Friday, May 9 Livonia City Tournament Whispering Willows, 3 p.m Saturday, May 10 Northville I at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m. **GIRLS LACROSSE** Tuesday, May 6 Regina at Ladywood, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Catholic League Championships at Pontiac N.D. Prep, TBA. TBA - time to be an unced

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Blazers capture division lacrosse title

Livonia Ladywood sent its seniors out in style Wednesday as the Blazers defeated visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 17-12, to wrap up the Catholic League Division 2 girls lacrosse championship. Ladywood, which won its eighth straight, improved to 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the league.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 88 PLYMOUTH 49

PLYMOUTH 49 May 1 at Plymouth Shot put: 1. Michael Jordan (P), 45 feet, 10 inch-es; 2. Tony Vella (LF), 44-7; discus: 1. Vella (LF), 118-2; high jump: 1. Plymouth, no mark; 3. Charles Keith (LF), 5-6 long jump: 1. Brandon Harris (P), 18-7; 2. Keith (LF), 16-11; pole vault: 1. Derrick Crawford (P), 10-0; 3. (big) Drew Niemiec (B). Ethao Nurdstrom (LF), and Tenev Fianna

(LF), Ethan Nordstrom (LF) and Trevor Pianga

(LF), Ethan Nordstrom (LF) and Trevor Pianga (LF), 9-0 each; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Jeremy Sheppard (LF), 71-11:2. Adam Monroe (LF), 18.08; 3. Josh Hannah (LF), 18.74; 300 hurdles: 1. Monroe (LF), 46.54; 2. Hannah (LF), 45.84; 3. Ian Hogg"(LF), 46.58; 100 dash: 1. Nathan Rodgers (LF), 11.73; 2. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.83; 3. Matt Wir-ick (LF), 12.19; 2001: R. Rodgers (LF), 24.1; 2. Danny Cebula (LF), 24.2; 3. Perelli (LF), 24.6; 400: 1. Rödgers (LF), 22.15; 3. Wirick (LF), 54.55; 800: 1. Köenan Jones (LF), 2:08:77, 2. Danny Koporen (LF), 2:11.31; 1,600: 1. Jones (LF), 4:33.44; 3.200: 1. Nathan McCall (LF), 10:59:98; 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Cebula, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Rodgers), 47.78; 2. Plymouth, 59.69; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Cebula, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Rodgers), 47.78; 2. Phymouth, 59.69; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Cebula, Perelli, Hannah, Brandon Smiley),

47.76, 2. Phythodus, 19.503, double ready, 1. Parlatin, Brandon Smiley), 1:37.58; 2. Plymouth, 1:43.61; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Koponen, Steve Kruppa, Opie, Tony Floyd), 3:54.02; 2. Plymouth, 4:02,87; 3:200 re-lay: 1. Plymouth, 9:01.59; 2. Franklin, 9:14.21. Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-0 overall, 4-0

The Blazers led 10-7 at halftime, but the Fighting Irish scored three of the next four goals to start the second half to cut the deficit to 11-10.

But Ladywood was able to go on a 6-2 run to finish the match and secure the title.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 85

CANTON 52

CANTON 52 May 1 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Zach Barrick (LC), 47 feet, 2.5 inch-es; 2. Demarco McKinney (LC), 42-9.5; 3. Brett Barnum (LC), 40-6; discus: 1. Barrick (LC), 135-10; 2. McKinney (LC), 130-6; igh jump: 1. Dixon (Canton), 6-6; 3. Tim Dulin (LC), 5-6; Iong jump: 1. Shakur Lockett (LC), 19-1; 2. Malik Lowery (LC), 18-105 sender august: 1. Brech Haron (CC) 14:0-2

Shakur Lockett (LC), 19-1; 2: Malik Lowery (LC), 18-10.5; pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage (LC), 14-0; 3. Stephen Fedak (LC), 13-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Ryan Bragiel (LC), 16.8; 3. Dulin (LC), 17.1; 300 hurdles: 1. Bragiel (LC), 42:9; 100 dasht. 1. Ma-lik Johnson (LC), 11.2; 2. Jamal Allen (LC), 11.3; 200: 1. Davis (LC), 53.0; 3. Allen (LC), 23.6; 400: 1. Dulin (LC), 55.0; 3. Nick Lombardo (LC), 55.6; 800: 1. Matt Cohan (LC), 205.0; 1.600: 1. Cohan (LC), 4432 : 2. Den Allerandro (LC),

55.6; 800: 1. Matt Cohan (LC), 2:05.0; 1,600: 1. Cohan (LC), 4:43.2; 2. Jon Allesandmin (LC), 4:49.0; 3,200: 1. Patrick Dahlin (LC), 10:35.0; 2. Josh Mussen (LC), 10:44.0; 3. Sean Murphy (LC), 10:50.0; 400 relay: 1. Canton, 4:7; 2. Churchill 4:50: 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:32.0; 2. Churchill 1:33.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.0; 2. Churchill 1:33.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.0; 2. Churchill 1:33.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.0; 2. Churchill 2:32.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.0; 2. Churchill 2:32.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:48.0; 2. Churchill 2:32.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:42.0; 2. Canton 3:52.0

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

Canton, 8:52.0

Senior Rachel Donabedian led the way with seven goals, while sen-ior Jess Snyder had four goals and three assists. Senior Megan Leon also added four goals and contributed one assist.

Also contributing to the victory were seniors Theresa Micallef (one goal, one assist) and Hannah Daniels (one goal)

Goalie Sabine Hutter

made 12 saves.

The Blazers return to action beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday when they'll host the Ladywood Invitational. The eight-team field will also feature Canton, Plymouth, Farmington Hills Mercy, Farmington, Northville, Midland and Flint Powers Catholic



Ladywood senior Rachel Donabedian (left) makes the shot attempt in Wednesday's 17-12 lacrosse win over Notre Dame Prep. IAN JACOBS

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South

PLYMOUTH 90 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 47

PLYMOUTH 90 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 47 May 1 at P-CEP Shot put: 1. Tionne Johnson (P)mouth), 33 feet, 5 inches; 2. Sophia Modes (Franklin, 32-05; 3 dis-cus: 1. Johnson (P), 104-01; 2. Modes (LF), 89-07; high jump: 1. Katherine Harris (P), 5-0; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-10; 3. Andrea Wickens (LF), 4-6; long jump: 1. Hailey Foster (P), 14-6; pole vault: 1. Shelia McKinley (LF), 10-06; 2. Tasha McKinley (JF), 10-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Holly Stark (P), 70,9; 300 hurdles: 1. McInnes (P), 51.5; 2. T. Mc-Kinley (LF), 53.79; 100 dash: 1. Ryan Dreper (P), 13.45; 2. Bryah White (LF), 13.68; 200: 1. Asia Tate (P), 29.30; 400: 1. Wonch (LF), 1:01.72; 800: 1. Alli-son Beshears (P), 2:35,70; 2. Amanda Polcyr(Ky (LF), 2:37,82; 1,600: 1. Natalie Douglas (LF), 5:45,75; 3. Pokr/Ry (LF), 5:44,45; 3,200: 1. DeBiasi (P),12:30,32; 2. Douglas (LF), 12:46,60; 400 relaz; 1. Pymouth, 5:21,0; 800 relay: 1. Pymouth, 1:50,72; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Wonch, Mikaela Hille, Jenny Perelli, Pokryfix), 4:38,33; 2. Pylmouth, 4:33,6; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Wonch, Mikaela Hille, Jenny Perelli, Pokryfix), 4:38,33; 2. Pylmouth, 4:33,6; 3,200 relay: 1. Pymouth, 10:54,00. Dual meet records: Pylmouth, 4:00 voreall, 2:0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2:2 overall, 2:2 KLAB

MIAC JAMBOREE April 29 at Ann Arbor Greenhills TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 197: 2. Southfield Christian, 131: 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 78: 4. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 30: 5. Steining Heights Parkway Christian, 22: 4. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 12. Shot put: 1. Sarah Thomas (SC), 26 feet, 4 inches; 2. Mackmailer York (IW), 25: 77: 3. Emily Brown (UW), 24: 5.5; discus: 1. Caitlin O'Brien (IW), 69: 11: 3. Brown (UW), 60: 0; high jump: 1. Elies Schmid (NFR), 44: 2. Emily Floham (IW), 46: Jong jump: 1. Lis Ivey (UW), 12: 5; 2. Chelsea Kovacs (IW), 12: 15; 3. Allison Crawford (UW), 16: 5; pole vault: 1. Kelsey Mussio (AAG), 8: 11; 2. Eleanon Storck (IW), 6: 0; 3. Rebekah Preiss (IW), 6: 0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Sabrina Morrison (UW), 19: 44; 2. Shala Murray (UW), 20: 68; 300 hurdles: 1. Mor-rison (UW), 19: 44; 2. Storck (UW), 58: 41; 3. Claire Gordon (UW), 10: 46; 100 dash: 1. Avery Jones (AAG), 13: 94; 200: 1. Jones (AAG), 28: 56; 400: 1. Valerie Uduji (AAG), 10: 7.46; 2. Elizabeth Mat-thews (UW), 6: 43; 3. 200: 1. Jenna Twisner (UW), 5: 50: 72; 1, 600: 1. Jenna Wisner (UW), 5: 50: 72; 3. M. Froman (HVL), 15: 57: 77; 400 relay: 1. Southfield Christian, 55: 28; 2. Lutheran Westland, 5: 63; 3. Huron Valley Utheran, 10: 64: 800 relay: 1. Greenhills, 1: 55: 94; 3. Lutheran Westland, 5: 63; 3. Huron Valley Utheran, 10: 64: 800 relay: 1. Southfield Christian, 10: 63: 83: 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71; 70: 71: 71: 70: 71: 70: 71: 70: 71: 70: 11:03.31; 3. Lutheran Westland, 13:19.86

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 4

May 1 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Carrolyn MuCullen (LF) defeated Natalie Holland, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def. Aileen Zhao, 6-0,

Holland, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def. Aileen Zhao, 6-0,
6-0; No. 3: Madison Eisenhauer def. Amanda Svenson, 6-2, 6-3:
No. 4: Morgan Witherspoon def. Megan Crawford, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Aki Suzuki-Darya Vasilyeva (WLW) def.
Samantha Voss-Chelsea McWilliams 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Prachi
Gokhale-Tulsi Sadasivan (WLW) def. Stefani Hudy-Kelsey Hansen,
6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Kaity Swenson-Ashlee Mahoney (LF) def. Jaclyn
Hessano-Alyssa Harvey, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Jihoon Ha-Allison
Neilsen (WLW) def. Blake Newberry-Snigda Thyagaraj 7-6, 6-3;
No. 5: Olivia Svenson-Sara Lana (WLW) def. Janki Patel-Kijana
Malone, 7-5, 6-3.

Dual match records: Franklin, 3-4 overall; Western, 2-4

Wrestling training

Coach Krause's NXT LVL wrestling training camp for beginner, along with firstand second-year participants, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Wednesday-Thursday, May 7-8, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The cost is \$30.

There will also be a train-

ing camp for all levels from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 12-15, at Churchill. The cost is \$75.

To attend both sessions, the cost is \$100. All participants must wear T-shirts and shorts and bring a water bottle.

For more information, call 734-239-2922 or email churchillcoach@hotmail.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Collins golf outing

The second annual Livonia Stevenson Nick Collins Memorial Scholarship golf outing will be Sunday, June 8 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Registration is at 7 a.m. followed by shotgun start for a four-person scramble at 8 a.m. Lunch and a general raffle follow at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$75 (includes lunch and cart) or \$25 (lunch only). Hole sponsor signs are available for \$100.

For more information, call Jim Omietanski at 734-542-0776 or Dan Omietanski at 734-542-9675. You can also email james_omietanski @att.net or domietanski@ mi.rr.com. To download an entry, visit www.golflivonia-.com.



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124-5, 3. Oraclowick (W), 6-9; mgn Jump: 1. Dan Roberts (IW), 6-8; school record): 3. Dayl Nykiel (IW), 5-8; **long jump:** 1. Adred Williams (SC), 17-8.5; 2. Garrett Kempf (IW), 17-7; 2. Rob-ers (IW), 16-10.5; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Har-per (IW), 10-0; 2. Josh Kuhn (IW), 8-0; 3. Jake Kuhn (IW), 7-6; **110-meter hurdles**: 1. Mitchell-Jones (SC), 17.65; 2. Austin Olson (IW), 17.67; 3. Kempf (IW), 19.08; **300 hurdles**: 1. Olson (IW), 45-53; 2. Kempf (IW), 47.04; **100 dast**. Blake Washington (SC), 11.98; 3. Nykiel (IW), 12.33; **200**: 1. Washington (SC), 23.82; 2. Roberts (IW), 74.59; 400: 1. Donald Parker (SC), 53.61; 2. Har-per (IW), 57.07; 3. Jacob Davenport (IW), 57.25; **800**: 1. Hunter Roedel (IW), 2:19.2; **1.600**: 1. Roe-el (IW), 51.07; **400 relay**: 1. Southfield Christian, 45.53; 2. Lutheran Westland, 47.07; **800 re-Iay**: 1. Southfield Christian, 1:35.27; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:37.05; **1.600 relay**: 1. Lutheran Westland, 1:37.05; **3.000 relay**: 1. Lutheran Westland, 1:37.05; **3.000 relay**: 1. Greenhills, 9:39.99; 3. Lutheran Westland, 41:03.06.

May 1 at Churchill

14-10.5; 2. Emma Rimatžii (LC), 14-8.5; pole vault: 1. Amanda Fox (LC), 1-0; 2. Olivia Ryktarsyk (LC), 10-0; 3. Alexann Zahara (LC), 9-6; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Sneider (Canton), 18.4; 2. Lauren Ku-charczyk (LC), 18.7; 3. Peyton Lenard (LC), 19.1; 300 hurdles: 1. Toal (Canton), 51.99; 2. D.J. Burgines (LC), 54.7; 100 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (LC), 12.8; 2. Odilichukwu Omwudiwe (LC), 13.3; 200: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 26.1; 400: 1. Hofmann (LC), 1:03.0; 3. Gartha Daniel (LC) 110.6; 800: 1. Alexiel, omhar. wudiwe (LC), 28.1; 400: 1. Hofmann (LC), 1:03:0; 3. Bertha Daniels (LC), 1:04.55; 800: 1. Alexis Lombar-do (LC), 2:10: 2. Jenna Hickson (LC), 2:33:0; 3. Caroline George (LC), 2:35:0; 1.600: 1. McIntee (Canton), 5:37:0; 2. Kathleen George (LC), 5:43:0; 3.200: 1: K. George (LC), 1:21:4:0; 3. Christina Mur-phy (LC), 1:2:4:0; 400 relay: 1. Cantoni, 5:32; 2. Churchill (55: 800 relay: 1. Cantoni, 5:32; 2. Churchill (55: 800 relay: 1. Cantoni, 5:32; 3. Onwudiwe, Daniels, Hofmann), 1:48:4; 1.600 re-lay: 1. Churchill (Raquel Zwick, Lombardo, Hick-son, Rosia Rea), 4:33:0; 3:200 relay: 1. Churchill (Megan Gendjar, C. George, Zwick, K. George), 10:22:3; 2. Canton, 10:52:0.

Shot put: 1. Weier (Canton, 39 feet, 10 inches; 2. Gabby Carter (LC), 33-2; discus; 1. Meier (Canton), 117-9; 2. Carter (LC), 112-7; 3. Hannah Pummill (LC), 101-3; high jump; 1. Moraw (Canton), 5-0; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 4-10; long jump; 1. Hope (LC), 14-105; 2. Emma Rimatki (LC), 14-8.5; pole

KLAA South.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

MIAC JAMBOREE MIAC JAMBOREE April 29 at Ann Arbor Greenhils TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 235 points; 2. Southfield Christian, 148; 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 63; 4. Sterling Heights Parkway Chris-tian, 32; 5. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 15. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90

CANTON 47 Shot put: 1. Thomas Krueger (LW), 38 feet; 2. Luke Smith (LW), 35-0.5; discus: 1. Krueger (LW), 124-5; 3. Brandon Staton (LW), 89-9; high jump: 1. Dan Roberts (LW), 6-3 (school record); 3. Daryl



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All-area gymnasts 'state' a strong case



Erica Lucas

FIRST TEAM Erica Lucas, Canton: The

senior completed her high school career by winning the

individual vaulting championship in Division 2 for the third season in a row with a standout mark of 9.425.

"Erica saves her exceptional performances for state meet," coach John Cunningham said.

Lucas also won floor exercise and D-2 allaround at regionals and followed that up with an all-around tally of 36.25 at the finals, good for second place.

"Winning floor and all-around at regionals and taking second allaround at states showed how strong she was in all events," Cunningham added.

Meredith Jonik, Farm. United: Jonik ends her career as one of the best gymnasts in FPS history, having earned all-state honors every year. She overcame a persistent back injury to help Farmington United win another regional title and finish third in the state.

Jonik won the Division 2 championship in floor exercise with a 9.225 score. She was all-state in the other events, too, finishing third on bars, seventh on vault and eighth on beam.

She is a regional champion on bars and in the all-around. She also placed second in the other three events at that meet.

"Meredith repeated what she accomplished last year, proving that she is one of the best gym-nasts in the state," Dwyer said.

"When a big competition comes along, she becomes extremely competitive. She has the ability to dig deep and give it her all when needed. She is an awesome athlete to



Jocelyn Moraw

said.

Hailey Hodgson







Carina Wright, Farm. United: The sophomore standout is all-state in the Division 1 all-around for the second straight year, placing sixth in this year's finals with a 37.00 total.

Wright also earned individual all-state honors in four events. She was fourth on floor, eighth on bars and ninth on vault and beam.

She is a regional champion on vault and runnerup in the all-around. Wright also was second on beam and floor and third on bars.

"Carina had another good year," Dwyer said. "She again confirmed her status as one of the top Division 1 gymnasts in the state. She did that despite starting the season two months late due to sur-

gery. "It will be nice to have her back next season as she is beginning to develop the skills of a leader. She has been blessed with talent, so now it's her turn to get a team focused in the gym. The experience of competing at a high level will help her."

"When she is on, people notice, as she has a charisma about her that you just can't teach."

Maddie Toal, Canton: The future for Canton is a bright one, with Toal having two more seasons yet to go in her prep career.

Her second season with the Chiefs was incredible. She recorded her first individual state championship, winning Division 1 beam with a score of 9.725 which was just .075 short of the school record.

In addition, Toal medaled in every event at regionals and in three events at the finals, including 10th on floor exercise (9.350) and seventh in the all-around (36.925). "Maddie was absolutely solid and composed,' Cunningham said about Toal's effort at the individual finals.



Carina Wright



Marissa McVey Saunders

third on the uneven bars (8.85) at the state finals.

Weak was also runnerup on the uneven bars at the regional and took seventh in the floor exercise. Her high scores included 8.75 (vault), 9.05 (uneven bars and floor), 9.0 (beam) and 35.225 (all-around).

In the KLAA meet, Weak won uneven bars and was sixth all-around.

"Jess came out for the team from the Livonia **Gymnastics** Academy ready and willing to learn everything she could to improve herself to better herself and her team.' Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She was in the gym day-in and day-out learning and improving.

Alexia Frantzeskakis, Salem: What a breakout year it was the Salem freshman, who qualified for the state finals in every event at regionals.

The following week at state finals, she came home with four medals finishing third in D-1 on vault (9.525), seventh on floor (9.375), ninth on beam (9.175) and ninth in the all-around (36.575).

"She had a very successful season," coach Mallory Hudak said. "Beam and vault were challenges that she overcame.'

SECOND TEAM

Melissa Green, Canton: As a junior, Green was Canton's only fiveevent medalist at the state finals, but she did not rest on her laurels as a senior. Despite missing the

start of the season due to her duties as a varsity diver, Green worked as hard as ever and ultimately got right back to the top of the D-1 charts before



Millinoff



Jillian Zafarana

the second time in two years, placing seventh (35.825). She finished 13th in the all-around at the state meet with 35.725.

Also during the season,

"Haley shines on the floor, she truly enjoys performing," coach Pam Yockey said. "Her smile and ease at performing makes her a joy to watch. She will anchor the team next year."

sion 2 all-around, finishing

ing regional meet, placing fourth on bars and tied for fifth on vault.

Dwyer said.

come one of our top allarounders by accident. She has a lot of talent and really committed herself to the sport this year.

Bri Rhoad, Livonia Blue: The sophomore earned all-state on the floor exercise (9.075) with a fourth-place finish at the

Rhoad was the D-2



Alexia Frantzeskakis



Melissa Green

Kayla

Janevski





Emily Chatterjee



John Cunningham

work, she made it to 'states' for the first time on beam and placed."

Jacquelyn Farquhar, Farm. United: In her first season of high school gymnastics, Farquhar earned all-state recognition on the vault, finishing fifth in Division 2 with a 9.10 score. The freshman also was 13th on bars at the state meet.

Farguhar just missed qualifying for state in the all-around, finishing eighth in the regional. In that competition, she also was third on vault and bars

"How awesome it was for Jacquelyn to be allstate her freshman year," Dwyer said. "She had worked so hard on that (particular) vault and it finally paid off. She is such a hard worker in the gym and I expect even better things from her next year."

Kayla Janevski, Plymouth: The junior, already named Plymouth's captain for 2014-15, was as stellar as they come on vault this season, placing second in D-2 at regionals with a mark of 9.05 and following up at state finals with a 9.0 (tied for 10th and all-state honors).

Janevski never stopped working to sharpen her routines and kept upping her scores as a result.

"Kayla is a top vaulter with consistent performance," Yockey said. "She's an all-around gymnast who is serious about competition and her dedication to the team. COACH OF THE YEAR

John Cunningham, Canton: After three consecutive seasons of finishing second at the state gymnastics finals, the veteran coach and his deep and talented souad finally tasted the ultimate victory March 7 as the Chiefs defeated nemesis Grand Ledge at Plymouth High School. The championship the first in Canton school history - capped an undefeated season featuring numerous highlight performers and performances, including seniors Melissa Green, Erica Lucas, junior Jocelyn Moraw, sophomores Maddie Toal, Hailey Hodgson, Stephanie Cox and Ellie Bachman. "We were state runnerup three years in a row, the bridesmaid theory, and we finally got it, Cunningham said after the finals. "And anybody that thinks we're going to go away next year hasn't paid attention to how old my girls are. I have five really strong gymnasts _ returning." That would mean the veteran coach, who took over the team in 1979, very well could watch the current run of 43 straight dual meet victories continue to be extended.



Alyssa

Metz set a new Plymouth school record in the allaround with a 36.425.

Marissa Schuh, Farm. United: The junior was a state qualifier in the Diviin 14th with a 34.50 score. Schuh earned all-state honors in floor exercise, tying with Canton's Erica Lucas for ninth place. She

also was 14th on vault. Schuh had an outstandthird in the all-around. She was third on floor,

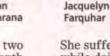
"I was glad to see Marissa place on floor after an awesome season in which she became quite a competitor and helped make Farmington United a very strong team,"

"Marissa has not be-

"She has a lot of heart and soul and deserves the all-state medal. She will also help lead next year's team.

Division 2 state finals.

regional champ on the



She suffered a broken leg while doing a dismount from the uneven bars. She competed in the

Division 2 all-around at the state meet, finishing 19th overall with a 34.075 score. She qualified with a fifth-place finish at the regional.

Saunders earned allstate status with her 10thplace finish on vault. At the regional, she was third on vault, fourth on floor, seventh on beam and ninth on bars.



"I was so pleased to see her get a medal for all of her courage and her determination to succeed.

'Stories do not always end this way, but I'm glad she got to experience how one can make it back through hard times by sheer determination and hard work. Not many people could pull off what Claire did."

Marissa McVey, Livonia Red: The sophomore, a state qualifier for the second straight year, tied for fourth on floor exercise (9.075) and seventh in the vault (9.05) en route to Division 2 all-state honors.

At the regional, McVey took seventh on floor and eighth on vault to qualify for the state finals. She also finished sixth on floor and seventh on beam at the KLAA meet. Her season bests included a 36.50 (all-around) and a 9.35 (floor exercise).

"Marissa is a pleasure

to have on the team,'

Livonia Red coach Kelly

Grodzicki said. "She dem-

have on your team.

"I would love to see what she would have done if she hadn't been hampered by an injury all year. Her toughness in the gym will definitely be missed next year.

Jocelyn Moraw, Canton: The entire Canton roster deserved to be crowned team state champions, but Moraw went beyond the call of duty, often performing flawless routines while nursing various injuries.

Bookending the Chiefs' team victory were the regionals and individual finals and Moraw enjoyed plenty of success at those meets, too.

At regionals, the junior won the D-1 championship on balance beam for the second year in a row with a 9.625. She placed third at finals with a 9.6.

Moraw, voted Canton's Most Valuable Gymnast, tallied 9-plus scores on every event at regionals and states and chalked up all-around scores of 37.475 and 37.825 at those meets, respectively.

Cunningham described Moraw's performances under pressure as "fabulous" and said her season was "truly exceptional.'

Hailey Hodgson, Canton: Yet another young stalwart for the Chiefs is sophomore Hodgson, who was D-2 individual champion on balance beam with a 9.375 score

Hodgson also finished third on vault (9.2) and fourth on floor (9.075) and in the all-around (35.85) to demonstrate her versatility and overall ability.

At regionals, she finished tied for first in D-2 all-around with Lucas, with a standout tally of 35.825.

"Her third on vault and fourths on floor and all-around gave her an excellent showing" at the state finals, Cunningham

The veteran coach added that Toal's winning of several medals at regionals and finals "illustrated her overall ability.

Alyssa Millinoff, Farm. United: The senior co-captain is an all-state gymnast in the Division 2 all-around, securing seventh place in the state finals with a 35.30 tally.

Millinoff also was allstate in two individual events, placing 10th on vault and seventh on bars. She was close to doing the same on beam with 13th place

At the regional, Millinoff qualified in the allaround with a fourthplace finish. Her best events were bars and beam, in which she was fifth and fourth, respectively

"Alyssa is another goal-driven athlete who gave her all each and every day," Dwyer said. "She has been such a leader in practice, both vocally and by way of her work ethic and determination. Her leadership and contribution to the team will be greatly missed next season."

Millinoff overcame an ankle injury on vault at the regional. When it was determined she could continue, Dwyer told her to stay strong and get ready for the next event.

"She could not afford to feel sorry for herself," he said. "She did get it together and look what happened.

Jessica Weak, Livonia Blue: The freshman earned all-state all-around honors in Division 2 with an eighth-place finish (34.875), while adding a

all was said and done.

At regionals, she won vault with a spectacular 9.575 and also took home the gold on floor exercise (9.60) and all-around (37.550).

After helping the Chiefs win the team championship, she enjoyed another stellar showing at individual finals with medals on bars (eighth, 9.0) and floor (sixth, 9.4).

"It was a great finish to four fantastic years of leading Canton to success," Cunningham said. **Emily Chatterjee**,

Livonia Blue: The sophomore took an 11th in the Division 2 all-around (34.625) and a tie for 10th on the balance beam (8.925) at the state finals.

At the regional, Chatterjee placed sixth in both the all-around and floor exercise. She also took third on the uneven bars and tied for eighth on floor at the KLAA meet.

Her season bests included 35.025 (all-around), 9.2 (floor), 9.05 (beam), 8.8 (bars) and 8.625 (vault).

"Emily is a perfectionist when it comes to her gymnastics," Broomfield said. "She worked on skills every day and made them perfect for her routines. She made it to 'states' in the all-around and shined.'

Haley Metz, Plymouth: After performing to all-state levels as a sophomore, the future indeed is bright for D-1 performer Metz, who qualified for the state meet across the board at regionals and then garnered all-state honors on bars with a 10th-place tally of 8.975.

At regionals, she took third on bars with a 9.10 and also placed seventh on vault (9.05) and eighth on beam (8.60) and floor (9.075). Additionally, she qualified for the state meet in the all-around for uneven bars (8.925). She was also third in the allaround (season best 35.70) and added third on the beam and a fourth on floor.

Rhoad was also KLAA all-around champion, which included a runnerup on the uneven bars and a fourth on beam.

Her other season bests included a 9.4 (beam), 9.2 (uneven bars), 9.125 (floor) and 8.7 (vault).

"Bri is a determined gymnast," Broomfield said. "She came back this season from an ankle injury and surprised herself as well as her coaches. She made it to 'states' in the all-around and placed on two events."

Brooke Rabban, Farm. United: The sophomore and first-year high school gymnast achieved allstate status in two Division 1 events, earning a tie for seventh place on floor and finishing eighth on balance beam.

Rabban was a state qualifier in the all-around and was 15th in the final tally. She was eighth at the regional meet overall. Rabban placed fourth on floor, fifth on beam and eighth on vault and bars.

At the state meet, she recovered nicely from a fall on floor during the team competition Friday, according to Dwyer.

'I could tell she was a little nervous on Saturday, but she dug done and did what she did all season," he said. "She nailed her routine to become all-state in her first year on the team.

"Brooke got some great experience this year, regarding what it takes for a team to be successful. Hopefully, she can pass that on to next year's team.'

Claire Saunders, Farm. United: Saunders rebounded from a horrific injury last year to have an outstanding senior season. onstrates positive energy in the gym and she is wonderful to her teammates. It is evident she loves the sport and shows passion with her performance. She is a very respectful team member and a driven athlete. Marissa was a fighter this season and pushed herself and her teammates to try their best. Eager and excited for next season, I'm confident that Marissa will demonstrate exceptional gymnastics as she steps up to being our

captain." Katie Salanga, Plymouth: The Wildcats' senior co-captain capped off a standout career. consistently scoring at the top of the charts on beam, vault and floor, while providing steady leadership and the willingness to step in whenever and wherever needed.

Salanga finished first in D-2 on beam at regionals with a 9.625 score and qualified for the state finals on floor with a seventh-place tally of 9.025.

At the state finals, she finished second on beam (9.225). Her efforts also sparked Plymouth to the team finals.

"Always steady as a rock and sure-footed, Katie shines on beam." Yockey said. "Her consistency will be sorely missed as she leaves us to go to MSU this fall."

Jillian Zafarana, Livonia Blue: The senior captain earned all-state honors with a fourth-place finish on the balance beam (9.175) after taking seventh at the regional.

Zafarana also placed sixth on the beam and 10th in the all-around at the KLAA meet. Her high scores for the season included 35.05 (allaround), 9.375 (beam), 9.1 (floor), 8.5 (vault) and 8.2 (uneven bars).

"Jillian came into her last season wanting to do her best for herself and



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LOCAL SPORTS

KLAA BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Hovermale shines in Churchill sweep

Plymouth takes pair from Rockets in South twinbill

Sophomore Jon Hovermale figured prominently in Livonia Churchill's double-header baseball sweep Wednesday of KLAA South Division foe Wayne Memorial.

The sophomore delivered a clutch 2-run single for the tying and go-ahead runs in the opener as the visiting Chargers rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh to beat the Zebras, 5-3.

In the nightcap, Hovermale pitched a complete-game ninehitter, striking out eight and walking three as the Chargers improved to 6-7 overall and 4-6 in the division.

Nick Misiak tossed a sixhitter, going all seven innings, to pick up the pitching victory in Game One for the Chargers, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit. He struck out seven and walked four.

Losing pitcher Tyler Harnos went 5 1/3 innings allowing five earned runs on on 10 hits and a

walk.

Zach Glidden had two hits and scored two runs, while Andrew Summers also had two hits for the Chargers.

Josh Shepard's triple sparked the 4-run Churchill rally. Misiak also had an RBI sacrifice fly to account for the Chargers' fifth run.

Jacob Griffith went 2-for-4 with two RBI for Wayne.

In Game Two, Rob Copciac (RBI) and Hovermale (two runs) each went 3-for-4 to pace Churchill's 10-hit attack.

Losing pitcher Nick Tennant went the first six innings allowing all three runs on eight hits and three walks. Reliever Beau Smith allowed three runs on two hits and a walk.

Harnos went 3-for-4 and scored a run as the Zebras slipped to 1-11 overall and 0-8

in the KLAA South. W.L WESTERN 13, CHURCHILL 12: Livonia Churchill (6-8) was unable to score with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday as visiting Walled Lake Western (4-10) held on for the one conference victom:

non-conference victory. Saginaw Valley State signee David Walczyk, designated hitter, went 4-for-4 with three runs and three RBI for the Warriors, who scored five times in the top of the sixth to pin the loss on Churchill reliever Mike Tokarz.

Nick Misiak went 3-for-5 with three RBI and scored twice, while Josh Shepard was 2-for-4, including a 3-run homer in the third inning, to go along with two SOUTH LYON 7-1, STEVENSON 6-2: Gabe

McBay threw six strong innings allowing six hits to pick up the win in Game Two as Livonia Stevenson (7-8, 3-6) salvaged a split of its KLAA Central Division double-header Thursday with the host Lions (5-4,

4-3). Gordon Ferguson went 2-for-3 and scored twice, while C.J. Breen added two hits and Jack Ferguson an RBI in the 2-1 victory. Erik Stephenson and Alex Duncan each had two hits for South Lyon. In Game One, South Lyon rallied for three runs in

the bottom of the seventh to squeeze out a 7-6 win. Clay Jankowski went 3-for-3 with three RBI, while Mike Maher added two hits and scored twice for the Lions

Top offensive producers for the Spartans included Billy Bonanno (2-for-4, two RBI); Mark Pettersson (2-for-4), C.J. Weiss (2-for-4, RBI); Chris Tanderys (2-for-4)

PLYMOUTH 6-14, JOHN GLENN 1-2: The Wildcats (14-7, 7-2) won both ends of a KLAA South Division twinbill Wednesday against host Westland John Glenn (8-9, 3-5).

John Gienn (8-9, 3-5). Cameron Stella pitched a complete-game four-hitter as Plymouth captured the opener, 6-1. The sophomore struck out six and walked three in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Brandon Smeltzer also went all seven, allowing seven hits, with a hit batter and four strikeouts. Jared Merandi collected two of the Wildcats' seven

hits.

In Game Two, Dakota Lynn went 3-for-3 and Seth Hubbard added two hits as Plymouth rolled to a 14-2 triumph in five innings. Winning pitcher Kevin Anthony scattered six hits, walked two and struck out two in going all five

innings. Brendan Wetmore suffered the loss, while Zach

Croft had an RBI for the Rockets. NOVI 2-8, STEVENSON 0-6: On Wednesday, the host Wildcats (7-9, 3-5) took a pair of KLAA Central Division games of a double-header against



Churchill's Steve Szymanski (top) tries to turn the double play after Wayne runner Nick Tennant slides into second base. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Livonia Stevenson (6-7, 2-5). Tyler Whitehead pitched a 2-hit shutout and Andrew Turek went 2-for-3 as Novi took the opener,

C.J. Weiss and Billy Bonanno had the lone hits for

Stevenson. In Game Two, Bryan Klosterman and Brendan Wexler each went 2-for-3 as Novi overcame a 6-2

Weiss added two hits and scoreed two runs. Jack Ferguson, Mitch Deacon and Bonanno each collected an RBI. The Spartans had five hits over the final three innings but couldn't score

deficit to score six times in the fifth inning to beat the

Chris Tanderys went 3-for-3 and scored twice, while

PREP BASEBALL

Warriors slip past Oakland Christian in thriller

Jordan Williams went the distance - and then some - in Lutheran High Westland's 5-4 baseball victory Thursday over Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The sophomore right-hander pitched all nine innings as the Warriors improved to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's White Division.

Williams allowed three earned runs while scattering 11 hits, walking two and striking out seven.

Brandon Ruelle, who went 2-for-4, singled home P.J. Gusè home from third with two outs in the bottom of the ninth for the game-winning run.

In the top of the ninth with

COLLEGE BASEBALL MU splits in regular season finale

WHAC playoffs set to begin on Monday in Ft. Wayne

Madonna University tuned up for the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball playoffs Friday by splitting a double-header with host Cornerstone in Grand Rapids.

MU racked up 18 hits to capture the opener in 11 innings, 11-9, as John Lauro went 3-for-6 with three RBI. Also contributing was Donny Holland (2-for-2, two RBI); Taylor Grzelakowski (3for-5); and Victor Barron

(2-for-3, two RBI). Justin Hicks pitched 6.2 innings to earn the victory, while Travis Schuba notched his fourth saves.

MU (26-23, 13-14) fell in the nightcap, 3-2, as Cornerstone's Ryan Harris got the win in relief of starter Luke

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Heller. Evan Wagner went 2-for-3 with a homer for the Golden Eagles (15-29, 4-23).

The Crusaders will start the double-elimination WHAC playoffs as the fourth seed Monday afternoon in Fort Wayne, Ind. where they will face fifth-seed Aquinas (22-21).

CHARGERS

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out. I don't think they really had any chances. I thought we played great defensive-

ly. Once the Chargers did score, they went into lock-down mode held on giving freshman goalkeeper Brittany Hayes the shutout.

"The key was to score, then buckle down on defense and not let them get it out, get it out of there," Slaviero said. "They (Plymouth) are quick and keep pressure in the back so they don't get the long ball over the top.

Meanwhile, Friedrichs ould only marvel at the

"That was nice," he said. "You just need somebody to finish a ball like that or it's going to be a 0-0 game. She (Slaviero) played the whole game as a defensive midfielder and I told her she was going to have to because we lost one of our players tonight. She played great the whole game, tackles hard and she ends up shelving up-per-90 (degrees) from 25 yards in her first high school goal ever. "So good."

And Slaviero's reaction afterwards following her

first varsity goal. "So exciting," said the ninth-grader with a wide smile.



Plymouth's Emily Burkman (left) makes the pass marked by Churchill's Alexis Lubonja. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

the Cougars (5-5, 1-1) threatening with two runners aboard, Lutheran Westland third baseman Travis Fry made a diving grab of a line drive and turned it into a double play to end inning.

Nick Flanery had a double and walked four times, while Williams also had a hit and walked three times. Gusè scored twice. ANNAPOLIS 5, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Pitcher

ut 17 en route to a Heights Annapolis Ryan Brandreth struck of riday as host Dearborn Livonia Clarenceville (3-11, 2-2) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division game. Zach Devon collected the lone hit to break of Brandreth's no-hit bid.

Losing pitcher Ryan Menifee pitched well in defeat allowing just five hits and two walks while fanning

HVL 6-5, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 5-6: On

Hursday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-1,1-1) split a MIAC White Division double-header-with Southfield Christian (4-2-1, 1-2-1). Milan Monk went 3-for-4 with two RBI and winning pitcher Ryan Schalfer went all seven innings as the Hawks took the opener, 6-5. Schaffer allowed five runs on eight hits and one walk while striking out one.

walk while striking out nine. The Eagles won the nightcap, 6-5, as Andrew Manier doubled twice and pitcher Matthew Taylor scattered 10 hits and two walks while fanning 10 in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Jordan Rundstadler, who gave up five runs on five hits in four innings, took the loss. Rundstadler and Schaffer each went 2-for-4 in the

RU 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Losing pitcher Zach Devon collected the Ione hit Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville (3-10, 2-1) fell to Redford Union in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division

RU took advantage of 11 walks as Devon gave up six hits and five walks while striking out sin "When you don't score runs and always play from behind, it is hard to gain momentum," Clarenceville first-year coach Craig Cotter said.

OPEN CUP

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Saginaw Valley State's Alex Isaevski (Westland John Glenn) and Western Michigan University's Connor Furgason (Canton)

Detroit City FC is hosting the game at Stevenson rather than their NPSL home of Detroit Cass Tech High School because that field does not currently meet USOC standards.

Open Cup tickets are \$10 and will be available at the gate. Tickets can also be pre-ordered online at: www.brownpaper tickets.com/event/670338.

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PATS

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ing shutout of the visiting Patriots.

"It was just one of those days where I just felt it," Hazergian said. "I got into the bullpen early in the day and it was probably the best bullpen I've thrown all year. Today felt really good.

For most of the game, Canton's offense was run-ofthe-mill.

But the Chiefs capitalized on an offensive burst in the second inning in which they scored all three of their runs. Four consecutive hits paved way for the three-run outburst.

Senior Jake Boucher led off the inning with a basehit up the middle. The next batter, senior Chris Ferrill, sacrificed Boucher to second base with a pictureperfect bunt that rolled about six feet down the third-base-line.

Sophomore Noah Spencer followed Ferrill's sacrifice with a bloop single on a routine pop-up that was misplayed by the centerfielder.

With a 1-1 count to the next Canton batter, junior Scott Bazner, Boucher and Spencer executed a textbook double steal to get to second and third base, respectively.

Bazner then connected on a 1-2 pitch and drove it all the way to the centerfield wall to score Boucher and Spencer to put the Chiefs up 2-0. Following a throw to the plate, Bazner advanced to second base.

"We have been working at it in practice," Blomshield said. "Up the middle and to the other side with runners in scoring position. He got a nice pitch and handled it right up the middle and scored two runs.

"It's nice to see that when we work on it in practice and (then) apply it into a game.

Senior Tom Kiddle drove Bazner home in the next at-bat with a single to left.

"I blame that a lot on me because I showed that I was hurting," Franklin senior starting pitcher Adam Carver said. "I wasn't really on top of my game. Coach (Matt Fournier) brought me aside after that inning and told me I had to fight through it."

According to Fournier, Carver was "hurting" because of a few innings pitched the day before in a 3-2 continuation victory over Livonia Churchill.

"Yesterday he [Carver] actually threw two innings for us to finish up the Churchill game," Fournier said. 'We asked him to come out today and give us what we got. He was a little bit sore to start the game, but bulldogged through it."

The three runs in the third inning were all that Carver gave up in what turned out to be his first loss in two seasons of pitching on Franklin's varsity squad.

Franklin's Mitchell Gonyaw and Dan Johnson had back-to-back singles with two outs in the top of the second inning, but they were the only two hits the Patriots could muster until Tyler Camp's leadoff basehit in the top of the seventh.

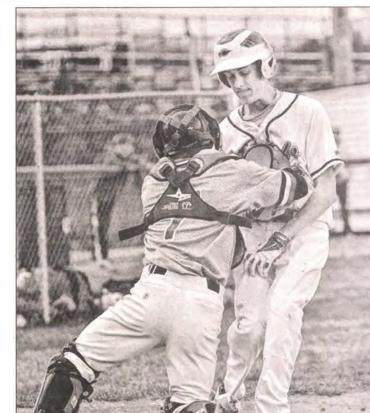
"As a pitcher you just get into a rhythm and just go,' Hazergian said.

Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

Franklin catcher Daniel Johnson slaps the tag on Canton's Chris Ferrill in the first game of a KLAA South twinbill. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Canton's Nick Durocher (right) slides into third as Franklin's Nick Mardeusz takes the throw.



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Fiber artists kick off festival season with soft sculpture, wearable art

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Andrea Anderson wouldn't think of missing Art Birmingham, the first major outdoor art festival of the season in Metro Detroit

Even after the Farmington Hills weaver moves to Ohio in June, she promises to return for future shows.

"I know a lot of the artists. We see each other during the season. But the Birmingham show is the first show (of spring) for most of us. Its like a big reunion," said Anderson, past president of the Michigan Weaver's Guild and 2010 Farmington Area Artist in Residence. "I'll continue to do Birmingham. I can't do a show every weekend. Pretty much for the season I do one show a month — and sometimes that is stretching it. I work all year. I've been weaving all winter. "

nontri — and sometimes that is stretching it. I work all year. I've been weaving all winter. " Anderson will bring her "wearable art," handwoven garments that she designs and constructs, including scarves, shawls, tunics, tops and jackets to the 33rd annual Art Birmingham show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in Shain Park, in downtown Birmingham.

The outdoor fair, produced by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and Guild of Artists and Artisans, will feature painting, ceramics, photography, jewelry, glass, wood, sculpture, mixed media, fiber and metal by more than 150 artists. An independent jury selects artists for their creativity and art skill.

"The Guild has a standards committee," said Anderson, who is a member and helps to weed out vendors with manufactured items. "We look at images of the work before it even goes to jury. We do research. We want the Birming-

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ham show to remain a good show."

Fleece menagerie

Joelle Medici, another fiber artist from Farmington Hills, calls Art Birmingham well run, organized and with a "good market" for her inventive soft sculpture creatures made of fleece fabric.

Medici, who graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Memphis, in Tennessee, has worked the art festival circuit for several years, while making the creatures in her spare time.

"I started making them half-way through college, as a college student without money, making gifts for nieces and nephews and having people ask 'Where can I get that? I love it.' I got a job with an interior design firm for a while and then realized that wasn't my favorite thing," Medici said. "I had been working on these creatures part time, I decided to do it full time." She found galleries and

She found galleries and stores to carry her art on consignment and began selling on Etsy.com and through her website, Mr. Sogs.com, a name inspired by her cat, Soggy. Medici, who is married to a law school student, hauls her fabric menagerie to art festivals every other weekend from spring-fall, but also works shows during winter.

"It's slower from November to January. May starts the busy season, but I've already been to several shows this year," she said. "It's a large portion of your income and you see people who won't see your work somewhere else."

In addition to Art Birmingham, Medici will sell her soft sculptures at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair and Plymouth's Art in the Park in July, as well as Arts, Beats and Eats over



Andrea Anderson's blue shawl is made of cotton. She includes a handmade shawl pin with purchase.

Labor Day weekend in Royal Oak.

Anderson shows her wearable art at Village Fine Art Gallery in the Village of Rochester Hills and at Starring The Gallery in Northville. Although she plans to move from Michigan in June, she'll show her works at other local Guild of Artists and Artisan shows, including the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair in July and Common Ground's Birmingham Street Art Fair in September.

"It took me too long to get into the Ann Arbor show, to not do it," said Anderson, adding that her waiting list number for the Summer Fair was 652. "It took me nine years."

Weaving, teaching

Anderson became fascinated by fiber arts while attending high school in Wisconsin. She earned a bachelor's degree in art education from the Uni-

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Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills weaves at an outdoor art festival.

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Are older washing machines too costly to repair? If buying new, is a top-loader a better choice than a front-loader? Agitator or no agitator?

Today's clothes washers agitate consumers

am focusing on a couple of emails I recently received from homeowners on the subject of clothes washers. Believe me, I receive many from people who just are not happy with the performance of their new products. I don't think that in the history of appliance manufacturing, customer satisfaction has ever been this low. These two inquiries from potential customers say it all. Jodi writes: "I am in

the market for a new washing machine. A certain magazine gave high marks for top loaders with no agitators. I want a top loader because I haven't heard anything good about front loaders. What are your thoughts on top loaders with no agitators? I don't understand how clothes get clean.

Ted writes: "My wife and I have an older GE washer (1986 or so) which has served marvelously for all these years. It has now started to leak some oil on the floor and after some research, I have determined that a seal is leaking on the transmission and it needs a new trans-mission. I DO NOT want to replace the entire machine, especially after the horror story my neighbor had going through several new machines in the past 10 ears, that don't last, and don't get the clothes clean, smell bad, and even have no water level control! I have found that they don't make this older washer and would (they) be able to replace the transmission? I checked a parts replacement outlet and they don't have the part anymore."



turbed once you begin banging around the drums trying to take it apart. You spend all sorts of money, you do it all correctly and you put it all back together only to find that it leaks water all over the place. In the end, it's all money and labor wasted.

Now to Jodi's email. She shows me that she is a smart consumer because she is doing some research on the subject. She read a magazine that gave high marks for top loaders with no agitator. I caution you not to believe everything you read. Magazines once wrote that within a year you wouldn't be able to purchase a top loader because manufacturers wouldn't make anything but front loaders. That was simply not true because top loaders are still out there. As for washers without an agitator, listen to my radio show and hear people join me on the air who are very displeased with the performance of their mentioned washer.

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This old guy writing this column has a lot of years in the appliance

Greyhound enthusiasts, dogs to gather in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Beth Barnhart of Westland wants to introduce you to a few 45-mile-per-hour couch potatoes. Or maybe 200 of them.

That's the number of greyhounds she anticipates will visit GreytH-ounds of Eastern Michigan's annual three-day conference, May 16-18 at Livonia Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Livonia.

"This is our ninth annual event. It started out as a small picnic in the park. Then we rented 4-H fairgrounds and outgrew that. Then the Taylor arena took the ice out of two rinks for us. Now we're in hotels. We started in Ann Arbor and now are in Livonia," said Barnhart, GEM president.

"We'll get 150-200 dogs. They can go everywhere but the (hotel) restaurant. For our supper on Saturday night it's in the banquet room you'll see dogs on the floor, next to the tables."

Some of the dogs at the conference will be with their owners or other greyhound rescue organizations. Some will be available for adoption. She described the dogs as fast-moving couch potatoes because they can run "45-milesper-hour in just three strides," but also like to "curl up like a cat" and snooze.

"They go out, take a quick zip around the yard, and then sleep," she said.

Adoptable dogs

Barnhart said the weekend conference is a



Bozo is an adoptable dog available through GreytHounds of Eastern Michigan. According to the organization, he He is friendly and loves to play with toys. He likes to have his head his head rubbed and will occasionally give kisses in return. Bozo is good with children and small dogs. He enjoys relaxing on a dog bed in a quiet place after romping outdoors. He loves going out and is accustomed to being in a crate. He barks at cats but generally is quiet. He is house-trained.



good way for potential adopters to meet greyhounds. GEM's adopt-able dogs all are retried racers that are fostered in private homes until adoption.

The event also draws owners of other "sight" hounds, including whippets, Italian greyhounds and Irish wolfhounds.

It's open to dog-owners and non-owners alike. Barnhart said some of the Saturday seminars, such as a "nail trimming" would be of interest to owners of any dog breed.

The conference will run 3-10 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7-10 a.m. Sunday. The hotel is located at 17123 Laurel Park Drive North. Registration for three days is \$7 per person. The schedule includes greyhound games, vendor booths, social hours with pizza and ice cream, raffle and bingo. Seminars include basics of corn removal, nail trimming and fostering. Guest speakers are Karen Michalski, a veteri-

narian from Serenity Animal Hospital who will talk about osteosarcoma, Gayle Ann Weaver from The Greyhound Inmate Experience and James Radcliffe, a veterinarian from Wheeling, W.Va. A blessing of the animals is set for Sunday morning.

Melissa Radiwon of Garden City joined GEM after adopting a greyhound nearly two years ago. She's helping to get the word out about the conference.

"It's a great event that brings together the greyhound community, she said. "The dogs are amazing.'

For more information, visit gemgreyhounds.org.

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

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Costly results

Let's start with Ted's email. His washer was the most common washer sold in this country by General Electric for a number of years. We are talking many millions sold and isn't it a shame that the transmission is no longer available. But there is a big negative to fixing a washer that is 20-30 years old. Keep in mind that during all these years all of the internal parts such as tubs, pumps, seals and gaskets have all lived a life of immersion in water mixed with some pretty strong cleansers. There is the factor of corrosion which is dis-

industry. I know what quality is and I am well aware of the junk produced in today's world. Because this column is not an advertising venue I won't give you the name of the best washer made today. I do know that the many complaints I receive from consumers are not made-up stories. Not enough water in the tub, no water level control, no hot water temperature above 104 degrees, clothes coming out unclean, concerns about bacteria and there are

many more comments. I can only close by telling you that I am not shy about revealing to some who makes the best washer today and proud to say that it is AMER-ICAN MADE. You know how to reach me, it's written below. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple,

A 25th class reunion is planned for May 10 at Joy Manor in Westland. For more information and tickets, contact Kelly at kelicamusic@yahoo.com or call at 734-377-1745.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, dj, pizza, cash bar. Reservations and payment with Kar-

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at **Best Western Gateway** International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-6501 or Spectroemc2@gmail.com.

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1974

A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 10. Contact Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email beth.macdonald.sinacola@gmail.com.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH

CLASS OF 1964

50-year class reunion with All-Class Reunion Banquet, 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, just east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. Cost is \$30 per

Cost is \$15 per person and includes hot & cold appetizers and a cash bar. Email an RSVP to kchorba-

gian@hughes.net. Reunion organizers also will accept short bios from alumni for the reunion booklet, whether or not they plan to attend the festivities.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of 79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

ARTISTS

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versity of Maryland and then settled into central Wisconsin with her husband to raise a family, teach and weave.

"My daughter just turned 34. I was pregnant (with her) back when I started doing art shows. I was doing more low-key shows then. Back then you could put up a card table and drying rack and have scarves hanging on it. I do more highlevel shows now."

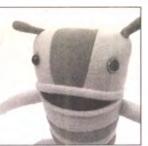
The family moved to Farmington Hills 19

years ago. Anderson uses different looms and fibers to create her works.

"I use a lot of cotton. I do use wool but I'm careful with what I use. I use more merino wool. Merino tends not to be itchy. I use a lot of bamboo jersey.

Anderson sewed her own clothing while growing up and made her daughter's prom dress and swimsuit for synchronized swimming.

"I work 100 hours a week so that I don't have to work 40 hours a week for someone else," she said, with a laugh. "My husband is used to watching TV with me doing



Fabric creatures like this friendly-looking fellow will be on exhibit at Joelle Medici's booth at Art Birmingham.

hand work or I've got the loom going. That's why my watch beeps at 5:30 p.m., to tell me it's time to make dinner.' Visit Anderson in



Joelle Medici of Farmington Hills makes creatures from fleece.

booth 144 and Medici in booth 37 at Art Birmingham

Other local artists at the show will include Ann Marie Fischer of Farmington Hills, mixed media; Thomas LeGault,



Joelle Medici's fabric creatures are used both as toys and decorative art.

Plymouth, and Barbara Spraul, Livonia, painting; and Michelle Sapp, Farmington Hills, handcrafted fabric dolls with an African theme.



A black and white border top by Andrea Anderson

Meet best-selling novelists at annual book lunch

Five authors, including masters of suspense, literary fiction and modern relationships, will talk about their new books Monday, May 19, at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's spring book luncheon in Livonia.

The book sale room will open at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and author presentations at 1 p.m., at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft at I-96 and Inkster Road.

The authors are:

» Greg Iles, author of 13 novels. His new novel, Natchez Burning, is his first in five years and the first book in a new trilogy that interweaves crimes, lies, and secrets featuring Southern lawyer and former prosecutor Penn Cage.

» Richard Paul Evans wrote a small personal story for his daughters in the 1990s that became a best seller called The Christmas Box. A number of hit books followed. In his new novel, Walking on Water, the fifth entry in his best-selling Walk series, Evans tells the story of a man who must say painful goodbyes and learn important lessons as he ends his cross-country walk to Key West

» Dan Jones has edited the

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Modern Love column in the Sunday New York Times since its inception in 2004. His books include two essay anthologies, Modern Love and The Bastard on the Couch, and a novel, After Lucy. His new book, based on funny letters to his newspaper column, is Love Illuminated: Exploring Life's Most Mystifying Subject (with the Help of 50,000 Strangers).

» John Searles is the author of Boy Still Missing and Strange But True. He appears regularly as a book critic and commentator on NBC's Today show and other television programs. His new novel, Help for the Haunted, tells the story of an unusual family, their deep secrets, their harrowing tragedy, and ultimately, a daughter's discovery of a dark and unexpected mystery.

» Mardi Jo Link, a single mother of three who has written about true-life murders, switches gears to tell the true story of a year in the life of her family's small farm in her new book Bootstrapper: From Broke to Badass on a Northern Michigan Farm.

Tickets are \$40 and are available online at www.bookandauthor.info and by phone at 586-685-5750.

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Call Herschell Masten at

the Office of Services to the

Organization seeking senior

volunteers to help others

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

The Wayne Garden Club has rescheduled its March meeting that was canceled because of a snowstorm. The meeting and program, "How To Build a Butterfly Garden" with local gardener John Blair, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Refreshments will be served. The library's phone is 734-721-7832.

River cleanup

MAY

DINNER DANCE

Road, Redford

free

Time/Date: Social hour at 5 p.m.,

Location: St. Michael the Archangel

Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago

Details: "Spring Celebration" dinner

dance is sponsored by the Council of

Orthodox Christian Churches of Met-

Orthodox priests and priests' widows.

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-

LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

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

7640 or coccdetroit@yahoo.com

Location: Covenant Community

Church, 25800 Student, Redford

Details: Sabrina Black, CEO and

clinical director of Abundant Life

Counseling Center, is the speaker.

Event will include music, lunch, and

May 7. A love offering will be taken

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church,

Contact: 313-535-3100

RUMMAGE SALE

and 10 a.m. to noon, May 17

teaching. RSVP to the church office by

\$40 per person; children, 12 and under

ropolitan Detroit to benefit retire

buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18

Rouge Rescue, the Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup is scheduled for Saturdays in May. Volunteers of all ages will pull trash from the river and pull invasive plants, among other hands-on activities.

Volunteers will work from 9-11 a.m. May 10 at Goff Nature Preserve in Livonia. Sites for the May 17 work day include: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Flodin Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Workman Elementary

Habitat and 9 a.m. to noon, Meadows of Canton, all in Canton Township; 9 a.m. to noon, Shiawassee Park in Farmington; 9 a.m. to noon, Botsford Commons Senior Community, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Heritage Park, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, all in Farmington Hills; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coventry Gardens Park in Livonia; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Smith Elementary School-Byron Creek, Plymouth; 9-11 a.m., Plymouth Township Park in Plymouth Township: 9 a.m. to noon. Lola Valley Park in Redford Township and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Goudy Park in Wayne.

For more information, including the volunteer projects planned at each site, visit therouge.org.

Livonia Garden Club

Mary Pulick, a former member, will talk about the history of the Livonia Garden Club and will demonstrate designs and show horticulture from its early exhibits and flower shows, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Pulick is a member

of the Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club and a leader of the Landscape Design School, For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or view livonia.gardenclub.org.

Heritage Park

Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9-10 p.m. May 16 and 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person

Register for the programs at recreg.fhgov.com. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

Plant sharing

Bring a plant to share and choose a plant to take home, at the Livonia Garden Club's annual plant sharing, 9-11 a.m. May 10 at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Event is free and runs rain or shine. Questions? Call Liz at 734-425-6880.

RELIGION CALENDAR

33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Bag sale and half-off prices on Saturday. The church also will accept used ink cartridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Preview 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 9; 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Admission for preview night is \$2. \$3 bag sale and half-price sale on Saturday. Sale benefits Paws with a **Cause and Lutheran Social Services** Contact: 734-464-0211

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, **ROUND-UP**

Time/Date: Kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool roundup, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 9; open house 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available Contact: 734-425-4420

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, **Redford** Township

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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FRITZ, JOHN

Age 56 of Newaygo passed away at his residence. He was born September 4, 1957 in Detroit, MI the son of Jack and Jennie Fritz. John Graduated from the Univer-





RAY, AUDREY

Westland passed away at age 88, April 26 ,2014 in Howell. BOUTET, DALE R. Audrey was born January 23, 1926 in Detroit to George and Age 50, of Chesterfield, passed away April 28, 2014. Beloved

of Michigan with a Bache lors Degree and then went to Detroit Mercy and got his Masters Degree. He worked most of his life as a business consultant. He loved U of M football, snowmobiling, boating, golfing, hunting and hockey. He was a member of the Howard City Sportmans Club. Surviving are two daughters Victoria fritz of Mancelona and Jahna Fritz of Mancelona; one son John Fritz of Mancelona; three brothers Fred (Laura) of Prudenville, Gary (Doreen) Fritz of NC, Gene (Melissa) Mass. Also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. As to his wishes cremation has taken place and burial will be next to his parents in Mancelona.



GRACE EVA MINNETTE

Passed away April 29, 2014 at the age of 97. She was born September 6, 1916 in Freemont, Ohio to Frederick and Harriet (Dice) Sebrell. She was preceded in death by her husbands George Post, Robert S. Scott and Thomas S. Grace. She is the beloved mother of Gerald (Lillian) Post, Georgina (the late Berny) Scott-Groth, Robert A. (Michele) Scott, Mary J. (Jim) Grace-McCollum and the late Glenn Thomas Grace (his wife Pam survives), dear grandmother of David Post, Kenneth Post, Rob-ert Post, Robert Scott, Randall Scott, Ryan Scott, Sabrina Scott, Kevin McCollum and Bradley Grace and great grandmother of nine plus. She is also survived by one sister Sarrahbell Wipp and preceded in death by three sister and one brother. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by family and friends. A Funeral Service will take place Monday, May 5, 2014, 11a.m. at the Community of Christ Church, Troy 3830 Crooks Rd., Troy, Oaks, Michigan. Friends may visit at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Sunday 2p.m. until 8p.m. and at church on Monday beginning at 10a.m. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Palliative Care.

HILFINGER, JOHN MARTIN

58, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014. He was born in Beverly Hills, MI, on May 27, 1955, to George and Kathleen Hilfinger. John graduated from Wiley E. Groves High School and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the State University of New York at Syracuse in 1977 and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Michigan in 1984. John married Diane Nelson in 1984. Since 2009, John served as President and General Manager of Therapeutic System Research Laboratories (TSRL) Inc., a pharmaceutical research company spe-cializing in improving the oral absorption of low permeability antiviral and anti-infective drugs and the BCS classification for therapeutic equivalence and sub-stitution of drug products. He has been with TSRL since 1994. John was a devoted family man and loved spending time with them at Tully Lake in New York. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the Werhee-gen Land Company in Luther, MI. He rowed crew at Syracuse University and served as the crew coach for Huron High School in the early 2000s. John was a gardener and beekeeper. He very much enjoyed playing softball, volleyball, and bridge with friends. John is survived by his wife, Diane; children, Brian (and fiancée Laura Vaughn) of Walled Lake, MI; Erik of Albany, NY: Dana of Columbus, OH: and Zachary of Ann Arbor, MI; brother Paul of Berkeley, CA; sister Ann of Fort Collins, CO, as well as loving family and longtime friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a memorial held on Friday, May 23, at the Michigan Pendleton room from Union's 2:30 to 6:00 pm. For more information, email johnhilfingerme morial@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

KEMP, KENNETH A. "SONNY"

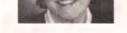
Age 80, of Farmington Hills, passed away April 29, 2014. He was born on September 6, 1933 in De-

troit, Michigan, the son of Kenneth G. and Edna L. (nee Whit-Kemp. Kenneth, man) also known as Sonny, was a lifelong resident of Farmington Hills; moving to the area when he was 3 years old, later attending Farmington High School. He proudly served his country in the Navy during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. Manchester. Kenneth worked as an office equipment salesman for 20 years. He began his career at Burroughs as a reselling eventually pairman, equipment for Monroe Calculator and later Victor Technologies. Sonny was smitten with his grandson and spent bygone days visiting with his extended family in the Higgins Lake area. He made the annual trip to Copper Harbor for the fall colors whenever possible. He was an enthusiastic writer of stories and poetry and letters to the editor. He challenged the establishment and was a seeker of knowledge and justice. Kenneth adored nature and had a weakness for ice cream. His favorite car was a yellow '56 Chevy he used to own. He is survived by his loving children, Linda (Jason Robrecht) Kemp, Eric (Jennifer Gonterman) Kemp, and Brian Kemp; siblings, Diane Ball, Karen Whitehurst, and Peter (Vicki) Kemp; his grandson, Joshua Kemp-Robrecht; and his friend. ex-wife, and caregiver for many years, Cynthia Kemp. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly. Naval Military Honors will be ren-dered. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Habitat for Humanity habitat.org/cd/giving/one/donate. Online condolences at:

www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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MOORE. **ROSALIE ELLEN**

Age 87, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, passed away April 25, 2014 at her home in Perry Farm Village. Rosalie was born July 30th, 1926, the daughter of the late Lois and Whitley Moore of Canton, Ohio. She graduated from Lehman High School and then continued her education to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Her family enjoyed a summer cottage in Bay View, Michigan for many years. While at U of M she met Robert Collie, also from Canton, and they were married on April 15, 1950. They settled in Birmingham, Michigan where they raised two sons, Richard and David. Rosalie did various volunteer jobs and also earned a Masters Degree. In 1980 her marriage ended and she moved to Ann Arbor, MI and became the Resident Director of the Martha Cook Building, a women's dormitory at the University of Michigan where she enjoyed meeting and working with the many interesting students. Af-ter retiring, Rosalie moved to Harbor Springs and was fortunate to spend her last years at Perry Farm Village where she had many friends and was near Richard and his family. Rosalie always had a sense of humor. She enjoyed traveling the world and she was a wonderful Mother and Grandmother. Rosalie is survived by her son, Richard Collie, of Harbor Springs, his wife Julie and their daughters Leah and Ellen. Also surviving are her broth-er Frank Moore, and his wife Barbara of San Antonio, Texas, her sister Louise Grayson of Durango, Co., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, David Collie in 2004. A Memorial Service and celebration will be held July 30, 2014 in Harbor Springs, Mich. Her family is grateful to the staff at Perry Farm Village, her friend Laura Green, and Hospice of Northern Michigan. Arrangements were made through Schiller Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at:

stonefuneralhomeinc.com

May you find comfort in family and friends

Ella (Binkleman) Choate. She married William Ray in March 1948 in Toledo, Ohio. Audrey was a member and officer of The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Yankee Air Force. She enjoyed her family, gardening, and sewing, as well as volunteering her time at Garden City Hospital and at the polls during elections. Audrey is survived by her sons, Gary (Rita), Clinton (Vickie), and Christopher, and grandchildren Amy (Dan) Bennion, Ross and Katrianna Ray. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Bill. Private services have been held. Please leave a message of comfort to the Ray famiby calling (877) 231-7900 or sign the guestbook at borekjennings.com

SIMMONS, DILLON

In memory of our beloved grandson, Dillon Simmons. 15 years old is not a long life but enough time to share your kindness and love and personality to people who have grown to love you. For who you were and for your strength and faith. I will always remember the saying, 'I got this'. Dillon, I know your battle of cancer is over and Jesus has you with him now. The joy I know you are sharing with Jesus and the reunions with all our loved ones. I know we will someday meet you again and you will know how much we love you and always will. Someday we will hold you and we will share the love of life that Jesus has prepared for us forever. We love you Dillon -- Dan (Paw Paw) and Tina (Maw Maw) Dailey and family.

WRIGHT **DAVID BRUCE**

April 23, 2014. Age 70. Beloved partner of Kimberly Johnson. Loving father of Shelby Wright, Wendy Wright, David Wright and Rita Lynn Hanner. He was loved by five brothers and one sister and one brother that is deceased. He will be missed as a father, grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin.



husband of Christie, I father of Ryan and the Robby; step-father of Christopher Hermann and Alexandar Milaszewski. Dear son of Robert and the late Marilyn. Brother of Diane Tenerowicsz and Darrell. Services were held Saturday, May 3rd, at Gendernalik Funeral Home, New Baltimore. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family

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Kirsten Haglund, Miss America 2008, will raise funds for eating disorder treatment at an upcoming tea.

Tea with former Miss America raises funds for eating disorders

The Kirsten Haglund Foundation and Linda Pudlik, a tea specialist, will present a tea and fashion show featuring Miss America 2008, noon to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 15, at Glen Oaks, 30500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. Market Place shopping will begin at 10 a.m.

shopping will begin at 10 a.m. The proceeds benefit the Foundation which gives financial aid to individuals who can't afford eating disorder treatment. Treatment costs, generally aren't covered by health insurance and can be financially devastating to those seeking help. Residential treatment can cost up to \$2,500 per day.

General tickets for "An Elegant Affair of Roses and Royalty: Afternoon Tea with Michigan's Own Miss America 2008," are \$65 and include tea, scones and an entrée, with shopping, a silent auction, and a fashion show featuring The Clothing Cove, Tea Party Castle, The Mane Connection, and Joseph Ribkoff Trunk Show, live music and dessert by Epoch Catering.

The VIP ticket costs \$115

and includes an exclusive reception from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. to meet Kirsten Haglund, Miss America 2008, and Haley Williams, Miss Michigan 2013. VIP guests will also receive an autographed, professional photo with Miss America 2008, a glass of champagne and reserved runway seating, along with the tea, shopping, music and dessert.

Haglund created the Foundation after battling and recovering from an eating disorder. She aimed to expand awareness and reduce the stigma and shame associated with treatment.

Since its inception in 2009, the foundation has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarship and in-kind sponsorships from treatment centers to their recipients.

For tea tickets or to make a donation visit kirstenhaglund.com/an-elegant-affair-ofroses-royalty/. Contact misskhaglund@gmail.com for more information. The cutoff date for ticket sales is May 8. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Survey shows doctors rarely recommend store brands

Gastroenterologists often recommend over-the-counter medicines for acid reflux and chronic constipation but by recommending brand name products they may cost their patients some savings.

patients some savings. Investigators at the University of Michigan Health System surveyed gastroenterologists about their prescribing tendencies and use of over the counter medicines for acid reflux and chronic constipation. Survey results were presented during Digestive Diseases Week in Chicago.

"Despite feeling that name brand and store brand laxatives are equally effective, the majority of gastroenterologists surveyed continued to recommend name brand laxatives and underestimate the cost-savings associated with

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday,

May 8, at North Auditorium in St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Schedule an

appointment by callinbg 800-

GIVE-LIFE. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments

Nan Asher will talk about lip reading skills at the Hear-

ing Loss Association of Amer-

ica meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Gar-

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ster Road, Garden City. For

734-664-3297 or email afe-

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Joint replacement

more information, call Tony at

David Mendelson, M.D.,

will talk about joint pain, joint

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Hearing loss

buying store brands," said gastroenterologist William D. Chey, M.D., professor of internal medicine at the U-M Health System.

A similar prescribing trend was found in gastroenterologists' beliefs about the use of OTC medicines for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). A large and growing group of Americans have heartburn or other symptoms of acid reflux at least weekly.

"At a time when doctors are highly constrained in their use of prescription medicines for so-called lifestyle conditions like GERD and constipation, treatment of these conditions is going to shift more and more to the OTC space," Chey said.

"As a result, it will become important for doctors to re-

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replacement procedures, and available implant options, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in Classroom 10, At St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants will learn about the hospital's group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. Register by calling 734-655-2345.

Project Healthy Living

United Health Organization, a nonprofit organization, will offer health screenings, including tests for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision, hearing, gluten, food and seasonal allergies, noon to 6 p.m. May 10, at Northland Shopping Center, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. For more information, call

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313-531-9100 or visit projecthealthyliving.net.

Skin cancer screenings

Free screening, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, Derm House, 29425 Northwestern Highway, Suite 202, Southfield. Register by calling 866-501-3627.

Walk with a Doc

Jennifer Beal, a boardcertified geriatric medicine specialist, will discuss planning for medical care ahead of time through an "advance directive," noon Thursday, May 15, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. An advance directive assists in planning medical care for those who lose the ability to make decisions. Register by calling 877-477-3621.





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Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout her life's journey. These discussions will be led by board certified physicians and other health care specialists. *Hats Off to Women* will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch.

TAKE TIME TO FOCUS ON YOU!

This event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. To RSVP, call 734.458.4330 by May 21.

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JOBS

By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder Writer

Telecommuting has many benefits for both employees and employers. It helps workers save time and money and gain more flexibility, and it can increase a company's efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint.

Yet the concept is still catching on in the corporate world. According to the latest American Community Survey data, slightly more than 2.5 percent of the U.S. workforce considers home their primary place of work. So while it may seem like a challenge to identify telecommuting jobs, by doing the right research and asking the right questions, you can find a position that matches your interests and desired working accommodations.

Look for telecommutingfriendly occupations

While every company, no matter the field, differs in their flexible-working policies, some industries tend to have more teleworking staff. "Some industries are better suited for telecommuting than others," says Kari DePhillips, owner of contentdevelopment company Content Factory, whose entire team works remotely. "Telecommutingfriendly industries include: graphic design, public relations, social-media marketing, writing and website development. In general, I think tech and startup companies are most likely to be open to the idea of telecommuting.'

You may also have an easier chance of finding telecommuting roles by looking for contract or freelance positions. "Since you'll likely be commissioned for particular projects, employers are open to allowing independent contractors to turn in work projects digitally and communicate via social media, i.e., Skype," says Sudy Bharadwaj, co-founder and CEO of job-search platform Jackalope Jobs.

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WORK FROM HOME OPPORTUNITY?

How to: Identify a TELECOMMUTING-FRIENDLY JO

Do the right research

To find jobs, go to a jobsearch website such as Career-Builder and use the "keyword" search function. Christine Durst, a telecommuting and homebased career expert and author of "The 2-Second Commute" and "Work At Home Now," suggests using words and phrases including:

- Telecommute
- Telecommuting
- Independent contractor
- . Work from home
- Offsite
- Virtual
- · Remote
- Freelance
- · Work from anywhere

Durst also recommends visiting sites that specifically cater to telecommuting jobs. Another option? Try a search engine, but use specific phrases to avoid any

suspicious, too-good-to-be-true work-from-home job offers. To narrow in on relevant jobs, Durst suggests using phrases such as:

- "This is a telecommuting position'
- "This is a remote position" "This is a home-based position"
- "Will have the option to
- work from home'
- "Offsite position"

- "Qualified individual will work from home"
- "Must be willing to work from home'
- "This is a work-from-home position"
- "May work from anywhere"
- "This is a virtual position"
- "Our employees work from home'
- "Position can be based anywhere'

Ask the right questions

If a company doesn't explicitly say in the job posting that it's open to telecommuting, that doesn't mean it won't allow for a more flexible work schedule. So if you're really interested in a position, don't count it out. Use the interview as a time to take the company's pulse on teleworking preferences.

"When interviewing, ask the hiring manager about the company's policy on telecommuting," says Amit De, CEO and co-founder of job-search platform Careerleaf. "If the company has a strict anti-telecommuting policy, the position's probably not a great fit for you. Just be sure that the focus of the interview doesn't remain on telecommuting. Ultimately, you still need to get hired before you can consider telecommuting."

Keep an open mind Even if a job doesn't offer telecommuting at first, there's always the chance that, under the right circumstances, your boss will be open to the idea of a more flexible work schedule. "The key is to come with suggestions as to what tools you'll use to turn in work and interface with co-workers when work needs to get done," Bharadwaj says. "Outline practical ways to ensure your productivity, and give examples that note your sensitivity to deadlines, since with telecommuting you'll need to be a self-starter to accomplish tasks without being micromanaged."

Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.



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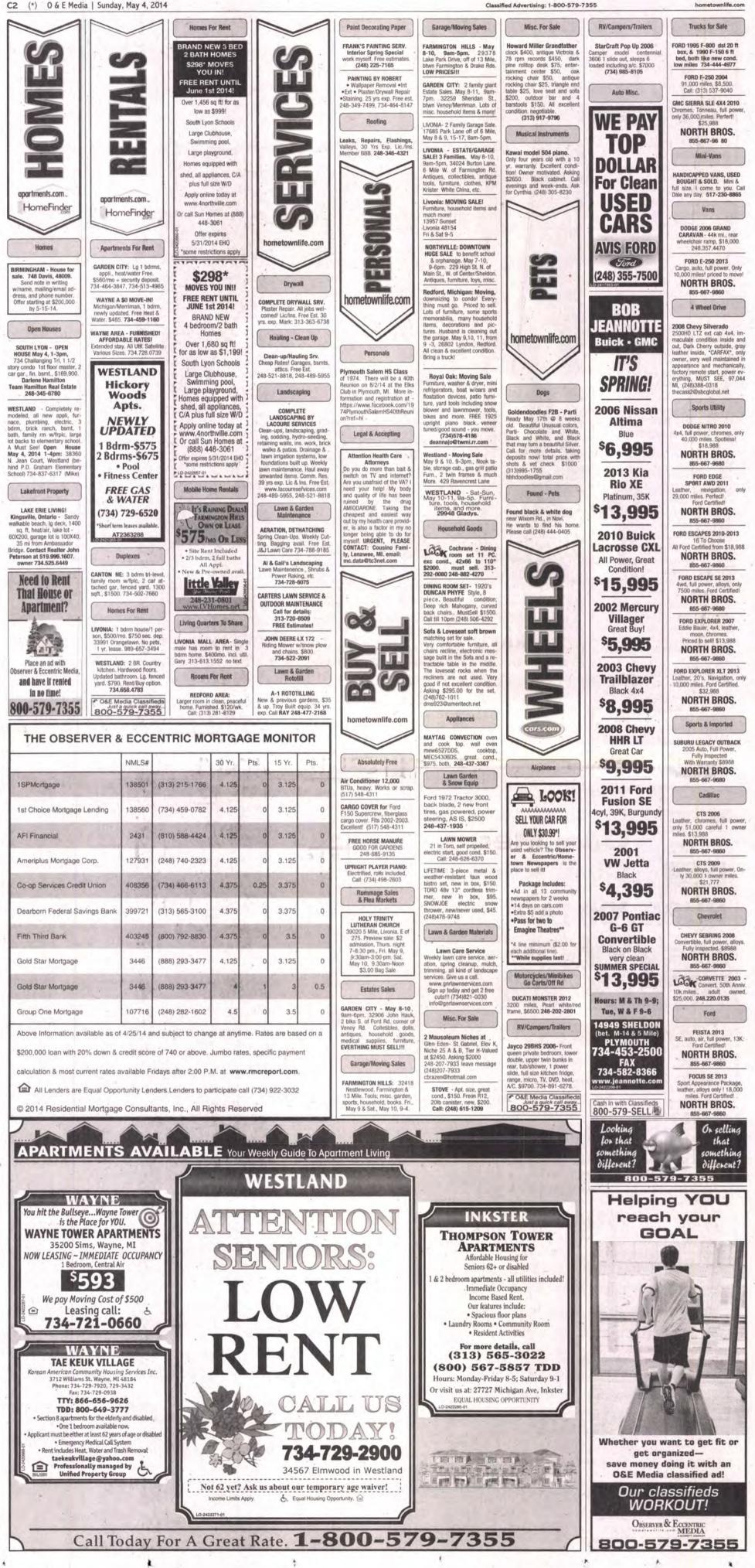
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