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Two years later, firefighter Woehlke's death remains under investigation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Over the past two years there have been fundraisers, plaque dedications and a section of Ford Road renamed to honor the late Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke.

There is also a \$25,000 Crime Stoppers reward for information about the May 8, 2013, fire at Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. The fire has been ruled an arson and Woehlke's death a homicide.

What there hasn't been is a conclusion to the criminal investigation, which has been taken over by Michigan State Police.

"We are still actively investigating. Our Special Investigations Unit is working on it," Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw said. "We know there are people out there who know what happened. They have not come forward yet."

Woehlke, 29, died of smoke and soot inhalation while fighting the early morning fire at the restaurant located in a strip center on Wayne Road at Hunter.

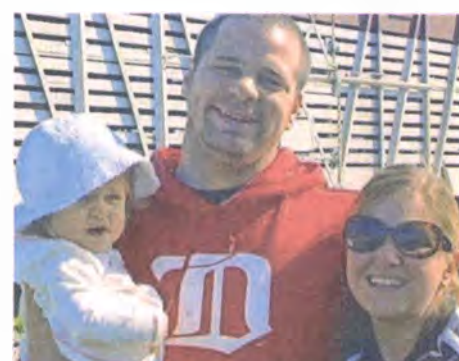
"We have a scenario (of what happened), but there is a missing link. We know there are witnesses to the arson," Shaw said. "We need them to come forward so the family can get closure."

Talk to witnesses

Ideally, police would like to talk to those witnesses, Shaw said, but tips can also be made anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

"Overall, we have good information for a conviction. We're almost there," Shaw said. "We have identified some folks through interviews and know other parties knew what happened; we are still doing interviews."

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has received a copy of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health report on the circumstances of



FILE PHOTO

Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke shown with wife Jennifer and daughter Ava.

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Wayne voters faced two additional local proposals, as well as the state roads proposal.

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Wayne voters reject ballot proposals

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

By a more than 2-to-1 margin, Wayne voters have rejected creation of a separate police and fire retirement system along with a 3-mill levy for five years.

It was the second time voters turned down the charter amendments aimed at alleviating pressure on the city's financial structural deficit. The P.A. 345 millage would have generated just over \$1 million annually which city officials hoped would help offset budget deficits.

The city Proposal 1 received only 805 yes votes with 1,743 no votes. Proposal 2, which included the millage levy, was defeated by a larger margin with 706 yes votes, 1,852 no votes.

In an election with just over 20 percent turnout of voters, the state roads proposal fared even worse with 2,183 no votes and only 416 yes votes.

Whether they voted for or against the state roads proposal and Wayne's P.A. 345 millage questions, Wayne voters were in agreement in their unhappiness with elected officials.

"I'm not in favor of them but I voted for them. What can you do? I hope the politicians keep with their word," said resident Vicki Helton after she cast her vote at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center. "I'm a retired nurse. My pension was cut but we need police officers and firefighters."

"I really don't trust any of them," she said. "I used to like (Gov. Rick) Snyder but not after what he did with union membership (right to work) and the way he rammed that through."

Wayne resident Matt Hale had similar sentiments as he left the polls.

"I voted yes - I didn't do it happily. There are some aspects of improving the roads - some of the money will go to that," said Hale. "I don't like the surcharge on electric vehicles."

A complicated question, Proposal 1 asks voters to approve an increase of the state sales tax from the current 6 percent to 7 percent. The sales tax would be removed from gasoline but the gas tax would be increased. Along with providing funding for roads and bridges, increased funding

HOW WAYNE VOTED

State Proposal 1	
Yes	416
No	2,183
City Proposal 1	
Yes	805
No	1,743
City Proposal 2	
Yes	706
No	1,852

would also be provided to schools and local government.

As to the charter amendments, "I don't know much about the 345 but it's a little increase for police officers and firefighters," Hale said.

Michael Doerr, retired from the Wayne Department of Public Works, voted against all of the ballot questions.

"I know too much about how government is run. I don't like how it's not working," said Doerr. "I don't trust Snyder on the first one - the money won't go where they say it

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Funding approved to tear down vacant Gist Academy

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Reasther Everett knows she's been complaining about the vacant former Thomas Gist Academy building for at least five years — she has that documented — but thinks it might be closer to 10 years.

"We have called the police. There were children running around there, jumping off the roof," said Everett, who calls herself the self-appointed mayor of Annapolis Park Subdivision. "People were living in there in the winter. The city boarded it up, but they tore the boards down."

Now, Everett is looking forward to the vacant building soon being demolished. The Westland City Council approved using \$60,000 to fund the demolition of the building located next to Stottlemeyer Park.

"It looks like at this point we've got the funding, bids are out for environmental work (asbestos abatement) and demolition," Westland Mayor William

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Westland approves trash cart replacement

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The company that provided defective trash carts to Westland last summer has agreed to replace 2,963 of the units.

An agreement approved recently by the Westland City Council outlines replacement of the carts sold to the city by Toter, LLC. The agreement describes the carts as being adversely affected by a batch of resin that didn't meet the company standards. Toter will also pay the city nearly \$50,000 for expenses incurred relating to the faulty carts.

In August 2014, the city purchased more than 25,000 carts from Toter as

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Woehlke's death.

"We found a couple of errors and we sent it back. That's why they send it to us for review," Wayne-Westland Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Harder said. "They will then release it to the department. It will probably be public in a month."

The Wayne-Westland Firefighters Union Local 1279 also received a copy of the draft NIOSH report for review.

"We're looking for inaccuracies or changes in the report," said Mitch Tokarski, union president. "The report is a good training aid. It will help us not repeat the same problems at a fire scene."

The union contributed to the reward at Crime Stoppers seeking information in the homicide/arson.

"Obviously, the membership of 1279, just for closure, would like to see the case solved. We know arson is one of the toughest crimes to prove," Tokarski said. "It would

be a huge sigh of relief for (Woehlke's widow) Jen and his family to be able to move forward knowing who murdered Brian."

Jennifer Woehlke has declined requests to be interviewed about the open investigation into her husband's death.

Private memorial

Members of the fire department and Westland city staff are planning to mark the anniversary of Woehlke's death Friday with a private dedication of plaques at Westland City Hall. Do-

nated by Local 1279, the plaques will honor Woehlke and late firefighter Todd Stanaway, who died of cancer in 2008.

Two years after the fire that killed Woehlke and destroyed his family business, George Marvaso hasn't been able to rebuild or start over.

"We haven't collected any insurance. It looks like we lost \$1 million from the loss of business," Marvaso said. "We netted \$40,000 the month before the fire. We have lost two years of our lives. I'm 72, she (wife

Mary) is 68."

A facilitation in litigation over the insurance non-payment is scheduled for June 24. Marvaso said that he remains committed to rebuilding his business for his own livelihood but also for his whole family, many of whom worked at the restaurant.

"We are borrowing from people. The Go Fund Me has helped. So many people have helped us. We're going backward," Marvaso said. "I hope the facilitation works or it goes before the judge. For us to be

suing anyone is absurd. They (investigators) gravitated to arson and are clinging to that."

After many months, the former site of Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick was cleared of the fire debris and a makeshift memorial to Woehlke was removed. The new building, which will not involve the Marvaso's, is under construction. A tribute to Woehlke is scheduled to be included.

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Wild said. "We are waiting for delivery of a clear title or deed."

The building, originally an Inkster School District building, was most recently acquired by the People's Community Baptist Church,

located on Annapolis in Westland.

"I think there was a time when they purchased the building and maybe there was a different leadership at the church," Wild said. "I think they wanted the building for an after-school program. We had the downturn in the economy, and it fell into disrepair."

Federal funding

To use the federal funds for the demolition, the city must have title to the property. Part of the arrangement with the church is a land swap. Wild said the church will receive just under one acre of land located to the rear of the existing building.

"The building was so far gone with break-ins and scraping. It was more of a nuisance and

too expensive to bring back," Wild said.

The city attorney is working through the title issues. Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said that once those issues are resolved, demolition could take place as soon as June or July with work completed by the end of August.

The demolition can't come soon enough for Everett, who notes the blighted building is locat-

ed in Annapolis Park, an historic district commemorating the subdivision platted in 1953 specifically for African Americans.

"I'm looking forward to it being removed. I'm going to have a celebration. It borders a lot of homes," Everett said. "I'm in the business of looking out for old, young and pets."

Elimination of the blighted building will allow use of the adjoining

Stottlemyer Park, she said, noting she doesn't let children in her family go there now.

"The city is looking at reinvesting in the park over the next five years," Wild said. "We need to meet with residents on what amenities they are interested in having in the park."

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the city switched to new trash collection operation. Like the recycling carts, the toters are made to be picked up and emptied by an automated arm on one-worker trucks.

Over the winter, some residents began to report cracked or broken carts. The toters, which have 10-year warranties, were being replaced before the city approved the agreement.

The quality-control issues with the resin toters was likely exacerbated by the recent extreme cold temper-

atures, according to city officials. The city hasn't had similar problems with the recycle toters, which have been in service for more than five years.

The new toters will have an "R" in their serial number to help identify replacement carts. The city will keep a stock of wheels and

lids that can be used to repair carts.

Residents can call the Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770 if they have a defective toter. DPS will deliver the new replacement toters.

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BALLOT

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will. In Wayne, there is a long line of mess-ups."

Over the years, Wayne has handled business in a weird way, Doerr said, spending money in ways with which he didn't agree.

"They should be able to take care of things in the correct way without

going back to the taxpayers," he said. "We've got the biggest Ford plant in a six-square mile city. How can we be broke? They should do like Detroit and (income) tax the Ford workers."

This is the first election since Wayne voters approved a ward voting system which required redoing the city's precincts. Terri Grzecki, precinct co-chairperson, was serving as a greeter

to make sure voters arriving at the WABC headed to the correct precinct - Precincts 3 and 6 are both located there.

"People are at the right building but the wrong line," said Grzecki.

Retired after 38 years working at the Wayne post office, Grzecki can tell people which is the correct precinct by asking their street.

"The majority has handled it well. Some get upset. I'll ask if they live east or west of Wayne Road," she said. "One man insisted he lived west of Wayne Road but his street was east. He apologized when he came out after voting. Some people don't handle change well."

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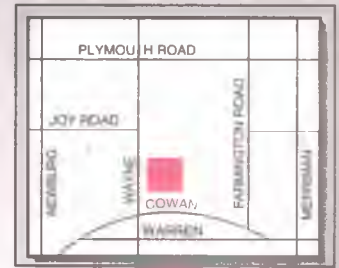



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Westland man faces charges over chemical spray

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man is facing criminal charges stemming from a second alleged incident in which he reportedly had flashing lights on his vehicle and a fake badge, along with a second charge of possessing a dangerous weapon.

Following a preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court, Nathaniel "Nick" Helton Jr., 71, was ordered bound over for trial on a felony charge of possessing a two-compound chemical spray prohibited for civilian use.

Helton is also facing misdemeanor charges of possessing a knife with a six-inch blade, possessing a badge and having flashing lights on his vehicle.

These charges originated from an October 2014 arrest of Helton, who is facing similar charges in an alleged June 2013 incident. In that case the dangerous weapon was an asp or collapsible baton, police said.

Westland Police have re-

portedly seized three vehicles with police-style lights, bumper push bars and other law enforcement type equipment from Helton, who has pleaded not guilty.

Previous charges

In the charges from 2014, Westland Police Officer Chad Bristol testified that he was on patrol at Palmer and Wayne Road when he noticed a black Chevrolet Tahoe next to him with police-style lights installed along either side of the license plate.

Pulling even with the Tahoe, Bristol said he saw a light bar on front windshield and recognized Helton from prior contacts. That included challenging a ticket issued to Helton by Bristol for parking on the lawn at his home.

Bristol and other officers testified that shift supervisors had told patrol officers to keep



Helton

an eye out for a black Tahoe with police equipment.

"At roll call it was read off. It was black Chevy Tahoe possibly impersonating a police officer," Bristol said. "I had a prisoner in the back of my car, so I radioed for other officers."

Bristol testified he followed Helton to his home on Edwin and conducted a traffic stop briefly until other officers arrived.

Defense attorney Richard Convertino commented that Westland Police were targeting Helton. Under questioning, Bristol conceded he wouldn't likely have written the lawn parking ticket to Helton without direction from Lt. Matthew Price, who heads the Detective Bureau.

Responding to questions from Wayne County Assistance Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski, Bristol and other officers testified their direction was respond to violations — not stop Helton, if the vehicle was legally equipped.

Westland Police Officer Kurt Darga testified that he

conducted an inventory search of Helton's vehicle, finding the police-style flashing lights, a computer similar to those used by officers, a police-style radio, along with a badge and photo identification on the passenger seat. The metal badge read Genesee Sheriff's Department, he said, while the photo identification identified Helton as an officer with Third Circuit Court, which serves Wayne County.

Testimony was that Helton was not listed as an officer for any Michigan court by the State Court Administrator's Office.

Found in car

The six-inch knife, with a similar length handle, was found in Tahoe glove box, he said.

In the rear passenger seat, Darga said he recovered a can of illegal formula chemical spray that had portions of the label scraped off.

Assisting with the inventory search of the Tahoe, Westland Police Officer Kevin Cullum

testified that the front light bar wasn't functioning. The rear lights operated briefly, he said, when a key was turned in a lock on the vehicle console.

Focusing on the felony charge, Convertino argued the evidence of the inventory search should be suppressed because it was done prior to Helton being arrested. Additionally, he argued that no testing had been done of the chemical spray to determine its ingredients or whether it actually functioned.

"Doesn't the exhibit speak for itself? The court feels this is clearly a dangerous weapon and violates the statute," 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli said. "Its purpose is to incapacitate. The law says 'shall not possess.' It doesn't require it to be operational."

Free on bond, Helton was ordered bound over for trial with circuit court arraignment on May 14.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident in the 28000 block of Beechwood reported May 4 that someone stole the weed trimmer, valued at \$140 that he had left on his grill in the backyard for about a month.

He told police that it wasn't visible from the street and could only be seen from his neighbors' yards.

Nothing else was damaged or missing.

Stolen catalytic converters

» A resident in the 30000 block of John Hawk reported April 28 that someone stole his catalytic converter, valued at \$350, from his Chevy Malibu.

» A man who stayed at his fiancée's residence in the 31000 block of Rush reported April

28 that someone stole the catalytic converter from his 2002 Pontiac Sunfire.

The vehicle was parked in the driveway.

He said that he heard a dog barking about 3 a.m. that day. He observed a suspicious vehicle traveling northbound on Moeller and eastbound on Warren Road.

The responding officer found a hand and palm print on a driver's side window and fender.

Fraud

A Garden City woman who lives in the 1100 block of Lathers reported May 4 that she was contacted by the IRS that someone had filed her federal taxes in her name.

She didn't have any more information but wanted the information on file.

Break-in

A Livonia man reported the break-in of a garage in the 1700 block of Gilman on May 4. He said that the lock on the garage was broken, allowing an unknown suspect to enter and steal a small, gas-powered motorcycle, valued at \$300, and a chainsaw worth \$200.

Property damage

A Garden City High School employee said that someone shattered the rear window on her Mercury Mariner while she was in school.

She parked the vehicle in the lot at 6500 Middlebelt about 7 a.m. April 30 and noticed the damage about 10:30 a.m. that day. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Vandalism

The head custodian at Westland John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, told police April 30 that 30 lights on the soccer field scoreboard were broken out. It appeared the lights had been shot with a BB gun. It was unclear when the damage was done.

Fraud

A Westland man told police April 27 that he had received a \$166 bill for a Verizon Wireless account fraudulently opened in his name and using his personal information. The account had been opened April 16.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident at the Hines Park Apartments, 31720 Co-

wan, told police April 26 that overnight someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her 1996 Olds Cutlass Supreme.

» On April 27, another resident at the Hines Park Apartments told police that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2003 Cadillac DeVille. He said he started the car and it made an extremely loud noise, which caused him to look underneath, finding the exhaust system was gone.

» On April 26, a resident at the Riverbend Apartments, 6858 N. Merriman, told police that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2005 Honda Accord.

» A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a 2004 Chevrolet Impala parked in the 7300 block of Gilman overnight April 27.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Lutheran High does adaptation of Bard's 'Taming of the Shrew'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Kate Ulrey's first love has always been Shakespeare. As the head of the drama department at Lutheran High School Westland, she has directed students in performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Macbeth*.

Set to retire at the end of the school year, the Dearborn resident decide to accede to the requests of her students and do a comedy as her final production. The high school will present *The Taming of the Shrew* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, but the production will be an Ulrey adaptation.

"The kids requested a comedy and some suggested *Taming of the Shrew*," Ulrey said. "I decided to make it accessible and funny by including other Shakespeare characters. Shakespeare is either delighted or turning in his grave. I'd like to think he's delighted."

The characters — Kate, Baptista, Bianca, Petruchio, Hortensio, Lucentio, Vincentio, Tranio, Gremio, Grumio, Biondello and Vincentio — all are there, but so are Hamlet, Macbeth and Juliet.

Ulrey has several characters that don't use Shakespeare language at all and a game show, "Who's Your Daddy," because "one of the difficulties is keeping track of all the subplots."

'Mrs. Ulrey's Swan Song'

The play opens with a song that she wrote and was set to music by Matt Hoehne that explains the plot. She describes *Mrs. Ulrey's Swan Song* as "shamelessly self-promoting." It includes *The Chicken Dance*, choreographed by Nate Beranger to look like court dance before becoming the wedding favorite with flapping arms.

For Ulrey, the production is bittersweet. She started directing plays when the students were freshman and is going out with them as seniors. The plays are her most "favorite thing in the world." There's no grades, just her directing

THE BARD REVISITED

What: Kate Ulrey adaptation of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*

When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 8-9

Where: West Gym, Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan

Tickets: \$5

them doing Shakespeare.

"It's been hard. I always cry after the production, but this one ... I'm trying to brace for it," she said. "There are moments when I'm watching them and see everything we've done before. It's very emotional."

Senior Mitch Meyer plays Hortensio in the production. He admits he's going to miss Ulrey "a lot."

"Shakespeare started here with her," he said. "She's the heart and soul of Shakespeare here."

He's been involved in every one of Ulrey's production in one way or another, from technical work to acting. His biggest part was that of Lysander in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* his freshman year.

"This is probably one of my favorite plays we've done here," he said. "It's definitely the most fun."

Caleb Richter is glad he's playing Petruchio. He's been in three plays at the school and this is the first role where he has more than one line. As a matter of fact, he has "a lot of lines and is on stage a lot of the time."

"I wanted the part of this because it's my last play," he said. "I've had Mrs. Ulrey for English for three of my four years. I wanted to be a part of the plays and see what I could contribute."

Part she wanted

Rachel Wiggins plays Kate, the shrew, and like Richter, it's the part she wanted.

"This is my eighth play, and I wanted a chance to have a bigger part," she said. "It's exciting to have it. The character is so different from me personally. She's loud and mean, and I'm not that, so I had to



Kate Fodor (let) of Dearborn and Jane Song of Walled Lake are extras in the production that has Anders Mattson of Livonia playing Horatio and Joseph Pranschke of Livonia as Hamlet.

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get used to the body language that goes along with it."

She has a hard time picking her most favorite production, pointing out that the "cast is different with each one, and all have a different personality."

Headed for Calvin College in Grand Rapids, she hopes to continue performing.

"I want to continue with it as much as I can, not academically but as an activity," she said. "I'm going to a school small enough that I think that can happen."

Ulrey's looks on this as her senior year. She will be leaving with her daughter Gwen who is graduating. She also is appearing in the play in the role of Bianca.

She is grateful that the school let her stage Shakespeare's plays and credits her students for the success.

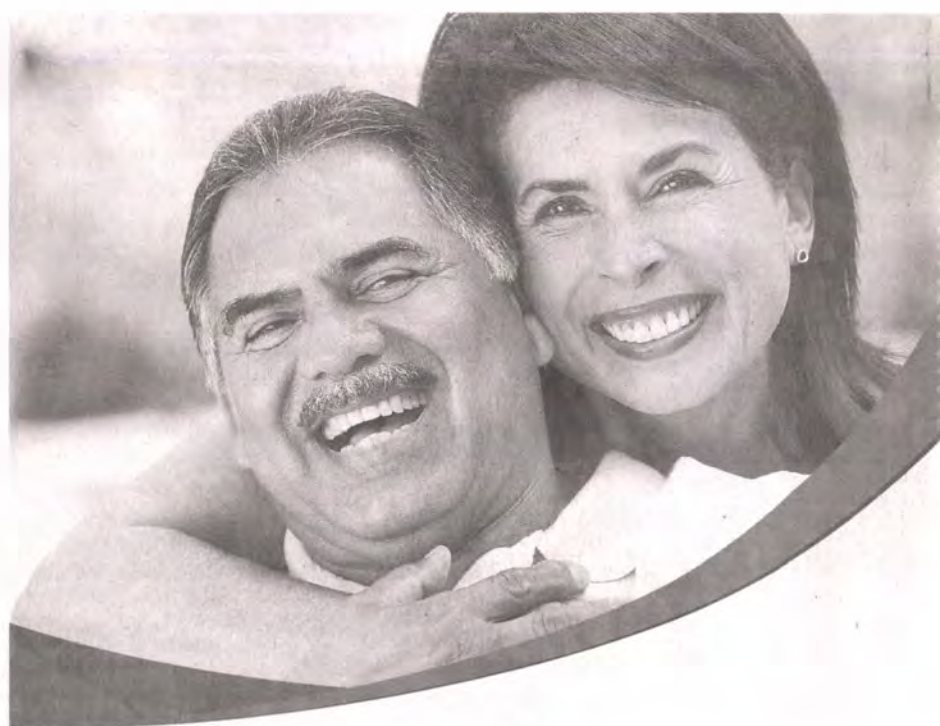
"I'm standing in the middle of some very talented people," she said. "It's important for kids to know Shakespeare. So much of what we do today is based on Shakespeare."

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Appearing in "The Taming of the Shrew" at Lutheran High School Westland are Andrew Bunge (from left) of Dearborn as Gremio, Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn as Bianca, Mitch Meyer of Dearborn as Horatio, Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia as Baptista and Rachel Wiggins of Redford as Kate.

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Allison Uzarek (from left) of Garden City plays Biondello, with Ethan Becker of Westland as Vincentio, Josiah Masey of Dearborn as the merchant and Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia as Baptista.



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Josh Schwaegerle of Garden City (Macbeth) looks at flowers with extras Nailah Stoakley of Westland, Hannah Schreider of Southgate and Makayla Wyly of Taylor.

Veterans, students mingle at annual USO dance at John Glenn High School

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Married 68 years, Livonia residents Jim and Rose Parks took to the dance floor at the Wayne-Westland Vietnam USO Dance.

"I met my wife when I went from the Philippines to Japan; I was on a ship going to Japan when the war (World War II) ended," said Jim Parks, an Army veteran who also served in Korea. "I called her Tokyo Rose."

The Parks — Jim, 88, and Rose, 89 — enjoy dancing. The couple used to dance three times a week and won five gold medals in Wayne County's Senior Olympics.

"This is our second time coming to the dance. We enjoy it. It really gives us something to do," said Jim Parks, who eventually started a building maintenance company.

It's the third year for the USO Dance held in conjunction with an oral history project prepared by students who interview veterans. The first year focused on World War II, the second on the Korean War and this year, the Vietnam War.

"This wouldn't happen without the veterans. Thanks to them for making this a reality," said Michele Anderson, Glenn's Social Studies Department chairperson. "We appreciate the gentlemen — it was gentlemen this year — who took the time to talk with students."

'Heartfelt thanks'

Leroy Paige of Belleville was among veterans interviewed by students this year.

"I have a heartfelt thanks for what they're doing," he said. "I compliment the students and the enthusiasm they have for this. They pulled out all the stops for us."

Taking a break from musical selections covering the appropriate eras by the Glenn High School Jazz Band and the Glenn Singers, a video of oral histories was shown. The Vietnam veterans shared recollections ranging from surviving five helicopter crashes to being assigned to stay behind the lines collecting belongings of killed or wounded soldiers to be sent home to their families.

Like Jim Parks, Richard Pilon was wearing his World War II era uniform. Enlisted in Army Air Force late in 1944, he participated in the Berlin Airlift after the war ended.

"It's our first time here, we like it," said Pilon, who came from Burton with his wife Janette. Pilon is a life member of the Yankee Air Museum and is also active at the Arsenal of Democracy Museum in St. Clair Shores.

During the dance, veterans and students got to mix on the dance floor over refreshments provided by the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Along with the dance itself, the traveling Michigan Vietnam wall was on display along with art work by students and members of groups, such as the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Committee and the VFW.

"I was very impressed, by the turnout especially," said Glenn sophomore Alex Lachine, an ROTC cadet captain. "It's such a good event for everyone to go to for honoring people who have fought for our country." Lachine is planning to continue in ROTC in college and enter the military after graduation.

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Jim and Rose Parks of Livonia take a turn around the dance floor. Jim served during World War II and the Korean War. He still fits into his uniform. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



World War II veteran Richard Pilon salutes the flag. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Westland John Glenn High School Jazz Band entertains at the USO Dance. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Abby Hardin, Zyair Jackson and the Glenn Singers perform a Beatles medley. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Michigan Traveling Wall displays the names of more than 2,600 Michigan servicemen and women who died in the Vietnam War. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Westland John Glenn High School JROTC members Serena Hunter and Jonathan Grinnell present the colors.



Livonia Public Schools
Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Twenty seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2015-16 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 5-May 22, 2015.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 5 - 22, 2015 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on **Tuesday, May 19, 2015**, at the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, Silver Village, 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

SCOPE OF WORK

Installation of new outdoor facility lighting fixtures at the Newburgh Village and Silver Village housing communities. Lighting conversion from metal halide to LED. The project is to be funded by the 2015 Newburgh Village/Silver Village operating budgets.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Specifications and bidding documents will be available beginning **Thursday, May 7, 2015** at the Silver Village administrative office, 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing which are included in the Project Manual.

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to James M. Inglis, Housing Director, City of Livonia, 33780 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Bids must be on the form provided in the project manual accompanied by a bid bond and non-collusion affidavit. Additional bid requirements are outlined in the Project Manual.

The Housing Commission has scheduled a pre-bid meeting and walk-thru for 10:00am, Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Silver Village community building. Contractors and sub-contractors are encouraged to attend this meeting to review the scope of work.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.

JAMES M. INGLIS, Housing Director
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Korean War veteran Albert Buzelli of Garden City and Francis Young of Wayne dance to Motown tunes. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Vietnam veteran Robert Taylor of Canton talks about his experiences during two years, one month and one day of service in Vietnam with John Glenn student Emily Dietz. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sen. Peters backs bill to raise minimum wage to \$12 by 2020

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan, has joined 32 colleagues in introducing the Raise the Wage Act, legislation that would increase the federal hourly minimum wage to \$12.

The bill would incrementally raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 in 2020 and then index the minimum wage to the increase in median hourly wages for all employees starting in 2021. It would also eliminate the tipped minimum wage gradually by raising the cash

wage from the current \$2.13 per hour to match the regular minimum wage.

"Nobody who works full-time in this country should have to live in poverty, but that is the brutal economic reality for millions of families across the country right now who can't make ends meet in the face of stagnant wages and increased costs of



Peters

daily necessities," Peters said. "Increasing the minimum wage means rewarding the value of hard work, so that families have a real opportunity to not just get by, but get ahead and join the middle class."

"I support raising the federal minimum wage to \$12 an hour over the next five years because we have to build an economy that works for all families," he said.

A new report from the Economic Policy Institute finds that raising the federal minimum

wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$12 in 2020 would give almost 38 million hard-working Americans a raise, including the parents of nearly 18.7 million children. The increase in income would be enough to lift a family of four out of poverty.

In Michigan, raising the minimum wage to \$12 an hour would benefit more than 1.2 million workers by 2020. This would amount to a \$3.1 billion total wage increase for workers in Michigan, providing an

average annual income boost of \$2,600.

Increasing the minimum wage to \$12 an hour would also foster broader economic growth. The additional income earned by a minimum wage worker will likely be spent on additional goods and services, pumping money back into the economy. It also means increased productivity and lower turnover for employees, which reduces employment and training costs for businesses,

Peters said.

"Raising the minimum wage is not just about bigger paychecks, it is about growing our overall economy," he added. "Higher wages translate to greater purchasing power for working families across the country, which means businesses have more potential customers who can afford what they are selling. Businesses will also reap the rewards of a more productive, more stable workforce."

Troop 711 moves annual mulch sale to new location

Members of Troop 711 American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA have moved their annual mulch sale this year to Trinity Covenant Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16. The sale previously was held at the Wilson Barn.

The troop will have 2-cubic-foot bags of cedar mulch in red, black or natural available at the

church for cash-and-carry purchase at \$4.25 per bag or delivered free in a local radius with a five-bag minimum purchase.

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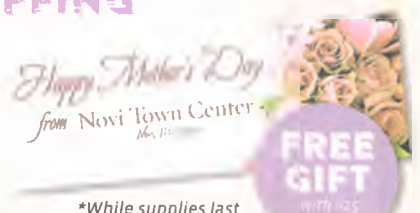
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Police claim bragging rights in dodge ball benefit Relay for Life

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wild's Walkers Relay for Life team raised more than \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society, and the Westland Police Department got bragging rights at the Dodge Ball Challenge.

The police officers took on Wayne-Westland firefighters for a series of matches at AirTime. That means the dodge ball games had the added element of being played on trampolines.

Ultimately, the Dodge Ball Challenge trophy was awarded to the winner of a final game in which all players participated.

Firefighters wore red shirts with the department logo. The police, however, continued the smack talking with blue shirts that read "Westland Police, Protecting Sleeping Fireman Since 1967."

There were 26 players who signed up, but an additional 14 players joined the games. About 30 spectators turned out for the event.

"The Wayne-Westland Fire Department is some of the most professional and talented individuals you will ever meet, except if you're talking about dodge ball," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, who played on the winning



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers flank referee Brian Harnos, who manages the city golf course and Mike Modano Ice Arena.



Westland Police used their shirts to talk some smack during the Dodge Ball Challenge to benefit the American Cancer Society.

dodge ball team. Aubrey Berman, administrative assistant in

Mayor William Wild's office, is co-chair of Wild's Walkers and came up with the idea for the Dodge Ball Challenge.

"It seemed like everyone had a great time, so I'm thinking this will become an annual event," Berman said.

The Westland-Wayne Relay for Life begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Farmers Market Pavilion in Tattan Park/Central City Park, which is located off Carlson south of Ford. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

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The blue and red teams line up for the beginning of a game during the Dodge Ball Challenge to benefit Relay for Life.

Kiwanis, Key clubs hold Mother's Day plant sale

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The Kiwanis Club of Garden City and the Garden City High School Key Club will hold a Mother's Day Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10.

The sale will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking lot of Garden City High School, located on Middlebelt north of Ford.

Hanging baskets and potted plants will be offered and will range in price from \$20 to \$50. The profits from the plant sale will support the many children's programs provided by the Kiwanis Club as well as the Key Club's community projects throughout the year.

"The plants and flowers are top-quality plants from Barson's Greenhouse," Kiwanis Club President Monica Fulton said. "We are grateful to Kiwanis member Joe Barson for supporting



Plants like these from Barson's Greenhouse in Westland will be sold by the Garden City Kiwanis and Key Club members May 9-10 in the Garden City High School parking lot.

this joint fundraiser and providing Barson's famous flowers and plants."

The sale will take place in the parking lot of Garden City High School, adjacent to Middlebelt.

"Drivers can pull in to the high school's parking lot, purchase their plants, load it into their vehicle and pull right out," Ful-

ton said. "Easy in, easy out."

The Kiwanis Club will accept cash and checks for the Mother's Day Plant Sale. General donations for both Kiwanis and Key Club also will be accepted.

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National skating coach holding skills workshop in Garden City

Nationally known coach Steve Hartsell will be working with local skaters at the Garden City Civic Arena during a Skills and Drills Workshop on Saturday, May 9.

Hartsell is a national coach and 13-time national competitor in freestyle and fairs and a world competitor.

He is a former U.S. national pairs champion with his sister Danielle. He is also a Jump Harness Specialist working with skaters who have competed at the national, international, world and Olympic levels.

Hartsell is currently the skating director of the Midland Figure Skating Club and coaches at the Ice House Skating Academy where he has had skaters compete at the national championships three out of the last four years.

The Skills and Drills

Workshop will focus on off-ice conditioning and drills as well as on-ice take-offs and landings, spin variations, footwork and conditioning.

"Skaters who are skating at the Learn to Skate Basic 5 level and above, including coaches, are encouraged to attend," Garden City Figure Skating Club President Katie Saile said. "We are so excited to be able to offer this workshop to Learn to Skate skaters as well as advanced skaters and coaches. It's a great opportunity to work with a national-level coach."

Skaters do not need to be members of the Garden City Figure Skating Club to participate.



Hartsell

The workshop begins at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Garden City Civic Arena with 30 minutes of off-ice conditioning, followed by two hours of on-ice skills and drills. The arena is located on Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

The registration fee is \$30 and is payable at the time of the event. The Figure Skating Club accepts cash or checks.

Skaters are asked to reserve their spot by sending an email requesting to register with their name and skating level to the club's Corresponding Secretary Monica Fulton at monicalful@monicalful.net. A confirmation email will be sent in return, confirming the reservation.

For more information, contact Saile at katiesaile@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Armed Forces Day

Westland Historic Village Park will hold its annual Armed Forces Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

Re-enactors from the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I and II, Korean War and Vietnam War and the staff of the park will hold presentations throughout the day.

Guests can also tour the park's buildings.

More information can be found on the Westland Historic Village Park Facebook page, on Twitter at @WHVP66 or by calling 734-326-1110.

Golf outing

The fourth annual Golfers against Diabetes and Cancer Golf Outing will be held Saturday, May 16, at The Links at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus. All proceeds will go to the American Diabetes Association and American Cancer Society.

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

Hole sponsors are \$100, with payment made out to either the American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society. Golfer registrations and hole sponsorships are due by May 9. For more information or to register, contact John Fleming at 734-604-0227 or John@FlemingFinancialSvc.com.

Rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne is having a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 14-15, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, which will be Bag Day — \$2 for a small bag and \$5 for a large plastic bag — excluding the Plus Room.

There will be furniture, books, clothing, linens and Plus Room with finer ornamentals,

call items and collectibles.

For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Wildflower folklore

Calling all plant lovers: the Nankin Mills Botany Series is a chance for adults to explore some of the hidden treasures of Wayne County Parks with a park naturalist and learn more about the wide variety of plant species.

The program will visit different sections of Holliday Nature Preserve and the Bennett Arboretum throughout the year and enjoy some indoor presentations.

The series will kick off from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, with a special presentation about wildflowers and their fascinating history at the Nankin Mills Interpretative Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

The fee is \$2 per adult for county residents, \$3 per adult for non-Wayne county residents. Pre-register at the Parks Office at Nankin Mills. Call 734-261-1850 for more information.

Dining to donate

The John Glenn High School football program is holding a dine to donate Saturday, May 16, at So-Cal, 6773 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

So-Cal has sandwiches, burgers and ice cream. Ten percent of total sales will be donated to the football program. Tell them you're supporting the John Glenn football program.

There also will be a bounce house for kids to enjoy, weather permitting.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. Its next meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, May 8, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, visit gcbiz48135.org or email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com.

5K walk/run

North Brothers Ford will hold its 17th annual North Brothers Ford & City of Westland Fun Run/Walk on Saturday,

May 16.

The event will start at the Westland Farmers Market on Carlson south of Ford at 9 a.m. All proceeds will go to the local Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for Cancer Research.

To register for the 2015 5K Fun Run/Walk visit the North Brothers Ford website.

Registration fees are \$13 for students age 18 and under, \$17 pre-registration for adults, \$20 for adults after May 9. Registration fee includes an event T-shirt, however mesh performance running shirts are also available for an additional charge.

For more information, call North Brothers Ford at 855-739-2023 and ask for Jackie.

North Brothers Ford is located at 33300 Ford, Westland.

Great Lakes shipwrecks

Wayne Historical Society member Lindsey Wooten will give a talk about the shipwrecks of the Great Lake Ships, Jupiter and Saturn on Thursday, May 14, at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, Wayne. The program will start at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the program.

The annual business meeting will be held after the program and invited members will fill open trustee positions at that time.

Join the Wayne Historical Society for a \$10 annual membership fee or one-time-only \$100 lifetime membership fee.

Spaghetti dinner

The Wayne Baseball Association and Parks and Recreation Department have teamed for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children and are on sale at the Wayne Community Center. Hot fudge sundaes will be on sale by Senior Services.

The event will benefit the Wayne Baseball Association and Wayne Community Center Youth Programs.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

SPRING FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 7-8. Location: Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz Ave., Westland. Details: Featuring hand-made and hand-crafted products from students in the woodshop and greenhouse. Items include hanging baskets, patio pots, houseplants, herbs and vegetable plants, birdhouses, garden caddies and stools. Parking available in the west parking lot. Enter building through door 13. Contact: Lisa Friedman, 734-744-2810 ext. 72318.

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Time/date: Through Sunday, May 10. Location: Sears parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Details: The Livonia A.M. Rotary will hold its annual community carnival to raise money for its many programs supporting the community. Enjoy rides, games and old-fashioned carnival food. Visit livoniaAMrotary.org before midnight April 29 to save on ride armbands. Contact: 248-477-7375.

DAR MEETING

Time/date: noon Saturday, May 9. Location: Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Details: The John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution will have its final meeting of the season. The speaker is Mary Anne Duluk. The program is Abigail Adams. Visitors are welcome.

INSIDE '50S PICNIC DANCE

Time/date: 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 9. Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Details: Doo Wop Dan & The Fonzy present an Inside '50s Picnic Dance including Showcasemen and the Mello's. Cost is \$20. Coney dogs, burgers, salads, baked beans, dessert, beer, BYOB and mix. Includes 50-50 drawings. Benefits the Knights of Columbus St Paul Council 2632, which is based at St. Robert Bellarmine. Contact: Doo Wop Dan, 734-260-4368; Fonzy, 734-744-4233.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Details: Learn how to make your own 3D pictures. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break, and a competition among members. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The program for the meeting will be a presentation on how to produce your own Phantograms, those fascinating 3D images that seem to stand up above the surface of the photo. An "open" club competition will conclude the evening's events. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Contact: Detroit3D.org; Dennis

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. Location: St. Michael's School, 11311 Hubbard Road, Livonia.

Details: Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school invites all interested families to tour the school, meet with staff, and share refreshments and converse with other parents and students. St. Michael's serves students from young 4's through eighth grade. It offers full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming and an extended curriculum that includes computer science, art, music and Spanish. Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 226; livoniastmichael.org

SPRING FESTIVAL

Time/date: Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17. Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 Chicago W., Redford.

Details: The Parish community of St Robert Bellarmine Church is hosting their 2015 Spring Festival. Thursday night will feature carnival rides only. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will feature carnival rides, game tent, food, beer tent, bingo, live entertainment and grand prize raffle drawing. Contact: 313-937-1520, ext. 142

CRAFT-VENDOR SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, west of Beech Daily and north of West Chicago, Redford.

Details: The Garden City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will hold a spring craft and vendor show. Admission is \$1. There will be food available and a bake sale. All proceeds will

help local military and their families, including veterans. Table space is \$30 for an approximately 8x10 space, with an 8-foot table and two chairs. Indicate on application if electricity is needed; if electricity is needed, there will be an additional \$5 charge. Contact: Email detnana@sbcglobal.net; 248-477-8594.

REDFORD SYMPHONY CONCERT

Time/date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Location: Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave., Redford.

Details: The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert, "Heroic Concert," for patrons of all ages to enjoy. Contact: redfordsymphony.org

LIVONIA KIDS AND FAMILIES GOLF CLASSIC

Time/date: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17. Location: St. John's Golf Course,

Plymouth. Details: Enjoy fun golf challenges, food and friends. Prizes and trophies going to the best and worst golfers. All proceeds benefit the Emerson Food Pantry and Livonia Kids and Families, which assists Livonia residents in need of assistance. Contact: 734-788-4373.

LIVONIA KIDS AND FAMILIES GOLF CLASSIC 2015

Time/date: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17. Location: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

Details: All proceeds from the Livonia Kids and Families Golf Classic 2015 benefit Livonia Kids and Families and the Emerson Food Pantry. Registration fee of \$65 includes 18 holes, cart and lunch. The deadline to register is May 7. The game is comprised of an 18-hole, stroke-play, net-score tournament (per Mulligan Tour rules). Amateurs (guests) compete for low amateur honors. There will be longest drive and closest-to-pin contests.

Players can enter the toilet shoot and marshmallow shoot for a chance to win an HDTV. Contact: 734-788-4373.

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19. Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford.

Details: All you can eat cold and hot salads, plus rolls and beverage. Cost is \$7; \$5 for teachers and educators, who can go to the front of the line if on their lunch hour. Boutique and bake sale, too. Contact: 313-255-6330.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/date: 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 20. Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Widowed Friends is a peer support group. Family style meal is \$20; includes tax and tip. Must RSVP by May 14. Contact: 313-562-3080; 313-565-5749.

North Brothers Ford of Westland holds annual 5K run/walk

North Brothers Ford of Westland will hold its 17th annual North Brothers Ford and City of Westland Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Westland Farmers Market on Carlson south of Ford, Westland. All proceeds will go to the local Barbara Ann

Karmanos Cancer Institute for Cancer Research. To register for the 2015 5K Fun Run/Walk, visit the North Brothers Ford website at http://tinyurl.com/lwg59n4. Registration fees are \$13 for students age 18 and under, \$17 for adults

who preregister and \$20 for adults after May 9. Registration includes an event T-shirt — mesh performance running shirts are also available for an additional charge. For more information, call North Brothers Ford at 855-739-2023 and ask for Jackie.

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St. Michael School to compete in national Quiz bowl

Two teams from St. Michael School in Livonia will represent their school Saturday in a national competition testing their knowledge of history, science, literature, fine arts, geography, the social sciences, current events and more areas of study.

The teams will compete in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Middle School National Championship Tournament in Dallas.

The A team will consist of Kevin Burke, Luke Duncan, Charles Hilu and Jenna McCann and Ben Rojewski. The B team will consist of Charlotte Bridges, Josh Cole, Max Orosz, Julia Skubik, Annie Treharne, and Chad Wnuk.

The teams will be coached by Edward Faut and Louise Hoping.

St. Michael qualified for the national championship tournament by winning the Blessed An-

gela Quiz Tournament in February in which 23 schools competed.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, because no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

St. Michael may face familiar foes in Dallas, as Detroit Country Day (from Beverly Hills), Smith Middle (from Troy), and St. Patrick (from White Lake) are also expected to attend.

CC's 5K run/walk is raising funds for abandoned Peruvian boys

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Soles are the bottom of shoes — and also the currency in Peru. And, of course, there are souls.

Both come into play Saturday.

That's when Detroit Catholic Central High School holds its 5K run/walk charity event, Soles for Girasoles, at Nakin Mills in Westland.

"Girasoles is the name for the boys home that we are supporting," said Renee Zwick, a CC Spanish teacher who has organized and gone on this trip for many years.

"Girasoles means sunflowers," she said. "The idea is that as the sunflower turns its face to face the sun, the boys of the Girasoles homes are learning to turn to God for everything that they need."

The beneficiaries of Saturday's event are 30 boys in Peru that she got

Souls & Soles



SOLES FOR GIRASOLES

Detroit Catholic Central High School will hold a 5K run/walk charity event, Soles for Girasoles, Saturday at Nankin Mills in Westland. This is a fundraiser for the school's Peru mission trip benefiting Girasoles Home for Abused and Abandoned Boys in Peru.

The cost for the 5K run/walk is \$25 in advance; \$30 walk-in. The race begins at 9 a.m., with registration and pickup at 8 a.m. There will also be a one-mile race for kids 12 and under. The cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 walk-in. That race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Register at www.A2racemanagement.com/registration. For more information, go to www.scriptureunionperu.org.

to know two years ago during a project with the organization called Scripture Union.

It was not CC's first work with that group, but it would be one of the most meaningful because of the connections students made with that boys home.

"In speaking to the boys, we got to know details about their lives

— like some of the boys do not know what their birthday is nor how old they are," Zwick said. "Some of the boys shared their scars with us, telling about the abuse that they suffered at the hands of a trusted family member."

One Peruvian boy, when asked what he would do if he won a million dollars, told Zwick he

would go looking for and find his mother.

Another lad, around 3, was dropped off at the boys home by police while the CC group was there.

"His mother was caught trying to sell him to a man," Zwick said. "He was sweet and clung to one of our chaperones as if she were his mother. This chaperone noticed that he had sores in his mouth that looked as if he had been burned by a cigarette."

When Zwick left Peru the last time she was there, she vowed that she would do whatever she could to help these boys get their daily needs met — more than that, that they would have the security that every child deserves.

Last time the CC contingency went, members were able to purchase shoes, books, some guitars and drums for the boys.

"This year," Zwick said, "we will assess the needs and use proceeds from the race to purchase whatever out team sees is most necessary for them."

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Ashley's Cask Ale Festival has large selection

Numerous Michigan breweries taking part

The Michigan Cask Ale Festival on Saturday, May 9, at Ashley's Beer and Grill, 7525 Wayne Road, Westland, will have the largest offering of cask-conditioned craft beers at one time anywhere in the state.

More than 30 cask ales from renowned breweries across Michigan and from coast-to-coast will be pouring from 2-6 p.m. while guests also enjoy live music, interaction with brewers and brewery representatives, a menu of premium snacks and entrees. This year's festival will include a special offering of Michigan craft ciders.

Cask ale, also called real ale, represents the traditional, centuries-old way of serving ale, unfiltered and naturally carbonated by the live yeast in the vessel it's served from. This cask conditioning results in a more complex, delicately flavorful beer that's closer to the way the brewer intended than when it's poured on a draft system.

Because these beers are handmade, brewers can create new and unique flavors in the cask that are not possible in regular draft craft



Chilly weather didn't discourage a crowd from turning out for the 2014 Michigan Cask Ale Festival at Ashley's Beer and Grill in Westland.

ERIK SMITH

beer. "Most venues can't serve cask ale, what we call 'the craft beer of craft beer,' because the living nature of the beers means they require special handling," said Roy More, co-owner of Ashley's. "As the market for craft beer explodes, more and more beer lovers are seeking something special. Ashley's is committed to providing them with unique taste experiences they can't find anywhere else."

Local band Rustbelt Revival will provide live music throughout the

day. Participating Michigan breweries include: Arbor (Ypsilanti), Arcadia Ales (Battle Creek), Atwater (Detroit), Bell's Brewery (Kalamazoo), Brewery Vivant (Grand Rapids), Chelsea Ale-House Founders Brewing (Grand Rapids), Greenbush Brewing (Sawyer), Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales (Dexter), Dragonmead Brewing (Warren), Frankenmuth Latitude 42 (Portage), New Holland Brewing (Holland), Vandermill (Northville), North Peak Brewing (Dexter), Odd Side

Ales (Grand Haven), Perrin (Grand Rapids), Right Brain (Traverse City), Rochester Mills (Pontiac), Saugatuck Brewing (Saugatuck) and Short's Brewing (Bellevue).

The festival also brings in unique beers from California (Green Flash and Lagunitas) to New York (Brooklyn) and breweries in between, including Great Lakes (Ohio), New Belgium (Colorado), Rogue (Oregon) and Victory (Pennsylvania). There will also be the first casks in the state from Big Sky (Mon-

tana) and Brooklyn (New York).

Tickets are \$45 at the door, and each ticket includes 12 drink tokens — more can be purchased on site — program and tasting notes and festival glass.

For more information on the festival, including the list of rare and even unique beers, visit mickale.ashleys.com.

Founded in 1983 next to the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, Ashley's has been proud to serve its guests a wide selection of great beers from around the

world for over three decades. Today, as "Michigan's premier multi-tap," Ashley's features an ever-rotating lineup of flavorful draft beers from nearly 120 different taps at our two locations in Ann Arbor and Westland, as well as more than 80 bottled beer selections.

Ashley's was rated one of the Top 100 Beer Bars by *DRAFT Magazine* in and Top 50 Beer Restaurants by *RateBeer.com* and most recently as one of the Top 33 Craft Beer Bars in the Country by *Thrillist*.

Investment fees matter, so check them out

I came across an article recently about pension plans and fees that hedge funds and other investment companies charge to manage them — it had me shaking my head.

According to the article, the fees that pension plans think they pay is less than half of what they actually pay. The article quoted the treasurer who oversees about \$30 billion in pension investments.

"It's a mammoth undertaking to understand the complexity of these costs, especially in private equity," he said. "We've hired a third-party administrator to try to validate fees and expenses and after more than a year-and-a-half, they don't have a handle on them all."

I don't know about you, but to me, something doesn't make sense. If you hire a private company to analyze fees and after a year-and-a-half they don't have a handle on all the fees you are paying, it's a sure sign that you should invest elsewhere.

Why should it be so difficult to understand what fees you are paying? As an investor, your return is directly affected by fees and that is why it is important to



Rick Bloom

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understand what you are paying.

In addition, if you're hiring a company to invest your money and they intentionally hide fees and try to deceive you, why would you invest with them? In any investment relationship, trust and confidence are key. Therefore, how can you trust someone if they're not upfront and transparent when it comes to how they charge.

One of my golden rules for investors is to understand all fees. Not only what it costs to buy an investment but also what it costs to hold and sell. Every independent survey I've read regarding fees always reaches the same conclusion: low fees equal high returns. Why would anyone invest in a company that has high fees?

My general view is people invest in those companies because they don't understand the fees they are paying.

Whether it is state treasurers or other public officials who invest public pension monies,

it's not their money and they don't care as much as they should. However, when it comes to your money and how you invest it, you should care.

Fees do matter. If you want to increase your return, one of the fastest ways of doing it is lowering fees and costs.

I believe if you retain a professional to help manage your money, he or she should be transparent with fees. They should be able to explain what fees you are paying in a very simple and straightforward manner.

When you hear an investment adviser say don't worry about fees or they deflect the question and change the topic — or my favorite is when they tell you that you don't pay them, the company does — it is a sure sign that you're paying too much in fees.

When it comes to public pension plans, managers should be good stewards with the money. However, the reality is something different. When they make mistakes, the people in charge of the pension plan don't suffer any consequences. That is not the case when it comes to your money.

My advice regarding every investment is make sure you under-

stand all the costs involved and check them out independently. If you can't find independent information about the costs, I can almost guarantee your costs are too high.

The bottom line is if

you want to keep more money in your pocket, don't be like the pension fund trustees, be smarter. Fees do matter and the less fees that you pay, the more money that ends up in your pocket. Good luck.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community grants

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations to support local community improvement activities. Grants of up to \$2,500 each must be used to benefit communities in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an online application at <http://tinyurl.com/pbhy8zu> by June 15. For more information, email metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Grant recipients will be notified by July 31. Top recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the Metro West Chapter Charity Golf Outing on Aug. 20.

The mission of the

Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is to support the educational needs, community improvement and political advocacy for credit unions in the Metro West Chapter.

Super Singers contest

Online auditions for Local 4's Super Singer contest have begun.

Local 4's Super Singer is a vocal competition for adults and kids age 7 and older. Five semifinalists will perform at the Official VIP Rooftop Party hosted by The Parade Company. The performances will be broadcast live on Local 4 as Detroit celebrates the city's biggest night of the summer, The Ford Fireworks.

Now through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, aspiring contestants can upload their two-minute performances at Click-

OnDetroit.com. New this year, duet submissions will be accepted.

Selected singers will be invited to callback auditions where they will sing in front of a panel of judges. The semifinal and final rounds will play out live on Local 4 during The Ford Fireworks on June 22.

The winner will receive a prize package, including the chance to open for The Beach Boys at Freedom Hill Amphitheatre on Aug. 9 and a front-of-the-line pass to audition for NBC's *The Voice*.

"We're happy to give so many of our local singers the chance to showcase their talent by performing on Local 4 in front of hundreds of thousands of people," said Jamie Kaye Walters, Local 4's Creative Services and Programming Director.

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OUR VIEWS

Our Academic All Stars are smart, ambitious, caring

Congratulations, All-Stars! The 2015 *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 30 students to mark the 30th year of the All-Star program. Seventeen team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores.

Another 46 students are honorable mention, and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. They, too, merit praise.

On Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day), the *Observer & Eccentric* will publish, in cooperation with Madonna University, our longtime major sponsor, a special section that showcases these outstanding students.

Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

Other community partners include Community Alliance Credit Union, a section sponsor, and Parkside Credit Union, the essay sponsor. One lucky all-star will win a \$500 scholarship for an award-winning essay to be announced at the All-Star Awards Ceremony on May 15 at Madonna University.



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The all-stars and runners up are smart, ambitious, caring and have high praise for the teachers who have made an impact on their lives. Take time to read about how involved these teens are and what they hope to accomplish in the future. We are proud of them and you will be, too. They are examples of the good things happening in our local schools and communities today.

Judging the team were Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School; and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School.

All three have been part of the program for more than a decade. The principals met in March to review the applications. The All-Star team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores.

The 2015 Team includes:

The 17 students who tied for the No. 1 ranking (in alphabetical order) are: **Jacqueline Bredenberg** of Royal Oak, Detroit County Day; **Andrew Demko** of Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills High School; **Kristen Gallett** of Farmington Hills, Farmington High School; **Andrew Gobis** of South Lyon, Detroit Catholic Central; **Charlie Hou** of Can-

ton, Plymouth High School; **Iris Huang** of Troy, Cranbrook Kingswood; **Vineet Jammalamadaka** of Novi, Novi High School; **Anselm Jia** of Bloomfield Township, International Academy; **Grace Milton** of Farmington Hills, Marian High School; **Mansoor Mubeen** of Bloomfield Hills, International Academy; **Rachel Ockner** of Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills High School; **Shantam Ravan** of Westland, Churchill High School; **Arthur Shi** of Novi, Novi High School; **Katie Wallace** of Bloomfield, Seaholm High School; **Shunhe Wang** of Northville, Northville High School; **Victoria Whydell** of Farmington Hills, Farmington High School, and **Kevin Xu** of Westland, Churchill High School.

Second through fourth are: **Michael Shi** of West Bloomfield, Wylie E. Groves High School; **Rohan Angle** of Farmington Hills, North Farmington High School, and **Naveen Jasti** of Troy, Detroit County Day.

Tied for fifth (in alphabetical order) are: **Sean Carey** of Plymouth, Canton High School; **Benjamin George** of Wixom, Detroit Catholic Central; **Maxwell Hermelin** of Bingham Farms, Cranbrook Kingswood; **Perry Jiang** of Northville, Northville High School; **Aniruddha Kappagantu** of Canton, Plymouth High School; **Aviral Pandey** of Farmington Hills, North Farmington High School; **Caleb Richter** of Belleville, Lutheran High School Westland; **Christopher Szymczak** of Farmington Hills, Southfield Christian School, and **Natalie Utley** of Birmingham, Seaholm High School.

Rounding out the outstanding team is **Safia Sayed** of Franklin, Wylie E. Groves High School.

The local runners-up include: **Drake Carpenter**, Wayne Memorial High School, Wayne; **Jacob Deering**, John Glenn High School, Westland; **Jacob Callender**, Garden City High School, Garden City; **David Radtke**, Garden City High School, Garden City; **Jasmine S. Pickens**, John Glenn High School, Inkster; **Tessa Leake**, Wayne Memorial High School, Westland, and **Rachel Wiggins**, Lutheran High School Westland, Redford.

OUR VIEW

Tornado sirens

When it's the real deal, are you prepared?

We're all used to hearing the testing of tornado sirens at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month, but did that one Wednesday, April 15, throw you off?

That test was in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week, but if you didn't know that, did you look up in the sky and think, what if?

What if it's not a test? What are you going to do? Where do you go? Where are your children? How do you contact them? What's their school's emergency dismissal policy?

The list of questions is virtually endless, but the time to figure out the answers is before a twister is heading your way.

So are you prepared? Planning starts with familiarizing yourself with the community's warning system and monitoring it. Learn the difference between sirens for a tornado watch and a tornado warning.

Severe thunderstorms often precede tornadoes and are a signal to turn on the radio or TV for current emergency information. If a **tornado watch** is issued, it means tornadoes are likely to occur in the area. Be prepared to take shelter quickly, check supply kits and continue monitoring broadcasts for updates.

A **tornado warning** indicates an imminent threat - a tornado has been sighted visually or by radar - and you need to take shelter immediately. Draw a floor plan of your home and illustrate and discuss how to get to shelter from every room. Indicate locations of first-aid kits and fire extinguishers and show how to use them. Show where valves and switches for gas, electricity and water are located and show how to turn them off. Make sure you have a supply of batteries on hand for flashlights and radios.

Beyond 9-1-1, create a list of important phone numbers - insurance agent, utility companies, neighbors, landlord or property manager. Make another list of medications, identification numbers for vehicles (cars, boats, etc.), banking account numbers and credit card account numbers and phone numbers.

We all have vital documents - insurance policies, Social Security cards, vehicle titles,

birth certificates - that need to be stored in a fire- and waterproof safe.

You can't eliminate every risk, but you can make your house safer. Do a walk-through of your home and make it tornado-ready. Store toxic materials safely. Secure large items (such as a bookcase) that might fall. Remove heavy items from shelves more than three feet high. Move beds and chairs away from windows, picture frames and mirrors.

Business owners need to be just as prepared as homeowners for a tornado. Employees need to be trained and familiar with emergency plans. Devise a system for knowing who is in the building and account for all - workers and customers - arriving in the shelter. In ad-

vance, assign duties to workers (and alternates) and create checklists.

There are legal requirements for an Emergency Action Plan for some businesses; check with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration to make sure you're in compliance.

There is a wealth of information available online to help plan for an emergency. The American Red Cross, NOAA and FEMA have developed a preparedness guide and it's a great place to start. Even if your family and business have plans in place, you need to get those out now and refresh everyone involved. Plan, equip, train and exercise. Don't wait until it's too late.

LETTERS

Talk to the children

I read with a young chum once a week. He asked me today if I saw the fighting in Baltimore. He seemed very concerned and upset.

I said, "Yes, I saw it on TV. There was fighting in Baltimore. I said it made me very sad to see and hear about it because I like Baltimore. I think it is a beautiful city."

He was still a little concerned, so I continued: "Did you see the Mother go and take her son from the fighting? She went right out there and found him throwing some rocks. She was two feet smaller than him and she walked right up to him and gave him a slap and told him to stop. She took him by the ear and took him home. She did good."

Then I told him, "And I saw a father on television, too. He took his two sons and their friends and cleaned up the debris and broken things on their street."

He told me had not seen either of those stories. When I told him about the father he asked, "Were the police happy about that?"

I said, "Yes. Everyone was happy about that. That was a good thing to do."

He seemed restored after this conversation. I know you probably talk to them every day, but your words are more important to your children and the children in your life than the vicious images we are shown on television.

Your truth will overcome all the lies.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

GUEST COLUMN

To all the teachers, thank you

It wasn't shaping up to be a good morning.

A late response to the alarm (followed by an even later breakfast) eventually culminated in a tardy drop-off when I kissed my son good-bye at the door of his preschool classroom.

But seconds later, I would learn that my timing was uncanny. Perfect, even.

Because if my son and I hadn't been late that morning, I wouldn't have witnessed the arrival of a school bus transporting special needs children just as I exited the building.

If we hadn't been late that morning, I wouldn't have crossed paths with the smiling, upbeat paraprofessional swathed in a thick parka and heavy wool scarf.

And if we hadn't been late that morning, I wouldn't have seen the way students genuinely lit up when they saw that this para was there to greet them.

What I saw that morning resonated on a deep level for a couple of reasons.

While I am a writer, yoga instructor and stay-at-home mom now, one could say that I took the scenic route to get here: I've sold everything from water coolers to cosmetics as an account executive; worked as an on-air television news reporter;



Courtney
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GUEST COLUMNIST

and served as deputy mayor of the City of Westland.

But my tenure as a long-term substitute teacher in a Franklin Middle School SXI class (while I studied to obtain my yoga teaching certification at night) was - unequivocally - the most challenging yet rewarding thing I've ever done.

On my first day, I knew that I wanted to be there. But, admittedly, I didn't know much else.

However, before long, I had learned that when all else failed, SpongeBob SquarePants could always make Tiffany smile; that Darren preferred his macaroni and cheese with ketchup; and that I shouldn't put Leah's mittens on until the very last minute because she would always find a way to remove them and fling them across the room.

So the first reason that para struck a chord in me that day was because I know her job is anything but easy.

But I also know that her job is more than just necessary.

It is important. The second reason was be-

cause, as a mother with a child in school, I completely identify with the inherent uncertainty that is part and parcel with separating with your child - particularly one who is very young.

But I'd bet the farm that the mothers of those students getting off the bus that day would be happy to know that when their son or daughter arrived at school, they were made to feel welcome. And they were cared for.

Isn't that what all parents hope for when we send our kids off every morning?

The para I saw that day had no idea that I was watching her.

But I know that there are teachers, secretaries and other staff just like her all over this district who value their responsibilities - and their students - all year long.

And I simply want to say thank you.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and over-sharing on Facebook at [facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair](https://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair).

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Livonia Girl Scout honored as Young Woman of Distinction

Natalie Apollinari, 17, of Livonia has been honored as the 2015 Young Woman of Distinction for Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. Her award was announced at Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan's annual Honor Reception on April 26 where she was also one of 17 girls to receive Girl Scout's highest honor: The Gold Award.



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Natalie Apollinari, 17, of Livonia has been honored as the 2015 Young Woman of Distinction for Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan for demonstrating extraordinary leadership and addressing a global issue with her final project.

The GSSEM Young Woman of Distinction Award is a special honor bestowed upon a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient whose final project demonstrates extraordinary leadership and addresses a global issue with measurable and sustainable impact. The Gold Award is presented to Senior and Ambassador level Girl Scouts who display exemplary service to their communities and beyond.

For her Gold Award project entitled, "Operation Global Literacy," Apollinari took action and gave children in grades K-8 in Kumasi, Africa, tools that will enhance their education. "These children speak English as their first language but face a material shortage for school supplies and books. Another issue I wanted to combat was the lack of parent involvement for schooling," Apollinari said. "I wanted the parents to see the benefit of an 'education today for a brighter future tomorrow,' which became my slogan."

Apollinari brought church parishioners, educators, Knights of Columbus and friends together to donate school supplies and books, package the items and ship everything. She also created literacy kits that contained hundreds of flash cards, journal prompts and an activity for younger students.

The kits were made a permanent staple in the curriculum in the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Theresa's parishes in Ghana, West Africa. The literacy kits will be instrumental in getting parents involved in education and instilling the joy of reading and learning in children.

"The Gold Award is a major undertaking for someone who is pretty young. The Young Woman of Distinction is a special honor bestowed upon a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient," said Denise Dalrymple, GSSEM Chief Executive Officer. "With her project, Natalie has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and skills to address a global issue with measurable and sustainable impact."

As the Young Woman of Distinction, Apollinari will serve a GSSEM am-

bassador for one year and will be charged with building girl relationships, advocacy and public speaking. She will also receive a scholarship from the Nancy L. Philippart and Thomas F. McGrail Fund. Apollinari is graduating from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and is a member of Troop 44220.

The requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award start with completing two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Journeys or having earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and completing one Senior or Ambassador Journey. Each Journey completed gives girls the skills needed to plan and implement a Take Action project to create sustainable change in their community. After fulfilling the Journey(s) requirement, girls are ready to begin their project. They must complete the following steps: identify an issue, investigate it thoroughly, build a team, create and present a plan, gather feedback, take action, and educate and inspire others. Girls dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to completing their projects.

"Journeys" is the flagship program of the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). GSLE centers on three key processes of leadership: Discover, Connect, and Take Action. Through the "Journeys" experiences, girls discover a sense of self, connect with others for friendship and teamwork, and take action to make the world a better place.

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Vets: Agent Orange affecting kids, grandkids

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Canton resident Lori Weber has undergone 25 orthopedic surgeries for birth defects that have been attributed to her father's Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War.

"If my mother had served, I would be compensated," said the 38-year-old former teacher, who is now on disability. "It was through the process of elimination it was discovered to be Agent Orange. There are other individuals with the same conditions and their fathers also served in Vietnam."



Today, Weber walks on crutches or uses a wheelchair to remain mobile and independent.

Weber will be one of a number of speakers at the Agent Orange Town Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Northville High School auditorium, 45700 Six

Mile. The town hall is the second in a series of four annual forums spotlighting Agent Orange that is expected to draw hundreds of attendees. The forums that began last year with an introduction and history of the herbicide's use during the war is hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Vietnam Veterans, Chapters 528 of Plymouth. Planners from Chapter 528 include: Don Dignan, Bob Dew, John Spencer, Dick Waldecker, Joe Tebor, Dennis Waling and Ron King.

This year's forum will focus on the impact Agent Orange has had not only on veterans, but their descendants, spanning some seven generations. "We are focusing on education," said VVA member Ron King, a search and rescue pilot who served in Vietnam 1971-72.

Weber is one of those descendants, as his her 11-year-old son, who was born prematurely and is suffering digestive issues, severe asthma and had to wear a torticollis helmet for his head as an infant. Already, Weber said, she has noticed her son's arms can bend in peculiar ways.

"I can go down the list and check things off," she said, of the similarities other children and grandchildren of Vietnam vets are experiencing.

And that will be the focus of the Saturday town hall, which will feature keynote speaker, Trude Bennett, an expert in childhood diseases, who has studied the impact of Agent Orange use. She is an associate professor emerita in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the University of North Carolina.

"These illnesses (displayed by Vietnam veteran descendants) have not



Northville High School is at 45700 Six Mile.

been found to be in families," said Waling, a member of Chapter 528 Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America.

The goal of the town hall, committee members said, is to inform the general public, Vietnam veterans and their children and grand-children of the potential effects of Agent Orange. "There has never been an emphasis put on veterans," said Dew, Agent Orange committee chair.

But plenty of others, including chapter members and author Ed Martini, who wrote the go-to book on the herbicide, *Agent Orange 2012*, will speak on Saturday. They have been studying and following the impact of the herbicide that comes with plenty of politics and history.

Waldecker, VVA Plymouth first vice president, last week had a series of books detailing the Agent Orange impact, at the chapter on Mill Street. President Franklin Roosevelt chose not to use the herbicide during World War II. Vietnam was another matter.

"In 1961, the government looked at Vietnam as a place to fight communism," Waldecker said.

Spraying started on Jan. 9, 1962, in the Mekong Delta. It was distributed over foliage and crops — anywhere the Viet Cong were believed to be hiding. It was sprayed from a U.S. Air

Force C-123, which completed about 90 percent of all of the Agent Orange distribution.

Like many veterans, the members of the C-123 crew were never compensated for their illnesses due to Agent Orange exposure, Waldecker said.

By 1967-68, the U.S. Department of Defense had already begun investigating the impact of the herbicide on humans. But then-President Richard Nixon in 1971 overrode the department's concerns. "We were going to use superior technology to beat the enemy," Waldecker said.

Returning veterans had already displayed health issues. "They were all suspicious illnesses," Dignan said. "A test was created for dioxins."

Lawsuits were filed against the chemical companies — including Dow Chemical — that produced Agent Orange. Approximately \$180 million of the lawsuit settlement was put aside and provided to certain veterans. "There was no determination what they were suffering from, but they were ill," Dignan said, adding some 41 presumptive illnesses were tied to the agent.

The chemical companies and federal government, nonetheless, have never admitted guilt or negligence with the human effects from Agent Orange. "We aren't trying to blame anyone," Dew

said. Two bills, however, are in committee in the U.S. Congress that would create the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015. If enacted, the legislation — U.S. Senate Bill 901 and U.S. House Bill 1769 — would create within the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health condition for descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service.

"Part of the issue is that veterans may not have symptoms," said Beth Meade, who is helping the chapter with publicity. "That's why education is so important. Hopefully, this will lead to coverage for the kids."

Educating physicians is also part of the push. "We need to wake them up," Waling said, adding that physicians must be made aware of the potential effects on future generations.

Though Weber was born with hip and spine defects, the impact made itself glaringly visible by the time she was a teenager. Doctors eliminated potential causes, such as connective tissue disorder. She has had two spine fusions and three hip replacements. The problem is that she doesn't heal. The cartilage tears at a rapid rate. Her endocrinologist has formally gone on record relating her health problems to Agent Orange.

Weber's physicians also supported including her in a study of the Agent Orange impact. But her insurance would not cover the \$20,000 bill or the total cost of her wheelchair. "We are now seeing veterans in their 60s having illnesses. Without a national study, there will be no funding. The things we have found out are just crazy," Weber said.

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

Churchill outraces Shamrocks for title

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Host Livonia Churchill scored early, often and – most importantly – more points than the other 12 teams at Saturday's Observerland Relays, which were blessed with near-perfect weather conditions.

The Chargers ran up 97 points to out-distance runner-up Detroit Catholic Central by 10 points. Salem and Livonia Stevenson tied for third with 55.

Churchill's field-events crew spearheaded the championship by churning out a chunk of early points. The Chargers were bolstered by a 1-2-5 finish in the pole vault thanks to solid efforts from Ethan Burke (14 feet), Caleb Guthard (13 feet, six inches) and Kyle Reppenhagen (12 feet, 6 inches).

Charger Shakur Lockett locked down the long-jump title with a leap of 21-4 to out-sail runner-up Tahj Banner of Redford Thursotn (19-10) and teammate Lee Yetts (19-9.5).

Farmington's Vonn Pallett was a beast in the throws, winning the shot put with a heave of 53-6.25 before taking second in the discus (155-7). John Glenn's Deshawn Baker-Williams blocked Pallett's shot at a sweep by winning the discus event with a toss of 160-2.

Catholic Central went 1-2 in the high jump thanks to soaring efforts from Lance Yassay (6-5) and Ike Marchie (6-1).

CC's distance quartet of Brian Clark, Avery Felty, Scott Smith and Ty Buckley proved to have a little more endurance than runner-up Plymouth in the 6,400-meter relay, outlasting the Wildcats by four seconds with a time of 18:45.41.

Churchill nipped second-place Salem in the sprint-medley relay by just over a half-second before CC's distance foursome of Alex McLaren, Collin Brefka, Ben Racine and Brendan Canavan won the distance medley relay in 11:18.93.

The Chargers' point total was padded mid-way through the finals thanks to a first-place showing in the 3,200 relay, which was powered by strong perfor-

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Senior hurdler Tim Dulin contributed to Churchill's winning point total Saturday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Stevenson's Kennedy Thurlow clears a ball out of the 18-yard box Monday night against Northville.

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SPARTANS' LATE RUN DEFUSED

Pivotal plays by seniors preserve victory for Northville

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

"Dangerous" was Audrey Kopitz's middle name Monday night, so when the hard-charging Livonia Stevenson freshman forward pushed the ball through the midsection of the Northville High School soccer field and into the heart of the 18-yard box, it appeared the 2-1 lead the Mustangs owned was about to become a lease.

But a split second before Kopitz could pull the trigger on a potential game-tying shot, Northville defender Morgan Gozdor did what seniors do, separating the Spartans' sparkplug from the ball on the door-step of the goal.

Approximately one minute later, Northville forward Kelly McHugh followed her senior teammate's lead by punching in a perfectly-placed rainbow goal to close the scoring in the hosts' 3-1 victory.

"Being a senior, Morgan's been in that same situation many, many times, so she knows what it takes to defend our field," said Northville head coach Eric Brucker. "I had all the confidence in the world that she would run that girl down."

The triumph improved Northville's record to 9-3-4 overall and 6-0-2 in the Central. The Mustangs are deadlocked atop the standings with Novi with a scintillating showdown featuring the front-runners looming in the coming weeks.

Stevenson head coach Chris Grodzicki, whose team slipped to 5-7-3 and 3-3-1, respectively, agreed that Gozdor's play to defuse Kopitz was a game-changer, especially considering that the Spartans had a firm grip on the momentum after Megan Verant's rocket into the upper-left corner of the net five minutes earlier had cut the hosts' semi-comfortable 2-0 lead in



Stevenson goal-keeper Hannah Reamer (20) and defender Maddy Caves (4) make it doubly tough for Northville's Alana Dorfstatter to score.

ED WRIGHT

half. "Any time I have Audrey dribbling through the middle of the field like that, I'll take it every time," Grodzicki said. "She was tired, but she forced the defender to make a great play, and the girl did. You kind of knew after that happened that it might not be in the cards for us tonight."

Senior goalie Emily Maresh earned the win between the pipes for the Mustangs. Her most impressive save of the night came with 11:20 left when she deflected a point-blank shot by Verant over the crossbar.

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North Brothers 5K Fun Run

The 17th Annual North Brothers Ford & City of Westland Fun Run/Walk benefiting the Karmanos Cancer Institute will be held Saturday, May 16, at the new Westland Farmers Market beginning at 9 a.m.

All proceeds raised by the event will go toward the local Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for Cancer Research.

To register for the 5K Fun Run/Walk, visit www.northbros.com.

Registration fees are \$13 for students 18 years old and younger; \$17 for adults who pre-register and \$20 for adults who register after May 9.

Registration fee includes a cotton event T-shirt (mesh performance running shirts are available for an additional charge). For more information, contact Jackie at North Brothers Ford at 855-739-2023.

Softball fundraiser

On Monday, May 11, the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson softball teams will square off in a game at Ford Field that will raise funds for the American Heart Association.

The games – the junior varsity contest is set for 6 p.m. and the varsity game at 8 p.m. – will also be played as a tribute to Dominic Gentilia, a long-time Churchill supporter and father of Chargers coach Steve Gentilia, who passed away in February.

In addition to donations, there will be a 50/50 raffle held with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association.

Stevenson 5K

The Livonia Stevenson Spartan 5K Run and One mile Walk will be held May 17 on the high school's campus. The event will feature a runner/walker-friendly USATF-certified course that will take participants from the SHS campus through quiet, tree-lined neighborhoods before returning to the school.

All proceeds will benefit the SHS Booster Club. Age-group awards will be presented to runners in the 5K event. There will also be random prize drawings thanks to donations from sponsors.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$25. The one-mile run/walk is free. Registration forms are available throughout the community and online.

Registration and runner check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K event set to start at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Rick Brauer at 734-643-6664 or rickjbrauer@mi.rr.com.



Proceeds from the Spartan 5K benefit the SHS Booster Club.

Hole-in-one

Livonia resident Tim Durham aced the par 3 171-yard fifth hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Sunday, April 26. It was the first hole-in-one for the 49-year-old Durham, who has been playing the sport for 35 years.

The memorable shot was the first of the day for Durham, who was playing in the Cupcake Open, an annual three-man scramble event hosted by Whispering Willows.

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By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Once Nick Bell started paying a little closer attention to his father's advice, bowling pins haven't stood a chance of staying upright in the path of the Westland John Glenn senior's unique full-roller track

delivery. Bell, one of the most productive bowlers in the history of the Rockets' program and the only one to bowl a sanctioned 300, registered a KLAA-best average of 216.3 this past season while earning multiple all-conference and all-Observer honors.

Coaches at several college bowling programs took notice, including Doug Spicer at Concordia University, where Bell will continue his competitive



Westland John Glenn senior Nick Bell is congratulated by Concordia University men's bowling coach Doug Spicer after signing a letter of intent to compete for the Cardinals beginning with the 2015-16 season. Also pictured are Nick's parents, Cathy and George.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Blazers get revenge on Mercy, 2-1

Livonia Ladywood moved a step closer to making the Catholic League girls soccer playoffs by turning the tables Tuesday night on visiting Farmington Hills Mercy, 2-1.

Conner Huggins broke a 1-1 deadlock with a goal in the 70th minute off an assist from Taylor Bullard as the Blazers avenged Saturday's 2-1

setback to the Marlins.

Ladywood, which outshot the Marlins 11-4, took a 1-0 lead in the 26th minute on Clare Kelley's goal, but the Marlins (3-4-2 league) answered two minutes into the second half on a goal by Miranda Konja.

Ladywood goalkeeper Holly Cusick had to make just one save as the Blazers improved to 10-4-3

overall and 5-3-1 in Division 1 of the Catholic League.

"It was a must win for us tonight and the girls got it done," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We are the walking wounded after three league games in five days. We will relax for a few days and get ready for (Warren) Regina on Saturday."

With Regina losing 2-0 to Division 1 leader Birmingham Marian, the Blazers need only a win or a draw to make the playoffs. Ladywood travels Saturday to Regina. Game time is noon.

MERCY 2, LADYWOOD 1: Alex Griffin scored goals in the third and 26th minutes Saturday to propel host Farmington Hills Mercy to a Catholic League Division 1 victory over Livonia Ladywood (9-4-3, 4-3-1). Ladywood cut the deficit to one on

Conner Huggins' goal from Bri Rogers in the 60th minute, but the Blazers were shut out the rest of the way and now must win their final two games to reach the Catholic League playoffs.

Mercy improved to 3-2-3 in the Catholic League. "We knew today would be tough coming off of a very intense game yesterday," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Marlins, 13-4. "We got countered twice early, which allowed Mercy to take a defensive shape for the second half. Our girls fought hard but just couldn't get the equalizer."

Holly Cusick made one save in goal for the Blazers. **LADYWOOD 2, MARIAN 2:** In a battle of Division 2 state-ranked teams

Friday, host Livonia Ladywood (9-3-2, 4-2-1) settled for draw against top-ranked Birmingham Marian (9-0-3, 6-0-1) in a Division 1 Catholic League encounter.

The Blazers led 2-0 through 55 minutes on first-half goal by Elise Pollock (free kick) followed by Taylor Bullard's tally (from Emma Smalley), but the Mustangs evened the count on goals by Lorraine Sorey (59th minute) and Jaclyn Engel (69th minute on a penalty kick from a handball).

"Big-time unlucky on the hand ball that resulted in the penalty kick at the end," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought our girls played fantastic tonight."

Ladywood goalkeeper Holly Cusick made three saves, while Megan Bricely had two for the Mustangs.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Fielding miscues doom Thurston

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Errors plagued Redford Thurston's softball team during Monday's 12-2 five-inning loss to host Dearborn Fordson.

Fielding woes accounted for seven of the Tractors' runs and spoiled a stellar mound effort from starting pitcher Rachel Pegouske, who struck out two and walked seven.

Thurston managed to record just one hit against the Tractors' No. 1 pitcher.

The Eagles' only hit was a memorable one: Ivory Mamo's home run.

The loss dropped Thurston's record to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

RU pounds Robichaud

Senior pitcher Arielle Rozier-Gaines struck out 10 batters to lead Redford Union to an emphatic victory over Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Monday afternoon.

The victory improved the Panthers' record to 3-1 in the WWAC Red Division.

Rozier-Gaines walked three Bulldogs and didn't allow a hit.

Offensively, Danna Archobold Mejia went 2-for-3 with two runs

while Sophie Kanar lashed three hits and scored three times. Kaitlin Bastianelli (2-for-4, three runs) and Kyionna Hardin (3-for-4, four runs) also added to the Panthers' big day at the plate.

Annapolis trumps Trojans

In a game between last year's conference champions, Dearborn Heights Annapolis got the better of Livonia Clarenceville in four innings Monday, 16-0.

The Clarenceville defense committed six costly errors. Senior Emily Schwartz took the tough loss (2-5), allowing 13 hits and 16 runs (eight earned).

Offensively, Clarenceville only had two hits — both from sophomore Claudia Moore — and scored its loan run on a passed ball.

Schwartz, senior Mia Sampson and junior Nicole Scott were the other Lady Trojan base runners by way of walk.

Annapolis pitcher Kara Roberts controlled the game, striking out 10 and walking three in four innings of work.

The Cougars put together a 14-run second inning. Ashleigh Miller was on base all four times with three singles, a double and three runs. Roberts had two hits and

scored a run.

— Dan O'Meara

Northville drops Patriots

Franklin dropped an 11-1 five-inning decision to visiting Northville on Monday. Losing pitcher Alaina DeFrain yielded 11 hits and three walks while striking out one. Becky Giacobbi sparked the Patriots' offense with two singles and a run. Brooke Garbarino added a single and RBI to Franklin's seven-hit attack. Franklin slipped to 8-9 overall and 6-5 in the KLA A Kensington Conference.

The Mustangs scored four runs in the first inning, four in the second and three in the third. The Patriots plated their lone run in the first.

'Cats claw Spartans

Plymouth defeated visiting Livonia Stevenson 7-1 on Monday. Freshman Sarah Mesack and senior Natalie combined on the mound to give up five earned runs. Senior Laura Coleman launched a solo home run for the Spartans and junior Cori Wilson added two hits.

The Spartans went 1-2 at the Churchill Classic, losing to Melvindale (7-0) and Riverview Gabriel Richard (4-1) while beating Lakeview (7-2).

RELAYS

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mances from Jon Alessandrini, Matt Coban, Brendan Meakin and Dash Dobar.

The 110 high hurdles competition featured a duel between Redford runners as Thurston's Laymon Giddings-Whately outstretched RU's Keyon Thomas by a fraction of a second to claim the title.

Not surprisingly, the 100-meter dash was decided by less than a stride as RU's Reginald Jennings (11.39) edged Garden City freshman Eian Castonguay (11.51), Canton's Jacob Mallad (11.57) and Churchill's Carrington Smith (11.63) in a breath-taking final.

John Glenn came on strong toward the end, winning the 800 relay (Johnathan Parker, Austin Hickerson, Kenyatta Mason, Freddie Thompson) and the 1,600 relay, thanks to stellar efforts from Austin Hamlett, Mason, Thompson and Hickerson.

Wayne Memorial's Malik Jordan won the 1,600 by over eight seconds over CC's Mark Borek while the Chargers put a stamp on a gold-medal day when its 400 relay team of Lockett, Paul Romain, Yetts and Smith won its event in 44.28.

2015 Observerland Relays Saturday at Livonia Churchill
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 97; 2. Detroit Catholic Central, 87; 3. (tie) Salem and Livonia Stevenson, 55; 5. Canton, 49; 6. Westland John Glenn, 41; 7. Redford Union, 20; 8. Livonia Franklin, 19; 9. Farmington, 18; 10. (tie) Plymouth and Wayne Memorial, 14; 12. (tie) Garden City and Redford Thurston, 13.
Shot put: 1. Vonn Pallett (P), 53 feet, 6.25 inches; 2. Michael Jordan (P), 51-7; 3. Nick Hitchcock (LS), 48.5; 4. Deshawn Baker-Williams (JG), 46-8.5; 5. Michael Misiak (CC), 45-9; 6. Shane Joyce (CC), 45-2.
Discus: 1. Baker-Williams (JG), 160-2; 2. Pallett (P), 155-7; 3. Hitchcock (LS), 145-10; 4. Demarco McKinney (CC), 138-3; 5. Misiak (CC), 137-2; 6. Joyce (CC), 133-9.
Pole vault: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 14-0; 2. Caleb Guthard (LC), 13-6; 3. Theodore Lang (C), 13-0; 4. Andrew Koenigsnecht (C), 12-6; 5. Kyle Reppenhausen (LC), 12-6; 6. Jason Morhan (WJG), 12-0.
Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett (LC), 21-4; 2. Tahj Banner (RT), 19-10; 3. Lee Yetts (LC), 19-9.5; 4. Ike Marchie (CC), 19-6.5; 5. Brendan Smith (CC), 19-6.25; 6. Jacob Miller (S), 19-1.5.
High jump: 1. Lance Yassay (CC), 6-5; 2. Marchie (C), 6-1; 3. (tie) Alex MacDonald (C) and Allante Wheeler (S), 5-11; 5. (tie) Dhruv Patel (S) and Reginald Jennings (RU), 5-11.
6,400-meter relay: 1. Catholic Central (Brian Clark, Avery Fely, Scott Smith, Ty Buckley), 18:45.41; 2. Plymouth, 18:49.50; 3. Franklin, 19:00.86; 4. Wayne, 19:02.67; 5. Churchill, 19:07.09; 6. Stevenson, 19:26.82.

Sprint medley relay: 1. Churchill, 2:31.42; 2. Salem, 2:32.04; 3. Canton, 2:32.47; 4. John Glenn, 2:34.79; 5. Stevenson, 2:34.81; 6. Catholic Central, 2:36.29.
Distance medley relay: 1. Catholic Central (Alex McLaren, Colin Breika, Ben Racine, Brendan Canavan), 11:18.93; 2. Franklin 11:32.37; 3. Canton, 11:36.11; 4. Churchill, 11:37.98; 5. Stevenson, 11:38.71; 6. Plymouth, 11:48.32.
440 shuttle hurdles relay: 1. Catholic Central (Lance Yassay, Anthony Schluentz, Marchie, Donovan D'Amore), 1:02.23; 2. Churchill, 1:06.31; 3. Salem, 1:06.85; 4. Stevenson, 1:08.87; 5. Canon, 1:10.85; 6. Franklin, 1:12.83.
3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Jon Alessandrini, Matt Coban, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar), 8:12.63; 2. Stevenson, 8:23.56; 3. Salem, 8:31.59; 4. Plymouth, 8:34.88; 5. Catholic Central, 8:39.09; 6. Garden City, 8:48.38.
110 high hurdles: 1. Laymon Giddings-Whately (RT), 15.20; 2. Keyon Thomas (RU), 15.37; 3. D'Amore (CC), 15.55; 4. Denzel Tinsley (GC), 15.62; 5. Freddie Thompson (JG), 15.67; 6. Tim Duin (LC), 15.88.
100 dash: 1. Reginald Jennings (RU), 11.39; 2. Eian Castonguay (GC), 11.51; 3. Jacob Mallad (C), 11.57; 4. Carrington Smith (LC), 11.63; 5. LaDarius Sharpe (LS), 11.64; 6. Alonzo McCoy (RT), 11.68.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Austin Hickerson, Kenyatta Mason, Thompson), 1:30.53; 2. Churchill, 1:30.74; 3. Salem, 1:31.94; 4. Canton, 1:32.89; 5. Stevenson, 1:34.0; 6. Farmington, 1:34.84.
1,600 run: 1. Malik Jordan (WM), 4:34.38; 2. Mark Borek (CC), 4:42.53; 3. Jacob Kubinski (S), 4:50.11; 4. Tyler Opydke (LC), 4:50.91; 5. Nathan Ward (LS), 4:53.11; 6. Ben Biber (JG), 4:57.17.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Shakur Lockett, Paul Romain, Lee Yetts, Carrington Smith), 44.28; 2. John Glenn, 44.29; 3. Salem, 44.45; 4. Stevenson, 44.58; 5. Canton, 45.27; 6. Farmington, 45.28.
1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn (Austin Hamlett, Kenyatta Mason, Thompson, Hickerson), 3:26.47; 2. Canton, 3:32.86; 3. Churchill, 3:34.0; 4. Stevenson, 3:37.47; 5. Catholic Central, 3:38.79; 6. Franklin, 3:40.90.
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SOCCER

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While Maresh was strong, Brucker said the Mustangs' unsung hero was senior center-back Tara Pawloski.

"She so even-keeled and nonchalant back there, but she keeps us in the game," said Brucker. "Toward the end of the first half they had a couple of through balls that if Tara doesn't get a touch on the them, it's off to the races."

The defensive play of the night for Stevenson

was turned in by freshman Kennedy Thurlow, who cleared a Northville shot off the goal line seven minutes into the second half to keep her team's deficit at one goal.


Northville grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute when Abby Henzi touched in her own rebound from close range after Stevenson starting keeper Hannah Reamer couldn't quite secure the handle on Henzi's initial attempt.

The Spartans came within inches of drawing even 2:20 into the second stanza, but Kayla Ga-

cioch's high-arching shot from just outside the box bounced off the cross-bar.

Maddy Westenberg's goal from McHugh with 26:04 remaining in the contest made it 2-0. Kelsey Estes threatened to make it 3-0 seven minutes later when her looping shot from 25 yards out rocked the cross-bar.

Stevenson made it interesting with Verant's goal and still 8:55 showing on the clock, but the Mustangs buckled down when they had to.



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BELL

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career beginning with the 2015-16 season.

"I've been bowling since I was 4, but I started taking it pretty seriously when I was 13, which is when I started listening to my dad more," said Bell. "He is a really good bowler — his average was about 234 back in his prime — so once I realized that what he was telling me was going to make me better, my average went from 154 to 173 in one season."

George Bell is a member of the 2014-15 Michigan State USBC Youth Association Board of Directors.

The owner of 18 bowling balls — Nick Bell takes six or so to each competition and picks

the one he'll use after determining lane conditions — Bell said he regularly bowls around 18 practice games a week, except for the month of August which he takes off.

The right-hander's ball track is non-traditional in that it doesn't break until it is a good distance down the lane.

"I was getting a new ball drilled a couple summers ago and the guy drilling the ball watched the track of my ball and said it was a full roller," Bell recounted. "It goes further down the lane before reacting to the lane conditions than most people's track."

Bell notched his milestone 300 game during the Wayne County Championship tournament in January.

"My dad and I had always talked about

bowling a 300, and he told me it would happen one day," Bell said. "It was pretty cool when it happened because my dad was there to see it. I was a little nervous the first two balls of the 10th frame, but once I struck on those the nerves kind of went away."

In addition to possessing a ton of talent, Bell has the intangibles necessary to excel, said John Glenn head coach Ron Staples.

"What Nick has that most bowlers do not have is adjustment instincts," said Staples. "He can adjust to the lane conditions early and still score."

A 3.2 student at John Glenn, Bell plans on majoring in sports medicine at Concordia with a minor in computer studies.

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CITY OF WAYNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE PROPOSED 2015–2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET,
AND THE 2015 PROPERTY TAX RATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan will hold a public hearing to take testimony and discuss the City's Budget for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at the City Council Chambers, 35000 Sims, Wayne, Michigan 48184. This hearing is being held pursuant to Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Truth in Budgeting, MCL 141.436).

Last Fiscal Year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015), the City of Wayne levied 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, .1347 mill for Act 359 (adver/promo), 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste. The proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget recommends 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, .1322 mill for Act 359 (adver/promo), 3.0000 mills for Act 345, 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste. If adopted the proposed millage will increase property taxes by 3.0000 mills for all parcels.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at: City Clerk's Office, Temporary Wayne City Hall (Vandenberg Elementary School), from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 32101 Stellwagen Street, Wayne, Michigan, 48184, Telephone: (734) 722-2000.

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

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

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Steady reign: Chargers submerge Patriots

Churchill in control during 3-0 victory over Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was raining, chilly and damp throughout Tuesday night's Franklin-Churchill girls soccer match, but Charger senior mid-fielder Erin Emmanuel was on fire.

After sitting out Churchill's early-season encounter against Franklin due to an injury, Emmanuel made up for lost time by playing perhaps her most complete game since returning to high school soccer after two years of high-level spring club action.

A dynamic force in the mid-field and everywhere else, for that matter, Emmanuel scored a goal, registered a highlight-reel assist on the Chargers' third goal in their eventual 3-0 triumph and nearly missed making it 4-0 when her searing shot from 25 yards out bent the crossbar before dropping straight down, just inches in front of the goal line.

"I'm definitely a lot more comfortable playing with this team compared to the beginning of the season," said Emmanuel, who will play college



Churchill's Alivia Kondrath shadows Franklin's Madison Kean during the first half of Tuesday's game.

soccer beginning in the fall with St. Louis University. "There was an adjustment period.

"I like playing attacking mid and I thought we had a lot of

good movement tonight. We got our backs releasing out wide, which creates more space."

"Erin was the best player out there tonight," confirmed Churchill head coach Reid Frie-

drichs, whose team improved to 8-2-4. "This was our best game of the season. Our ball movement was outstanding. I don't think we had the ball out of their end the first 25 minutes of the second half."

Franklin entered the game as one of the hottest teams around, having posted shut-outs in four consecutive games.

But the Chargers broke the Patriots' no-goals-allowed streak 14 minutes in when Lauren Wynns' free kick curled into the box, bounced once and deflected off a Franklin player before bounding into the net.

Just under four minutes into the second half, Emmanuel settled a nice feed from Alexis Lubonja five yards in front of the net and touched a ground-hugging shot past Franklin keeper Kathryn MacRae, who was solid most of the night despite yielding three goals.

Churchill's third goal was its most dynamic as Emmanuel beat one defender, then - while carrying the ball parallel to the end line, fought off a second defender's pressing attempts to separate her from the ball before threading a rope to a cutting Sara Taylor, who one-timed the ball into the back of the twine.

"At first I was just trying to shield the defender off the ball, then I made a little move to try and get her to freeze," Emman-

uel explained. "I saw Sara cut, I got her the ball and she did a nice job of finishing."

"We had been playing well coming in, but tonight wasn't our night," said Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski. "Churchill did a good job of controlling the ball and we were reacting instead of putting the pressure on them."

"One thing that hurt us in the second half was when Sara Cable got dinged up and had to leave the game. We were going to change some things up offensively, and she was a key part of the changes."

Franklin slipped to 4-6-2 overall and 3-5-2 in the KLAA South Division.

Tractors plow Trojans

Dearborn Fordson mercied host Clarenceville in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game Monday, 8-0. The Lady Trojans are 3-7 overall.

"We had a rough game, lacking some communication and placement on the field," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We weren't clicking as much as we were at the end of last week."

"Sarah Curvin and Samantha Franco stopped a lot of scoring opportunities on goal. Jordan See and Dawn Longoria made smart efforts in the middle to try to create scoring opportunities."

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

John Glenn's Wetmore outstanding in 1-0 win

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn senior pitcher Brendan Wetmore has resembled a high-performance lawn mower this spring and opposing hitters have looked like blades of grass.

In last week's 1-0 gem against Plymouth, Wetmore lowered his miniscule earned run average to 0.89 when he limited the hard-hitting Wildcats to just three hits while striking out 12.

"He's very crafty and his location his outstanding," said John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer of Wetmore.

The lefty also got it done at the plate against Plymouth, going 1-for-3 while knocking in the only run of the game with a third-inning single.

John Glenn dropped the nightcap to the Wildcats, 4-3, but freshman pitcher Brian Martin was outstanding, striking out nine while scattering seven hits in a complete-game effort.

"Brian pitched well; I can't ask for a much better performance, especially from a freshman," said Scheffer.

Zach Croft had a nice afternoon at the plate in the second game, going 2-for-4 with an RBI. Wetmore went 3-for-4 with a run and Martin helped his own cause with an RBI hit.

On Saturday, the Rockets split a pair of games while participating in the Big 16 tournament hosted by Farmington High School.

Croft knocked in the lone run in John Glenn's 7-1 loss to the host Falcons. In Saturday's second game Jordan Fuchs improved his mound record to 3-0 by yielding just four hits in the Rockets' 7-2 victory over

Waterford Kettering.

Big hitters in the win over Kettering were Martin (2-for-4) and Croft (two runs, two RBI). Reed Zielinski (2-for-4, run, RBI) and Bernard Snell (2-for-3, two runs, RBI) also swung potent bats for the winners.

The Rockets earned a heart-pounding 6-5 victory over Salem on Monday in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover match-up. Noah Damian's two-run, one-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning powered the walk-off win, lifting John Glenn's record to 8-11 overall and 2-7 in the conference.

Kyle Smith earned the victory with four scoreless innings of relief. Damian's clutch hit plated Snell and Zielinski. Martin was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Garden City wins

Garden City scored two runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to record an 8-7 walk-off victory over visiting Romulus.

The dramatic win improved the Cougars' record to 9-7 overall and 3-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

Trailing 7-4 in the sixth, Trent Wallace ripped a two-run single to score Jassen Matuscak and Nick Montroy (who was running for Brandon Thompson, who had doubled).

In the seventh Alex Centofanti laced a lead-off single that preceded back-to-back bunt singles by Tyler Kelly and Travis Kidd.

Vinnie Bakerian followed with a deep fly ball to left field that was dropped by the Eagles' fielder, allowing Centofanti to score. Kelly then came



John Glenn's Reed Zielinski takes a level cut at a pitch during a game earlier this season.

home on a wild pitch to win the game.

Kyle Wladyskiak threw a complete game, striking out seven while issuing just two walks. Wladyskiak yielded just three earned runs.

On Saturday, the Cougars split a pair of games while competing in the New Boston Huron Invitational. In its first-game loss, GC got two hits from Travis Kidd and Brandon Thompson while Centofanti, Avery Emerson, Dakota Mahkimetass and Kelly notched one hit each.

GC won the second game 12-4 over Summit Academy of Romulus. Kelly earned the win, giving up just one hit and one earned run over six innings. He struck out nine.

Offensively, Adam Crunk (two hits, two RBI) and Nick Montroy (two hits) swung potent bats. Wallace, Mahkimetass, Wladyskiak, Kelly, Bakerian and Kidd all chipped in with a hit, run and RBI.

Chargers upend Novi

Livonia Churchill held on for an exciting 6-4 victory over

Novi Monday afternoon.

Connor Pawlak was the winning pitcher after delivering 1.2 innings of shut-out relief. Steve Szymanski earned the save by getting pinch-hitter Noah Matthews to pop out to second with runners on second and third and two outs in the seventh.

Starting pitcher James Rintala yielded seven hits and three walks in five innings. He struck out five.

Szymanski was outstanding at the plate, going 3-for-4 contributing a double, triple, two runs and two RBI. Jon Hovermale also had a big day, going 2-for-3 with a walk, three RBI and a clutch two-run single in the bottom of the sixth to break a 4-4 tie.

Joey Carn drilled three hits and added two stolen bases for Novi. Brenden Wexler went 2-for-2 with a sacrifice fly for the Wildcats.

Clarenceville's Menifee shines

Junior Ryan Menifee pitched a two-hit shutout, struck out 11 and walked one

Monday in Clarenceville's 6-0 win over Annapolis.

The victory put the Trojans, who are 4-1 in the WWAC White Division, in sole possession of second place, just one game behind Redford Union.

"Ryan was very good today," coach Craig Cotter said. "He mixed up his pitches well, changed the eye level of hitters and kept them off balance all game."

In the fourth inning of a scoreless game, Mitch Kubiak led off with a single; Adam Sade walked and Ronnie Topolewski hit a two-run double to center field.

Freshman Nick Bisaro singled Topolewski to third, and Menifee ripped a two-out double down the left-field line for a 4-0 lead.

"It was great to finally put a big inning together," Cotter said. "We have been struggling to get hits with men in scoring position."

The Trojans scored two more times in the sixth. Topolewski legged out a check swing to the pitcher, who could not find the handle, and later scored on a passed ball.

Pinch-hitter Kam MacIver ripped an RBI single to right-center to score the sixth run. "Kam had a great at-bat," Cotter said. "He fouled off a couple two-strike pitches and then got a pitch he could drive."

Spartans take two

On Saturday, Livonia Stevenson swept a pair of non-conference games against OAA opponents, upending Southfield Lathrup, 10-3, and Birmingham Groves, 5-4.

The pair of victories improved the Spartans' record to 14-5.

Stevenson's offense was efficient against Lathrup, plating 10 runs on eight hits. The Spartans led just 3-2 after four innings before breaking loose for three runs in the fifth and two each in the sixth and seventh.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Spartans win third straight weekend tournament

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson trophy case is going to need an expansion if the school's tennis team continues to thrive like it has the past few weeks.

On Saturday, the Spartans outscored teams from Livonia Ladywood, Livonia Franklin and Howell to capture their third consecutive title.

RU update

Redford Union closed out a season sweep of Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Monday. The Panthers swept all but one of the six matches played. The only non-sweep featured a dramatic rally by RU's Jesse Kramer, who dropped the first

set 6-2 before coming back to win 6-0 and 10-3 (in the tie-breaker).

The Panthers finished fifth with 10 points at the Wayne Memorial Zebra Classic. Leading the RU point brigade were No. 1 singles player Abby Walters, No. 4 singles player Mikayla Jones and the No. 5 doubles team of Bria White and Cree Tootoosis, all of whom medaled with third-place showings.

Hartland defeats Wayne

Wayne Memorial dropped a KLAA cross-over match to Hartland Monday by an 8-1 count. Ciara Casey earned the Zebras' lone point as she won her singles match 6-2, 6-0.



Members of the Livonia Stevenson tennis team pose with their newest hardware after winning Saturday's Howell Invitational.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Unbeaten Chargers own the KLAA South

Churchill's boys and girls teams finish 5-0

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The exclamation points Livonia Churchill's boys and girls track-and-field teams added to their final KLAA South Division statements Tuesday afternoon were about as tall as the poles used for the pole vault.

The Chargers boys team was never threatened after nearly sweeping the field-events points as it buried the Patriots, 96-41, to finish 5-0 in the division.

Churchill won all four relay events, swept the shot put and pole vault, and went 1-2 in the discus.

Shakur Lockett extended his season-long excellence in the long jump with a first-place distance of 20 feet and change. Tim Dulin played a major role, too, in the victory as he won the high jump and the 110-meter high hurdles.

The girls' margin of victory (72.6-55.3) wasn't nearly as emphatic, but it was just as sweet for the champions, who also swept all five of their divisional dual meets — the final one against the equally 4-0 Patriots.

"We kept it close today, but Churchill was too strong for us in some events," said Franklin

head coach Dave Bjorklund, whose team finished 4-1 in the South. "In spite of the weather conditions, we had some good performances on the track."

Churchill's girls distanced themselves from the Patriots in the distance events as they swept the 800 and 3,200 and took first and third in the 1,600.

Next up for the Chargers and Patriots is Friday's KLAA Conference Meet at Churchill.

BOYS RESULTS
Churchill 96, Franklin 41
Tuesday at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Michael Grabda (C), 43 feet, 4 inches; 2. Austin Simpson (C), 42-9; 3. Demarco McKinney (C), 41-7.
Discus: 1. McKinney (C), 132-0; 2. Simpson (C), 120-3; 3. Dan Domzalski (F), 116-9.
Pole vault: 1. Ethan Burke (C); 2. Caleb Guthard (C); 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (C).
Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett (C), 20-0.25; 2. Charles Keith (F), 18-2; 3. Armando Yetts (C), 18-1.25.
High jump: 1. Tim Dulin (C), 5-6; 2. Tajji Chappell (C), 5-3; 3. (tie) Randy Murawski and Cory Linsner (F), 5-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 8:49.2; 2. Franklin (Nathan McCall, Quinn Shine, Gage Wheeler, Grant Rudd), 9:16.1.
110 high hurdles: 1. Dulin (C), 15.7; 2. Jeremy Sheppard (F), 15.8; 3. Ryan Bragiel (C), 16.0.
100 dash: 1. Jamal Allen (C), 11.4; 2. Nathan Rodgers (F), 11.5; 3. Yetts (C), 11.8.
800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:31.9; 2. Franklin (NyQuayyian Calhoun, Jacob Clark, Matt Wirick, Ian Hogg), 1:39.8.
1,600 run: 1. Tony Floyd (F), 4:46.2; 2. Dash Dobar (C), 4:49.2; 3. Tyler Opdyke (C), 4:51.4.
400 relay: 1. Churchill, 44.4; 2. Franklin (Calhoun, Sheppard, Wirick, Clark), 46.1.
400 dash: 1. Rodgers (F), 53.4; 2. Noah Rimatzi (C), 55.8; 3. Frank Lafave (C), 56.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Bragiel (C), 41.7; 2. Sheppard (F), 43.8; 3. Hogg (F), 44.3.
800 run: 1. Alec Kohan (C), 1:57.2; 2. Keenan Jones (F), 1:57.6; 3. Dobar (C), 2:08.7.
200 dash: 1. Rodgers (F), 23.6; 2. Clark (F), 24.6; 3. Justin Westphal (C), 25.4.
3,200 run: 1. Opdyke (C), 10:32.0; 2. Jon Alessandrini (C), 10:34.6; 3. Josh Mussen (C), 10:38.6.
1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Sheppard, Wirick, Rodgers, Jones), 3:44.5; 2. Churchill.
Stevenson 104, S.L. East 35
Tuesday at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Nick Hitchcock (LS), 45-7.75; 2. Abdullah Afify (LS), 37-11.25; 3. Connor

Vaughn (LS), 37-7.5.
Discus: 1. Hitchcock (LS), 137-8; 2. Trent Willenborg (SLE), 116-3; 3. Afify (LS), 106-4.
Pole vault: 1. Andrew Woltschledger (SLE), 10-0; 2. Steven Lobo (LS), 9-6; 3. Matt Meadows (SLE), 9-0.
Long jump: 1. Mike Licata (LS), 18-9.75; 2. Christian Sullivan (LS), 18-8.5; 3. Mitchell Stauffer (SLE), 17-3.
High jump: 1. Noah Campbell (LS), 5-8; 2. JD Simon (SLE), 5-8; 3. Stanislaw Schelske (SLE), 5-2.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson, 9:46.09.
110 high hurdles: 1. Nathan Sudek (LS), 17.65; 2. Michael Grisa (LS), 18.69; 3. Zach Robins (LS), 19.43.
100 dash: 1. Christian Sullivan (LS), 11.98; 2. Mike Muffler (LS), 12.03; 3. JD Simon (SLE), 12.19.
800 relay: 1. Stevenson, 1:35.46; 2. S.L. East, 1:44.32.
1,600 run: 1. Adam Caruso (SLE), 4:49.09; 2. Erik Grisa (LS), 4:49.10; 3. Nathan Wilson (LS), 4:55.05.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson, 45.5; 2. S.L. East, 50.47.
400 dash: 1. Michael Jaafar (LS), 54.79; 2. Zach Satawa (SLE), 55.51; 3. Jeremy Webb (LS), 55.69.
300 hurdles: 1. Sudek (LS), 43.72; 2. Grisa (LS), 45.52; 3. Mitchell Stauffer (SLE), 45.80.
800 run: 1. Josh Smith (SLE), 2:04.66; 2. Andrew Bambach (LS), 2:05.78; 3. Alex Oquist (LS), 2:13.61.
200 dash: 1. Muffler (LS), 23.67; 2. LaDarius Sharpe (LS), 24.80; 3. JD Simon (SLE), 25.04.
3,200 run: 1. Grisa (LS), 11:14.33; 2. Alex Mikonczyk (LS), 11:14.88; 3. Spencer Harris (LS), 11:21.64.
1,600 relay: 1. S.L. East, 3:46.78; 2. Stevenson, 3:47.63.

GIRLS RESULTS
Churchill 72.6, Franklin, 55.3
Tuesday at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Gabby Carter (C), 37-4; 2. Sophia Modes (F), 33-8; 3. E. Schenk (C), 32-11.
Discus: 1. Carter (C), 104-3; 2. Modes (F), 88-6; 3. M. Fuler (C), 87-3.
Pole vault: 1. Olivia Ryktarsyk (C), 10-0; 2. E. Schenk (C), 9-6; 3. A. Zahara (C), 8-6.
High jump: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 4-8; 2. Juliet Hope (C), 4-8; 3. (tie) S. Wynns, L. Kucharczyk, B. Thompson, 4-3.
Long jump: not contested due to weather conditions.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 10:24.7; 2. Franklin, 10:55.9.
100 hurdles: 1. Aubrey Mavin (F), 16.5; 2. Kourtney Strong (C), 16.6; 3. M. Murphy (C), 17.1.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Bryah White, Victoria Richardson, Mikaela Hille, Julie Wonch), 1:54.0; 2. Churchill, 1:54.6.
1,600 run: 1. Kathleen George (C), 5:25; 2. Ellary Marano (F), 5:27; 3. Christine Murphy (C), 5:30.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Mavin, Morgan Eveslage, Richardson, White), 54.5; 2. Churchill, 56.2.
400 dash: 1. Wonch (F), 1:00.4; 2. Chanel Gardner (C), 1:03.5; 3. Mikaela Hille (F), 1:05.8.
300 hurdles: 1. Mavin (F), 48.5; 2. Kourtney Strong (C), 49.0; 3. M. Murphy



Runners from Churchill, Stevenson and Franklin compete in the 3,200-meter relay during last month's Livonia City Meet.

(C), 52.5.
800 run: 1. G. Swider (C), 2:26.2; 2. Megan Gendjar (C), 2:27.5; 3. Addison Mussen (C), 2:28.0.
200 dash: 1. White (F), 27.7; 2. Parks (C), 28.8; 3. Lumetta (C), 29.4.
3,200 run: 1. Kathleen George (C), 11:44.7; 2. Caroline George (C), 12:08.4; 3. C. Murphy (C), 12:09.4.
1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Hille, Natalie Douglas, Mavin, Wonch), 4:21.9; 2. Churchill, 4:27.3.
Stevenson 84, S.L. East 44
Tuesday at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Gabrielle Bird (SLE), 30 feet, 8 inches; 2. Alex Pierzynski (LS), 27-4; 3. Audrey Stahr (LS), 25-6.5.
Discus: 1. Stahr (LS), 78-1; 2. Jessalyn Smith (SLE), 68-0; 3. Brandie Pletcher (LS),

64-11.
Long jump: 1. Diane Senkowski (LS), 15-5.75; 2. Anna Lectka (LS), 15-5; 3. Nicole Sokolosky (LS), 14-10.25.
High jump: 1. Maggie Law (LS), 4-10; 2. Hallie Hollister (SLE), 4-8; 3. Kendall Droste (LS), 4-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson, 12:09.75; 2. S.L. East, 12:27.09.
100 hurdles: 1. Danielle Waranauckas (SLE), 18.34; 2. Kaleigh Simmon (LS), 20.23; 3. Abi Cave (SLE), 20.33.
100 dash: 1. Erica Maslany (SLE), 13.71; 2. Amanda Schultz (LS), 13.75; 3. Emily Ehrheart (LS), 14.06.
800 relay: 1. Stevenson, 1:57.36.
1,600 run: 1. Julia Cerceno (LS), 6:20.29; 2. Bayne Fronley (LS), 6:20.55; 3. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 6:24.74.

400 relay: 1. S.L. East, 55.20; 2. Stevenson, 57.59.
400 dash: 1. Emily Lauzon (LS), 1:06.17; 2. Hayley Knochei (LS), 1:07.42; 3. Lectka (LS), 1:07.60.
300 hurdles: 1. Danielle Waranauckas (SLE), 51.5; 2. Emily Nettie (LS), 56.0; 3. Kendra Fuller (LS), 57.14.
800 run: 1. Emily Chapski (LS), 2:38.54; 2. Colleen Fitzgerald (LS), 2:38.54; 3. Haley Jurczynski (LS), 2:57.33.
200 dash: 1. Senkowski (LS), 28.02; 2. Erica Maslany (SLE), 28.08; 3. Courtney Holland (SLE), 29.33.
3,200 run: 1. Erin O'Donnel (SLE), 12:13.99; 2. Olivia McKeever (SLE), 13:52.20; 3. Emily Zwicker (LS), 14:16.45.
1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson, 4:34.32; 2. S.L. East, 4:36.20.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Davenport squeaks by MU in WHAC playoffs

Davenport University's Brendan Bender held the Madonna University bats in check for eight innings Tuesday as the Panthers earned a 2-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball playoff victory at Siena Heights.



Piechota

Bender (7-1) went eight innings allowing just one earned run on four hits as the No. 5-ranked Panthers improved to 46-8 overall. The senior left-hander struck out eight before reliever Jonathan Cheshire came on in the ninth to record his 11th save. The Panthers overcame a 1-0 deficit when Brandon Cable singled

home a run and Bender walked with the bases loaded to chase MU starter Adam Prashad (6-3) in the bottom of the fifth with two outs.

Prashad, who suffered the loss, gave up both runs on four hits and three walks while striking out five. Freshman reliever Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) held Davenport scoreless and without a hit over the final 3.1 innings.

The Crusaders (37-14) scored their lone run in the top of the third when Levi Larmour doubled home Shane Dokey (2-for-3). But Taylor Grzelakowski, who had doubled earlier in the inning, was cut down at the plate.

The loss puts MU in the loser's bracket beginning at noon Wednesday against top seed Univer-

sity of Northwestern Ohio (41-12).

MADONNA 4, INDIANA TECH 3: John Lauro went 4-for-4 and Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) pitched a complete game Monday as the Crusaders (37-13) earned its third walk-off victory of the season against Indiana Tech (29-26) in opening round of the WHAC playoffs at Siena Heights.

Trailing 3-2, the Crusaders started their ninth inning rally with a single up the middle by Lauro. Pinch runner Logan Brennan moved to second when Mike Tibbits was hit by a pitch and both runners moved into scoring position on a bunt single from Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill).

Mitch Hudvagner then singled home Brennan to tie the game at 3-3. After a Tech pitching change, Shane Dokey singled through a drawn-in Tech infield to score Tibbits and give MU come-from-behind win.

Piechota cruised through the first four innings, but a wild pitch and a passed ball after a double led to an unearned run for Indiana Tech in the top of the fifth.

The Crusaders scratched a run across in the sixth, taking advantage of a Warrior miscue before a Lauro single that scored Taylor Grzelakowski from second for a 3-1 game.

MU made it a one-run affair in the seventh on a Ryan Lambrecht sacrifice fly that plated Matigian to make it 3-2.

Piechota (7-1) then sent the Tech side down in order in both the eighth and ninth to set up the dramatic walk-off win.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Spayd an ace against Westland John Glenn

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sam Spayd carded a medalist-worthy 36 on Friday to lead Livonia Churchill to a 174-215 victory over host Westland John Glenn in a KLAA South Division match hosted by Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

The victory was the first of the season for the Chargers, who also received strong play from Logan Welch (44), Griffin Ahmet (45), Reed Berry (49) and Seth Kucharczyk (49). Blake Ebling carded a 58 for the Chargers, but did not figure in the scoring. David Hickson led John Glenn with a 48, one shot lower than teammate Chase Anderson.



CHRIS GUDDICK

Churchill's Sam Spayd fired a 36 during Friday's victory over Westland John Glenn.

Other scorers for the Rockets were Chase Storm (58) and Brandon Hardy (60).

Cougars roll

Garden City extended its winning streak to eight on Monday when it fired a 170 to knock off Western Wayne Athletic Conference rival Belleville in a match played at Harbour Club.

Senior Joe Pummill earned match medalist honors by firing a 40. Also going low for the

winner were Jarid Latham (42), Connor Johnson (43) and Justin Bastion (45). Austin New turned in a 46 and Evan Breen shot a 49 for the Cougars, who improved to 6-0 in the WWAC.

Spartans win

Livonia Stevenson used two sub-40 rounds to subdue South Lyon East, 161-168.

Dom Rea led the winners with a 37 while Noah Pappalardo carded a 39. Also playing well for the Spartans were Hyder Mansour (40), Jon McDonald (45), Connor McCarthy (45) and Connor McQueen (46).

The Cougars were paced by Spencer Fleissner's 39.

Thurston upends RU

Redford Thurston defeated Redford Union Monday at Glenhurst Golf Course. Junior Ryan Randall led the Panthers with a 45.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, May 7
Stevenson at Salem (conclusion of suspended game), 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8
Clarencville at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
Livonia City Championship, 10 a.m.
John Glenn Tournament, 9 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 7
HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Friday, May 8
Clarencville at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
Ladywood at Canton Classic, 9 a.m.
Garden City at Chelsea Tourney, 10 a.m.
Franklin at Bedford Invite, 9 a.m.
HVL at Vandercook Lake Tourney, TBA
John Glenn Breast Cancer Awareness Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Churchill at Blue Chip Invite, 11 a.m.
Riverview Gab. Richard at Clarencville (2), 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, May 7
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.

S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 8
Garden City at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
Ladywood at Regina, noon
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 1 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, May 7
Churchill at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 3 p.m.
Friday, May 8
Clarencville at Mustang Invite, 4 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 2:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
Franklin, Churchill at Northville Invite, 8:30 a.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Friday, May 8
KLAA Conference Meet at Churchill, TBA
Saturday, May 9
Lutheran Westland Invite, 9 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Saturday, May 9
KLAA Conference Invite, 4 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Thursday, May 7
Catholic League semifinal, TBA
Saturday, May 9
Catholic League final, noon

ORDINANCE NO. 152-N
AMENDED ZONING MAP #1-15
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:
Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property, to-wit:
MAP#1-15: the easterly 12 acres of this parcel to Light Industrial (M-1) and keeping the 2 acres fronting Inkster Road C-2. Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 10 E, Redford Township, WC, MI, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said Section 30; thence N 00D 00M 09S East, 1021.35 FT along the W line of said Section 30; thence N 88 D 58M 46S East, 60.01 FT to the point of beginning; thence N 00D00M 09S East, 50.02 FT Along the E right of way line of Inkster Rd (120.00 FT wide); thence N 88D 58M 46E, 210.03 FT; then N 00D 00M 09S East, 219.83 FT; thence N 89D 51M 41S West, 210.00 FT to a point on the said right-of-way line of Inkster Rd; thence along said right-of-way line N 00D 00M 09S East, 481.61 FT, thence S 89D 51M 41S East, 399.67 Ft; thence N 00D 08M 19S East, 100.52 FT; thence N 88D 46M 29S East, 148.52 FT; thence S 00D 06M 28S West, 1.92 Ft; thence N 89D 01M 30S East, 273.13 FT to a point on the West right-of-way line of San Jose Ave (60.00 FT wide); thence along the said right-of-way line of San Jose Ave., S 00D 08M 19S West, 845.85 FT; thence S 89D 01M 30S West, 272.67 FT; thence S 00D 06M 28S West, 0.94 FT; thence S 88D 58M 46S West, 546.92 FT to the beginning.
Property more commonly known as 12100 Inkster Road, Parcel 79-039-99-0004-708

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
Section 3. The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2015. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication.
AYES: Johnson, Kennedy, Cavanaugh, Christie, McRae, Sullivan and Kobylarz
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion #15:066 carried: 7-0.
I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #1-15 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on May 7, 2015, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N,
GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK
Publish: May 7, 2015

CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID
Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **May 22nd, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:
JEFFERSON BARNS – PARKING LOT ADDITION
Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
This project is a federally funded, Davis Bacon Prevailing wages will apply.
Devin J. Adams
City Controller
Publish: May 7, 2015

Homearama national award a proud moment for builders group

Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan has been awarded the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) 2014 Association Excellence Award for the Ultimate Homearama 2014. The award is in the category



Stoskopf

of "Best Parade or Tour of Homes" for HBAs with 601-plus members and awarded by the NAHB Executive Officers Council. "This award is highly sought after," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA, "especially by larger local HBAs who produce these types of events. Our winning the category is high praise – and deservedly so – for our team of developers, builders, subcontractors, township officials, sponsors, advertisers and staff who made this project such an overwhelming success."

The Ultimate Homearama 2014, an event sponsored by Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design, was a showcase of six multimillion dollar custom homes located at Pinacle community in Oakland Township. It was held open to the public from Aug. 27 through Sept. 21, 2014, and drew 24,599 visitors.

The community was developed by Mocerri Companies. Builders of the six homes were Arteva Homes, Cranbrook Custom Homes, MJC



This is Greystone Manor by Mocerri, of last year's award-winning Homearama.

Companies and Mocerri Custom Homes. As a result of the Ultimate Homearama 2014, HBA donated \$110,796 to five different charitable organizations.

The event was held as a public service activity of HBA in order to highlight the benefits of new construction, the newest trends in home automation and technology, the positive economic impact of new home construction and

residential land development. It was also an effective way to show visitors how to "Bring the Dream Home" through both new home purchases and remodeling.

HBA is planning to hold another Homearama event in 2016. Details will be announced later this year.

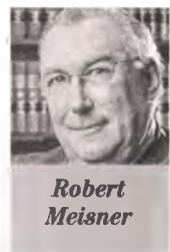
Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Associ-

ation of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Modifying a unit: Heed the documents

Q: I want to remove the carpeting in my condominium unit. Do I need to seek approval from the condominium association before I do this?

A: Under most condominium documents, the answer is yes, and a recent case from California illustrates exactly this point. A condominium member's wife suffered from dust allergies, and they had worsened since moving into their unit. The member removed the carpeting and replaced it with wood flooring, but did not seek prior approval from the association in an apartment style condominium.



Robert Meisner

Soon after, members in the unit below complained to the association of constant noise from the unit above. After the upstairs member ignored an association letter about the floor, the association requested alternate dispute resolution, which this member ignored as well. The association then obtained a preliminary injunction requiring the member to remedy the unauthorized modification of the flooring to reduce the noise to the unit below.

The appeals court upheld the injunction, reasoning that the injunction did not cause undue harm to the member, because it did not require him to remove the wood flooring and reinstall the carpet. Instead, the injunction ordered the member to cover eighty percent of the wood floor with either throw rugs or with sound-proofing material, a material that could have been hypoallergenic.

Q: How should condominium or homeowner's association directors handle requests for modifications or alterations of the unit or lot of a member?

A: Fairly and equitably, and in accordance with the governing documents. These requests should also be handled timely, because some governing documents state that if approval is not denied within a given period, it is deemed approved. If the Board or Architectural Control Committee is given discretion to grant exceptions and exceptions are granted, then those exceptions should be given in writing and a copy kept for the records of the association.

Once a modification request is received, the board should promptly investigate the request, and should quickly notify the member whether approval has been granted or denied. If approval is granted, the board should monitor the project to make sure nothing is altered except what was actually approved. In any case, it is good practice for the Board to obtain a modification agreement to be signed by the parties, and then recorded with the register of deeds.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email

june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests

\$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m.

each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 8-12, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16228 Birwood Ave \$140,000
16060 Buckingham Ave \$329,000
17386 Dunblaine Ave \$285,000
32234 Spruce Ln \$375,000
32275 Verona Cir \$229,000
16240 W 13 Mile Rd \$125,000

BIRMINGHAM

832 Bird Ave \$590,000
1723 Cole St \$310,000
1716 Graefield Rd \$132,000
2196 Manchester Rd \$264,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 65m \$223,000
600 W Brown St # 301 \$225,000
1003 Wakefield St \$430,000
600 Wallace St \$1,135,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1719 Saint Johns Ct \$330,000
647 E Fox Hills Dr \$63,000
2407 Hickory Glen Dr \$520,000
4061 Hidden Woods Dr \$340,000
2395 Hunt Club Dr \$430,000
1741 Huntingwood Ln # C \$100,000
6435 Sunningdale Dr \$205,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

5430 Forest Way \$325,000
5038 Kellen Ln \$437,000
443 Kendry \$207,000
2551 Kent Ridge Ct \$1,700,000

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

370 Annapolis St \$160,000
1965 Applebrook Dr \$476,000
1912 Cheshire Ln \$60,000
2647 Crocker St \$126,000
2275 Fairgrove Ct \$309,000
2720 Ivy Hill Dr \$265,000
5323 Kristi Ln \$240,000
9660 Nestoria St \$124,000

FARMINGTON

23391 Farmington Rd \$2,400,000
23014 Maple Ave \$280,000
22921 Power Rd \$175,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

27875 Berrywood Ln Unit 88 \$86,000
28240 Briar Hill Dr \$170,000
37513 Burton Ct \$237,000
29731 Canterbury Ct \$272,000
31109 Country Blf \$130,000
38903 Country Cir \$115,000
24675 Farmington Rd \$214,000
30068 Fox Grove Rd \$270,000
27077 Hampstead Blvd \$412,000
22515 Haynes Ave \$52,000
28378 Kirkside Ln \$197,000
25088 Pimlico Ct \$158,000
29523 Pine Ridge Cir \$130,000
21183 Prestwick \$469,000
38227 Remington Park \$167,000
30864 Ridgeway Dr \$178,000
32685 Rockridge Ln \$2,428,000
36049 W Lyman Rd \$168,000
30121 Walnut Ct \$310,000
27501 Westcott Crescent Cir \$155,000

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30690 Oakleaf Ln \$794,000

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868 Adam Ct \$310,000
227 Clark Rd \$132,000
4057 Loch Dr \$159,000

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27275 Goldengate Dr W \$132,000

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31300 Bailove \$30,000
3230 Grand Vista Dr \$95,000
880 Panorama Ct \$137,000
2275 Quendale Ln \$285,000
190 Water St \$372,000

NORTHVILLE

23134 Chelsea Ct \$100,000
113 Ely Dr S \$215,000
51025 Sunday Dr \$530,000

NOVI

43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 5011 \$200,000
22143 Antler Dr \$400,000
25737 Arcadia Dr \$410,000
44750 Bayview Dr # 43 \$81,000
50595 Chesapeake Dr \$705,000
23072 Cranbrooke Ln \$79,000
27489 Cromwell Rd \$340,000
27650 Cromwell Rd \$311,000
23210 Gilbar St \$310,000
25641 Hillsdale Dr \$620,000
43225 Sandstone Dr \$330,000
24778 Sarah Flynn \$270,000
41831 Waverly Dr \$165,000
45807 White Pines Dr \$400,000

SOUTH LYON

52021 11 Mile Rd \$169,000
410 Second St \$150,000
407 Amelia Cir \$308,000

24937 Carriage Ln \$80,000
24969 Carriage Ln \$81,000
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27336 Everett St \$143,000
22886 Evergreen Rd \$70,000
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29444 Guy St \$157,000
20295 Harbor Ln \$113,000
25109 Kingshire Rd \$164,000
17607 Magnolia Pkwy \$133,000
29293 Marshall St \$120,000
18645 Nadol Dr \$87,000
28031 Pierce St \$130,000
30260 Southfield Rd # A157 \$32,000
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CANTON

41718 Bedford Dr \$69,000
42657 Boulden Ct \$227,000
44625 Cranbrook Ct \$200,000
1971 Crowndale Ln \$375,000
39649 Dorchester Cir \$140,000
46083 Graystone Ln \$200,000
51254 High Meadow Crossing St \$410,000
1739 Lasalle Rd \$562,000
47148 N Pointe Dr \$396,000

GARDEN CITY

1749 Helen St \$69,000
33028 Hennepin St \$93,000
31325 Sheridan St \$65,000

LIVONIA

30004 Bobrich Ct \$156,000
17353 Country Club Dr \$219,000
17170 Deering St \$132,000
36666 Dowling St \$110,000
36304 Fairway Dr \$375,000
14399 Gary Ln \$191,000
39054 Grennada St \$182,000
14897 Harrison St \$42,000
9829 Horton St \$200,000
14237 Houghton St \$185,000
14401 Inkster Rd \$180,000

NORTHVILLE

19345 Lathers St \$42,000
38930 Lyndon St \$187,000
15112 Marsha St \$169,000
17863 Myron St \$280,000
8864 Nebraska St \$140,000
33385 Norfolk St \$300,000
27555 Oakley St \$249,000
14745 Taylor Blvd \$217,000
18025 University Park Dr \$118,000
14815 Yale St \$132,000

NORTHVILLE

18165 Blue Heron Pointe Dr \$385,000
19421 Cardene Ct \$193,000
44903 Cherry Ridge Rd \$750,000
39583 Dun Rovin Dr \$266,000
46632 N Valley Dr \$304,000
19504 Northridge Dr \$102,000

PLYMOUTH

42309 Waterfall Rd \$355,000
42185 Mill Race Cir \$120,000
42193 Old Pond Cir \$90,000
44636 Oregon Trl \$160,000
9303 Rocker Ave \$206,000
302 W Spring St \$115,000
12933 Wendover Dr \$281,000

REDFORD

19999 Denby \$55,000
11380 Dixie \$90,000
14189 Farley \$113,000
8809 Fenton \$85,000
12031 Lyndon \$70,000
25137 Leverdon \$80,000
9372 Sarasota \$83,000
9383 Winston \$59,000

WAYNE

4413 Third St \$69,000
34225 Annapolis St \$50,000
35324 Elm St \$118,000
34844 Stellwagen St \$40,000
WESTLAND
32431 Anita Dr \$136,000
7267 Arcola St \$50,000
2810 Batavia Ct \$25,000
36805 Cherry Hill Rd \$1,000,000
1204 Edwin St \$117,000
32082 Hazelwood St \$90,000
34986 Rosslyn St \$90,000
34617 Sansburn St \$95,000
8360 Vista Ln \$250,000

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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.75	0	2.875	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.5	0	3	0
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- Guard
- The brass, for short
- Serpent Hercules fought
- Queens stadium
- Elev.
- Clotheshorse
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- Fermi split it
- Caviar
- Sunburn remedy
- Battering —

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- Distinctive doctrine
- Orient
- WWW addresses
- Powerful beam
- Whiskey grain
- Leaf-juncture
- Big-ticket boot to
- Stick
- Slips and such
- Leaf juncture
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- Util. bill
- Run like crazy
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- Pound sound

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY ASCENSION SERVICE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The service will be followed by a free ice cream

social at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655
BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421
CARD PARTY
Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15

Location: 55 Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50/50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8
Contact: 734-722-1343
CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org

lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch.
Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

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

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY 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

HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CONGREGATION BETH AHM
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
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BOLDMAN, MARTHA RUTH

Age 54, April 22, 2015 of Wayne. Loved daughter of the late Alvin and Imogene Boldman. Survived by nieces, Michelle Bowman, Kim Farmer and many extended family and friends. A burial ceremony is scheduled for May 12, 2015 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland at 10:30am. No other viewing or services are planned. Arrangements through Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, 734-721-5600. Visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



CHICKERING, NANCY

An unbridled zeal for life and an open heart distinguished Nancy Sanders Chickering and invited those around her to share in her joy. Mrs. Chickering, 87, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2015, in Romeoville, Illinois. A lifelong resident of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, she had resided at Senior Star since 2010, not long after beginning her journey with Alzheimer's disease. Raised in Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Chickering graduated from the Kingswood School and attended Bradford Junior College, completing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan. After raising a blended family of eight children, Mrs. Chickering began a bookkeeping career at Gail's Office Supply that spanned more than two decades. Throughout her working life and after retirement, she remained engaged in her community, playing tennis regularly, making jewelry, actively knitting in her church prayer shawl ministry, and reading avidly. She sang for 50 years in the Christ Church Cranbrook choir. She also took great delight in the prolific blooms that filled the flowerbeds around her home, and relished spending time at the family cottage on Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Throughout her years she remained an ardent fan of the family business that had a great impact on herself and her loved ones, Sanders Candy and Confectionery Co. She adored every one of her 19 grandchildren, and leaves behind seven great-grandchildren as well. She is survived by her son, Charles S. (Nancy) Frick of Carmel, Indiana; daughters, Joan (Rob) Marquart of Westwood, Massachusetts, Elizabeth F. (Charles) Petoskey of Farmington Hills, Susan (Daniel) Carlman of Plainfield, IL, and Carol (William) Burden of Princeton, New Jersey; stepsons, William E. (Sandy) Chickering III of Placerville, California, and John (Diane) Chickering of Wyoming, Michigan; and step-daughter Catharine (Keith) Rattledge of Dearborn, Michigan; and grandchildren, Elizabeth (RJ) Pollak, Evan Frick, Maxwell Marquart, Laura (fiance Jon Brenton) Marquart, Jacob (Mandi) Petoskey, Elizabeth S. Petoskey, Anna Petoskey, Erin (Michael) Weber, Sam (Angela) Carlman, Molly Carlman, Codi Carlman, Claire Burden, Jackson Burden, William E. (Theresa Orelli) Chickering IV, Michael (Carrie) Chickering, Julianne (Robert) Treadwell, John Chickering, Marilyn (Bradley) Konvolinka, and David (Casey) Koch. Mrs. Chickering was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Chickering, Jr.; her parents, Fred W. Sanders and Dorothy Martin Sanders; brothers, Frederick Sanders and John M. Sanders; mother-in-law, Frances B. Chickering; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Chickering King and brother-in-law, John M. King; sister-in-law, Beverly Chickering; brother-in-law, John Chickering and sister-in-law, Lola Chickering. A Memorial Service will celebrate Mrs. Chickering's remarkable life at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Christ Church Cranbrook, in Bloomfield Hills. Her gentle and courageous spirit, intelligence, unwavering kindness, keen wit and gracious nature will be greatly missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Cranbrook-Kingswood Schools will be much appreciated.

PLATZ, MICHELE

Age 59, of Holly, died Friday, May 1, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Ed Pedley officiating. Visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. Monday. Ms. Platz was born in Detroit on February 1, 1956 the daughter of the late Joseph and Gloria (Provost) Kightlinger. Surviving are her beloved husband, Larry Gay, Dear mother of David Platz of Holly, Sarah (Matthew) Cantwell of Chicago; grandmother of Samantha Platz; sister of Gail Kightlinger, Adrienne (Brett) Gross, Jan Kightlinger, and the late Greg Kightlinger; dear friend of Debbie Robertson; and beloved daughter-in-law of Michelle Platz. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

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ROBB, IRIS HELAIRE

86 years old, passed away peacefully on May 4th. Iris was born on January 7, 1929 in Minnesota on the White Earth Reservation. Iris moved to Northville after high school and met and married Louis Robb. Iris is survived by son Steve (Ann) Robb, son-in-law Thomas Stoecker, daughters Sherry Robb-Podeszwo and Caron Robb. Grandmother to Cara, Matt, Andy, Alexis, Kylie and Joey. Iris was preceded in death by her husband Louis and her daughter Shelly (Robb) Stoecker. Always one to take care of others, Iris will be greatly missed. A gathering will take place between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm with a memorial service at noon on Saturday, May 9th at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

SCHUMAN, CHARLENE JOY

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Age 65, died Saturday, May 2, 2015 at her residence. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Charlene was a daughter of the late Leo and Margaret Lucier. Charlene was a certified Ham Radio Operator, a backyard Astronomer, political activist, lighthouse aficionado who also loved the water. Survivors include her husband Craig Schuman of Myrtle Beach; children Dennis and his wife Shelly, Tiff, Brad, Katie and her husband Nate; grandchildren Chris, Taylor, Nathan, Isaiah, Elias; brothers Kevin and Woody. A gathering of friends has taken place from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a short service at 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, SC is in charge of the arrangements.



CAUDLE, W. CHARLYNE

Age 93, May 3, 2015. Loving mother of Janet Martin Wheeler, Ernest (the late Janice) and the late Donald. Grandmother of Denise, Elizabeth, David, Tammy, Karen, Christopher, Dennis, Darrin and Eric. Great-grandmother of 27. Great-great-grandmother of two. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. with the Funeral Service Friday 1 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (btwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

JOHNSON, ELAINE KIRCHNER

Born August 3, 1929, died April 27, 2015. Attended St. Catherine School, Detroit, Michigan, grades one through twelve. Graduated 1947. Bachelor's degree, University of Detroit. Master's Degree University of Michigan. Retired from Plymouth Canton Schools, 1992. Teacher for 30 years. Lived in Northville from 1971 to 2015. Enjoyed 40 summers in The Villa De Charlevoix on Lake Charlevoix (moved there in 1972). Member of the Northville Historical Society and the Women's Resource Center in Petosky. Three children, Thomas, Christopher (Donna), Tim Joseph (Debra), Marty Paul (Suzanne); seven grandchildren; late husband Thomas Edwin.



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Local artist shows whimsical figures at Birmingham fair

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Get ready to giggle when you walk into Ann Marie Fischer's art booth this weekend at Art Birmingham, one of the first outdoor art fairs of the season.

The Farmington Hills artist's whimsical mixed media figures have drawn smiles and laughter for 26 years at festivals throughout southeastern Michigan. The public reaction was so strong when she started showing her work, that she simply named her collection "Giggles."

"I meet a lot of wonderful people at shows. I can't imagine doing something else at this point. I enjoy meeting people," Fischer said. "It's a pleasure to make something and have someone love it enough to buy it."

Fischer is among more than 150 artists who will show and sell their works at the 34th annual Art Birmingham, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 10, in Shain Park, west of Woodward, south of Maple, in downtown Birmingham. The Guild of Artists & Artisans, the same group that organizes the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, runs Art Birmingham. In addition to exhibiting artists, an art activities tent will offer art projects for children 12 and under, and a caricature artist will sketch on site from noon to 4 p.m., both days.

Angels, snowmen

When her indoor exhibit season ends in mid-December, Fischer takes a few weeks off before heading into her basement studio to sculpt polymer clay snowmen, witches, frogs, flamingos, angels — and whatever else strikes her fancy — in preparation for spring-fall art fairs.

"There is no down time. I'm working all winter. It's labor-intensive work. I make mul-



Ann Marie Fischer of Farmington Hills sculpts goofy frogs and other animals from polymer clay. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

tiples of certain designs, but I make changes every year. No two pieces are alike."

Fischer sculpts the heads and sometimes full bodies of her characters from polymer clay, mixing her own colors, adding paint, feathers, beads and vintage touches.

"I'll find pieces at flea markets or estate sales and no one looks at them the same way I do," she said, adding that she turns old door plates into angels.

Fischer's work ranges from \$10-\$400, but she'll sell pieces from \$10-\$150 at the Birmingham show. New this year are free-standing angels and angels with polymer clay heads and salt shaker bodies. Fischer made and sold snowmen from salt shakers last year after collecting vintage glass shakers for four years.

"I didn't want people coming into the booth and it looking like I went to a restaurant supply and bought shakers," she



Artist Ann Marie Fischer collected vintage salt shakers for four years before creating snowmen with glitter-filled glass bodies and hats made of shaker tops.

said. "I have a few I won't part with. I love the patina. I enjoy learning about things from the past. The workmanship draws me in as well."

Her own path

Fischer, a 1977 graduate of Mercy High School, took art classes from the late Sister Mary



Ann Marie Fischer's wall angels are made from vintage door plates.

Ignatius Denay, whom she remembers as a "wonderful teacher" and a "stickler for detail."

"We covered the whole gamut. Her classes were advanced," Fischer said. She took a few college-level art classes, before joining her family's business where she did precision grinding for several years. In her spare time, she created funny figurines and began showing at weekend fairs and festivals with her mother, who loved to china paint, and two aunts who also were involved in the arts. Six years ago she quit her day job to become a full time artist.

She considers herself self-taught in clay sculpting.

"I never bought a book on polymer. I always like to find my own path. I always wanted my work to look like my work."

In addition to Art Birmingham, Fischer will

exhibit at Art on the Grand next month in Farmington and the Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair in July, among other shows. She's waiting to hear if she'll be accepted into the Ann Arbor Summer Fair Art Fair again this year. Fischer also shows her work at Yellow Door Art Market in downtown Berkley. She'll be at booth 135 at Art Birmingham.

Other local artists involved in Art Birmingham include Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills with wearable fiber art, Barbara Spraul of Livonia with paintings, and Joelle Medici of Farmington Hills with fiber art sculpture.

For more information about Fischer's art, visit Giggles by Ann Marie Fischer on Facebook.

For more about Art Birmingham, visit the-guild.org and click on art fairs.

Middle Eastern music a great sound at Cherry Hill Village theater

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A Middle Eastern Fusion Fest finished up Canton's Acts of Culture Week on Sunday, May 3. The concert drew an enthusiastic audience to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"It's such a beautiful spring day outside," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the featured Michigan Philharmonic. "We really thank you for coming."

Before intermission, the Philharmonic's Chamber Ensemble played music from Turkey, Egypt, Lebanon, Israel and more. Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade: The Young Prince and The Young Princess*, Oztoprak's *Zuzdül Samai* and *Arabian Waltz* by Rabih Abou-Khalil were featured.

Michael Ibrahim, music director of the National Arab Orchestra, took the stage after intermission, explaining differences and similarities between Western and Middle Eastern music. He played Middle Eastern music, demonstrating how it's often more improvisational than what's heard from Western performers.

"Our goal is to promote the rich cultural diversity in this community," said Susan Schwandt, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.



Enjoying the Middle East Fusion Fest are (from left) committee member Samar Sakakini of Canton, Cecilia Escobar of Canton, who's the first vice chair for the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township, Michigan Philharmonic executive director, and Susan Schwandt of Canton, commission chair.

That volunteer advisory group works with Canton Leisure Services and the Village Theater of Cherry Hill, said Schwandt, a Canton resident. She's a staffer at Health Alliance Plan.

The commission works to make programs affordable and accessible, Schwandt said. She noted involvement by the commission in Canton's annual Martin Luther King Jr. observance, as well as having a booth at Canton's Liberty Fest and other cultural offerings.

Schwandt was helped by Cecilia Escobar of Canton, an artist and commission first vice chair. "Cecilia's actually

the one who jump-started today's concert," Schwandt said of the Middle Eastern Fusion Fest, the conclusion of the fifth annual Canton Acts of Culture Week.

Sponsorship for the week was provided by the Canton Community Foundation.

Nan Washburn conducted the Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble, with the concert wrapping up with children from Maples Elementary School of Dearborn taking the stage to present Middle Eastern music. The Acts of Culture Week featured an array of events focused on visual and performing arts.

The Michigan Philharmonic and National Arab Orchestra will team in September for a concert at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

The National Arab Orchestra also will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, at The Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., in Detroit. For ticket information, call the box office at 313-638-2724 or go to www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets start at \$20.

The May 8 concert will feature Michael Ibrahim directing, with Salah Kurdi, a composer and vocalist.

An "Acts of Fashion

Show" is also set for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$12 each and available at www.actsoffashion.com or by calling 734-612-2041. Children 6 and un-

der will be admitted free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Center and the Michigan Veterans Foundation.

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FARMINGTON HILLS WOMEN TURN SCONE-MAKING INTO BUSINESS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Mary Wallace and Julie Tenbusch want their home-made-style scones to smell as good as they taste.

The Farmington Hills residents and food entrepreneurs create, cut, freeze and package dough in seven different flavors, but leave the baking up to their customers.

"It was important to us for people to have the aroma in the house of the fresh-baked product," Wallace said. "And there is less waste for us if I don't bake them because if they go bad on the shelf I've got to take them back and absorb the cost. So, we thought of selling the frozen dough.

"Just the experience of having something fresh-baked in the house is nice. It's just like you made them. You can brag about them and no one will know the difference."

Wallace and Tenbusch rented space at The Culinary Studio, a commercially licensed kitchen in Southfield, and launched Wallace Scones last summer. Hiller's Markets began selling the ready-to-bake product by September and by March this year, it was in 24 metro Detroit locations, including three Busch's markets, Hollywood Markets, Holiday Market in Royal Oak and Canton, Market Square in West Bloomfield and Birmingham, and Vince and Joe's in Shelby Township, in addition to Hiller's. At Hollywood, it's in both the frozen department and available baked in the bakery department.

"We had the recipe six or seven years and just decided let's try this. Let's give it a whirl," Wallace said.

"We started making them for family and friends," Tenbusch added. "Everybody kept saying you girls should start selling them."

They had no business nor professional food production experience. Tenbusch, who has seven grandchildren, had taught in Southfield Public Schools for 10 years and then obtained a nursing degree while raising her four children. Wallace retired last July after a career in nursing and computers. She met Tenbusch when the two worked for Trinity Health.

"This is so different. We've always been in the service industry and now to be in the business side of it, it's very interesting," said Tenbusch, who still works part time as a nurse.

Upgrading equipment

They normally put in two and a half days a week at the Culinary Studio, mixing ingredients, measuring dough and cutting it into scones, freezing the product and vacuum-sealing it into packages. They make between 16-20 batches in five hours, producing 72 scones in each batch. Until a month ago, when they bought a machine to cut the dough, they scooped it by hand into round, 2 1/2-ounce portions.

"We were using ice cream scoops and we both started getting carpal tunnel, so we ended up with this machine called a Duchess," Wallace said. "You put the dough, a specified number of pounds, into a pan and it presses it." After it's cut, the dough goes into the freezer and is packaged the next day.

Both invested \$3,500 into the new company, and have re-invested profits into time-saving equipment, including the dough-cutter and a packaging machine that can vacuum seal four bags simultaneously. They buy their basic ingredients — cream, flour, sugar — at Costco. They hired one part-time employee to help cut large bricks of butter into small cubes and top each scone with a milk wash and sugar sprinkle before it is packaged.

The company sells eight flavors of scones: blueberry, white chocolate cherry, white chocolate cranberry, cranberry orange, currant, cinnamon raisin, cinnamon chip and chocolate chip. Wallace and Tenbusch launched the chocolate chip flavor late last month and are considering the addition of a savory scone to their



Wallace Scones are vacuum-packed and frozen.

menu.

"I've experimented a little. We've been talking about new flavors for a while. I think the chocolate chip is going to be a hit," Wallace said. "These are great for dads and kids to have them for Mother's Day and pamper mom a little."

Starting a business

Wallace calls their endeavor a "hobby job," that both women enjoy. But before they opened for business last year, they put in lots of research time, test marketed their product, met with packaging design students at Michigan State University, and joined FoodLab Detroit, an organization that helps food entrepreneurs grow and improve their businesses.

"We started with a spread sheet on our ingredients and what it cost per unit of measure to understand what it would cost us to make them and so we could better understand what we needed to charge for them," Wallace said. "We've got nutritional fact labels that Michigan State worked on with us. You're required by the state to put your ingredients on your product but everybody doesn't have to put on nutritional facts. We decided to do that right out of the gate."

The pair couldn't produce the ready-to-bake scones for public consumption in their home kitchens under Michigan's Cottage Food Law because the dough must be frozen. The law permits home production of foods that require no temperature control to stay safe.

"Right away, I had to be out of my own kitchen and find another place," Wallace said. "The Culinary Studio is perfect for us. We wouldn't be doing this if we had to fund our own



Julie Tenbusch, left, and Mary Wallace brush a milk wash on their ready-to-bake scones. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

kitchen."

Wallace encourages other budding food entrepreneurs to start their own businesses, but to keep in mind the process includes "a lot of work."

"Don't be afraid of it. If it's something you really believe in and have fun producing, then go for it. See where it goes. If you don't have to invest a bunch of money to get started, what do you have to lose?"

Find Wallace Scones on Facebook and at wallacescones.com.

Learn about The Culinary Studio rental kitchen at myculinarystudio.com.



Julie Tenbusch places cut dough on a cookie sheet for freezing.



Mary Wallace adds butter to a mixer.



Using a machine sure beats scooping dough by hand. Julie Tenbusch presses the lever on a dough-cutting machine