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Hawthorne Valley property draws proposals for art center, church

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Proposals for the former Hawthorne Valley restaurant and golf course, including a possible art center, will be the subject of study sessions by the Westland City Council. Closed at the end of 2010 when the business went into foreclosure, the Hawthorne Valley property went to tax

auction in 2014. The city acquired the building and the frontage along Merriman north of Warren Road. Other buyers acquired other parts of the property, areas largely landlocked.

"We've got that proposal (for an art center), a proposal from a church and we are working with one other developer," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We figured we



Wild

At a recent council meeting, former Westland resident Don Wakefield said he was working with a team of residents and

would start with a study session on the art center proposal. They can tell us their idea and concept, then we can see what the consensus is."

Westland John Glenn High School alumni to create a contemporary art museum, art gallery, sculptural garden and other amenities at the former restaurant.

"It would be self-sustaining — we would not ask for government funding," said Wakefield, a Glenn graduate and artist who has lived in California for a number of years. "I would request that the may-

or and council commit to leasing or selling the building to us."

Major place maker

Accompanied by supporters, Wakefield described his proposed arts center as a major place maker that would attract people through arts and culture.

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Woolf Aircraft Products fabrication cell leader Ryan Martin works with students Bradley Baggett, Tyler McKiddy, Jamon Higgins and Adam Guajardo as they TIG weld.

Day-long competition lets students try welding skills

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Once a year, Woolf Aircraft Products shuts down production and turns its facility over to students who show off the skills they've acquired in Nick Regets' welding classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

They fabricate, inspect parts, weld parts and solve math in hopes of winning prizes like an arc welder with tools and a cart, helmets, bags, gloves, T-shirts and skull caps. The event is set up by Joe Pavilanis, process/quality engineer at Woolf Aircraft Products.

"I try to find partners that are interested in helping the children," Regets said. "How many companies shut down production and bring kids in for a real-world experience? This is one of our best relationships with business."

"The most important thing we do, even above a college education, is connecting these kids to real life. We have to show them how money is made; how business succeeds and fails. It's a connection



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Jamon Higgins uses measuring tools and engineering drawings to determine which parts don't meet specifications.

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Suspects sought in four robberies

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Four strong-arm robberies, including three in which the victims were assaulted by a large group of males, are being investigated by Wayne Police.

Three of the incidents were reported at the Westwick Square Cooperative, located near Annapolis and Venoy. The other incident occurred near Attwood Park, which adjoins the Wayne Community Center, 4901 Howe.

All of the incidents happened in the evening hours — two on Sunday, May 3, including the Attwood Park robbery, and two on Wednesday, May 6.

In each incident, police said the victims were approached by a large group of males who demanded their property. Three of the victims told police they were assaulted by the suspects and property was taken from them.

One victim voluntarily gave the property to the suspects

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Wayne seeks reserve police officers

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wayne Police Department is looking for volunteers interested in becoming reserve officers.

"We have three reserve officers currently; we'd like to add a few more," said Wayne Police Lt. Ryan Strong, who heads the reserve program. "Their main duties are to assist at special events. There are about six events a year."

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Livonia school board may close, raze Perrinville Center

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board is considering closing and razing the Perrinville Center and moving the early childhood programs housed there to K-4 schools. It is also considering closing and razing the McKinley Building at Franklin High School and relocating the programs there as well.

Razing the two buildings would save the district an esti-

mated \$300,000 annually, Superintendent Randy Liepa said.

The board discussed closing and tearing down the two buildings during a committee meeting April 27 as one of several revenue-enhancement and cost-saving measures to preserve programs and keep the district operating in the black.

On Monday, the board discussed at another committee meeting expanding its limited schools of choice program for

general education students next school year by another 50 students to 100 students for an additional \$400,000 in revenue and entering into an in-perpetuity lease agreement for the cell tower at Stevenson High School for a one-time payment of \$900,000.

Liepa said the board met with about 300 community members to discuss the budget at the beginning of this year, and the majority preferred that the board explore reve-

nue-enhancement and cost-containment measures over cutting programs "that make up the brand of who we are."

The 15,000-student district has a general fund budget of \$146.5 million but is expected to end the school year with just over \$1 million in fund equity.

Kristin Noel, the Perrinville PTA president, said the PTA is against closing the school but more against separating the programs. The PTA Executive Board was expected to vote on an official position statement last Wednesday that will be sent to the school board.

The center at 28201 Lyndon, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, houses the Great Start Readiness Program, the Early Childhood Special Education program and center-based programs for children with autism and visual impairments, among other programs.

Noel said the PTA, while understanding the district's financial situation, is especially concerned about separating the Early Childhood Program and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Program.

"Perrinville ECC is a preschool unlike any other preschool you will find ... anywhere," she said. "They figured out how to create the most incredible environment for children with various special needs and allow them to learn and grow. The staff thrives on having students interact with each other and learn new social strengths and appropriate play from their peers. Separating the Autism Spectrum Disorder Program from the Early Childhood Program and placing them in two different locations will not only be devastating to the future of our children, but it is taking so many steps backwards. It's losing all the progress we have worked so hard to build."

Liepa said there are educational benefits as well as financial benefits to moving the programs to K-4 schools. For example, many of the students eventually are able to attend the general education program

in their home school; placing them in some of those buildings now would help them get to know the teachers and vice versa, he said.

Liepa said the board could vote on closing the two buildings as part of its budget vote in several weeks or in a separate motion.

Schools of choice

The board will also consider offering 50 additional seats next school year to general-education schools of choice students, bringing the total number to 100.

The board had 108 applicants for the first 50 seats, so it is considering offering another application period from May 19 through June 2 for 50 more seats for up to \$400,000 in additional revenue. Those seats include 25 in kindergarten, 10 in first-grade and five each in second-, third- and fourth-grades.

This year, 60 seats in kindergarten through sixth-grade were made available to general education schools of choice students in a pilot program.

Burton said the district is losing 300 students a year due to declining enrollment; the 100 schools of choice students will help make up for the lost revenue from the state.

Board Secretary Tammy Bonifield said the board can decide year to year if it wants to offer seats to new schools of choice students. "I think under the circumstances we can take these kids on," she said.

The board also instructed administrators to continue hammering out the terms of a lease agreement with American Tower for the cell tower on the football field at Stevenson. American Tower has proposed a one-time payment of \$900,000 to lease the tower in perpetuity. Currently, it is leased for \$60,000 a year.

Liepa said administrators did their due diligence and found that the price was fair.

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Competing in the state SkillsUSA were Austin Cline (front row, from left), James Rini, Arica Morley, Bryan Drake, Austin Taylor, Michael Gibson, Uriel Figueroa, Sandra McCrea (back row, from left), Cheyenne Thacker, Zachary Riehl, Kiara Pendleton, Lavail Nolan, Dominique Henderson, Julio Mayfield, Kaitlyn Kobos, Jacob Hill and Megan McCurry.

3 Wayne-Westland career tech students win gold at SkillsUSA competition

Three students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center won gold medals at the state level SkillsUSA competition.

Earning gold were Uriel Figueroa, CADD Technical Drafting; James Rini, Construction Carpentry; and Ari-

ca Morley, Graphic Printing Advertising Design. They will compete at SkillsUSA National Conference set for June 22-26 in Louisville, Ky.

Winning silver in the state competition were:

» Bryan Drake, silver, Electronics-Electronics Tech;

Michael Gibson, EMT-Firefighting; and Austin Cline, Graphic Printing-Graphic Communications.

Austin Taylor received a bronze in EMT-1st Responder/CPR, and Megan McCurry was a top 20 medalist in the SkillsUSA Knowledge Test.

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Expo's success 'a tribute to city's community spirit'

More than 120 companies contributed and/or participated in the 29th annual Livonia Business Expo on Wednesday at Laurel Park Place mall.

"It was a good day for many companies and organizations who collected leads and branded themselves as part of the Livonia community," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "We were grateful to the many who contributed to our event and the many kind words that were heard from those who joined us. The success of such an event is another tribute to our city's community spirit."

More than 90 booths, including several cars, were on display inside the mall for the day-long event, which was open free to the public.

West said the expo is the chamber's biggest annual event that supports business-to-business and consumer-to-business activity.

The expo featured four programs in one day. It began with a Business Breakfast Round-



Leslie Petty of Schoolcraft College speaks with John Paluchniak.

table in the Marriott Hotel banquet room, attached to the mall. The roundtable was sold out with 120 people attending. There was "lots of talk about Proposal 1's failure, regional development and ideas to support Detroit Public Schools," West said.

The roundtable was followed at 2 p.m. by a

networking opportunity for chamber members.

The day concluded with the "Tastefully Livonia" program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Marriott Hotel banquet room, attended by about 150 people. It featured food samples from Livonia's leading restaurants, music and a silent auction.

By Karen Smith



Absopure sales manager Michael Kochenderfer speaks with Tracey Mangram.



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Livonia City Council goes with low bid on water main work

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A split vote Wednesday night by the Livonia City Council on which contractor to work with on impending water main improvements resulted in the city going with the low bidder. The council voted 3-2 to approve Jupiter, Fla.-based Rohl Networks to handle more than \$7 million in work to portions of the city's water mains. Council members John Pastor,

Susan Nash and Laura Toy voted to approve the contract, while council vice president Brian Meakin and councilwoman Lynda Scheel voted no. Council president Maureen Miller Brosnan was not at the meeting Wednesday, and councilman Brandon Kritzman stepped down during the agenda item, as he works for OHM Advisors, which consults with the city on these types of bids. The approving vote for Rohl Networks goes against the original recommendation of the city's engineering department, which recommended Sterling Heights-based DVM Utilities Inc. That agency's bid was about \$365,000 more than Rohl Networks, prompting a discussion over which company was best to go with on the project. Work

is scheduled to begin later this spring in areas between Inkster and Farmington south of Plymouth. DVM Utilities bid about \$7.49 million to do the project, while Rohl Networks bid about \$7.14 million for the work. Concerns from the city's engineering department over the level of experience Rohl Networks had in Michigan was one reason DVM Utilities Inc.'s bid was recommended. Pastor said after reviewing both companies, he believed either could do the job and motioned to go with the low bidder in Rohl Networks. "I know that we have great contracts and great attorneys if things do go wrong," Pastor said. "I don't see that happening. I cannot see spending \$400,000 more for the next bidder. That's one of

the main reasons I'm going with the low bid." Scheel said while she is not an expert in engineering projects, she trusts the reasons behind the city staff and engineering consultants in recommending DVM Utilities. "I depend heavily on what our city engineers have and what the engineering firm that we hire brings in and lets us know," she said. "Even though the company they recommended is a little bit higher, they recommended them for a reason." **Subcontracting with local company** Rohl Networks has indicated it intends to subcontract with Jackson-based Hard Rock HDD, which will conduct most of the day-to-day operations at the site. Toy said she wanted to

know more of why there was such a big difference in the bid figures, something CEO David Marinelli said comes from a smaller markup with the subcontractor, as they've done work together before. "We would go with him and take less, knowing that the job is going to come out right and knowing that we won't have any problems down the road," he said. That answer appeared to convince Toy, who cast one of the "yes" votes. "It's a lot of money for the taxpayer," she said. "I appreciate your honesty with me and why that bid is different." "Three hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money in my view."
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Crash on Eight Mile sends two to hospital

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Two people were transported to Botsford Hospital Thursday afternoon following an accident on Eight Mile west of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. According to Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Michael Fluhart, the driver of a silver Mercury, an 87-year-old woman, was pulling out of a parking lot on Eight Mile around 12:14 p.m. when her vehicle was struck by a pickup truck heading westbound on Eight Mile. The woman and her passenger in the Mercury were taken to Botsford Hospital, while the



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pickup truck driver was treated at the scene. The injuries were not believed to be serious. The accident is still under investigation.

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Golf, dinner at Meadowbrook to benefit Angela Hospice

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The event will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Northville's prestigious Meadowbrook Country Club and be an all-day outing. The day will include a lunch buffet, access to the driving range and 18 holes of golf played on 125 acres of impeccable fairways and greens on the private course. Foursomes can be all-men, all-women or mixed. Angela Hospice will also help organize teams for single golfers or twosomes.

The dinner reception following golf includes a

silent auction and raffles, and dinner-only tickets are available for those who want to participate without golfing.

Another way for non-golfers to support the event is through the Winner Takes All Raffle, which includes \$3,000 worth of prizes that will go to one lucky winner. Prizes include tickets to a Red Wings game and a post-game tour of the Red Wings locker room, an autographed "KRON-WALLED" poster, a gift card to Iridescence restaurant at Motor City Casino, rounds of golf at various courses, tickets to Cedar Point and more. The drawing will be held between 6-8:30 p.m. on the evening of the event. Tickets are \$25 each, and only 500 tickets will be sold. You need to be present to win.

"Our golf outing supports the much needed programs at Angela Hospice," said Margot Parr, Angela Hospice president and CEO, "such as



Golfers at Angela Hospice's 2014 outing included Fran Fields and Gwen Fedrigo of Livonia, Jimmie Oliverio of Northville and Eleanor Johnson of Commerce Township.

our bereavement programs, which are available to everyone in the community, and the My Nest is Best pediatric programs."

Golfer packages are \$200 per person, while dinner-only tickets are \$50. To register, purchase raffle tickets or find sponsorship information, call 734-953-6045 or visit AskForAngela.com.

Tickets going fast for Livonia Symphony Garden Party luncheon

Last call to purchase tickets for the Livonia Symphony Garden Party Luncheon, which is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event will feature lunch, a box auction filled with many fresh

flowers, annuals and perennials, and unique garden items and a floral-themed silent auction.

Keyboard entertainment will be provided during the luncheon by Ryan Jones, a student representative on the

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Tree dedications at Ford's Michigan Assembly Plant honor Workers Memorial Day

By Ryan Vetter
Correspondent

Henry Ford once said, "Trees are among the most useful things grown." Taking a page from Ford Motor Company's founder, Michigan Assembly Plant planted two maple trees in honor of Workers Memorial Day on April 28.

In two simultaneous ceremonies — one on the Final Assembly side of the plant and one on the Body and Stamping side — crews planted and dedicated trees in memory of Robert Conley and Michael Hardman. Both men both sustained occupational-related injuries — Hardman in 1991 and Conley in 2007, at what is

now known as Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne.

"Today we honor those folks we lost here at the site and the hard work that they did. It means a lot to not just me but to the entire (UAW Local 900) membership," UAW Local 900 President Anderson Robinson Jr. said.

Conley's wife, Susan Bowen, who has since remarried, said not a day goes by that she doesn't think about him.

"Every day is still tough. My daughters are growing up without a father. It changed our lives forever, and I think about what he's missed since he has died," Bowen said.

Reminder of late husband

Bowen feels that the tree is a reminder that her late husband will live on at MAP.

"It's a tree of life, and people won't forget Rob. I don't want people to forget Rob and what a great guy he was and what he did for his workers when he was here," she said.

UAW Bargaining Representative Dwayne Walker has vivid memories of that ominous day.

"It seems like it was just yesterday, you were coming in and you saw the ambulance coming in and you're thinking 'What's going on?'" Walker said. He remembers



UAW Local 900 President Anderson Robinson Jr. (right) and MAP Plant Chairman Bill Johnson pay their respects during the ceremony.

getting closer to the accident and just turning around because it was the last thing he expected to see.

"You just expected it to be a normal day," he said.

Meeting Conley's oldest daughter is bitter-sweet for Walker.

"She never saw her dad. She was very young and he didn't get a chance to watch her grow up, and that puts it all in to perspective," Walker said. "We think about all the things in our lives and we take it for granted, there's nothing in our lives that could compare to hers."

'Safety Corner'

In recent years, MAP has created the "Safety Corner," an area of the plant dedicated to the Safety Operating System (SOS). Each day, plant leadership meets to hear reports on all incidents that happen around the site. The hope is that for each incident that's investigated, the knowledge gained will make



A tree was dedicated to Michael Hardman who suffered occupational-related injuries in 1991.

people more aware, and safer.

"Safety is of the utmost importance to me. Workers Memorial Day is a somber reminder that unfortunately, accidents do happen, but all of us need to do everything we can to create a safe work environment so that we all return home to our loved ones the same way we left,"

said MAP Site Manager Philip Calhoun.

In addition to the tree dedications, MAP also stopped the assembly line on all three crews to hold moments of silence, allowing workers to reflect on the day.

Ryan Vetter is the Communications Coach at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne.

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Woman expands care for sex assault victims

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Sometimes statistics tell a story better than words. And when it comes to sexual assaults, the numbers add up to a horrific and disturbing problem that is only increasing at an alarming rate.

Sexual assault by the numbers includes:

» A person in the United States is sexually assaulted every two minutes.

» One out of every six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

» Approximately 66 percent of rape victims know their assailants.

» Almost 2.78 million American men have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

Kimberly Hurst, 42, of Royal Oak, learned about the pain and suffering behind these numbers in a very personal way. While numbers tell an overall story, the victims and their own stories are what Hurst has gotten to know over the past 10 years.

She can put a face to the statistics, and it was this experience of getting to know victims of sexual assault that caused Hurst to get involved in a life-changing way. And life-changing not only for her but the thousands of people her organization has helped since 2006.

"While I was a student physician's assistant in the emergency room at Detroit's St. John's Hospital, I was handed a rape kit by one of the attending doctors and told that I needed this for my next patient," Hurst said. "We had no training on how to do rape kits. I know that I did her a huge disservice, and I will never forget her as a patient. I never knew that this sub-spe-



Molina Healthcare of Michigan recently honored Royal Oak resident Kimberly Hurst for her extraordinary work with victims of sexual assault. Pictured above are Stephen Harris from left, president of Molina Healthcare of Michigan; Hurst, Wayne County SAFE; Heidi McGlennen of Molina Healthcare of Michigan; Shoma Pal, Wayne County SAFE; and Zarina Shockley-Sparling, Molina Healthcare, Inc.

cialty of care even existed until after I graduated."

Lack of care

Even months later, Hurst couldn't forget about that patient and the lack of care and services offered by the hospital that night.

"I decided to take classes and training to become a sexual assault forensic examiner," she said. "I was working with an organization in Oakland County helping victims of sexual assault while at the same time working the ER at St. John's in Wayne County, and it was frustrating because there wasn't the same level of care in Detroit and Wayne County that was available in Oakland County."

Hurst noticed that some victims of sexual abuse in Wayne County would even take a cab or drive to clinics in Oakland County or Macomb County to get the services and help they needed and deserved.

"There was a huge gap in medical care services between the three coun-

ties," she said.

So Hurst decided to change that by starting her own clinic and crisis center in Wayne County. The organization became known as Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner's Program (WC SAFE). In 2006, the first year of the program, WC SAFE had 120 patients, a \$23,000 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and one clinic site.

"I thought it would be something I and a few others could do on the side to help people who have been victimized by this horrible crime," she said. "I never realized it would become what it is today."

Care evolves

What it is today is an organization with nine full-time staff members and more than 20 forensic examiners who provide comprehensive and compassionate medical-forensic care to Wayne County survivors of sexual assault in a timely manner with immediate crisis advocacy, follow-up care and counseling, and provision of expert

witness testimony. They not only help the victims but are able to provide evidence, counseling and services to put the offenders in jail.

"We have an over 90 percent conviction rate on cases that make it to trial," Hurst said. "And these are the toughest cases to prosecute. A lot of the credit goes to not only our forensic exams and the work we do with the victims but also the prosecutor's office, which has made these cases a priority."

WC SAFE is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provides a safe, quiet and confidential environment with specially trained forensic examiners in order to provide medical examinations and forensic evidence collection for rape victims.

Hurst points out that these exams are effective up to 120 hours after the assault takes place.

"Our budget today is now over \$1 million a year to help us do what is needed in Wayne County," Hurst said. "It's been a tremendous and re-

WC SAFE

What: Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner's Program (WC SAFE) is a non-profit, 501(c)3, specialty organization that provides compassionate and comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault throughout Wayne County.

Where: Main office is located at 2727 Second Ave., Suite 120, Detroit.

Phone: 313-964-9701.

Founded: 2006.

Local connection: Kimberly Hurst of Royal Oak founded WC SAFE and now helps run an organization that includes a staff of nine full-time employees, a group of dedicated volunteers and four clinic sites in Wayne County.

Online: wcsafe.org

home, and that's what I focus on when I leave work."

Hurst honored

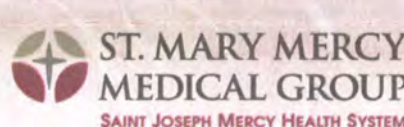
Hurst and WC SAFE were recently one of six community heroes presented a Community Champions award from Molina Healthcare of Michigan.

"Kimberly is an extraordinary example of someone who truly cares about the health and well-being of others," said Stephen Harris, president of Molina Healthcare of Michigan. "Her commitment to help ensure medical care and resources are available to victims of sexual assault has made a positive impact in the community. Molina is proud to recognize her as Community Champion."

The criteria used when reviewing each nomination for Community Champions include: overall community contributions, length of community service and involvement; achievements or qualities of a nominee that shows his or her commitment to serving those in need; and specific results demonstrating the positive influence a nominee's activities have had on the community.

The Community Champions program celebrates the vision of Dr. C. David Molina, the founder of Molina Healthcare, as well as community partners who work together to care for society's most vulnerable individuals. Each community champion was nominated by a community-based organization and also received a \$1,000 grant to give to a deserving nonprofit organization of his/her choice. Hurst will donate her \$1,000 grant to Wayne County SAFE.

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Hospice volunteer honored for 'generous' service

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Perhaps no one was more surprised that Georgia Scappaticci was named Angela Hospice's volunteer of the year than Scappaticci herself. The Plymouth Township woman was listening to a description of the yet-unnamed volunteer's service during Angela's recent appreciation dinner and later said there were no immediate clues that it was her, because so many volunteers there do so much valuable work. "Everyone deserves one," she said of the award.



Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth Township is Angela Hospice's volunteer of the year.

But when the presenter got to the part about the top volunteer making "the best lemon tarts" and notarizing patient documents, Scappaticci knew who they were talking about. "I was crying. I didn't know," she said. "I can't believe this is happening to me," was her thought at the time.

Scappaticci, a 17-year volunteer, received the award last month to a standing ovation at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Angela Hospice is a Livonia-based not-for-profit that cares for terminally ill people in their last days and provides support for

their families. "She has touched lives" Scappaticci does a variety of work for the hospice, helping with fundraising events, reaching out to bereaved families to offer continuing support and, as a

longtime notary public, helping dying patients get their important papers in order. "Her gifts to the patients and families of Angela Hospice are so numerous and generous," said Syndie Best, volunteer coordinator at the hospice. "She has touched the lives of so many people through her volunteer work here." But it's the weekly teas, which she and two other women founded a few years after she started volunteering, that Scappaticci finds the most rewarding. Each Thursday, she and other volunteers serve high tea, complete with sandwiches and treats, to hospice patients and the people visiting them. Often, there's even entertainment: a keyboard player, a singalong, a children's choir. The high teas lighten what is often a heavy mood for people who are visiting terminally ill loved ones. "It just gives people

sort of a change," Scappaticci said. "It's just a nicer setting." If a patient cannot make it to the tea room, she said, they'll sometimes bring the tea to the patient. People who've attended teas sometimes run into Scappaticci later, she said, and tell her they won't forget them. Many families involved with the hospice are so grateful for the teas, she added, they've donated equipment for them, like cups, cabinetry and accessories. "Like family" She's gotten close to some of the Angela patients, even attending their funerals, and their family members. "They get to be almost like family," she said. Scappaticci also volunteers in the bereavement ministry at her church, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township. She got involved with Angela Hospice in the 1990s, when a friend at

the Italian American Club of Livonia asked her to co-chair a fundraiser for the hospice. She later took the hospice's volunteer course and began as a volunteer in 1998. She has recorded 4,953 volunteer hours at Angela, with almost 300 of those hours worked during 2014. The average volunteer at Angela worked 91 hours in 2014, almost twice what the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization says is the national average for hospice volunteers. The appreciation dinner saw more than 80 other volunteers recognized for reaching service milestones. For more information becoming an Angela Hospice volunteer, go to www.AskforAngela.com or call toll-free at 866-464-7810.
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Several Westland residents among hospice honorees

There was a running theme at the annual Angela Hospice Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Held on April 13, the message was that volunteers are a gift to Angela Hospice. "You are a gift, and what you do is a gift," said Syndie Best, Volunteer Services manager for the Livonia-based nonprofit, to the packed room of volunteers and

grateful staff. "When we call, you answer." And the 422 Angela Hospice volunteers answered in droves. In 2014, they served 37,538 hours and drove almost 180,000 miles to help Angela Hospice patients and families. Volunteers help in every area imaginable — gardening, giving haircuts, delivering supplies, helping with fundraisers and events, singing in the choir, creating quilts and afghans, providing companionship for patients and their families, baking, funeral visits, and sorting mailings. In other words, they do whatever needs to be done in order to help patients and their families.

Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth was named Volunteer of the Year. Westland residents honored this year included: Jan Armstrong for five years; Jane Halliwell for five years; Joanne Neu for five years; and Jennifer Perniciaro for 15 years. Livonia residents honored this year included Deborah Antosiewicz for 500 hours total and 300 in the last year; Colleen Butka for five years and 1,000 hours; Janet Conway for 2,000 hours; Jane Cuba for 2,500 hours total and more than 300 hours in one year; Mike Cuba for 2,000 hours total and 300 hours in the last year; Marion Dagg for 300 hours in one year; Betty Diethorn for five years; Susan Flatley for 500 hours; Bob Friar for 7,000 hours total and 300

hours in the past year; Joanne Friar for 15 years and 6,500 hours, plus 300 hours in the last year; Also, Fran Gillis for five years and 500 hours; Sherry Giordano for 10 years; Cecelia Hartsock for 1,500 hours; Donna Jasin for 2,500 hours; Dorothy Larco for 20 years; Sandy Liebertz for 1,000 hours; Mary Jo Lipon for five years; Sharon McDougald for 1,000 hours; Elizabeth McGill for 500 hours total and 300 in the last year; Jackie Mitchell for 500 hours; Betty Moore for five years and 500 hours; Cathy Myszka for 2,000 hours; Mary Anne Ralko for five years and 1,000 hours; Geri Renaud for 2,000 hours; Rosanne Stark for 300 hours in one year; John Stern for 500 hours total and 300 in the last year; Connie Vokal for five years; David Werton for 20



Jennifer Perniciaro of Westland was among volunteers honored by Angela Hospice for five years of service.

years and 1,000 hours; Mary Ann Wiegel for 500 hours; and Patricia Zygnier for 300 hours in one year. At the dinner, which was hosted by the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, volunteers received a staff tribute as a thank you for all they do, including a song-and-dance number and a skit. Both were received with cheers of applause from the volunteers. More than 80 volunteers were also recognized for reaching milestones per five years and/or 500 lifetime hours of service. "Angela Hospice volunteers are wonderful!"

They are caring and generous people who faithfully give their most valuable commodity — their time — to help others. Our volunteers are hardworking and flexible, willing to do whatever is needed," Best said. "The compassion they have for others is obvious in all they do. I am touched by the way they care, not only for our patients and families, but also for each other. The volunteers here are like family." For more information about Angela Hospice or to become a volunteer, visit www.AskforAngela.com or call toll free 866-464-7810.

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Brian Wilson (right), Livonia's superintendent of public service, accepts congratulations from DEQ Director Dan Wyant.

DEQ recognizes Livonia for recycling excellence

The DEQ and Governor's Recycling Council recognized the City of Livonia for excellence in recycling at the Governor's Recycling Summit in Kalamazoo May 5.

Gov. Rick Snyder has set a goal of increasing diversion of waste from landfills from 15 percent to 30 percent statewide. The City of Livonia, DEQ officials noted, has achieved a recycling rate of over 50 percent for many years through efforts such as curbside recycling, household hazardous waste/electronic waste drop-off events, wood waste-to-energy efforts and other programs.

"Livonia's commitment to recycling and waste diversion goes back many years," said Brian Wilson, Livonia's superintendent of public service. "As we head into the 25th year of curbside recycling, we continue to gain in the economic and

environmental benefits that result from the tremendous efforts in recycling and waste reduction of Livonia's residents and businesses."

The DEQ honor adds to Livonia's reputation as an environmentally friendly city. Livonia was recently recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Our local leaders and staff, but more importantly our residents and business owners, understand the importance of a healthy environment," Mayor Jack Kirksey said. "The success of our recycling program is another indication of how seriously Livonia takes its responsibility to the environment."

Livonia was one of 28 honored at the event. The awards are designed to honor organizations excelling in several key categories, including providing leadership,

improving measurement tools, expanding recycling rates, focusing on outreach and education, increasing access to recycling, and "closing the loop" by designing or creating new products that can be recycled or by purchasing and using products made of recycled content.

"(Livonia's) program includes some pretty unique materials, such as woodchips from tree maintenance, composting, paper shredding days and electronics collection days," said Rhonda Over, chief of the DEQ's sustainable materials management unit. "Strong communication and accepting a wide variety of material is what they attribute to the success of the program."

Snyder outlined these components in his April 2014 statewide plan to increase the state's recycling rate to 30 percent.

City of Livonia to distribute food

The City of Livonia will distribute beef stew, mashed potatoes, spinach, green beans, apple sauce, raisins and grape juice from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, to residents enrolled in the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Pro-

gram (TEFAP). The distribution will take place in the vacant district court building at 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile.

Other items will also be provided from Forgotten Harvest. Distributions are

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1) HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

The activities described below are continuing programs that take place on a city-wide basis.

A. MAJOR HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM: The City of Livonia's Major Home Rehabilitation Program is operated out of the Housing Commission Office and provides deferred loans from CDBG funds to low/moderate income families or individuals who own and occupy single family homes. The purpose of this program is to complete major repairs that extend the useful life of a home. Homes rehabilitated under the Major Home Rehabilitation Program may require extensive repairs in order to comply with local code and federal requirements. Loan recipients eventually pay back the money rather than receiving an outright grant, therefore, the program provides for the future return of funds, thus preserving the program over time. Applications are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis and the amount of the loan shall not exceed \$15,000. Loan limits may be waived to make emergency improvements or to address lead based paint hazards. Recipients must be Livonia residents and fall within federal income guidelines (incomes which are equal to 80% or less of the average income of the Detroit Metropolitan area). Home ownership and income verification are required. Loans are offered at 0% and 3% interest rates, depending on household income. The loan becomes due when a home is sold. Liens are placed on the property in the amount of the loan and are recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds. Funding for this program (including administration and city building inspections) in the amount of \$43,194 has been budgeted for PY2015-16, with an estimated 3-5 homes improved.

B. EMERGENCY HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM: The Emergency Rehabilitation Program provides rehabilitation loans to low/moderate income households for the repair of sudden or unexpected damages to a home that immediately threaten a household's health or safety. Emergency repairs are given priority over all other applicants for rehabilitation loans. Loans for emergency repairs are deferred and offered at 0% or 3% interest rates, depending upon household income. Funding in the amount of \$26,194.00 has been budgeted for PY2015-16, with an estimated 3-5 homes improved.

C. MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM: The City of Livonia maintains a Minor Home Repair grant program. CDBG funds are used to provide minor repairs for low income resident households who own and occupy single family homes. The purpose of the program is to affect minor repairs and maintenance to these houses on behalf of the occupants, many of whom are elderly and female headed households, to avoid code violations and dangerous conditions so as to maintain safe and adequate housing units. The program also provides for limited accessibility improvements on behalf of persons with disabilities. The program includes permanent improvement of a residential home to prevent or correct sub-standard conditions, or to remove safety hazards, including the installation of smoke detectors. Work consists of restoration and/or renovation extending the life of the structure. Home maintenance does not involve any aesthetic improvements to a home unless such work also contributes to the extended life of the structure. Repairs are generally limited to \$1,500/home/year. Recipients must be Livonia residents and fall within income guidelines. Home ownership and income verification are required. This program works closely with the Major Home Rehabilitation Program for cross-referrals. Funding in the amount of \$49,514 has been allocated for PY2015-16, with an estimated 33 homes repaired.

2) ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION/DEMOLITION OF TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES

According to Section 570.202, the rehabilitation of privately owned buildings is an eligible CDBG activity. Also according to 24 CFR Part 58 under 58.35(a) (5), federal funds used for rehabilitation are Categorically Excluded from NEPA environmental review requirements.

Funding will be available for PY2015-16 permitting the City of Livonia to acquire 1-2 tax foreclosed properties from Wayne County. Upon notification by the County through the Treasurer's Office the City/Housing Commission has the right of first refusal to purchase single family homes and vacant parcels of land. Acquisition of the homes will enable the Commission to rehabilitate the structure and utilize the homes for low/moderate income families or demolition where determined necessary. A total of \$19,958.00 is allocated for this program.

3) PUBLIC FACILITIES

A. CITY-OWNED SINGLE FAMILY RENTAL UNITS: The City has fifteen (15) single-family homes to provide affordable rental housing for low/moderate income families. An estimated \$30,000 will be allocated to the continued maintenance of these properties, and \$2,000 will be allocated to the management of these properties. This funding is not derived from the current grant allocation, but rather from rent receipts generated by these 15 rental homes. Federal regulations found at 58.35(b) (3) state that operating costs (including maintenance) is categorically excluded from NEPA requirements.

The building which houses the Community Development Office and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, located at 10800 Farmington Road, is a public facility in which regular public service activities take place. Weekly intake sessions conducted by a contractor for utility assistance, Housing Choice Voucher pre-selection meetings, landlord and contractor meetings and monthly homebuyer information sessions require use of the building. Under 24 CFR 58.35 acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public facilities are categorically excluded when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent.

SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

According to Section No. 58.36 of 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Programs, none of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project(s) for the City of Livonia, Michigan require an environmental assessment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Livonia Housing Commission-Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 and may be examined weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Livonia Housing Commission at the address listed above. All comments received on or before Thursday, May 25, 2015 will be considered by the Livonia Housing Commission prior to authorizing submission of request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission certifies to HUD that Jack E. Kirksey in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Livonia-Housing Commission to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Livonia-Housing Commission's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). The anticipated period of review by HUD is June 1, 2015 to June 16, 2015. HUD will consider objections only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Livonia; (b) the City of Livonia-Housing Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with established procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Administration Office at Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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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.

LIVONIA DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING
Time/date: 7 p.m. Monday, May 11.
Location: The Quality Inn & Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia.
Details: The Livonia Democratic Club will meet for its general monthly meeting.
Contact: livoniademocraticclub.com.

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 to make 3D pictures. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break and 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, 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 at 248-398-3591.

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 families to tour the school, meet with staff and share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's serves students from young 4s 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 Laverne, 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 detrnana@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.

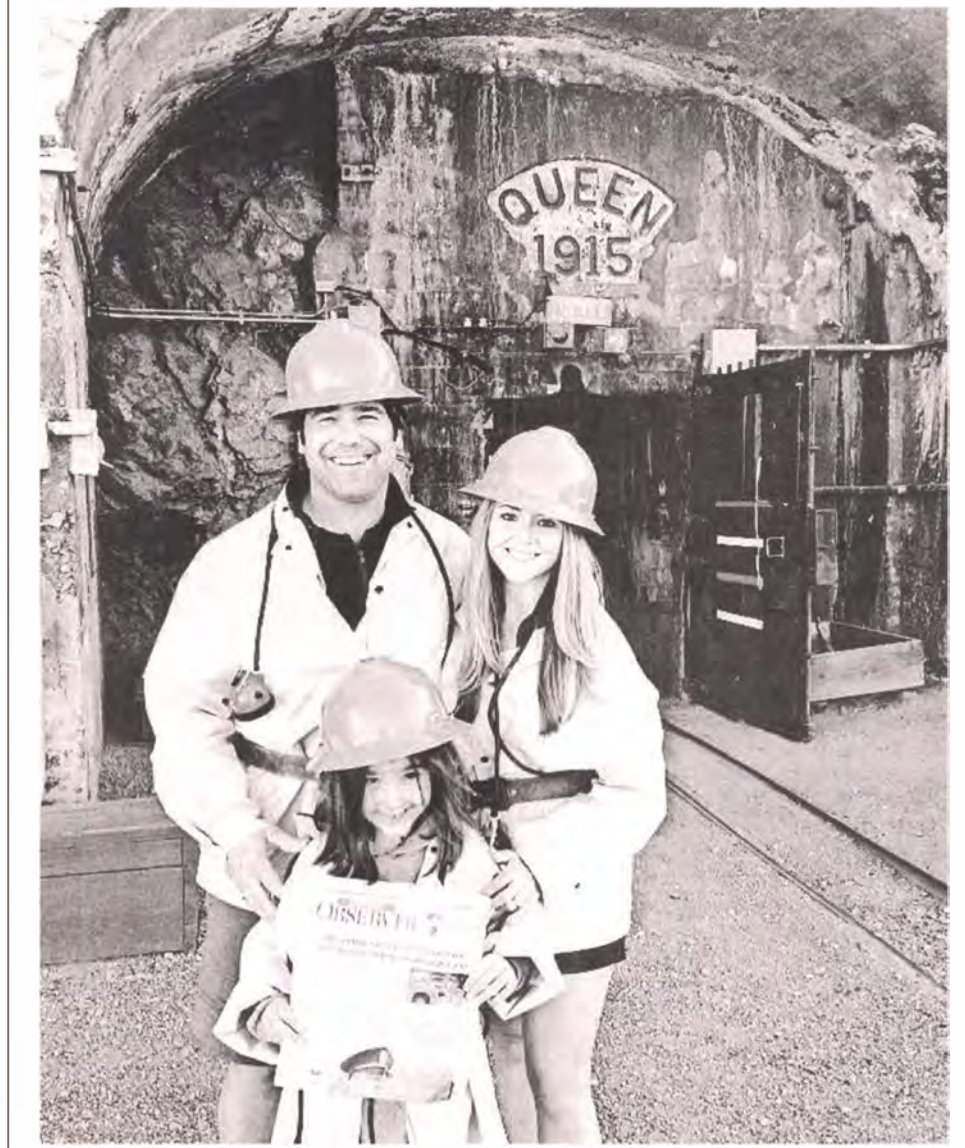
BLOOD DRIVE
Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18.
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in its North Auditorium. The public is invited to join hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org.

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 a 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.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET
Time/date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21.
Location: Alexander Blue House, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia.
Details: Joe Grimm, author of *Coney Detroit*, will speak on why Michigan is the coney capital of the world. Enjoy coney dogs, broasted chicken, cole

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Contact: Greenmead office, 248-477-7375; Barbara Mansfield, 734-464-0450.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY
Time/date: 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.
Location: Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Discounted tickets are \$60 until March 7 for the Class of 2015 All-Night Party. For further information and to obtain a ticket order form, visit <http://stevenson.livoniapublicschools.org> then click on the PARENTS tab and select "Senior All Night Party."

FOREVER FAMILIES 5K WALK/RUN
Time/date: Saturday, May 30.
Location: Hines Park, North Merriman Road, Westland.
Details: Forever Families is a nonprofit licensed foster care and adoption agency in Livonia. Funds raised will go toward meeting the needs of foster children in Michigan including clothing, hygiene items, Christmas and birthday gifts for the children, school supplies, backpacks, cribs, strollers, etc. Various sponsorship levels are available. The goal is to raise \$15,000.

Contact: Amber Ogden, 734-762-0909, ext. 103; aogden@forever-families.org.

FLEA MARKET
Time/date: Saturday, June 6.
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia St., Redford.
Details: Antique dealers, artists and crafters, and those who would like to sell their yard/garage sale items are invited to participate in Our Lady of Loretto's Flea Market. Visit ourladyofloretto-parish.org, look the church up on Facebook, or call the church office at 313-534-9000 for details and application forms.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK GOLF OUTING
Time/date: 7 a.m. Saturday, June 6.
Location: Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Swing your clubs to combat childhood hunger at the first-ever benefit Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a community-based program run by volunteers to address the problem of weekend childhood hunger in Livonia Public Schools. Four-person scramble, 18 holes of golf with cart, free use of range in the morning, various golf-related contests, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and dinner at the One Under Restaurant. Regis-

tration for golf and dinner is \$100, while the fee for dinner only is \$30. Registration at 7 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m.
Contact: Audra Rons at audraron@gmail.com or call 248-701-3277.

SUMMER FLEA MARKET
Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.
Details: Hosted by the Livonia Historical Commission, the Flea Market is a rain or shine event with plenty of free parking. All proceeds benefit Greenmead Historical Park. More than 180 vendor spaces, refreshments on site. Village tours start at noon. Cost is \$2 per person, free for children under 12. Bring a wagon/cart. No dogs permitted at this event.
Contact: 248-477-7375

PARKING LOT SALE
Time/date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13.
Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly Road, Redford.
Details: Sell your stuff at our site. One parking space, \$15; two spaces, \$25; and three spaces, \$35. This will be the church's only sale this year.
Contact: 313-937-9690.

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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.

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Long-term investment: Give the gift of education, help family thrive

Q: Dear Rick: We just had our first great-grandchild and we want to do something for him. I was at the Observer & Eccentric Expo in April and I asked you this question. You said put money away for his future education in a Michigan college savings plan. Over the next couple of years we're expecting more great-grandchildren and we figure what we do for one we have to do for all. Because of this, we figure that we can only afford to put in about \$500. Does it make sense to open a plan for only \$500? My husband thinks we should just buy U.S. Savings Bonds. What do you recommend?

A: Congratulations on the birth of a great-grandchild and for thinking about his future. I cannot think of a better gift from a grandparent or a great-grandparent than the gift of an education.

What you are doing to help your great-grandchild is something that will pay dividends throughout his life. As a side note, just think about how lucky that great-grandchild is because somewhere in the future he will be able to tell people that he knew his great-grandparents. I know how lucky I am that I can tell people that I knew all four of my grandparents.

I believe it is a slam dunk that you should use the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) vs. U.S. Savings Bonds. Look at the returns U.S. Savings Bonds are paying – 0.3 percent.

The bottom line is the



Rick Bloom
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cost of a college education is increasing considerably more than 0.3 percent a year. By investing in U.S. Savings Bonds you are not keeping up with college cost inflation.

In the past, people purchased bonds for their returns, but also as a sign of patriotism. As a red, white and blue flag-waving American, I understand and embrace patriotism. However, the issue at hand is what is a good investment for your great-grandchild, and, considering the returns, that is not in U.S. savings bonds.

When you consider that your great-grandchild won't need this money for at least 18 years, it makes sense to invest a portion of the money in the stock market and that is exactly what investing in the MESP will do. It will give you a diversified and balanced portfolio that is geared for the long run.

The MESP (www.mis-aves.com) is a 529 Plan. It allows money to be invested for someone's post high-school education. The money can grow tax free and be withdrawn tax free as long as it's used for a qualified education expense.

There are numerous 529 Plans on the market, however, they're not all the same. Some of these plans are state-specific in that you can only use the money for schools in that state. Other plans have commissions and high

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fees. Obviously, those plans should be avoided.

One of the reasons I like the MESP is that you can use the money for basically any public or private institution in the country. In addition, it is commission-free and very low cost. Vanguard and Fidelity also offer very good 529 Plans.

If you're saving for someone's college education, you must recognize that the cost of college is increasing faster than just about anything else in our economy. To keep up with the increase you must have a long-term prospective.

Yes, the stock market is volatile and your principal can fluctuate up and down. However, if you are saving for a newborn's education 18 years away, your only realistic opportunity of keeping up is to make sure a portion of your money is invested in the stock market.

Good luck.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Wetmore-led John Glenn surging



John Glenn shortstop Reed Zielinski secured the flip from his second baseman to get a force-out on Franklin base-runner David Milican during the sixth inning of Wednesday's game.

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn senior pitcher Brendan Wetmore had his usual nasty stuff working during the first game of Wednesday's doubleheader against visiting Livonia Franklin.

Wetmore struck out 10 Patriots, including Franklin's clean-up hitter with two outs and runners on second and third in the seventh inning, to lead the Rockets to a 2-1 victory.

The hard-throwing lefty scattered six hits

and the only run the Patriots scored was unearned.

Results of the second game were unavailable.

Patriots starting pitcher Adrian Reed suffered the game-one loss despite yielding just two runs over 4 2/3 innings. Jay Hopson held John Glenn scoreless over the final 1 1/2 frames.

Franklin struck first in the second when, with two outs, Tyler Camp reached on an infield single. After Hunter Sellers singled, Camp scored on an error.

John Glenn tallied its

only two runs in the bottom of the third. Wetmore, who finished 2-for-2 with two stolen bases, was hit by a pitch to lead off the frame. After Wetmore was sacrificed to second, he stole third and scored on Brian Martin's double to straight-away center field.

Martin advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Zach Croft's single to center.

Franklin constructed a big-time threat in the top of the fourth when Ryan Prohaska and Camp led off the inning with sin-

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MU softball Cal-bound

The Madonna University softball team learned its NAIA National Softball Championship destination Thursday and the Crusaders are headed to Irvine, Calif., for the four-team Concordia University-Irvine opening round.

Madonna, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season co-champion with a 34-12-1 overall record, is making its first appearance in the opening round and fifth overall in the NAIA National Tourney (1994, 2009, 2010, 2012).

MU coach Jerry Abraham is taking his second team this school year to the nationals. It's his second for softball and 16th overall (including volleyball).

On Monday, the fourth-seeded Crusaders will take on top seed Concordia, ranked third nationally, while second-seed and No. 13 ranked Cal State San Marcos takes on third seed Dickinson State. Times for the matchups for the double-elimination format have not been announced.

The winner of the Concordia bracket advances to the NAIA World Series in Sioux City, Iowa.

Hole-in-one

Livonia resident Roger Pattee, 67, aced the 171-yard fifth hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Wednesday using a five iron.

Pattee, who had recorded one previous hole-in-one in his 56 years of playing the sport, finished his 18-hole round with an 87.

Blazers rout Regina, 17-3

Senior Dani Dwyer and junior Jillian Jacobs led a parade of scorers with four goals apiece Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood rolled to a 17-3 Catholic League semifinal victory over Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who led 12-1 at halftime, advanced to Saturday's championship final at Notre Dame Prep while improving to 7-3 overall.

Other Ladywood goal scorers included junior Nicole Reece, junior Jaclyn Mullen and freshman Sydney Pilut with two goals apiece. Senior Kristen Karwan, sophomore Colleen Barnes and freshman Julianne Snyder chipped in with one each.

Ladywood junior goalie Aliya Grandison made 12 saves.

"Right from the first draw we took the lead and never looked back," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team is 6-0 in the league. "We played with intensity and poise, executing our game plan."

The loss drops Regina to 3-8 overall and 0-6 in the league.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD MEET

RUN-AWAY!

Chargers boys continue hot streak; Northville girls capture crown

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys track and field team is having a "relay, relay" good month of May.

On Friday, just six days after winning the Observerland Relays on their home track, the Chargers made themselves feel right at home again by running away from the 12-team field in the Kensington Conference Meet.

The Chargers piled up 99.5 points to out-distance runner-up Westland John Glenn by 15.5 points. Northville was third with 76, one point better than fourth-place Canton.

Churchill was powered by several strong individual efforts, including its lone first-place finish: Shakur Lockett's triumph in the long jump (21 feet, 1 1/4 inches). Jamal Allen placed second in the 400-meter dash and the Chargers' 3,200-meter relay team nipped Plymouth for the gold by just over a second.

Franklin's Keenan Jones won the 1,600 in a duel with Salem's Chaz Jeffress.

John Glenn's Austin Hickerson (200 and 400) and Freddie Thompson (both hurdles events) were the only two individuals in the boys meet to win twice.

The Mustang girls raced to the decisive title by winning



Livonia Churchill's Shakur Lockett (background) passes the baton to Paul Romain during Friday's 400 relay.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Churchill edges Franklin; Stevenson 4th at Wayne Co.

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Consistency was the name of the game for the Livonia Churchill boys golf team Wednesday as three Chargers registered rounds of 42 to lead head coach Paul Worley's squad to an every-shot-counts 171-172 triumph over host Livonia Franklin at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The three low-scorers for the winners were Sam Spayd, Aaron Walton and Peyton Elkins. Mike Palumbo's round of 45 also counted toward the Chargers' third-straight victory. Davis Coughlin shot a 48, while Blake Ebling came in with a 62.

Franklin's Will Hettel was the match's medalist after shooting a sizzling 39. Also scoring for the Patriots were Matt Wiebelhaus (41), and Jeremy Haist (46) and Jacob Kenward (46).

Also playing at the varsity level for Franklin were Zack Nelzon (48) and Trevor Vliet (53).

Stevenson excels

Led by Connor McQueen's sterling round of 76, Livonia Stevenson placed fourth at Wednesday's 19-team Wayne County Invitational.

McQueen's four-over-par performance earned him a

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, May 11
S.L. East at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
Fordson at RU, 4 p.m.
Novi at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13
Plymouth at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 15
Clarenceville at N.B. Huron, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 16
Franklin at Truman Tourney, TBA
John Glenn at Kennedy Tourney, TBA
Wayne at Dearborn (2), 11 a.m.
Allen Park at RU, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clawson Tourney, 10 a.m.
Sunday, May 17
Franklin Alumni Game, 6:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Monday, May 11
Garden City at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Churchill at Ford Field, 8 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
Catholic League quarterfinal, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Robichaud, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
Garden City at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Catholic League semifinal, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 15
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 16
Clarenceville at Southfield Christian (2), 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Skyline Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Hits for Heroes Tournament, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 11
Clarenceville at RU, 6 p.m.
Edsel at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Romulus, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13
Clarenceville at Garden City, 6 p.m.
RU at Edsel Ford, 6 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 14
KLA A cross-overs at Central Division schools
Friday, May 15
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at RU, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday, May 11
Stevenson at Brighton Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 3:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12
South Lyon at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Novi at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13
Garden City at Romulus, 2:45 p.m.
Fordson at RU, 3 p.m.
Thurston at Belleville, 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 14
Franklin at Novi, 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 3 p.m.
Friday, May 15
Garden City at News Herald Invite, 8:30 a.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, May 12
Clarenceville at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.
Fordson at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 15
Division 1 regional at Canton, 9 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 11
Heritage at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13
Ladywood at Marian, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, May 11
Ferdale at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.

GOLF

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sixth-place overall standing.

Also figuring in the scoring for Stevenson were Jon McDonald (79), Connor McCarthy (81) and Hyder Mansour (84). Noah Pappalardo played well, shooting an 87, but only the four lowest

rounds counted in the scoring.

Rockets prevail

Westland John Glenn outscored Wayne Memorial, 221-237, in a KLA A South Division match held Thursday at Fellow Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Chase Anderson led the Rockets with a 44. Also scoring for John Glenn were David Hick-

son (48), Chase Storm (60) and Nick Butkovich (69).

The Zebras' low man was Daniel Kosick, who fired a 49. Nick Jefferson carded a 53, while Cameron Salt (63) and John Hicks (72) also figured in the scoring for Wayne. Zack Boland added a 79 while Jacob Sterling shot an 80.

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Date: May 27, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Board of Education
Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff
Garden City, MI 48135

Attn: Drew McMechan, Chief Financial Officer

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CITY OF WESTLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT and HOME PROGRAMS ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 7/1/2015-6/30/2016 --- FINAL NOTICE NOTICE OF NO FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about June 15, 2015, the City of Westland will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under the CDBG and HOME Programs:

USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

- CDBG funds (\$972,335; program income \$30,000):
Grant Administration - 194,467
Public Service Activities: Senior Programs, Youth Assistance Community Policing, Domestic Violence - 221,500
Code Enforcement - 175,000
Rehabilitation Projects - 176,460
Friendship Center Improvements - 35,000
Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures - 91,908
Norway Infrastructure and Parks - 60,000
Section 108 Loan - 48,000
HOME funds (\$227,994; program income \$100,000):
Grant Administration - 30,299
Housing Rehabilitation - 55,000
Homebuyer Assistance - 94,400
Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation - 148,295

Environmental Review Records are available for review, Housing & Community Development Department, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All parties disagreeing with the decision may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland by 5:00 p.m., June 15, 2015. The City will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to June 15, 2015.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with CDBG and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Westland certifies to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor William R. Wild, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the CDBG and HOME funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or
b) That the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
c) Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

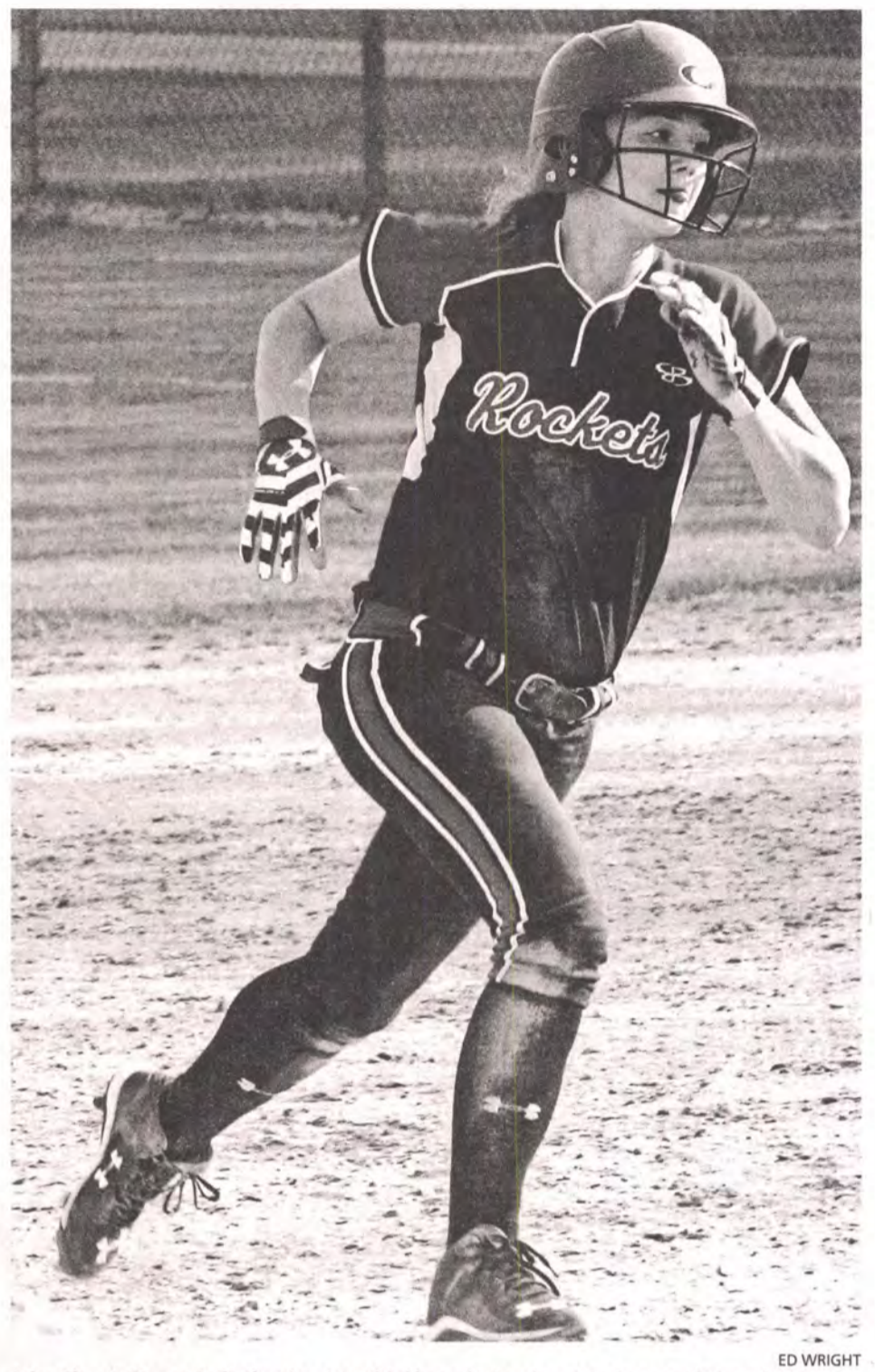
Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD, McNamara Federal Building, 17th Fl, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. No objection received after 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2015 will be considered by HUD.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



John Glenn's Megan Buford sprints into third base during the second game of Thursday's doubleheader sweep of Wayne Memorial.

Rockets soar to twinbill sweep of Zebras

John Glenn's Huren stars on mound, at plate

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's softball team flexed its muscles during Thursday's makeup doubleheader against visiting Wayne Memorial.

Riding the pitching of Mackenzie Huren, the Rockets swept the Zebras, 4-0 and 15-0, to earn Wayne-Westland bragging rights, at least temporarily. The second game last just four innings due to the MHSAA

mercy rule.

Huren allowed just one hit in the first game while striking out seven. Huren went 2-for-3 with a double, Chelsea Gilbert went 2-for-3 with two RBI while Hannah Udell had two hits (including a double) and two RBI.

Huren brought her "A" game to the nightcap as well, yielding just two hits while fanning five.

Leading the winners' hitting attack were Heather Gains (2-for-2, doubles two RBI), Megan Buford (2-for-2, triple, three RBI), Chelsea Gilbert (3-for-3, three RBI) and Huren, who went 2-for-2 with two ribbies.

On April 24, the Rockets shrugged off a week-long, weather-induced

layoff to wallop Dearborn Edsel Ford, 14-2. Gains made a highlight-reel catch in center field to lead the winners' defensive charge. She also ripped two singles at the plate.

Huren earned the win on the mound, striking out seven in five innings. John Glenn scored six runs in the second inning to give Huren some breathing room.

Huren was 3-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and four RBI. Also shining offensively for the Rockets were Jasmine Pickens, Buford, Julia Mickalowski, Gilbert and Udell.

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ED WRIGHT

Twenty Livonia Churchill senior student-athletes who will be playing sports in college gathered in the school's media center Thursday afternoon for a first-of-its-kind joint signing ceremony. Pictured along with Churchill athletic director Marc Hage (back row, seventh from left) are (seated from left) Rosie Garvin (Schoolcraft C.C., softball), Baker Hadwan (Muskegon C.C., wrestling), Alexis Lubonja (U-D Mercy, soccer), Rachel Mattison (Cuyahoga Co. C.C., softball), Jonathan Murray (Trine University, baseball), Sediqa Nedam (Indiana Tech, soccer), Odilichukwu Onwudiwe (Oakland University, track & field), Dylan Padget (Kalamazoo College, football), Victoria Perez (Johnson & Wales, hockey), Armon Perham (Adrian College, football), (back row from left) Jon Alessandrini (Madonna University, cross country), Nick Davis (Wayne State University, football), Matt Cohan (Madonna University, cross country), Tim Dulin (North Dakota University, football), Erin Emmanuel (St. Louis University, soccer), Brian Alsobrooks (Eastern Michigan University, football), athletic director Marc Hage, Amanda Rybak (Schoolcraft C.C., volleyball), Natalie Spala (University of Michigan-Dearborn, basketball), Matt Skibinski (Miami of Ohio, football) and Dylan Smith (Lawrence Tech University, hockey).

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



ED WRIGHT

Brooke Garbarino had a big day at the plate Wednesday against Westland John Glenn.

Franklin sweeps John Glenn

Clarenceville commits 8 errors in 13-12 loss; RU tops Thurston

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was "Patriots Day" Wednesday on the Westland John Glenn softball diamond as visiting Livonia Franklin earned a doubleheader sweep of the Rockets.

Franklin set the tone early by winning the opener, 16-1, in three innings before taking the nightcap, 8-5.

The pair of victories improved the Patriots to 10-9 overall and 8-5 in the KLAA South Division.

Starting pitcher Alaina DeFrain was sharp in both games, but especially in the first when she no-hit the Rockets while yielding just one walk.

Freshman Ashley Kent was an offensive force, ripping two singles and a double while knocking in three runs and scoring once. Sarah Cramton blasted an over-the-fence home run for the winners while Megan Chapman and Lauren Michael contributed two hits a piece.

DeFrain tossed a sev-

en-inning complete game in the second game, yielding five runs (three earned) and 12 hits while striking out a pair of Rockets. DeFrain was in control as she did not issue a walk.

In a wild start, Franklin scored three runs in the first inning before the Rockets countered with a pair in the bottom of the first. The Patriots tacked on three in the third to expand their lead to 6-2, but John Glenn came back with two in the third and one in the fifth to cut its deficit to 6-5.

The Patriots scored twice in the seventh thanks to DeFrain's two-out, two-run single.

Franklin managed just five hits, but took advantage of six John Glenn walks.

Sophomore catcher Brooke Garbarino singled, walked twice and scored three runs. Cramton pitched in with a two-run single.

"Today we played some outstanding defense as Sarah, Lauren, Jessica Banks and Tara Trujillo all had diving catches," Franklin head coach Linda Jimenez added.

Tractors trip Trojans

Dearborn Fordson scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning Wednesday to defeat host Livonia Clarenceville, 13-12.

The Tractors shut out the Lady Trojans in the last three innings. Clarenceville took a one-run lead into the fifth but could not hold on to it.

Winning pitcher Dabaja Niveen went the distance, allowing seven hits and nine walks. She struck out five and hit five.

Emily Schwartz took another tough loss (2-6), allowing six earned runs on nine hits and three walks. She also fanned five.

Clarenceville's defense was the difference, committing eight errors compared to Fordson's four.

Claudia Moore reached base four times (single, two walks, hit by pitch) and scored three runs for the Lady Trojans, who are 2-2 in the WWAC and 2-6 overall.

Schwartz had an RBI double to help her cause, and sophomore Janie Wagganer collected three singles and scored two runs.

Diala Elhallak was

3-for-4 with a walk for the Tractors. She also reached base on an error and scored four runs.

RU beats Thurston

Redford Union's bats were on fire Wednesday during its 22-12 five-inning victory over crosstown rival Redford Thurston.

The loss dropped the Eagles' record to 3-5 overall and 1-5 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

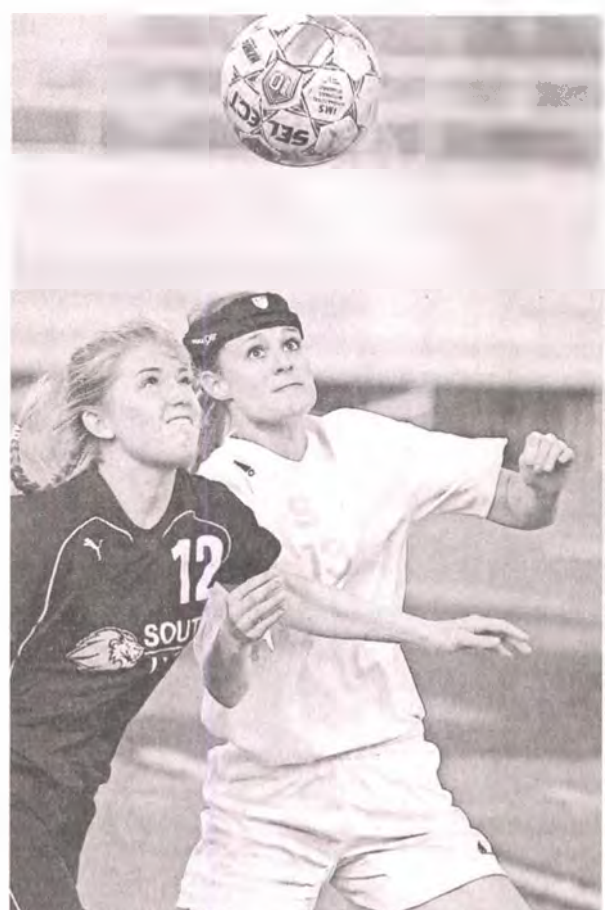
"Our defense struggled a bit in the first two innings when RU scored 13 runs on just two hits and six walks," noted Thurston head coach Scott Gray. "The other batters and runs scored on Eagle errors."

There was nothing wrong with the Thurston offense as Chelsea Williams (three hits, two RBI), Sydney Taylor (two hits, two RBI), Ronay Peguies (two hits, two RBI) and Ivory Mamo (two hits, RBI) all swung productive bats.

Amanda Roach, Rachel Pegouske and Gillian Drake all added one hit while Drake knocked in a team-high four runs.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Stevenson's Jenna Thom eyes a 50-50 ball during Thursday's 4-1 victory over South Lyon.

Late goal lifts Canton over Patriots, 2-1

Stevenson, Churchill win decisively

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin struck first Thursday night against visiting Canton, but the Chiefs rallied to earn a 2-1 victory in a KLAA South Division match.

Five minutes into the contest, Franklin's Madison Kean scored on a well-struck shot that was assisted by Rachel Dudek.

"Both girls worked very hard for the team Thursday night," said Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski, giving a nod to Kean and Dudek.

Canton knotted the game at 1-1 approximately 15 minutes later when sophomore forward Hannah Lapko found the net on a rocket from 30 yards out.

"She caught our keeper, Kat MacRae, off her line and tied it up with a beautiful strike," said Kowalski.

The game remained tied until Canton scored off a cross with under four minutes left.

"We misplayed the hop and wish we could have that one back," Kowalski said. "We worked hard all game. I felt we deserved a result, but the soccer gods had different plans."

The Patriots close out the KLAA South regular season Tuesday at Plymouth.

Spartans rebound

Livonia Stevenson bounced back from Monday's loss at Northville by upending South

Lyon, 4-1, Thursday night. Details of the game were not available at press time.

Churchill rolls

Livonia Churchill merced Wayne Memorial 8-0 in a KLAA South Division matchup Thursday night.

The Chargers' junior varsity team won 4-0.

RU defeats Thurston

Redford Union defeated Thurston, 3-1, in a WWAC Red Division matchup Wednesday night.

Clarenceville victorious

Livonia Clarenceville earned its fourth victory of the season Wednesday with a dominating performance against Romulus, 6-0.

Sarah Curvin scored two goals; Dawn Longoria, Jordan See, Nickendra Thomas and Jillian Bunker added one each. Ry'Ver Alvin, Kaitlyn Denny and Allison Lay had one assist apiece.

"Melayna Heller, Kyla Johnson and Ashli Hearn played a great game defensively for the Trojans," coach Amanda Moody said, "and Samantha Franco and Hannah Colbert played a great game offensively, providing multiple scoring opportunities."

Amanda Drain was in goal for nearly 60 minutes and stopped all three shots directed at her. The Trojans (4-7) play at 6 p.m. Monday at Redford Union.

- Staff writer Dan O'Meara contributed.

Mother's Day takes on new meaning for first-time mom



The moment my daughter was born, I became a member of an exclusive group of women who are mothers. Unless you are a mother yourself, you cannot understand the feeling of being part of this group. Moms help other moms out, and regardless of what a mom is going through, it's very reassuring to know there are other people going through the same thing.

Some people think I have it tough. I am a single mom who works full time. I don't think I have it easy, but I don't think I have it any worse than any other mom. I have a mom friend whose 3-year-old child has cancer. I'm thinking she might have it a little tougher than I do. I have another mom friend who has three kids under age 6 at home, is pregnant with her fourth, and is having a pregnancy so rough she can't pick up any of them. I know moms of twins, and a mom whose husband became an amputee after an accident. Some of my friends have to work from home while taking care of their kids, and some moms I know have to travel for work and have to be away from their kids for days at a time.

None of us has it easy, but none of us has it so hard that we can't handle it. Because you know what moms do? They PUSH THROUGH. They take the challenges, even the worst, awful challenges, and they just fight through them. No mom wants to go back to work after maternity leave, but we do it.



Sarah Marie Davis and her daughter, Grace.

And we stand in the stalls at work and cry and then push through, and every day gets a little easier. Because a mom, she won't back down. She is tough, and strong, and much more confident than she ever

imagined she would be.

Kids are priority

The moms I know aren't going to let anything stand in their way of raising a wonderful kid. Every one of them

would take the life obstacles that come their way and crush them. They would stand up to whatever challenges they encounter and do things they never imagined they would do in order to better the lives of

their children. This Mother's Day, I think of all those moms I know. I am almost certain they all agree with me when I say the moment our children came into the world, everything as we knew it changed. But nothing, not one terrible, awful situation or moment will ever make our children become anything less than what's most important in our lives. This is what motherhood is about — LOVE. About rearranging everything you had thought your life might be, and making your child come first. The golf clubs will collect dust, the bartender will forget your name, and you will be the happiest you ever imagined as you watch your child grow.

This Mother's Day is my first Mother's Day. It's like I've crossed the bridge like I did when I was a Girl Scout, graduating from Brownie to Junior, or in this case from daughter to mother. I feel so lucky to be a mom and so grateful for my little girl.

I wish the happiest of all Mother's Days to all the moms I know, especially my own, who has taught me so much about motherhood and continues to help me along the way. And an extra special wish to my incredible sister Meaghan, and my other "new mom" friends, who share this year as their first Mother's Days too. And to all the other moms, remember that we all are facing some sort of challenge. Keep being extra nice to all the other moms, and help out when you're needed. We are moms. Strong, brave and confident, but still in need of each other.

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Ricki Lake relishes her roles as mom, filmmaker

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Ricki Lake says her performance as Tracy Turnblad in John Waters' 1988 film, *Hairspray*, changed the "entire trajectory" of her life, taking her from obscurity to film and television stardom.

Her resume includes 40 acting credits, appearances on numerous television shows, including *Dancing with the Stars*, two talk shows — one netted an Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host — and three documentary films.

But her most prized role has been as a mom to her sons, ages 17 and 13.

"Two boys," Lake said, when asked about her greatest achievement last week at a fundraiser for Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood. "They are turning out to be remarkable people."

Lake, 46, was the keynote speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, an annual benefit luncheon and boutique at the Southfield synagogue. Robin Beth Lash of Farmington Hills, Sisterhood president, said proceeds will help pay for the organization's projects.

"You enjoyed the sound system today? We helped fund that sound system," she said. "Every Saturday after services we have a lunch program. We do things like Leader Dogs for the Blind, Heart to Heart in Detroit. We do educational things. The list is varied."

The organization supports Yad Ezra, a kosher food pantry, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, and scholarships for Jewish camps, among other charities.

"We try to be a diverse helping organization."

Jewish identity

Lash said the Sisterhood generally picks a Jewish speaker for its annual Woman's World benefit and has welcomed author Jean Chatzky, sex expert Ruth Westheimer and matchmaker Patti Stanger, to the event in the past.

Although Lake told the Woman's World audience she wasn't raised "particularly religious," she identifies with being Jewish and credits her



Julie Nelson-Klein, left, moderated a Q&A with Ricki Lake, actress and documentary film producer, during Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a benefit for the Sisterhood at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

grandmother for maintaining tradition and ritual in her family.

"I am who I am today a lot because of how she raised me," Lake said. "I feel like she is here today watching over me."

Lake took questions from moderator, Julie Nelson-Klein, about her movie career, talk show and family. She was a freshman in the musical theater program at Ithaca College when she heard about the *Hairspray* audition.

"I had never heard of John Waters. I didn't know who Devine was," she said, referring to her co-star in the film. "I hated college and I hated the musical theater department, so I drove five hours down to meet this John Waters."

"I remember him looking over the table to see if I really was big. I was 200 pounds at the time. I was like, yeah, this is all me."

She nabbed the role and spent eight days shooting in Baltimore, Md. Making her first movie was "like summer camp." When she wasn't on camera, she learned and re-

hearsed the mashed potato and other dances, which made her shed pounds. She ate Dove bars to maintain her weight for the role.

"It was a lot of fun but it was Devine's last film. He died eight days after *Hairspray* opened," Lake said. "So here I was, this 18-year-old. I was becoming a star, all my dreams are coming true and my co-star dies in his sleep. He was 42 years of age."

Lake credits Devine for teaching her how to walk in high heels, which she wore on her talk show for 11 seasons, starting in 1993, and Waters for advising her to "be humble, be authentic, and don't believe all the things people say about you."

"I'm so grateful and everything I've gotten in my career since, I've got John Waters to thank for it."

Director's muse

Waters directed Lake in five films, including *Cry-Baby* with Johnny Depp and *Serial Mom* with Kathleen Turner. Lake said Turner wanted a younger

actress to play the role of her teen daughter. Lake was 24 at the time.

"I was John's muse. The role was written for me. And John said if anyone is going to be replaced, it's not going to be Ricki."

Lake said she enjoyed her long-running talk show because it focused on "real people talking about real issues." She had completed a documentary, *The Business of Being Born*, just a few years before launching her second talk show in 2012, hoping it would be a platform for discussing thought-provoking issues.

"The company I was doing business with didn't really want to do that. The show lasted one season. It was really disappointing," she said.

She returned to documentary filmmaking and completed *Breast Milk* in 2013. *Sweetening the Pill*, which looks at the long-term effects of hormonal birth control, is set for release this year.

Lake described herself as the "most unHollywood Hollywood person you'll ever meet."

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