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Parks & Rec director Adams resigns

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After receiving public criticism over professional and personal issues in recent weeks, Westland Parks and Recreation Director John Adams submitted his resignation Tuesday evening.

"Things that happened professionally and personally are making too much distraction for the city," Adams said. "I don't want the (city) 50th anniversary

to be tarnished with allegations. It's in the best interest of the city and myself to move on."

Mayor William Wild accepted Adams' resignation and noted similar comments in the letter.

Wild noted Adams had also expressed appreciation for the support of council members who confirmed is appointment and



Adams

noted his nearly 30 years service to the city. Adams retired in 2014 as assistant chief/fire marshal.

Due to the time of year, Wild said the city needs to fill the parks and recreation director position as quickly as possible and would soon be accepting applications.

During Monday's council meeting, Adams received attention over his pending domestic violence charges and his overlapping work as Inkster fire

chief while working as parks and recreation director.

Resident Burke Rock, who regularly criticizes the city's police and fire pensions, called on Adams to be fired from his position. Rock also regularly launches verbal attacks against Wild and Council President James Godbout.

"Is this the kind of person we want as parks and recreation director? Wild

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**Wayne looks
to address
funding issues**

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

In the not-so distance past, Wayne City officials were criticized for not spelling out what would happen if a millage proposal wasn't passed.

With membership in a public safety authority and a 14-mill levy on the Aug. 2 ballot, city officials are being direct about the likely consequences of no additional funding for the city: the city will run out of money by December 2017.

That state of insolvency could result in an emergency financial manager being appointed by the state, police and firefighter layoffs and outsourcing/eliminating other essential services, according to the fact sheet prepared by the city.

"My thought is, worst-case scenario, the police are not gone but it would be possible to contract out the fire department and ALS (Advanced Life Support emergency medical service)," Mayor Susan Rowe said. "An EFM would have no problem contracting that out — the police and firefighters know that. It's low-hanging fruit."

Voters are being asked to approve Wayne's membership the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Authority, joining existing members Eastpointe and Hazel Park. Those communities approved a 20-year, 14-mill levy for police and fire services two years ago. To join SMORSA, Wayne would have to match the 14-mill levy for 18 years.

SMORSA is not an operational merger but a method to finance police and fire services. SMORSA collects the millage and returns the money to the individual municipalities, which run their own operations.

If approved, the 14 mills would generate \$4.9 million annually and be 100-percent dedicated to police and fire services in Wayne.

"We really need to levy 17 mills for public safety. People ask where will the extra money go. With 14 mills, we will still spend 17 mills (including general fund)," City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "We've had shared sacrifice across the board but the city has never been one step away from a state takeover."

That sacrifice includes a 54-percent reduction in the city workforce, employees contributing 20 percent toward health care, outsourcing non-essential services like the community center, consolidating services like fire operations, dispatch and sharing a public works director. City employees haven't had a raise in decade.

If the 14 mills is approved, it would cost \$420 annually for an average home with a taxable value of \$30,000 and a State Equalized Value of \$60,000, said Tim McCurly of Plante Moran who serve as city finance director.

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Cancer survivors and caregivers line up for the traditional opening Survivors Lap at Saturday's Relay for Life in Westland.

BRAD KADRICH

FIGHTING THE FIGHT
RELAY WALKERS CONTINUE THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Most people have been affected by some form of cancer in their lives, either directly or having a family member or friend fighting the battle.

You don't have to tell that to Rhonda Graham. And one could excuse Graham and her family for screaming to the heavens, "Enough already!"

Graham's mother, Kathy, is a five-year survivor. Her uncle was diagnosed with cancer in November 2010 (a month after Kathy Graham's diagnosis), and he passed away from it in February 2011. And an aunt was diagnosed in February 2011 and lost the fight just four months later.

That's a pretty good reason for Rhonda Graham to be as involved in the Wayne Westland Relay for Life. For the fourth year, Rhonda was a team leader for the relay committee, in charge of recruiting folks to the fight.

"People need to be excited and encouraged to want to help make a difference," Rhonda said. "Cancer



TOM BEAUDOIN

Jenna Engberts of Team Stevenson Middle School is determined to throw a strike at the dunk tank at Saturday's Relay for Life event in Westland.

"Cancer doesn't like noise. The more people making that noise ... cancer is going to be very afraid, because we're going to finish this fight."

RHONDA GRAHAM

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and Adams have made fools of the council," said Rock, the latter comment referring to a contract Adams signed with Inkster subsequent to being hired by Westland in February. Adams went to Inkster in July 2014 after retiring from the Westland Fire Department.

That contract, for Adams to serve as Inkster fire chief, was retroactive to Feb. 1 with a May 31 expiration date. "How can he work two full-time jobs," said Rock, who also wanted Adams prosecuted for fraud.

Rock also called Wild a liar several times after the mayor had commented that he was unaware of the contract Adams had with Inkster until close to its expiration.

"We knew there would be transition when we hired him (Adams)," Wild

said. "Mr. Rock has called me every name in the book and questioned my integrity. I don't appreciate that. It's not something you get used to but I guess it's something that comes with being mayor."

That agreement with Inkster was to outline the scope of work and transition process for Adams leaving as fire chief and turning the operation to a new chief.

"We're splitting hairs. What everyone fails to recognize is that I had been working for Inkster for two years," Adams said later. "I had talked with the mayor in December that there would be a lot of parts overlapping, that there would need to be a transition."

Because he was taking a new position was no reason for financially strapped Inkster to take steps back, said Adams, noting the agreement included a 50-percent pay cut.

In particular, Adams

said Inkster had not completed hiring firefighters funded under the \$1.8 million SAFER grant he had obtained, was moving ahead with a grant for hydrant replacement in the spring and a \$2.5 million building demolition grant.

"I'm proud of what I can do professionally. Just because some people can't do it, doesn't mean that others can't," Adams said. "I'm not them. Anyone who had worked with me or for me will tell you I get things done. I don't have 9-to-5 jobs."

Adams received support at the meeting from residents Bob Johnson and Ken Sharp, the latter a retired Westland firefighter. Both spoke about the misdemeanor or domestic violence charges that resulted in Adams being arrested last month in Canton. He has a court date on Friday, having entered a not guilty plea and being released on bond.

"Everyone has things in their lives that are unfortunate that they go through," Johnson said. "For people to do research and get wrong information is unfortunate. People make mistakes — sometimes on their jobs or in their personal lives. Those who live in glass houses should watch out."

While he didn't know what Adams' personal situation was, Sharp said he did know that Adams has a right to be judged in a proper court.

"He shouldn't be judged at council or in a bar. We're very fortunate to have rights for all people in this country," Sharp said.

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RELAY

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doesn't like noise. The more people making that noise ... cancer is going to be very afraid, because we're going to finish this fight."

Rhonda Graham was joined by some 300 walkers and 27 teams at Saturday's 20-hour relay event in Westland's Tatan Park. They kicked off the event with the traditional speeches and thank-yous. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1539 out of Plymouth-Canton posted the colors, and Westland resident Steven Thomas treated the gathered through to a stirring rendition of the National Anthem on his alto sax.

Megan Schaper, the American Cancer Society's staffer for the Wayne Westland Relay, said the 27 teams and 300 walkers was "about the same" as last year, but there was one area she plugged as an improvement.

"We're hoping to celebrate more than 100 survivors," Schaper said. "It's about the community uniting in the fight



A donut-eating contest featured Mary Russel and Alicia Nielsen at this year's Relay for Life in Westland on Saturday.

TOM BEAUDOIN

against cancer. (ACS's vision is a world without cancer.)

Saturday's featured speaker knows a little something about fighting that battle, and at a very young age. Saige Mosingo, who just finished her junior year at Saline High School, told the crowd about her own battle with breast cancer, which she discovered at just 13 years old.

Saige said she found the lump herself and wasn't sure what it was. Like many young people, she said she waited to tell anyone until pain from the growing mass got to be too much. She told her mom, and then saw several doctors, none of whom were sure what it was.

Finally, she said, she knew.

"I was sat down in a room and heard those three words you never want to hear: 'You have cancer,'" Saige recalled. "I didn't know what to do, or how to feel."

She eventually had a mastectomy and reconstruction she called "painful," then went months feeling ashamed — ashamed of the scar, ashamed of her body. She said she shut down for about a month, and then her parents helped drag her out of the malaise.

"God gives his toughest battles to his toughest soldiers," Saige said. "This is my battle, and I'm going to win."

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"That's \$420 the city gets, not Wayne County, the DIA, the zoo or Wayne County Community College," Rowe said.

There has been discussion about an off-setting reduction in the general fund millage if the 14 mills is approved.

"If the proposal passes, the millage would appear on the December taxes which are due at the end of February. We would have six months of money come in while we are planning the 2017-18 budget," Rowe said.

"That way we would know what to expect. We can't give back something (on the millage) until we know what it is.

That's my thought."

Like many other municipalities, Wayne was hard hit by the recession when property values falling from \$607 million in 2008 to just over \$350 million currently. That means the 15 operating mills levied by city generates \$3.8 million less than in 2008. As a result, Wayne homeowners are paying an average 40 percent less in property taxes.

The city has lost \$33 million in tax revenues since 2010, including over \$7.5 million in state shared revenue and a \$590,000 Michigan Tax Tribunal settlement with Ford Motor Company.

While property values dropped rapidly, the Headlee Amendment limits the amount values can increase annually to

5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. That's .3 percent this year.

Many people don't realize city finance has restricted uses on many funds. For example, the city is upgrading water meters citywide and has money from a sewer/water bond issue allocated for the project.

"People don't understand why we can't use the money for the water meters for something else," Nocerini said.

McCurlley notes that like water-sewer funds, road money and other funds can't be shifted to cover police and fire expenses.

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W-W board closes Tinkham, cuts adult ed, citing school funding

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Closing Tinkham Alternative High School and eliminating adult education for those over age 19 was a tough decision for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. Board Secretary Frederick Weaver, prior to Monday's regular board meeting and 6-0 vote to shutter Tinkham, said, "This is unfortunate what we may have to do tonight." Weaver noted members' oath "to protect K-12 education."

Weaver said Gov. Rick Snyder "is the one starving this district to death."

Superintendent Michelle Harmala opened a special meeting Monday prior to the regular school board meeting, giving Tinkham and adult education supporters a chance to speak. "School finance certainly has created the difficult position we're facing," Harmala said.

She said district employees made major concessions and noted Snyder emphasizes his support for schools; Harmala said that funding is mainly going to the retirement system.

'Does reduce a service'

"We recognize that our proposal does reduce a service, particularly adult education," Harmala said, adding the district must be competitive on wages and curb turnover.

John Albrecht, assistant superintendent of educational services, had outlined at the May school board meeting reasons for the closing recommendation. Those include the spring 2015 redesign of the alternative high school, building issues (including the

roof, boiler and HVAC), as well as evaluation of programs across the district.

"The infrastructure at Tinkham has been a concern for quite some time," Albrecht said. The plan will have some students shifted to a Wayne Memorial High School Annex.

He and Harmala explained caps on adult education funds, which means recruiting students wouldn't help. Also, some students do not show up for classes in adult education, he said, and may not be prepared for the rigor of high school work.

Trustee Tom Buckalew asked, "There's no practical way this is going to pay for itself?" Albrecht answered no.

Stephanie Nadeau is adult education Student Council president. She noted her grades went from below a 2.0 to 4.0 and she's now in the National Honor Society.

"The teachers are wonderful," Nadeau said. "It's a wonderful staff." She requested a "soft closing, just to allow us to graduate."

Nadeau can drive to class, although some students last month who spoke indicated a need to walk to Tinkham. Nadeau is a mom and said of her life partner, "He's the breadwinner of the family. I take care of our son. His job is very demanding."

Added Jeff Hollen, a 21-year Tinkham teacher, after the special earlier meeting: "They robbed Peter to pay Paul. They created the problem and then they came up with the solution."

Hollen questioned the way students were enrolled in the programs and, of his adult students, said, "They don't want to

go" elsewhere, not learning well in a traditional class environment.

"And they leave and don't come back," Hollen said.

'Big picture consequences'

Aldo Abate, a two-year English teacher at Tinkham, cited the "long-term, big picture consequences. Look no further than the Flint water crisis" for comparison. "There has to be some other way," Abate told the board.

"I don't think we should give up on our students, even if it seems like a real struggle," Abate said.

Hollen told trustees, "We were a bargain. The teachers just did not cost that much to employ."

The vote to close Tinkham was 6-0, with trustees emphasizing their reluctance to shutter the school on Venoy and cut adult education. "I have all the empathy in the world for the students," said Treasurer Charles "Trav" Griffin, who cited the "primary responsibility" for K-12 education.

The district has lost some \$12 million, Griffin noted, and leaders must go through programs to look at their viability. "We have to make the tough decisions up here. It's the best option we have," Griffin said.

Weaver noted 83 percent of the district budget is for staff. "We are being forced into this kind of measure," he said.

Trustee Melandie Hines also emphasized funding of K-12 education and noted the cost of new buses which the district bears.

Trustee Sally Madison said the business and heart decisions need to be "put together and

decide what's best." She asked Albrecht about other options for students, such as GED enrollment followed by community college.

Buckalew asked about help for students near finishing coursework. "I'm hoping we're going to provide those guidance services," he said, along with help for displaced staff.

"We cannot control that revenue stream that comes to us. We can't simply go out and raise taxes," Buckalew said. "There is no good choice tonight. I know the good work this program does. It won't be a good choice; I hope we make a right choice."

Vice President Carol Middel said, "It's never an easy process. It's heart-wrenching. It's a very emotional, hard decision to make, but one we know we have to make tonight." Added Middel, "We've always taken care of our people, and we will continue to do that."

Harmala thanked all involved. "This collaboration is critical," she said. "I truly appreciate everyone's involvement."

The board, in other unrelated action, also was required to give layoff notices to four district teachers (in addition to those impacted in Tinkham/adult education). Administrators noted some or all four may return to the classroom due to district attrition.

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Man injured in Wayne Road incident

Westland Police are continuing to investigate an incident that left one man hospitalized Tuesday morning.

The incident happened about 11 a.m. on South Wayne Road near Palmer. Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilke said the three men involved in the incident, including a pair of brothers, had just left Westland 18th District Court and headed to

Rocky's Coney Island and Grill. There was a confrontation among the men in the parking lot, Wilke said, as one man tried to pull another man out of his vehicle.

"He tried to drive off and the other man held onto the truck (as it drove off). The man fell off the truck," said Wilke, adding the man was injured and had to be hospitalized.

Inkster mayor inquires on school property

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen and many of his constituents came to the Monday, June 6, Wayne-Westland Board of Education meeting with word on Inkster's master plan.

Two former Inkster school sites were the mayor's topic during public comments. He was asking "Could we have our property back, essentially?" he said. The Inkster Public Schools district was dissolved in 2013, with remaining students divided up among several nearby school districts, including Wayne-Westland.

Nolen cited the former Parkwood Elementary site on Parkwood as well as property at Palmer and Henry Ruff. He told Wayne-Westland trustees he's met with Wayne RESA, the intermediate school district, as well.

"I think it's a win-win," Nolen told the school board Monday. He said residential or commercial development would boost Wayne-

Westland coffers.

"We think it would be better to let the city of Inkster decide," Nolen said, adding there are no state objections and development would be by Inkster's master plan. The Wayne-Westland school board took no action June 6 on Nolen's issues as that was public comment time and not an agenda item.

On the city of Inkster website, Nolen tells constituents: "Your newly elected officials have every intention of bringing back a school system to the city of Inkster. Meetings are taking place, and the foundation is being laid right now in order to create a new place of learning for our children."

"I believe we must think outside the box in order to build something that will truly benefit our children and our community in the long run."

"Let's face it, the current system of education is failing our youth. There needs to be a paradigm shift in education and I would like it to start here in Inkster."

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Westland Police to hold open house

The City of Westland's 50th anniversary was an event to remember.

Now, the Westland Police Department will be following suit and holding its own 50th anniversary celebration, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

Everyone is invited to stop by for tours of the newly renovated station and see demonstrations from many of the department's specialized units. There will be activities for children, food and drink and police equipment



FILE PHOTO
The Westland Police Department hosts a 50th anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

on display.

"We welcome this opportunity to show the community the inner

workings of their police department, and encourage you to attend," Sgt. Robert Wilke said.

The police station is on the south side of Ford west of Carlson.

Suspect sought in GameStop theft

Westland Police are attempting to identify an individual responsible for stealing almost \$400 of merchandise from the GameStop store at 34790 Ford.

The suspect is described as a black male, 25-40 years old, approximately five feet nine inches tall with a bald head and goatee.

Anyone able to help identify the suspect is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Jon Torolski at 734-467-7914.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland Police are asking help identifying this man.

Haunted castle fire reminds of need for preparedness

Relax, it's not a real haunted castle. It was a fire in an amusement park that happened back in 1984 that I occasionally think back on. Since it is the summer amusement park season, there are some things that we need to keep in the back of our minds as we visit these parks.

Hopefully, the enforcement of the codes will ensure that you never have to put them into practice, but preparation is a big part of the battle. Let's review that fire.

Groups of people were admitted with a short separation between them, so that the full effect of the "haunted" castle would be felt. Equipped with workers behind false walls, maze-like configurations, narrow passageways and a dimly-lit traffic route, the attraction was a popular one.

There were several



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groups in the attraction at the time of the fire; a larger group composed of teenagers, and a single teen just ahead of the larger group. The story goes that single male teen took out a lighter and lit it in an attempt to illuminate the path. Unfortunately, the lighter came in contact with some of the decorations, such as the "cobwebs," and set them aflame. They went up quickly, and easily ignited the foam-covered walls. Sadly, eight teenagers died in that structure.

When you enter an attraction, you should always be in sight of an illuminated (if the ride is dark) exit sign, that either leads directly out or points in the direction of

another exit sign that leads you in the direction outside the structure. Learn how to read the signs, but it is much more than reading the word "exit."

There are often times arrowheads, pointing in a direction of travel. If not, then the sign is usually above a door leading outside. If there is an arrowhead visible to the right or left of the word "exit," then start heading in that direction toward the exit. Once there, you should be in sight of the next exit sign, which would again point or be at an exit.

The same holds true in movie theaters, large restaurants and concert venues. There have been too many fire deaths that happened when the crowd starts heading toward the very familiar main entrance. This usually leads to a logjam effect. Look for the exit signs and head that way,

even if it isn't the main entrance you used to get inside. These exits are often times far less congested, leading to a faster and safer exit.

The codes that buildings adhere to are there for our protection. Become familiar with them. When traveling, check out your hotel/motel for the exits as well. Even your workplace should be checked, as so many of us are only familiar with the main entrance we use every day. Check the path out by following it when you have time. Note the fire extinguishers and fire pull alarms on the way out, as they may be useful to you when exiting during a fire emergency.

Shadd Whitehead is the fire chief for the City of Livonia Fire Department.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» On June 4, a Westland woman told police that someone fraudulently used her PayPal account to order \$920 worth of items. She said the items had been shipped to an address in National Park, New Jersey. PayPal froze the account after being contacted by the woman.

» A Westland man told police June 4 that on May 28 he was contacted by someone identifying themselves as being with Microsoft. The caller said he needed the man's checking information to provide a \$199 refund.

The man provided the information and subsequently was informed by his credit union that \$540 had been taken from his account. He said he went to his bank to report the fraud but had been unable to make a police report due to being

out of town for his work as a truck driver.

» A Westland woman told police May 31 that someone had made two unauthorized transactions on her bank account. Both transactions were at Shell gas stations — \$2.48 at a station in Fennville and \$71.76 in Saugatuck. She said she has the debit card in her possession.

Larceny

» A Livonia man told police June 1 he dropped off his work van for service at Wilkins Auto, 38400 Abruzzi, on May 25 and the license plate was stolen.

» A resident at the Landings Apartments, 6562 Lakeview, told police June 2 that someone stole the license plate from his vehicle overnight while it was parked in the parking lot.

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Wayne Memorial grads take the next step!



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Wayne Memorial graduate Sara McLeod poses for a photo with her diploma in hand Saturday afternoon.



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Wayne Memorial High School classmates Estevan Keddie (back row), Mike McDiarmid, Lucas McKenzie and London McLeod pose for a photo before the commencements begin.



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Wayne Memorial High School graduate Zachary Favazza poses with girlfriend Selecia El-Achkar before the commencements held at EMU Convocation Center Saturday.



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Wayne Memorial graduate Dajia Bendolph gets last-minute help from teacher Joni VanCampenholt.



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Wayne Memorial High School Symphony band members play together one last time before receiving their diplomas.



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Wayne Memorial graduates enter EMU Convocation Center.



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The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Color Guard post the colors at the start of the commencement held at EMU Convocation Center.



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The day they have been waiting has finally arrived. Members of the class of 2016 are about to receive their diplomas.



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Samantha Bell receives her diploma from Wayne Westland School Board Trustee Melandie Hines.



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Wayne Memorial High School seniors wave to family as they enter the EMU Convocation Center.



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Wayne Memorial classmates Brianne Springer, Emily Schultz, Gabrielle Parker and Jasmine Murphy relax as they wait for commencement to begin.



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Wayne Memorial High School president Emilee Blair delivers her farewell speech to her classmates.

The future beckons to Franklin grads!



"Class Dismissed" and the caps fly from the Franklin Class of 2016.

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Franklin seniors Heather Graham and Loran Robertson get ready for the big night.

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Franklin graduate Helena Kopka steps up to receive her diploma Saturday evening.

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Franklin grads Abby Hirst, Rachel Corp and Paige Stabler have some fun before commencement begins.

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Franklin Senior Class President Riley Burnette delivers the Farewell Address to her classmates Saturday evening.

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Franklin High School buddies Omar Chaparro, Tyler Secco, Brendan Sanders and Nick Salisbury.

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The Bel Canto Choir Senior Ensemble sings the National Anthem.

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Abigail Givens puts the finishing touches on boyfriend Bryan Gerathy before Franklin's commencement.

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Franklin graduates Taya Armstrong, Christina Kallis, Mary Bernard and Rachel Dudek are ready for commencement to begin.

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The graduates proceed into the arena as the big day has finally arrived.

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Undoing those tassel tangles is no problem for Alex Malinowski as he helps his girlfriend Amber Hoffman look her best before commencement begins.

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OUR VIEWS

Heed the messages of Men's Health Month

Around the world, people are celebrating June as Men's Health Month. Monday, June 13, is also the start of Men's Health Week, a special awareness period recognized by Congress, which ends on Father's Day, June 19. Men's Health Month is built on the pillars of Awareness-Prevention-Education-Family.

Men's Health Month is credited with the increase in wellness activities for boys and men in all areas of the public and private sectors, resulting in better health outcomes and longer life expectancy. During this time, health care professionals, private corporations, faith-based organizations, government agencies and other interested groups plan activities that focus on the health and well-being of boys, men and their families.

"Compared to similarly-aged women, men are less likely to have a regular doctor and health insurance and are more likely to put off routine checkups or delay seeing a health provider after experiencing symptoms," said Darryl Davidson, director of Men's Health for the Northwest Health Center in

Milwaukee. "This month is a reminder to talk to health professionals and to learn about important screenings that assist with finding conditions before they get worse."

Mayors and governors across the country recognize June as Men's Health Month with official proclamations. The proclamations are displayed in Congress and reports on the status of the health and well-being on boys and men in each state are available at the State of Men's Health website. Free resources are available in both English and Spanish at www.menshealthmonth.com.

Congress joins the celebration with a Congressional Workout, planned for June 22.

"It's been exciting to watch the momentum for Men's Health Month grow every single year," said Brandon Leonard, vice president of Strategic Initiatives at Men's Health Network. "The key to making this a successful awareness period has been working with so many partners around the country — and the world — who are dedicated to improving the health of men, boys and families. We have also seen

tremendous buy-in from policymakers and leaders at the local, state and federal level for raising awareness of male health."

A key part of the continued momentum is the annual, worldwide social media campaign, including:

- » #MHMonth16 Twitter chat with the federal Office of Minority Health and other partners 2 p.m. June 8

- » The worldwide #MensHealthWeek chat on June 9 at 4 p.m., bringing together international partners to explore men's health in places like Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom

- » #ShowUsYourBlue campaign: People all over the world take pictures of themselves and others wearing blue to increase awareness. The social media storm is on Wear Blue Friday, June 17, the Friday of Men's Health Week

Men's Health Month supporters include Pfizer, the Allergan Foundation, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline and others.

Men's Health Month and Men's Health Week are sponsored by Men's Health Network.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charger strong

I started writing this note about a dozen times over the last few weeks, and every time I did I became frustrated that the words were not good enough.

My kid's school is closing this week, permanently. The kids won't be going back in the fall, dressed in their crisp new school clothes, carrying their backpacks full of shiny new supplies.

Saint Damian School in Westland has been a part of this community for nearly 60 years, and this week along with Saint Genevieve in Livonia and Saint Raphael in Garden City, its doors will close one final time. Like Saint Robert Bellarmine did last summer, these schools will close as a result of hard financial decisions by the Archdiocese of Detroit and a botched attempt to merge the four schools into one regional school. It's sad for all of the kids, families, teachers and staffs of all four school communities.

While I don't pretend to know the environments at the other three schools, I do know the atmosphere at Saint Damian. Thanks to the staff, starting with the principal and all of the teachers, the air at Saint Damian was always a little fresher, easier to breathe.

When your kid became a Saint Damian Charger, you became part of a bigger family. Everyone was welcome. Everyone was home. Especially these last few years, as enrollment numbers climbed for obvious reasons, the school was a bright light in an often challenging world. Everybody knew everybody, and they cared. The students excelled and learned and the families were involved on so many levels.

When the doors close and the lights go out for the last time this week, the world will not be a darker place. In fact, the world will be so much brighter as those students carry their lights all over southeastern Michigan and beyond. As the families plant the seeds they learned at

Saint Damian School in their new school communities, gardens will indeed grow. When Saint Damian's amazing teachers, principal and administrative professionals take their talents and their tradition of excellence out into the workplace, seeking employment in the hallowed halls of education wherever they end up, you better believe their new employers will be blessed beyond comprehension to have them as part of their teams. If you see them coming, hire them fast.

While I am saddened like so many Charger families are this week, I am also optimistic. The flame that started with a single spark in 1958 when Saint Damian School first opened is not going out. It lives on in the kids, the teachers, the staff, and the families of Saint Damian, and it is strong. Charger Strong.

Frank Cote
Westland

Don't 'get it'

Rep. Laura Cox's legislation is great. But while the legislation is in process, the governor should call an emergency cabinet meeting, and order his department heads to immediately notify local officials of any such regulatory measures.

They evidently still do not "get it" even with Flint. Such action against the state's most vulnerable is inexcusable.

Joe Neussendorfer
Livonia

Plenty of blame

I'm almost at a loss for words to describe my utter disgust at the comedy of errors that occurred at the Ashley Court facility in late May.

Yes, we had several of our city officials give a press conference where they all stood around with stern looks on their

faces, but that's just pure PR pap with no substance.

The owners of Ashley Court, the patients and their relatives should've been given more warning of the violations and the looming possible shutdown.

Even though this whole tawdry incident was a public embarrassment for Livonia, the truth is that this could have happened anywhere in this country when you consider how glibly the elderly are treated by society (especially by the medical community.)

Whether you're talking about nurses, doctors, hospitals, insurance providers or hospice care, no one really gives a flying hoot about the elderly but really only view them and their money and insurance as cash cows to be milked and bilked.

Leo Weber
Livonia

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Soda fountain memories

Remember when department stores came equipped with soda fountains? Remember the "5 and 10" above a certain department store? And for those Detroiters: Hughes, Hatcher and Suffrin are not and never were contestants on Survivor?

Michael Hauser, marketing manager for the Michigan Opera Theatre and author of four historic Detroit books, will be presenting a nostalgic look into 20th century retailing of downtown Detroit at 7 p.m. Thursday June 16 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Kern's, Crowley's, Kresge's, Federal Department store, Colonial Department store, Woolworth's, and of course Hudson's may be mentioned in this look back in time as shoppers were drawn to downtown Detroit and all the businesses there.

Greenmead garden walk

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead host Livonia's 27th annual Garden Walk on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Tickets are \$10 on day of the event or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park (20501 Newburgh Road., Livonia), on the fifth floor of City Hall at Community Resources, all city libraries, and from any of the Friends of Greenmead.

The tour will feature five Livonia homes and the Greenmead grounds. All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. Contact 248-477-7375 for more information.

Anderson coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson hosts Coffee Hour events in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan on Monday, June 13.

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with State Representatives Robert Kosowski and Julie Plawecki, and will be held from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, located at 6047 North Wayne Road. Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, located at 31735 Maplewood Street. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with State Representative Julie Plawecki and State Senator David Knezek.

Community conversation

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County and Livonia Citizens for Peace are co-hosting a Center for Michigan Community Conversation at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. The event is co-sponsored by AAUW of Livonia. The topic is Restoring Public Trust in State Government. Participants will discuss state government services, management of the public purse and oversight of Michigan's political system.

The conversations are conducted throughout the State by Center for Michigan, a nonprofit organization.

Everyone who attends has the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Center for Michigan gathers the data from the various conversations, prepares a report of its findings and presents it to the State Legislature.

Seating is limited; RSVP to Angela Ryan at cruiserryan@ameritech.net or 734-591-0995 or Colleen Mills at www.citizens4peace.com or 734-425-0079.

Wilson Barn hosts annual classic car show



The Wilson Barn car show takes place Sunday, June 12.

Car enthusiasts can rev up their engines for one of Michigan's largest classic vehicles event, The Wilson Barn's 29th annual Car Show and Swap Meet.

This event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Wilson Barn, located at the corner of Middlebelt and West Chicago in the City of Livonia. This event is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Barn, a nonprofit group that supports this historic site, and the Road Knights Auto Club, a group that was formed more than 60 years ago in Northwest Detroit by a group of teenagers whose love of hot rods, drag racing and street machines brought them together.

The annual Barn Show attracts many

spectators each year to stroll back into time among 500 custom, restored and historic vehicles.

This is a family event and fun for all ages. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., live music is performed by "Men in Black" and there is a petting zoo with free pony rides for the children. The Barn Show also offers visitors an opportunity to purchase unique arts and crafts and vehicle-related items. Lots of good food and refreshments will be available.

A donation of \$5 per person will help keep the historic Wilson Barn maintained. No dogs or bikes are allowed for safety reasons.

More information is available on the group's new website at www.wilsonbarn.com.

Library kicks off summer reading program

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

No one was surprised to see Sarah Garchar of Livonia on Saturday at the Livonia Civic Center Library branch, where the Livonia Public Library was kicking off its summer reading program.

The kickoff event started at 11 a.m., and there was Garchar, with daughters Ivy, 8, and Eden, 4, in tow. Garchar said her family attends the kickoff "every year" because the family loves the library, and has a lot of use for it.

"Ivy reads a chapter book a night, sometimes," Sarah said. "(The library) has a lot of kids activities. The kids have a lot to do."

The program, titled "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!" for its sports theme, is pretty extensive. Kids have the opportunity to earn prizes for the number of hours they spend reading. There are movies (Tuesdays at 6 p.m. starting June 21) and other events at the library's three branches. And there are programs through the summer designed to keep the kids busy. "We wanted to do a sports theme, and we wanted to do something for all ages," said Karen Smith, head of children's services for the Livonia Public Library.

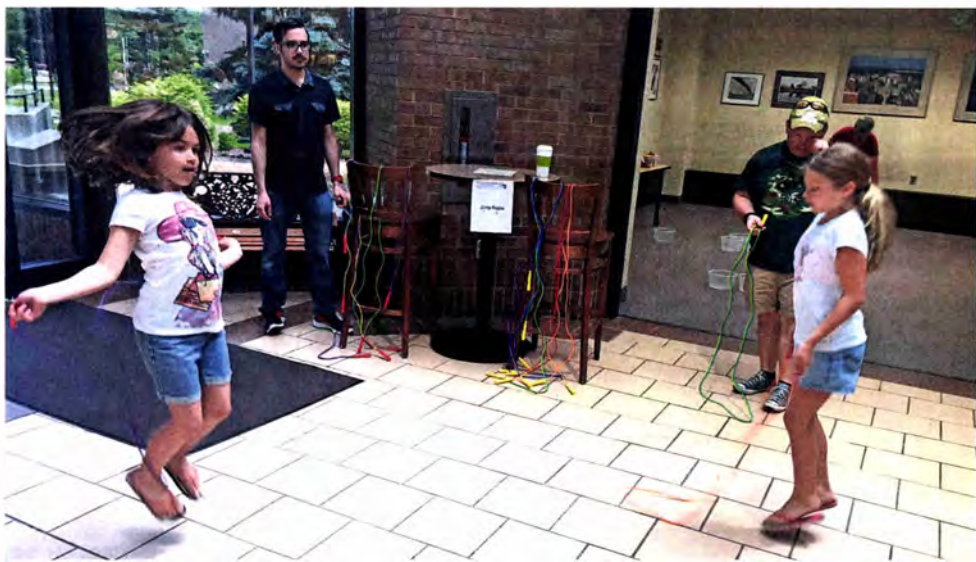
In addition to reading, kids can earn points by learning a special fact or participating in special activities. Children who meet their reading goal and visit the li-



Children's librarian Elizabeth Kobe helps register Ivy Garchar of Livonia for the summer reading program.



Eric Zimmerman of Phoenix Freerunning Academy works with 8-year-old Camila Gord on her balance at Saturday's sports-themed kickoff for the summer reading program.



Claire (left) and Emily Miller get in a little jump-roping at Saturday's summer reading kickoff event.

brary to check in earn a free book.

It's a popular program: Last year some

1,800 children were registered. Smith said she hopes to top that figure this year.

"It's so much fun," she said. Complete details and registration are available

on the library's website at kids.livoniapubliclibrary.org

Farmington welcomes 'Mayor for the Day'

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Bill Galvin passed the gavel one seat to his left at the start of Monday's city council meeting - where it was eagerly accepted by Farmington's "new mayor," Zachary Feczko.

Actually, Zachary's reign as mayor was just a one-day gig, yet no doubt a thrill like no other - just as his mom, Carol Feczko, had expected when she snagged it for him at a recent auction fundraiser for Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

"I thought it would

be a really cool thing to win, so I kept bidding and bidding and bidding," said Carol, an OLS math teacher. What made the prize especially awesome for Zachary, she said, was that it included a spot in Farmington's Memorial Day Parade, marching alongside the city council.

"He's a huge parade lover - he can sniff out a parade anywhere," Carol said, grinning.

Plans are also in the works for Zach to hang out at the Public Safety Department where he'll have a bit of face time with Director Frank Demers and maybe a few officers, and also check out the firefighting equipment.

"It's been a really cool experience so far," Carol said.

Galvin said he came up with the "Mayor for the Day" opportunity when OLS folks reached out to him, asking for "an experiential auction item."

"And I'm really glad it went to Zach," Galvin said.

Zachary, along with Carol and his dad, Michael, are Livonia residents. He's a student at the Western Wayne Skill Center.

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"Mayor for the Day" Zachary Feczko poses with city council members and city attorney Beth Saarela at Monday's council meeting.

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

Please take notice that on June 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152 the Board of Education of the Clarenceville School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2016-2017 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget including the proposed property tax millage rates will be available for public inspection at the Administration Offices, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., beginning Thursday, June 16, 2016.

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Worldwide ukulele popularity hits close to home

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Retired men from the Plymouth Ukulele Group like to go out walking — and share their gift of music.

"We stop at coffee shops every morning," said Jim Malinowski of Plymouth. Informally, a couple of men play for staff and customers at places like Edwards Cafe on Main Street in Northville, the Plymouth McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road and the Grand Traverse Pie Co., also on Ann Arbor Road.

"We get our walks in and our music all in one fell swoop. We're not intrusive," said Malinowski, who regularly walks to coffee shops and plays with Dave Adair of Novi. "We've played a lot together."

Sometimes, a third person from the Plymouth Ukulele Group will join in; they aim to keep the groups small at coffee shops to avoid disturbing people.

Dick Groen of Plymouth Township was with Malinowski at the Plymouth District Library one recent Monday morning. The men meet there to practice at 9:30 a.m. each Monday and agreed listeners can stop in if interested.

"Oh, my God, it's exploded," Groen said of the past decade or so and ukulele music. As the men practiced, song books full of music rested on tables in the library's Dunning Room.

'Just a bunch of guys'

"Just a bunch of guys that meet," Malinowski said of the Plymouth group, which has been at the library each Monday morning for several months. The men like the acoustics and praise the library staff.

"It all worked out pretty good," Malinowski said. His wife is in a library book group and they also have a librarian neighbor who works there.

Adair was at a grade school that recent Monday, performing with Puppet Pals. Andy Kronk of Dearborn and Ron Masino of Livonia are also regulars.

They use a Meetup page on the Internet, which has many ukulele groups listed. "You can



The ukulele has four strings, as Andy Kronk of Dearborn shows.



Andy Kronk of Dearborn enjoys the Plymouth Ukulele Group.



Andy Kronk of Dearborn (from left), Jim Malinowski of Plymouth and Dick Groen of Plymouth Township offer ukulele music.

play almost anything on the ukulele," Kronk said.

"It's branched off into jazz, rock and roll, everything," Malinowski said of ukulele music. Groen said, "It's small, it's portable, it's fun. If you

can sing great," but if not that's fine, too.

"It's four strings and it's easy to learn," Groen said. "A lot of ex-guitar players love them."

Listeners do as well. "The

summer's loaded. There are festivals all over the country," Groen said.

Malinowski is just back from the Ukulele World Conference in Needmore, Ind., the eighth annual such gathering.

"There were people from all over the world," he said.

The men praise the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, encouraging a check-in of them on YouTube.

"They've been performing for many years," Groen said of the U.K. group. The Beatles also used the ukulele in their music.

They praise Jake Shimabukuro for his musical prowess with the ukulele. Shimabukuro was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He does original compositions and also performs others' work.

His cover of George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral on YouTube, establishing his name. Shimabukuro also travels to schools to share a positive message on living drug-free, the artist's website notes.

The local men also cite Canada's James Hill as a great ukulele musician. They're not fans of Tiny Tim's late 1960s TV "Laugh-In" strumming.

"He probably set ukulele back 20 years," Malinowski said, with Groen adding, "He's outdated." The men agree Tiny Tim was primarily a comedian.

Variety abounds; easy to learn

The instrument comes in varied shapes and sizes, as well as sounds. They had a tenor, a soprano and a concert ukulele for practice that Monday.

Kronk said, "A lot of people have no music background coming into this. It's an easy instrument to learn," he added, with plenty of helpers around.

All five regulars are retired. Kronk noted the Motor City Ukes meet monthly at a Farmington Hills business. The Tree Town Ukes of Ann Arbor meet monthly at Oz's Music and have been around about a decade, they said.

The Ann Arbor-based group is set to perform in that city's Fourth of July parade this year.

Added Groen with a grin, "It's big. It's almost as big as beer drinking — not quite."

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TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Speedy Wayne siblings among state's elite

Hood first, Battle second in their premier events

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If there had been a brother-sister sprint relay held at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 Track & Field State Championships in Hudsonville, the rest of the field would have had a hard time keeping up with Wayne Memorial siblings Montel Hood and Anavia Battle.

Hood, a senior, was crowned the Division 1 state champion in the 400-meter dash on Saturday after circling the Hudsonville High School track in a blistering time of 47.30 seconds, which was over a second quicker than runner-up Zaqwon Powell of Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Hood's first-place state-meet clocking broke his own school

record. Battle, a junior, placed second in the 200-meter dash after getting out-leaned by Northville's Chloe Abbott, 24.03 seconds to 24.17. The lightning-quick Zebra also earned all-state honors in the 100, taking fifth in 12.42.

Although humble in nature, Hood and Battle both carried high expectations into the state meet due to a dedicated training schedule and impeccable diet.

"Honestly, I expected to win (the 400)," Hood admitted. "I looked at my competition and my times compared to theirs, and I figured my hard work was going to pay off."

"It didn't look like I won comfortably, but as I was running, I felt comfortable."

Flashing a million-dollar smile, Battle was pleased with her effort — and fired up about

being the favorite to win the 200 next season given that Abbott is a senior.

"I'm excited about how I ran Saturday because it's my junior year and I beat a lot of seniors," she said. "I had a big adrenaline rush when I got in the blocks. The best part of my race is when I turn the corner (toward the finish line) and open it up."

Hood, who was a three-sport athlete at Wayne before giving up basketball and football to focus on track, said he still gets jitters during the moments before the starter's gun goes off.

"As soon as I get in the blocks, I say a prayer to God, and that settles me down a little bit," he said. "But I'm still very nervous. It doesn't matter how good you are at something, if you're not nervous before a big

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ED WRIGHT

The sister-brother combination of Anavia Battle and Montel Hood, both students at Wayne Memorial High School, placed second and first, respectively, in their premier events at Saturday's MHSAA state championship track-and-field meet.

DIVISION 1 DISTRICT BASEBALL



ED WRIGHT

Garden City's Colin McHugh strokes the game-winning single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning of Saturday's district championship game against Franklin.

CLUTCH CITY!

Garden City walks off with 6-5 victory over Franklin

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Holding a 2-0 count like a pair of aces in the biggest at-bat of his life Saturday afternoon, Garden City's Colin McHugh knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that the next pitch from Livonia Franklin's Kolby Dewhirst was going to be a fastball.

McHugh had no idea, however, that he was about to become an instant hero.

With the Cougars deadlocked with the host Patriots, 5-5, in the championship game of the Division 1 district tournament, two outs and Vinnie Bakerian leading off third base with the potential winning run, McHugh stroked a hard, sinking laser toward right field.

Franklin right-fielder Chris Nehasil charged hard toward the liner, dove horizontal to the ground and gloved the ball momentarily before it became dislodged from his mitt when he hit the earth.

The clutch hit gave Garden City a 6-5 victory and set off a wild celebration that included teammates swarming Bakerian at the base of the backstop after he scored the winning run



ED WRIGHT

Garden City players congratulate Colin McHugh (in helmet) after his game-winning, walk-off single.

and McHugh as he rounded first and headed toward the dugout.

"It was a fastball on the outside corner," McHugh said, recounting his game-winning single. "At first I thought (Nehasil) was going to catch it, but when I saw the ball hit the ground, I just ran as fast as I could to first base.

"After I ran back toward the dug-out, my teammates were jumping on me, telling me what a nice hit it was. What a great feeling!"

McHugh's heroics capped a two-run rally for Garden City, which had seen its 4-2 lead evaporate into a 5-4 deficit in the top of the seventh when Franklin scored three runs after getting just one runner past second base against Cougar pitching ace Tyler Kelly over the previous five frames.

Kelly was magnificent until tiring a bit in the seventh. After yielding two unearned runs in the first, he held the hard-hitting Patriots to just three singles — two that never left the infield — throughout the middle five stanzas.

"I was getting ahead in the count and hitting my spots," said Kelly, whose record improved to 8-0. "I was getting a little tired in the seventh, but I still had something left."

"Tyler has been lights out for us all season," said first-year Garden City head coach Matt Penn. "Talk about someone you can hang your hat on."

Franklin reliever Collin Metzler was equally effective. After taking over for starter Adrian Reed with two outs in

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Ladywood prevails in district final

Blazers stymie S. Lyon East, 2-0

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A pair of girls soccer district streaks were on the line Saturday, but Livonia Ladywood kept its intact with a 2-0 triumph over South Lyon East in the final at Farmington High.

Amy Babon scored both goals as the Blazers, under new Joe Carver, earned their seventh consecutive MHSAA Division 2 district title.

"I think the importance was possession for us," said Carver, who took over the reins this year from Ken Shingledecker. "I think that's our strongest game. On a big field like this, we can connect well and find our forwards."

Babon, a sophomore, scored what proved to be the game-winner with 21:51 left in the first half off an assist from junior Shannon Wolfe.

The Blazers then nearly scored twice within a 17-second span with just under 12 minutes to play in the match, but East goalkeeper Abby Jones made two acrobatic saves to keep it a one-goal deficit.

But Babon put the game out of reach when she broke free and outmaneuvered East defender Taylor Jakubiec and Jones as all three converged on the ball, poking it home with 9:41 remaining to

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THERESA CALLAN

South Lyon East's Jessie Bledso (right) gets a foot in front of Laywood's Amy Babon during Saturday's district final.

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STATE MEET TRACK & FIELD

Several local athletes excel in Hudsonville

Many achieve all-state status at D1 championships

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The fast company at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 track-and-field state finals in Hudsonville didn't intimidate the large contingent of local athletes who proved they belonged at the elite meet.

Although Oak Park reigned supreme in the team standings — the Knights' boys team racked up 55 points to win while the girls outran the rest of the field by amassing 81.5 — a considerable number of area runners, throwers and jumpers claimed all-state honors (and many more just missed) by placing in the top-eight in their respective events.

Wayne Memorial senior Montel Hood followed up last year's fourth-place showing in the 400-meter dash by winning the event on Saturday with a school-record time of 47.30 seconds.

Hood also anchored the Zebras' sixth-place 1,600-meter relay foursome that included Andrew Chant, Khalil Burks and Jonathan Rivera.

Overall, Wayne scored 13 points to earn a 14th-place tie

with East Lansing.

Livonia Churchill's Carrington Smith also excelled in the 400, placing seventh — and earning all-state honors — with a time of 49.57 seconds.

Westland John Glenn's Jared Tarrance took 12th place in 50.23 seconds to finish just outside of the all-state circle.

Churchill's Dash Dobar sparked in the 800, posting a school-record time of 1:55.30, which was good enough for ninth place. Dobar was a regional champion in the event last month.

Tony Floyd, Livonia's top distance runner, placed 19th in the 3,200-meter run, capping a stellar career that will continue at Madonna University.

Garden City's Denzel Tinsley nearly qualified for the finals in the 110-meter high hurdles, taking ninth in the preliminaries with a time of 15.23 seconds. Tinsley had the third-fastest time in the event entering Saturday's meet.

John Glenn's 800-meter relay team earned all-state accolades by placing seventh in 1:28.70.

The Chargers' 3,200 relay contingent of Dobar, Brendan Meakin, Joshua Momeyer and Frank LaFave ran away with all-state medals after placing seventh in 7:59.81.

Livonia Stevenson finished less than two seconds later and placed 10th overall.

Spartan senior Malik Low-

ery turned in a fine showing in the long jump, placing 13th with a leap of 20 feet, 10.75 inches.

Girls results

Churchill's girls team had a spectacular day, picking up 18 points to finish in a tie for 10th place with Ann Arbor Skyline.

Leading the way for the Chargers were seniors Chanel Gardner, who placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 55.11, and pole-vaulter Olivia Ryktarsyk, who tied for fifth with two other vaulters after clearing the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches.

Although just a sophomore, Churchill's Gabrielle Swider is an all-stater in the 800 after placing seventh in 2:14.46.

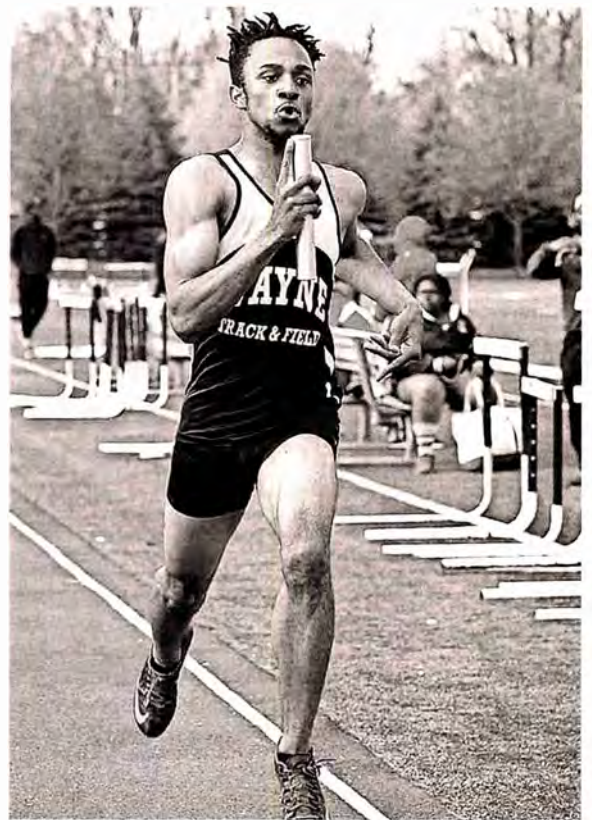
Swider's teammate Christina Murphy, a junior, posted a solid 13th-place showing in the 1,600, finishing in 5:15.15.

Churchill's 800-meter relay team Swider, Iamani Moultrie, Bradley and Gardner earned the Chargers four points with a fifth-place time of 1:41.72.

The Chargers also placed fifth in the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:55.72.

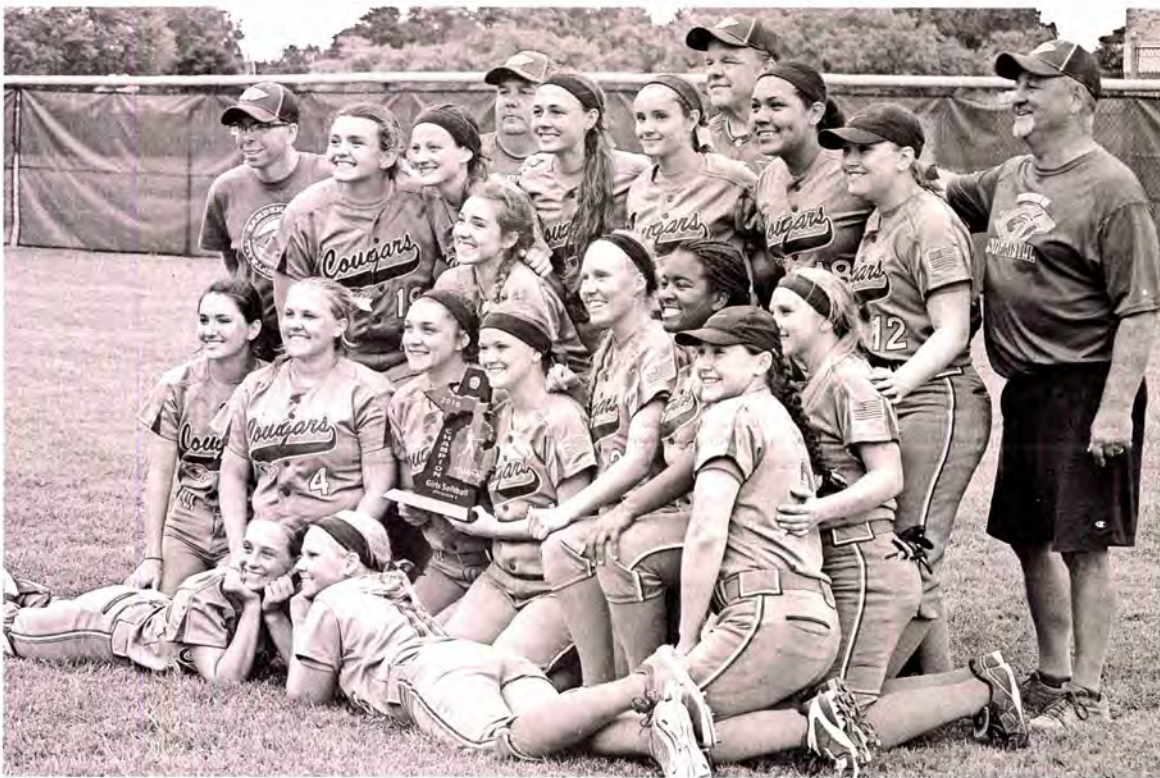
Churchill's 3,200 relay team of Megan Gendjar, Caroline George, Alexis Lombardo and Swider took 11th place in 9:36.81.

Charger senior thrower Gabrielle Carter posted top-18 efforts in both the shot put (18th with a heave of 35-5.25) and the discus, which she hurled 115-1, which put her in 10th place.



Wayne Memorial senior Montel Hood is the Division 1 state champion in the 400-meter dash.

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Members of Garden City's softball team pose with the school's most-recent Division 1 district trophy, which they captured Saturday at Livonia Franklin.

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DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Garden City rolls to championship

Rudolph sparkles in circle, Turnbull shines at plate for Cougars

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The flavor of the day at Saturday's Division 1 district softball tournament hosted by Livonia Franklin was Orange Crush.

The team wearing the orange helmets, orange socks and gray uniforms with orange script writing across the front — Garden City — dominated the tournament by posting a pair of mercy rule-shortened contests that were rarely in doubt.

The Cougars routed Western Wayne Athletic Conference rival Dearborn High, 17-0, in the morning's semifinal game before ousting the host Patriots, 15-1, in the championship matchup.

Garden City piled up exactly 20 hits in both five-inning games, giving it an average of four hits per inning.

A perennial attendee at the regional round of the MHSAA playoffs, Garden City will travel to the University of Detroit Mercy on Saturday to take on Detroit Western International in a regional semifinal set for noon.

A victory would propel head coach Barry Patterson's squad



ED WRIGHT
Garden City's Shelby Casey finds the sweet spot during an at-bat in Saturday's semifinal victory over Dearborn.

into the 2 p.m. regional final against the winner of the 10 a.m. clash featuring Detroit Renaissance and Grosse Pointe South.

Garden City sophomore pitcher April Rudolph was marvelous on Saturday, keeping the Patriots and Patriots at bay for the bulk of her time in the circle.

"April pitched very well," said Patterson. "She had very good command of her pitches."

In the semifinal win over Dearborn, Rudolph struck out 10 while giving up just three hits. She didn't walk a batter.

The winners' big blow came off the bat of senior shortstop Kaylen Glenfield, who launched a three-run home run

as part of a 3-for-5, four-RBI day. Mikaela Smolar went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBIs, while Amber Swisher added two hits, including a double, and two ribbies.

After Franklin sidelined Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 3-1, in the day's second semifinal encounter, the Patriots played toe-to-toe early against GC.

After Smolar and Glenfield opened the title game with back-to-back singles, Patriot starting pitcher Kaeleigh Kerpet worked out of the jam by retiring the next three Cougars.

Franklin put runners on first and second with two outs after Tara Trujillo was hit by a pitch

and Brooke Garbarino drew a walk, but Rudolph retired the next hitter on a ground ball to short.

Kerpet quickly registered two outs to open the top of the second before the Cougars plated two runs on consecutive singles by Alyssa Turnbull, Brittany Radtke and Smolar.

After GC tacked on three more runs in the third thanks to RBI singles by Swisher and Turnbull that were sandwiched around a run-scoring sacrifice fly by Shelby Casey, Franklin constructed its biggest threat of the game in the bottom of the third.

Kerpet was hit by a pitch to open the inning. Emily Johnson then reached on a fielder's choice and Makenna Dogonski singled to load the bases for Trujillo, who stroked a single to score Kerpet.

The game-changing play unfolded moments later when Garbarino smoked a line shot right at shortstop Glenfield, who speared the ball and flipped to second to complete a huge double play. Rudolph then retired the next hitter to extinguish the rally.

GC put the hammer down on the game when it scored seven runs in the top of the fifth to invoke the 15-run mercy rule.

Turnbull had an amazing day, going 7-for-7 in the two games combined.

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DIVISION 2 BASEBALL

Clarenceville loses in semi

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Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville couldn't contain a good-hitting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard team and lost a Division 2 district semifinal baseball game Saturday, 16-5.

After the Fighting Irish scored seven runs in the top of the first inning at Livonia's Ford Field, the Trojans came back with five in the bottom half. But that was the end of the scoring for Clarenceville, which was outthit 14-5 and finished with a 10-21 record.

Bobby Jaber started on the mound and pitched one inning for the Trojans. Nick Bisaro worked the next four and Kam MacIver the final 1/3.

"They were better than we were," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We played with them for a few innings, but they put the pressure on our defense, only striking out one time."

The Trojans had one hit each by Bisaro, Jaber, MacIver, Adam Sade and David Means.

"We have a strong group coming back next year," Cotter said, adding he loses only three starters.

Clarenceville did have two first-team, all-league players in senior Mitch Kubiak and Bisaro. MacIver and Jaber received honorable mentions.

Kubiak hit over .400 and only struck out one time all season. He pitched and played every position except catcher and center field.

"Guys like Mitch only come along once every few years," Cotter said. "He was fun to coach."

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race, something's wrong. Actually, the nerves give me a burst of energy over the first 100 meters."

The siblings shared the same diet in the days leading up to Saturday's state meet. "Pasta and water," Battle said, smiling. "No fast food at all."

"If I even take a sip of pop now, it tastes like acid," Hood said, revealing his devotion to water and juice.

Battle said she believes her and Hood get their speed from their grandfather, who was a 440-yard dasher at Romulus High School back in the day.

"Our dad says he was really fast," Hood adds, smiling. "but we don't have any visual documentation."

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DISTRICT BASEBALL

Lutheran Westland claims eighth district title since 2004

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's baseball team earned its eighth Division 4 district championship in 12 years Saturday by upending Huron Valley Lutheran, 13-7, in a semifinal game before blanking Melvindale AB&T, 8-0, in the title tilt.

Senior Jordan Williams was a force in both games for the Warriors, rocking a home run in the semifinal win before

tossing a two-hit shutout in the championship game.

The pair of wins improved Lutheran Westland's record to 18-5 heading into Saturday's D4 regional semifinal.

"It was a great day for us today," said Warriors head coach Kevin Wade. "I am really proud of the guys for battling early against a Huron Valley Lutheran team that played hard and never quit, and then having to sit for over three hours before playing again

against a Melvindale ABT team that was 23-5 coming in.

"We had timely hits and great pitching against ABT and we did what we needed to in order to secure the win."

AB&T stampeded Taylor Baptist Park, 20-5, in the day's second semifinal match-up. The game was tied 5-5 heading into the top of the sixth inning.

Williams was lights out in the title game, striking out nine while allowing just four batters to reach base.

The Warriors gave the hard-throwing right-hander all the runs he needed when they pushed one across in the first. The winners added single runs in the second and third before exploding for five in the fourth.

Colin McLaughlin provided the biggest hit the game when he crushed a three-run double.

Drake Snyder, Jeremy Orme and Brent Croft contributed two hits and two runs a piece. The Warriors' line score in the triumph over the Hawks

looked like a winning lottery ticket — 2-1-3-2-4-1-0 — as they surged to an 8-0 advantage before HVL scored three in the fourth.

Evan Zagata was the winning pitcher and a beast at the dish, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs. Snyder rocked two doubles while Andy Faith, Croft and Orme all chipped in with two each to fuel the Warriors' 16-hit attack.

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Livonia Stevenson's baseball team poses with its district championship trophy Saturday afternoon.

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DISTRICT BASEBALL

Pitchers shine in Stevenson victories

Junior Branden Posky tosses no-hitter in semifinal victory

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In what has become an annual occurrence, the Livonia Stevenson varsity baseball team was right on schedule Saturday.

The Spartans have a history of peaking late in the season, and they did it again to win their fifth consecutive district championship.

For the second time in those five years, Stevenson won at home, defeating Farmington Harrison in a rain-soaked final game, 15-1.

"Somehow, we manage to peak at the right time, even though we didn't win our division in the KLAAs," coach Rick Berryman said.

"We had a very grueling week of practice, and this was the outcome. I couldn't be prouder. So we start the whole process over to try to get two wins next Saturday."

The Spartans (21-17) advance to the regional tournament at Novi High School and will play defending state champion Hartland at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The big news in the district was junior pitcher Branden Posky's no-hitter in the first semifinal as the Spartans blanked North Farmington, 6-0.

"Posky threw the no-hitter, which is every coach's dream, in front of four college scouts, and his velocity was good," Berryman said, adding Posky made great progress during the season.

"He wasn't this good at the beginning, but he has worked very hard. He started the season 0-3. He had some glitches. But he was receptive to change, to coaching, and look what happens!"

"It's a credit to the young man. He has worked very hard to improve with each game he pitches, and it's all coming together at the right

time. I have to give him his due."

Hitting standout

The unsung hero of the first game, according to Berryman, was senior Gordon Ferguson, who was 2-for-3 with five RBIs.

He hit a bases-loaded double into the right-field corner in the first inning to give Stevenson a 3-0 lead, and he drove in two more runs later with a single.

"We don't win unless he gets those big hits," Berryman said. "You have the lead, so your pitcher pitches more relaxed. Everybody can play a little looser with a 3-0 lead." Frank Carlin was 2-for-4 with an RBI. He and Posky also scored two runs each; Danny Morris and Mark Pettersson scored the others.

Way leads the way

The Spartans had good pitching in the championship game from sophomore Jacob Way, a left-hander whom Berryman elevated from the JV in the second half of the season.

He threw 4½ innings of one-hit relief to get the win. The lone hit was a one-out single by Nick Cassar in the fourth inning. He was erased when Way got the next batter to hit into a double play.

Way, who struck out two, walked five and hit one batter, but half of those runners were put aboard in the bottom of the seventh with Stevenson up 15-0 and a steady rain falling.

Spartan bats boom

Morris, another sophomore, went 3-for-4 and had five RBIs. He drove in the first run with a first-inning single and hit a pair of two-run homers in the fifth and seventh.

Junior Chris Tanderys, whom the college scouts also were there to see, was 2-for-4 and scored four runs. He hit a

two-run double in the second inning and scored on a wild pitch for a 4-0 lead.

The Spartans added two runs in the fourth with Devin Dunn and starting pitcher Dan Bos, scoring Pettersson and Morris.

Stevenson finished with a seven-run seventh. In addition to the second Morris blast, the other big hit was a bases-loaded triple by junior pinch-hitter Spencer Weber.

Other contributors

Dunn and Nick Cotter also had RBIs in that inning with a fielder's choice and a double, respectively. Senior Nate Bunton singled and scored a run, too.

"I'm big on trying to get up early," Berryman said. "We kept adding to it and then the floodgates opened. I thought it was going to end 7-0, and we got a bunch more."

Harrison's David Vinsky was 2-for-3 and the pitcher of record, going the first 1½ innings. Jared Char walked and scored on an error in the bottom of the seventh.

The Hawks loaded the bases with one out in the first inning, but Bos struck out the next two batters to end the threat. Harrison edged Farmington in the other semifinal, 3-2.

Season continues

Stevenson will try to stay at peak level for another week as it prepares for the regional. The second game Saturday has Catholic Central playing Walled Lake Northern at 12:30 p.m.

"I have some theories I use in practice to get us ready," Berryman said. "Fortunately, I have kids who respond to it."

"They keep drinking the Kool-aid. They're buying into it and it works. Hopefully, we can continue that to another good Saturday."

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make it 2-0.

"It was difficult to score on a very good goalkeeper today," Carver said. "It was two really good goals that got past her, two clinical finishes. And the second goal was very important because at 1-nil, it can go either way."

Ladywood sophomore goalie Abbey Reppen posted a clean sheet as the Blazers improved to 10-5-3 overall.

East, which had won back-to-back district titles, finished the season 7-7-9.

"Ladywood did a great job competing," East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "They won a lot of the 50/50 (balls). I think that was the major thing that kind of put us behind them. They were definitely up for it from the beginning."

The Cougars also had difficulty dealing with Ladywood midfielder Conner Huggins, a Villanova University signee.

"Conner is a great player," Cadwallader said. "We've seen her twice. She's just fantastic on the ball. She swings it and she's their center, focal point in the middle of the field. When she's

on the ball, you always have to be leery, because she can place some good balls in or do it herself."

The Blazers now move into the regional semifinals at Berkeley's Hurley Field, where they were scheduled Tuesday to face Catholic League foe Dearborn Divine Child.

The Cougars hope to start a new district title streak next season, but lose seniors Paige Green, Amber Hamers, Alex Callan and Savannah Maas to graduation.

"One of the things I told them at the end, it was a successful season as far as I was concerned," Cadwallader said. "We're low on numbers, as far as players go. We have a winning record for the third year straight, so just keep your heads up and this is the first time that some of them haven't won a district championship. I think we'll set our sights on it next year and kind of make that our goal."

SOUTH LYON EAST 8, THURSTON 0: Amber Hamers finished with a goal and two assists May 31, leading South Lyon East (5-6-9) to an opening-round district triumph over host Redford Thurston. Katherine Crapps also scored twice, while Adrienne Gilson contributed one goal and one assist. Other East goal scorers included Emily Gudzenski, Lauren Kuznicki and Jules Romeo.

The Cougars also got assists from Chrissy Munro, Jordan Robertson and Paige Green.



Ladywood's Brianne Rogers (left) goes for a header against South Lyon East's Amber Hamers.

THERESA CALLEN

CLUTCH

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the bottom of the second and the Patriots trailing, 4-2, he no-hit the Cougars for four-and-a-third innings before giving way to Kolby Dewhirst at the outset of the seventh.

The Patriots pounced on the Cougars early, seizing a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on back-to-back GC errors, an RBI single by Ryan Prohaska and a run-scoring fielder's-choice groundout by Reed.

The Cougars sliced their deficit to 2-1 in the bottom of the first on a pair of walks and a Jassen Matusczak single.

GC scored three runs (two unearned) in the second, thanks to an RBI double by lead-off batter Alex Centofanti.

The contest then evolved into a pitchers' duel with neither team able to square the ball up against Kelly or Metzler.

Trailing 4-2, Franklin threatened in the sixth. Kyle Wollam led off with a single, but was erased from the basepaths when shortstop Bakerian and second baseman Avery Emerson turned a slicked 6-4-3 double-play.

Reed then walked, Metzler was hit by a pitch and the runners advanced to second and third on a passed ball.

Harrison Merrill then stroked a high one-hopper that had eyes for center field until Kelly leaped as high as he could to spear the ball before throwing to first baseman Matusczak for the inning-ending out.

"That was just pure adrenaline getting that ball," Kelly reflected, smiling.

Facing a 4-2 deficit and with its sensational 26-win season on the brink, the Patriots' bats

awoke in the seventh.

Nehasil led off the inning with a walk before pinch-hitter Jon Montie hit into a fielder's choice.

After Jake Giacobbi singled and Joe Chinavare walked to load the bases, Wollam blooped a single over second base, to score Montie and cut the hosts deficit to 4-3.

Prohaska followed with a scorching single to left-center field, plating Giacobbi with the tying run.

Reed made it 5-4 with a sacrifice fly to center.

Bakerian said the Cougars' dugout was composed during the middle of the seventh.

"We got everybody together and said, 'Everything is going to be OK,'" he said.

With hard-throwing Dewhirst on the mound, Emerson led off with a sharp single to center. The ball skipped past the center-fielder, allowing Emerson to sprint into second.

Bakerian followed with a single, sending Emerson to third. The tying run came home — and Bakerian advanced to second — when Dakota Mahkimetass hit a soft grounder to second.

After Matusczak grounded out to Dewhirst, sending Bakerian to third, McHugh stepped to the plate with two outs and the game begging for a hero.

He delivered a crisp hit that Nehasil nearly made a great catch on.

"That last inning was a roller-coaster of emotion," said Penn. "To be able to take back the momentum like we did was amazing."

"Time kind of froze for a few seconds when Colin's hit was in the air. It was like everybody held their breath and then there was a collective gasp when it hit the grass."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are strongly encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The Observer is an outstanding source to give hard-working high school athletes positive accolades for their achievements, but the coaches' cooperation is crucial.

The deadline for Thursday editions is 10 p.m. Tuesday. The deadline for Sunday editions is 10 p.m. Friday.

Franklin baseball camp

The annual Livonia Franklin "Future Stars" baseball camp will be held June 27-30 at the Patriots' baseball field.

The camp, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to kids entering grades second through eighth. The \$60 registration fee includes a T-shirt for each participant.

Members of the Franklin coaching staff and Patriots players will instruct the campers on several sport-specific skills.

The registration deadline is June 24.

For more information, contact Franklin head baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or visit www.franklinpatriotsbaseball.com.

Franklin alumni baseball game

The Livonia Franklin baseball program will be hosting an alumni game on Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at the school's baseball field.

The cost to participate will be \$20.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia-publicschools.org.

DISTRICT BASEBALL SEMIFINAL

Cougars pounce on Pioneers early, win 9-4

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

After splitting a pair of regular-season games with Dearborn High, Garden City's baseball team put the hammer down early on the Pioneers during Saturday's Division 1 District semifinal game at Livonia Franklin before earning an emphatic 9-4 victory.

Southpaw Jassen Matuscak earned the win for the Cougars after giving up four runs (three earned) over the first four innings. Matuscak, who yielded seven hits and struck out five, left the game with his team leading, 8-4.

Colin McHugh was outstanding in relief for GC, limiting Dearborn to two base-runners over the final three frames.

GC senior catcher Dakota Mahkimetass helped his team's cause by throwing out two Pioneers who were trying to steal second base.

The Cougars got things rolling early, scoring twice in the first off Dearborn starting

pitcher Sam Patrick on Vinnie Bakerian's two-run single, which plated Tyler Kelly and Avery Emerson.

GC extended its spread to 6-0 in the second thanks in large part to a two-run double by No. 9 hitter Alex Centofanti.

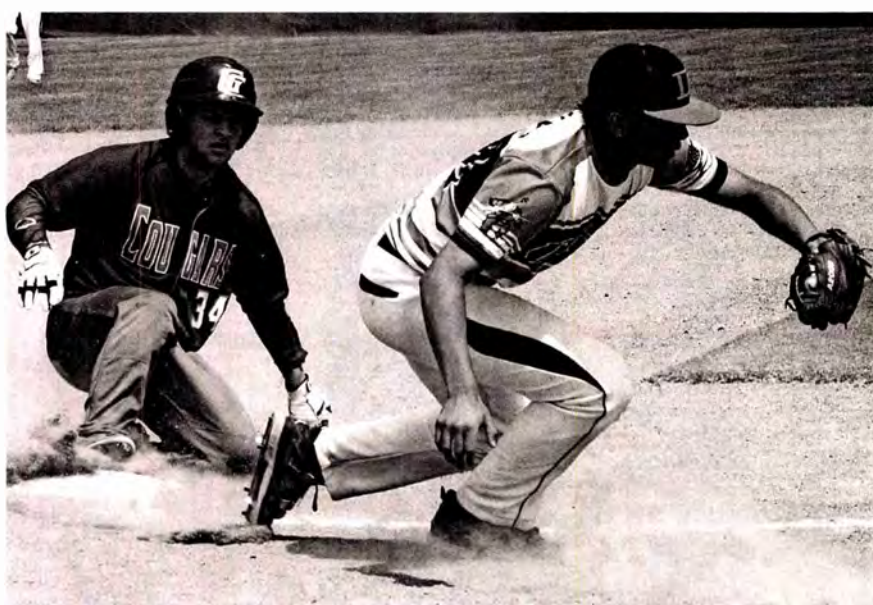
Dearborn cut its deficit in half with a three-spot in the bottom of the second, but the Cougars countered with a two-run fourth — without the aid of a hit — to push their lead to 8-3. Centofanti ignited the uprising with a lead-off walk.

The winners tacked on an insurance run in the sixth when Emerson's sacrifice fly to center brought home Centofanti, who had singled, advanced to second on an error and moved to third on a passed ball.

Emerson was an offensive catalyst for GC, walking twice and scoring three runs.

Centofanti went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two ribbies.

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Garden City's Vinnie Bakerian slides safely into third base during Saturday's semifinal victory over Dearborn.

ED WRIGHT



Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned the Division 1 baseball district title with a 1-0 win over Northville.

BRAD EMONS

PREP BASEBALL

Hartwig lifts CC to title

Senior factors in both victories to pace Shamrocks against Churchill, Northville

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Grant Hartwig proved to be the chief cook and bottle washer in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 baseball district tournament at Northville.

The 6-foot-4 senior right-hander from Novi Detroit Catholic Central pitched a total of nine scoreless innings, getting a save in a 6-4 district semifinal victory over Livonia Churchill followed by a two-hit shutout and the win in a 1-0 triumph over the host Mustangs in the final.

The victory propels the Shamrocks (23-14), who repeated as district champs, into the regional semifinals at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi, where they will face Walled Lake Northern.

"Phenomenal," CC coach Dan Michaels said of Hartwig. "He had to come in and close the first game out. He threw

seven innings (second game) and he said, 'Coach, you're not taking me out, I've got this.' Unbelievable ... (we) jumped on his shoulders and he got the big hit."

Hartwig struck out nine and walked only one in going all seven innings to blank the Mustangs (28-7), the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference champs.

"My fastball was real strong today and my curve ball I got over the last few innings, a couple of change-ups that got the lefties to roll over real nice," said Hartwig, who is headed next year to Miami (Ohio). "The pitches worked well in the situations they needed to."

Hartwig also doubled in the fifth inning and score the game-winning run on Anthony Esser's double to chase Northville junior left-hander Zach Prystash, who stood out as well on the mound, allowing just five hits

and the lone run in 4th innings before coming out in favor of Chris Dunn, who blanked Novi in a 7-0 district semifinal win.

"(Prystash) left a change-up over heart of the plate and I was already out on my front foot, just kept my hands back and just ripped it," Hartwig said.

Sophomore Jack Sargent collected two hits, but base runners were few and far between for the Mustangs, who were unable to even manufacture a run.

"Honestly, we didn't put enough balls in play on the ground like we do," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "A lot of fly ball easy outs. I think that was the big problem. We didn't put a lot of pressure on them. That's usually what we do real well and we weren't able to do that in that game."

But he tipped his cap to Hartwig.

"I think once we got in the middle innings, he was able to throw his breaking ball for a strike early in the count and double it up in some cases with a strike," Kostrzewa said. "So

being able to throw pretty as he does and being able to throw a breaking ball for a strike that was pretty good. I think that was the difference.

"It was kind of a one-man show, got the big hit, score the run and what he did on the mound was great. That's what you've got to do as a No. 1 pitcher like that, give your team a chance to win and that's what our guy (Prystash) did, too."

Between the two district games, Hartwig threw a total of 134 pitches.

"It was a little bit of a warm-up," Hartwig said of Game 1.

"We didn't plan on that happening, but you've got to survive and advance. We got the win and that's all that mattered. I felt very strong. The team we were coming up against, we watched them play after us. We knew what we had to do to win and we did it."

And, for the most part, CC played error-free.

"You've got to have good defense, which we did," Michaels said. "I think we had one error. We pretty much fielded everything and we got key hits,

too. The pitching was phenomenal, but Esser got a key hit and (Jaret) Robson (two hits) stung the ball today. Hartwig with a key hit. All around, I'm so proud of the boys and happy for them."

NORTHVILLE 7, NOVI 0: In the second district semifinal Saturday, senior left-hander Chris Dunn pitched six strong innings, allowing just two hits, as the host Mustangs (28-6) ousted the rival Wildcats (24-15), who lost scheduled starter and ace Jac Colliau to a broken foot suffered in batting practice the previous day.

Dunn struck out four and walked before Andrew Blazo pitched a scoreless seventh to close out the win.

Zac Osaer had two hits and three RBIs, while Kevin Morrissey added two hits and an RBI to lead Northville.

Joey Cam and Mike Hrit had the only hits for the Wildcats, who committed five errors.

Starter Jack Reilly allowed four runs on two hits over 2^{1/2} innings before giving way to Aler Bageris, who allowed three runs on two hits in 1^{1/2}. Cam Czapski finished up, allowing a run and hit.

DETROIT CC 6, CHURCHILL 4: Anthony Esser collected two hits and two RBIs Saturday as the Shamrocks (22-14) held off a late rally by Livonia Churchill (16-19) to earn a district semifinal win.

Matt Stinebiser also had two hits, while Grant Hartwig and Cody Kanclerz added an RBI as the Shamrocks led 6-0 after three innings before the Chargers scored three in the fourth and one in the seventh.

Senior Dante Toppi, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings before being lifted in the sixth in favor of Hartwig, who struck out three, walked one and allowed one hit.

James Rintala, the losing pitcher, collected three hits, while Brett Stern added two for Churchill. Jon Hoevermale pitched four scoreless innings of relief.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Allen Park ousts Clarenceville in Division 3 final

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Allen Park Cabrini ended tournament host Livonia Clarenceville's post-season run in girls soccer Saturday morning in a Division 3 district final, 6-0.

"We came out strong and battled all the way to the end," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We played great

despite some missed opportunities in the first district final game.

"Michelle Marzolo, Myla Hoskins and Samantha Franco made some great offensive opportunities, and Ashli Hearn, Kyla Johnson, Melayna Heller and Allison Lay fought hard defensively."

Clarenceville keeper Cassidy Galvin made 22 saves.

Canton edges Salem

Sometimes defining moments in games come sooner than expected, and such was the case Saturday.

Only about 13:30 minutes had elapsed in the Division 1 girls soccer district final when Canton's Hannah Lapko scored a controversial goal to put the Chiefs up 1-0.

Salem head coach George

Tomasso disputed the goal, which turned out to be the winning goal in a 2-0 Canton victory, because he thought his goalkeeper was impeding trying to play the ball.

The win gave the Chiefs their second consecutive district title.

"Goalkeeper (Skyler Brant) came out, made contact with the ball," said Tomasso following the afternoon matchup at

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

"It was a 50/50 ball, the challenge was fine. But after the challenge, I just felt our keeper's pathway was cut off to the ball, which allowed the opposing team to get to the next ball."

Tomasso then carefully measured his words. "Canton did a good job to get the ball in that situation."

Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy said she "didn't think there was anything bad going on. We just followed the ball."



Painting playground equipment was a key part of the volunteer effort May 21.

SUBMITTED

Saturday in the park: Realtors take the lead in park cleanup project

Over 40 Realtors, affiliate and staff members, along with family members, of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors joined together to begin the restoration process of Realtors Park in Royal Oak. GMAR is the Southfield-based association for the industry in Southeast

Michigan.

The park is located at Main and Sunnybrook. The group gathered Saturday, May 21. Starting at 8 a.m., the group removed trash, debris, dead and overgrown vegetation, made minor repairs to equipment, and put a fresh coat of paint on the equipment.

James Cristbrook, member of the GMAR Member Engagement Committee who planned the event, said that "this is just the first phase of the restoration process. Next we'll upgrade the playground equipment, and then begin soliciting organizations to 'adopt' the park — meaning

they'll take over maintenance of the park."

The event was made possible by grants from the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Realtors, and GMAR. First American Title provided breakfast, and Shain Park Realtors provided lunch for the volunteers.



The project at the park in Royal Oak was headed up by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and also drew family members as volunteers.

SUBMITTED

Detroit, Ann Arbor Township garner grants funded through Historic Preservation Fund

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority's State Historic Preservation Office announced the awarding of Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants that will benefit the cities of Detroit, Allegan, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor Township.

The grants add up to \$122,022 and are funded through the federal Historic Preservation Fund.

The City of Detroit has been awarded two grants totaling nearly \$50,000: \$15,560 to conduct an above-ground historic resources survey and an archaeological survey in order to update the existing National Register of Historic Places nomination, and \$33,000 to rehabilitate a section of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant roof. The Piquette plant is one of 40 National Historic Landmarks in Michigan.

"Historic preservation has its greatest impact when it begins at the local level. Historic resources and neighborhoods are assets that contribute to community character and stability and places where people want to be," State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Cony said.

"In Michigan, 30 Certified Local Governments have demonstrated commitment on an ongoing basis to preserve their historic resources. We are pleased to assist them with grant funding."

This year's additional CLG grant awards are as follows:

» City of Allegan: \$45,644 to hire a single or multiple contractor(s) to rehabilitate the exterior masonry of the Griswold Memorial Auditorium by repairing/replacing deteriorated and damaged bricks and repointing mortar joints.

» City of Grand Rapids: \$21,000 to update the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the Heritage Hill Historic District, which was listed in the register in 1971, and to complete a previously begun project to expand the existing National Register of Historic Places historic district boundaries for Heartside Historic District. The boundary expansion will include the entire area encompassed by the city's current Heartside district, so that the boundaries of the National Register and local district will be the same.

» Washtenaw County: \$6,818 to conduct an intensive

historic resource survey, prepare a survey report and undertake the activities required to establish a local historic district for the Thoroaks Neighborhood in Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County.

Certified Local Governments are counties, townships or cities that partner with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service to preserve their historic and cultural resources. CLGs demonstrate ongoing commitment to historic preservation through the enactment of a historic preservation ordinance, the formation of a historic district commission, the ongoing survey and designation of properties, and public education.

CLG grants are awarded annually on a competitive basis. All grants must be matched with local funds or donations and are available on a reimbursement basis only. Project activities must have measurable results. The State Historic Preservation Office welcomes innovative proposals that promote historic preservation. The intent of the CLG grant program is to augment rather than replace existing local financial commit-

ment to historic preservation activities. Grants are announced each May.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is financed in part by a grant from the National Park Service, Department of Interior.

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit michigan.gov/mshda.

Collecting assessments requires know-how, assertiveness

Q: Our condo Board asked the successor developer to pay assessments to the condominium association. He is claiming there is a provision in the documents that exempts the developer from paying assessments. Can we make him pay the assessments?

A: It is my opinion, based on cases in which I have been involved, that the successor developer, just like the original developer, has an obligation to pay the full assessment to the Association, notwithstanding provisions in the Master Deed created by the developer to the contrary. Many associations are confused about this and allow the developer and/or successor developer to get away with not paying their assessments at all, which is, in my opinion, inappropriate. The Association should engage counsel who is knowledgeable about the Condominium Act and is reasonably aggressive to assist the Board in collecting those assessments from the successor developer.

Q: Our condominium has a number of uncompleted condominium units, and the developer says that he does not have to pay on those units because they have not been constructed. What do you think?

A: Defining a unit in the Master Deed in such a fashion as to avoid paying assessments, as many developers do, is, in this writer's opinion, contrary to the plain language of the Michigan Condominium Act. In short, there is nothing in the Michigan Condominium Act that indicates that payment of assessments is contingent on whether a unit is required to be built or that payment of assessments on a unit commences when the unit is actually built. As such, you have a good argument that attempting to redefine a unit in the Master Deed in a manner that is contrary to the Michigan Condominium Act is not a justification for either a developer or, for that matter, a successor developer, not to pay assessments.

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



Robert Meisner

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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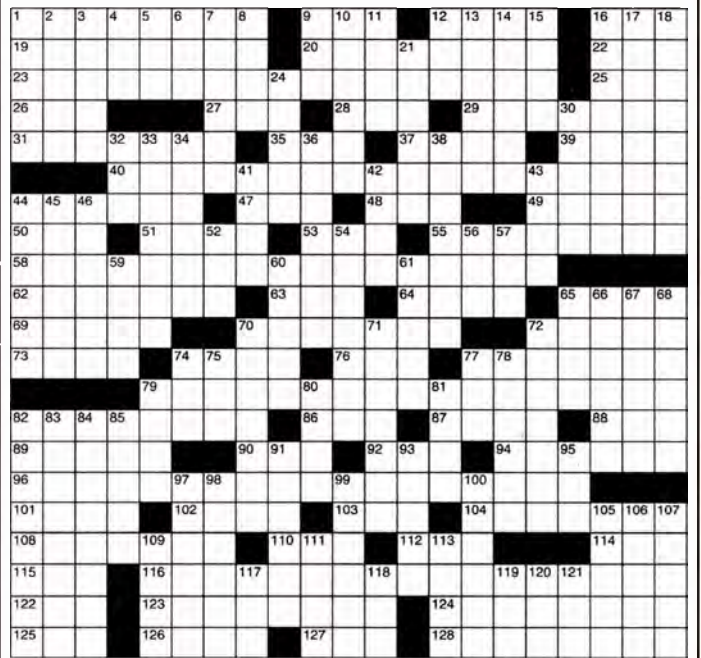
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| ACROSS | 49 Exterior | 96 End of the riddle | 3 With 90-Across, frighten away | 41 Main port of Norway | 81 Bit of power |
| 1 Good enough | 50 Bremen loc. | 101 Tennis legend Bjorn Borg | 4 Drunk 5 Jackie's hubby #2 | 42 Give an alert | 82 Of Jewish scholars |
| 9 Biblical talking beast | 53 Camera for a pro | 102 Election analyst Silver | 6 Small ammo | 43 Luxurious | 83 Stage actress Duse |
| 12 Chimed | 55 Tongue, e.g. | 103 Gods, to Livy | 7 Brittle-shelled Chinese fruit | 44 Tennis legend Andre Agassi | 84 Least abundant |
| 16 Game show VIPs | 58 Riddle, part 3 | 104 Use one's lungs | 8 Back talk? | 45 Civets' cousins | 85 Difficult |
| 18 — acid (vitamin C) | 62 Reference book's "Look here, too" | 108 Under control | 9 Grain bristle | 46 Long trial | 91 Bring up until able to fly, as a bird |
| 20 At any place | 63 — profit (lucratively) | 110 Soft & — | 10 Actor Omar | 47 Broody | 93 Tianjin locale |
| 22 Grain morsel | 64 "Can — true?" | 112 Classical introduction? | 12 Match official | 54 Intermediary | 95 Baking meas. |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 65 Leaning Tower's city | 114 Au — (roast beef option) | 13 Declaration | 57 Flexible card | 97 12 in a foot |
| 25 Joanne of "Abie's Irish Rose" | 69 Play for time | 115 San Francisco's — Valley | 14 Water nymph | 59 Fit as a fiddle | 98 Impostors |
| 26 Hide-hair connection | 70 Gym tops | 116 Riddle's answer | 15 Mardi — | 60 Vicious | 99 Sheer folly |
| 27 Tooth in a machine | 72 Vents vocally | 122 Taxing gp. | 16 Not extreme | 61 Clever | 100 In the area of |
| 28 Professional wrestler Flair | 73 Atoll part | 123 Playwright McNally | 17 Indy 500 entrant, e.g. | 65 Bikeway, say | 105 "— Called to Say I Love You" |
| 29 Oater | 74 Sit next to | 124 Submarine | 18 Eye-catchers | 66 Fill one's lungs | 106 Writer Godden or actress Willis |
| 31 Furtive action | 76 Stage design | 125 Cougar, e.g. | 21 S'pose | 67 Tyler of rock | 107 Analytic work |
| 35 Movie-archiving gp. | 77 Grows molar, e.g. | 126 Mgr.'s helper | 24 "Bajabbers!" | 70 End up | 109 Comics Kelt |
| 37 River in a Best Picture title | 79 Riddle, part 4 | 127 Salon colorer | 32 Clerk on "The Simpsons" | 71 Rudolph's facial feature | 111 Rip apart |
| 39 Shah's land | 82 Hold down | 128 Admirer taken too far | 33 Drop | 72 Joins again | 113 Prefix meaning "the same" |
| 40 Riddle, part 2 | 86 Rural rest stop | DOWN | 34 Judges, e.g. | 74 "Selma" director DuVernay | 117 Tate displays |
| 44 Tropical rodent | 87 Exotic berry in fruit juices | 1 Expensible chessmen | 36 "The Day of the Jackal" novelist Frederick Forsyth | 75 "— Mir Bist Du Schon" star Paige | 118 Agent's take |
| 47 Former Russ. state | 88 Writer Deighton | 2 Take — (attempt) | 38 Orville and Wilbur of aviation | 78 "Evita" star Paige | 119 Flurry |
| 48 Folk rocker DiFranco | 89 Giant in foil | | | 79 Part of QED | 120 Minister's field: Abbr. |
| | 90 See 3-Down | | | 80 "Back to the Future" bully | 121 Levin or Gershwin |
| | 92 Nov. lead-in | | | | |
| | 94 Very lucid | | | | |



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4								6
	2							1
5			8					9
	3	7	4					5
	1	3	6					8
7			9					1
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4	6	8	3	7	1	2	9	5
5	3	7	2	9	8	6	4	1
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7	8	3	6	2	3	5	1	6
3	9	1	8	5	6	4	7	2
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Z L M E C U R D L E E U I B P W L E H L	ANTIBIOTIC	LACTATE
S U A Z H C Y A T C M U R L Z W N T E S	BARN	LACTOSE
T B D I G P U Z G M U N R N O P S M I	BOVINE	MILK
E H A R U W E R N Z M L O C I S K U D L	BULL	PASTEURIZED
R U I U O I S G D S H I T R H N B G I O	BUTTER	PASTURE
I S R E R U E Y B Z T C D U I C G B C N	CALF	RUMINANT
L O Y T T V E E P E S A W R R V E A M T	CHEESE	SILLO
E C W S B R H E A T C P N H V E N A M L	CHURNING	STANCHION
Y O E A B L C S D R E H U C Z K N E F L	COMPOST	STEER
E M I P Y T Y H V D V U E F H T N B R A	COW	STERILE
H P I T N A N I M U R Y Y W I I U K R C	CULL	TROUGH
W O E O T E R U T S A P E B I T O I L T	CULTURE	UDDER
I S C T I S M E V E C U I L T R T N O O	CURD	VEAL
A T E C A I N K G A N O L E L R A W N S	CURDLE	WHEY
H O C L L T O I L A T I R A U A C C R E	DAIRY	YEAST
D H W K C L C F E I R T V G P U F R A V	ENVIRONMENT	YOGURT
W R E D D U U A C Z H O O T G O U B Y		
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Contact: solanuscenter.org

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn. Bring a chair or blanket
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FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
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Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for

adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

PARKING LOT SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18
Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25
Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

SHABBAT SERVICE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Canton
Details: Pizza and salad followed by discussion
Contact: Barbara Buchalter at 734-417-9771

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "The Armor of God" is

the theme. The program is for children in preschool-fifth grade
Contact: 734-464-8844

ONGOING CLASSES/SUBJECTS

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

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

EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

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

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

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27514 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1777

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING
Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

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

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

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

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

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

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

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

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

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchutch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

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BACHE



DALE RONALD 84, of Brighton, MI passed away on June 5th due to complications from heart and kidney failure. Dale was born March 15th, 1932 in Detroit, MI and graduated from Redford High School. He enlisted in the army with his best friend in 1952 and served as a helicopter mechanic during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, Dale married Alice Sweetman on September 11, 1954 and then began a lengthy career in the automotive industry, while simultaneously pursuing his engineering degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology. Dale and Alice celebrated their 61st anniversary last fall, a marriage that resulted in four children: Dale (Kathy), Brad, Linda (Yvette) and Lance (Kendra), and five grandchildren: Kelly, Bradley, Matt, Michelle and Madison. Dale always said his greatest pleasure in life was playing with the children and attending their sporting events. Dale retired from Ford in 1996 and he and Alice enjoyed an active second life of travel, senior volleyball, euchre leagues and family parties, in addition to their life-long involvement in bowling leagues. Dale also continued his childhood love of fishing (usually with the kids or his brother Bob) and in mid-life also developed an affection for golf. Dale was preceded in death by his parents Hilda (Greulich) and Albert Bache, and siblings Albert, Bob, Norma, and grandson Bradley. A memorial service will be held at the Upper Peninsula Club on Sunday June 12th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Address is 10770 Calumet Road in Whitmore Lake. In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a donation can send to Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI 48859 and please note on check "in memoriam of Dale Bache"

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BONZACK

EUGENE PAUL 81 Lakeland, Florida. Mr. Eugene Paul Bonzack passed away on June 6, 2016. He was born on June 4, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan. Eugene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Nee Scheier; daughter, Roberta Sue Ducharme (Ray); son, Ronald Alan Bonzack; two granddaughters, Megan and Kelly Ducharme and grandson, Joseph Bonzack. He is preceded in death by his parents, Vester and Rose Bonzack; sister, Nancy and daughter, Rachelle Casari. Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Lakeland, Florida.

LUEDTKE



ROBERT "BOB" WILLIAM 87, died peacefully in Lakewood, Colorado on April 11, 2016. Bob is survived by wife, Edith Luedtke of Lakewood, Colorado; daughters, Karen Fay Luedtke of Richfield, Wisconsin and Robin Luedtke of Arvada, Colorado; granddaughter, April Stites of Westminster, Colorado. Preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Caroline Luedtke of Detroit, Michigan. Born June 6th, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, Bob was married to Edith for 64 loving years. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University. He worked in Dearborn, Michigan for Ford Motor Company for 36 years. His family remembers him as a kind and gentle man. He always encouraged them to follow their heart and pursue their goals. Bob enjoyed golf, hunting and boating. He was an active and dedicated member of the Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church. The family will hold a private memorial to celebrate Bob's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church at 9600 Laverne, Redford, Michigan 48239. Condolences can be sent to aundab@yahoo.com. The family would like to thank Atria Park at Applewood for their care and treating Bob as part of their family. Online memorial may be found at: <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Robert-LUEDTKE&id=2156&pid=179596107&id=6886161>

PALLUCK



RUDOLPH E. June 5, 2016, age 96 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Bonnie. Loving father of Susan (Paul) Warmber. Dear grandfather of Michael (Melissa), Karen (Jeff) Eekhoff, Katherine Eekhoff, and Mark (Andrea). Proud great-grandfather of Megan, Kaitlyn, Justin, Lauren, Tyler, Eva, Faith, Davis, and Weston. Visitation Saturday 2 p.m. until the Saturday 4 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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